SCHOOL OF NURSING
Step-Up Summer Bridge Program
to the
ADN-to-BSN PROGRAM

Fast-Track your BSN experience with CSULB School of Nursing!
The Step-Up Summer Bridge program is a complementary experience while completing the ADN degree.

This program allows current ADN students to complete non-clinical BSN courses prior to being admitted to our ADN-to-BSN program. The ideal candidate for this program is in 2nd or 3rd semester of their ADN program. Graduating 4th-semester ADN students will be considered if space permits.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ELIGIBILITY TO THE SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM
▪ Currently in a fully-accredited Associates Degree in Nursing (ADN) program
▪ 2.75 GPA or higher - both Nursing and Overall GPA
▪ Open to all eligible students (40 students admitted each summer)
▪ Full-time or part-time enrollment through College of Continuing and Professional Education
▪ All students must start with NRSG 309 as the first class
▪ All potential students will need to apply to this program by mailing in or hand-delivering the Step-Up Summer Bridge application form and unofficial transcripts by March 15.

ADN-TO-BSN APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS
When it is time for a Step-Up student to transfer to CSULB, then ALL students must apply to the School of Nursing ADN-to-BSN program. Students are admitted to the University and to the Nursing Program in the Fall and Spring semesters. Applying for admission to CSULB is required prior to applying for admission to the School of Nursing (apply online at www.calstate.edu/apply). Send in official transcripts of all college work for the CSULB application.

Submit the School of Nursing ADN-to-BSN Application. Unofficial transcripts are acceptable for application to the School of Nursing. Official transcripts must be submitted to CSULB Enrollment Services when requested by CSULB Enrollment Services. Students should be aware that all academic qualifications are subject to verification with official transcripts and failure to submit by the deadline would result in the withdrawal of their application.

GENERAL ADN-TO-BSN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
To be completed prior to transferring to CSULB’s ADN-to-BSN program:
▪ Graduation from an accredited Associate Degree program
▪ A CSU-transferable Chemistry class with in-class lab
▪ Lower Division Statistics
▪ 2.75 Nursing/Overall GPA minimum
▪ Must have a complete GE Packet with 56-70 transferable units (as determined by the CSULB Office of Enrollment Services)
▪ A valid California RN license and nursing malpractice insurance required for first clinical nursing course
▪ CSULB Writing Proficiency Exam (GWAR) must be attempted during the first semester as a University requirement

Application Deadlines
Separate applications for CSULB and the School of Nursing are required.

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**First-time degree seekers:**
- **Mandatory:** attempt & pass GWAR(WPE)
- **Mandatory:** CSU Writing Intensive
- **If Needed:** Global Issues
- **Recommended:** Psychology 310 Stats

**NOTE:**
300 level courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher and NCLEX must be passed in order to take 402 and Preceptorship.

Student may receive up to 21 units for credit by external exam (NCLEX) based on University policy. More details available from CHHS Academic Advising upon admission.

**Post-Baccalaureate Students:**
If degree is from a US-regionally accredited program, the Writing Proficiency Exam/GWAR is not required.

**Upper Division GE:**
All students are required to complete a minimum of 9 units of Upper Division GEs. Community Health and the Advanced Area of Concentration count for 6 of these units. A 3-unit Non-Nursing Writing Intensive Capstone is required. You will need a total of 120 units to graduate. Students must be GE-Certified to graduate; otherwise more General Education courses may be required.

**Course of Study:**
Specific general education, elective, support, and nursing courses are required for graduation. All courses in the nursing program are taken in sequence. Waivers for specific courses are available. This should be discussed with the program advisor and the university advisors. A total of 120 units are needed for graduation with a BSN degree.

**Health and Background Check Requirements:**
Upon admission to the traditional program, all students will be required to pass a departmental health examination, a personal background check, and be evaluated on their ability to meet the department’s Essential Performance Guidelines.

For more information, the Undergraduate Handbook is available online at [http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/nursing](http://www.csulb.edu/colleges/chhs/departments/nursing)

**Summer Session:** Summer classes are not covered through financial aid. Class availability is limited during summer. Check with the online class schedule.

**Graduates of Diploma Programs:**
RN Diploma School graduates are urged to seek information/admission to a community college that offers the opportunity to earn academic credit for a diploma nursing program.

**Special Admissions Graduations of Foreign Nursing Programs:**
Applications of foreign nursing program graduates are processed through the Center for International Education (CIE) Admission Service in Brotman Hall 201. Applicants must have satisfactorily completed a TOEFL exam and present copies of their original foreign transcript and its official translation. Please refer to this office for current admission requirements at (562) 985-5476. In addition, for the School of Nursing, they must pass the State Board Test Pool Examination or National Council Licensure Examinations (NCLEX) prior to graduation.

Applications with unofficial transcripts may be mailed in or hand-delivered to:

California State University, Long Beach
School of Nursing ATTN: Applications
1250 Bellflower Blvd.
Long Beach, CA 90840-0301

Program and application information can be found on our website. Please email [nursing@csulb.edu](mailto:nursing@csulb.edu) if you have any further questions.