Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Basic (NRSGBS01)

In order to be considered for admission to the Nursing major, CSULB students must be declared as pre-nursing students. Pre-nursing students must complete a series of prerequisite courses: written communication, oral communication, critical thinking, STAT 108, BIOL 207, BIOL 208, CHEM 140, and MICR 200. Each course must be completed with a “B” or better grade; when all prerequisites are completed the GPA for the prerequisite courses must be “B” or better (3.0 or better).

Applicants to the nursing major are normally admitted by the time they reach junior standing and must apply before they have earned 75 Timely Graduation units. Students who have earned 75 or more Timely Graduation units at CSULB are not eligible to apply to Nursing. Pre-nursing students should note that withdrawing or repeating courses to improve their grades or GPA will result in poor academic progress and will likely make them ineligible for admission.

Academic Progress Rules for Pre-Nursing Majors (NRSGPR00U1)

Effective Fall 2011, Pre-nursing majors must complete the following requirements within four semesters of being admitted as a Pre-Nursing major. Students who declare Pre-Nursing in their sophomore year must complete the following requirements within four semesters of being admitted as a Pre-Nursing major. Students who declare Pre-Nursing in their sophomore year must complete these requirements more quickly. Some students may need to take courses during Summer Session to meet these requirements. Pre-nursing students who have not met these Academic Progress Rules must declare a new major or meet with an academic advisor to determine if the student’s performance in courses merits an additional semester. Students who persistently fail to meet the Academic Progress Rules will be required to declare a new major.

1st Semester
Written Comm – A1
STAT 108 – B2

2nd Semester
Oral Comm – A2
Critical Thinking – A3

3rd & 4th Semester
CHEM 140 – B1b (Pre-req for MICR 200)
BIOL 207 – B1a
BIOL 208
MICR 200 – B1a

5th Semester
Apply to Nursing

Recommended Basic Pre-Nursing Roadmap

1st Semester
Written Comm – A1
STAT 108 – B2
SOC 100 – D2
NUTR 132 – E

2nd Semester
Oral Comm – A2
Critical Thinking – A3
PSY 100 – D2
CHEM 140 – B1b (Pre-req for MICR 200)

3rd & 4th Semester
BIOL 207 – B1a
BIOL 208
MICR 200 – B1a
Remaining GE classes

5th Semester
Apply to Nursing
Capstone

At the end of the second semester, Pre-Nursing students must have a grade of “B” or better in the prerequisite science courses’ GPA, with typical grade point averages for these courses being 3.75 or higher and no grades below a “C.” Candidates with the highest profile scores are selected for admission. It is anticipated that about seventy (70) students will be admitted each Fall and Spring semester from hundreds of applicants.

Applying to the Nursing Program

By no later than the beginning of the fifth semester, Pre-Nursing students must apply to become Nursing majors. Candidates must complete a General Assessment Test and should contact the school of Nursing to learn how to take the General Assessment Test. In reviewing applications, a personal profile is developed for each applicant based on GPA in prerequisite courses and the General Assessment Test. The largest weight in the profile is derived from the prerequisite science courses’ GPA, with typical grade point averages for these courses being 3.75 or higher and no grades below a “C.” Candidates with the highest profile scores are selected for admission. It is anticipated that about seventy (70) students will be admitted each Fall and Spring semester from hundreds of applicants.

Pre-Nursing students with an ELM score that places them in MAPB 1 or MAPB 7 or MAPB 11 may petition for an additional semester.

Please review the following Advising Guidelines to ensure Pre-Nursing students meet the deadlines stated in the Academic Progress Rules for Pre-Nursing Majors.
1. Effective Fall 2011, students who have fulfilled a prerequisite GE category or science (grade of B or better) can no longer take a second class in that prerequisite GE category or retake a science class at a community college in an attempt to raise their grade and GPA for admission to the Nursing program. Only a passing grade (B or better) in the first course taken in the category will be considered for admission to Nursing.

2. Students who completed a second class in a prerequisite GE category or repeated a science class prior to Fall 2011 will be allowed to post their highest grade on their application.

3. Students will still be allowed to repeat a failed class for grade forgiveness as stated in the CSULB Repetition of Courses Policy. **Pre-nursing students should note that withdrawing or repeating courses to improve their grades or GPA will result in a failure to meet the Academic Progress Rules and will likely make pre-nursing students ineligible for admission to Nursing.**

4. Students should not be advised to fail or withdraw from a class if they are earning a “C” so they can repeat it for a better grade. **Students repeating classes take seats away from other students attempting to get in a class for the first time and results in poor academic progress.** A grade of “C” will disqualify a student from the Nursing program.

5. Students will no longer be required to submit a copy of their high school transcripts for AP classes. Students who have AP credit in ENG 100 or STAT 108 will now have the prerequisite GE GPA determined by the grades earned in the other prerequisite GE categories. AP credit in any other math class will no longer be accepted by Nursing.

6. Students do not need to take any additional science classes other than the four required prerequisites (CHEM 140, BIOL 207, BIOL 208, & MICR 200) to satisfy GE requirements. The seventeen (17) required prerequisite science units will satisfy both the Life Science and Physical Science (B1) requirements.

7. Students should take PSY 100 & SOC 100 to meet the Social Sciences and Citizenship (D2) GE requirement.

8. If Lifelong Learning & Self Development (E) has not been completed students should take NUTR132 as it is good preparation for NUTR 339.

9. Students should be advised to take STAT 108 to meet the Mathematics/Quantitative (B2).

10. Students should be encouraged to complete as many GE requirements as possible prior to starting the Nursing program so they can concentrate on their Nursing classes once they are accepted into the program.

11. Pre-nursing students may only apply to Nursing twice. Applicants to the nursing major are normally admitted by the time they reach junior standing and must apply before they have earned 75 Timely Graduation units (including In-progress units). Students who have earned 75 or more Timely Graduation Units at CSULB are not eligible to apply to Nursing. **Pre-nursing students should note that withdrawing or repeating courses to improve their grades or GPA will result in poor academic progress and will likely make them ineligible for admission.**