

the degree, students are encouraged to select their area of interest. They are also encouraged to collaboratively care for patients in a variety of settings: acute care, critical care, long-term care, ambulatory care, and home care.

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Policies and Procedures for B.S.N. Admission

Admission to the program is a two-step process: (1) admission to the university and (2) admission to the nursing major. For fall entry all prerequisites must be completed by June and for spring entry all prerequisites must be completed by the preceding fall semester. Applicants must meet all criteria for admission to the university and to the nursing major. Students not in the major may apply to the university as prenursing majors.

Specific health criteria must be met. Students with recurrent infections or physical limitations who cannot meet clinical course objectives may be unable to satisfactorily complete the requirements for a B.S. in Nursing. Contact the Nursing Department regarding specific requirements.

Eligibility to Apply to the Program

Students must have an overall GPA of 3.0. Prior to applying to the Nursing Program, students must pass the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a score of 75%. Students receiving a score of less than 75% will be allowed to retake the exam twice, but this must be done prior to their application. For TEAS information, see www.atitesting.com.

The following eight prerequisite courses must be completed prior to entry into the nursing program.

Units

G.E. Area A1 (COMM 3, 7, or 8).....(3)
G.E. Area A2 (ENGL 5B or 10).....(3)
G.E. Area A3*(3)
G.E. Area B4*(3)
Anatomy (BIOL 64)(3)
Physiology (BIOL 65)(5)
Chemistry (CHEM 3A)(4)

Microbiology (BIOL 20)(4)

Total**28**

*See G.E. list on pages 89-92 for approved courses.

- Each prerequisite must be completed with a minimum *C* grade — *CR/NC* grades are not acceptable.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required in the eight prerequisite courses.
- Maximum of two prerequisite courses may be repeated once to improve grade.
- On-line, Web-based or distance learning science and laboratory courses taken at other institutions must be approved by the nursing admissions coordinator.

Selection Criteria. The program is on impacted status (the number of applications received is greater than the number of vacancies for the program). Therefore, admission into the nursing major is very competitive; there is no waiting list. Only applicants with the highest composite scores in the eight prerequisite courses will be admitted. Applicants must reapply each time and compete with the entire applicant pool if not selected.

Note: California residents are given preference over out-of-state and international students as long as the program is on impacted status.

Selection for the Nursing Program:

- Students will be ranked by grade point average in the eight prerequisites courses (prerequisites GPA).
- Preference will be given to U.S. military veterans who meet minimum requirements for admission and who submit a DD214 showing a discharge date no more than four years prior to date application is submitted. Remaining applicants will be ranked by prerequisite GPA and admitted as enrollment quotas allow.

Application Filing Period

Fall admission: Nursing Department applications are available March 1-31; university applications are available February 1 at www.csumentor.com.

Spring admission: Nursing Department applications are available August 1-31; university applications are available July 1 at www.csumentor.com.

Dates are subject to change. Additional information and applications can be obtained online at www.csufresno.edu/nursing or by calling

the nursing admissions coordinator at 559.278.6579.

The program application includes additional instructions and deadlines. The university application form can be obtained online at www.csumentor.edu.

Note: Students who have been admitted to the major, have made no arrangements with the department, and fail to attend the first day of class will be dropped from the major and not considered for future admission.

Policies and Procedures for Direct Transfer into the Nursing Major

1. Students must have completed at least two semesters or 12 semester units of nursing courses in the major (all other students must follow the admission procedures for basic or advanced placement majors).
2. Students must submit all transcripts, course descriptions of nursing courses, and two letters of recommendation from their current school to be considered for transfer.
3. Students must meet all California State University, Fresno criteria for admission and continuation in the major to be eligible for transfer.
4. Students are admitted and placed in the major at the discretion of the department chair.
5. Transfer students who have written notification of acceptance into the program enter the major on a space-available basis and must receive department permission to enroll in classes.
6. **Applicant Deadline:**
Fall Admission - February 1
Spring Admission - July 1

Leave of Absence from Nursing Program

1. **Request for leave of absence:**
 - a. Students must request a leave of absence (LOA) in writing from the department chair. Students who don't request a LOA may not be readmitted into the major.
 - b. Leaves will be granted only for students who have completed at least one semester in the program and are in good standing.
2. **Request to return from leave of absence:**
 - a. Students must request in writing to be reinstated in the program specifying:
 - Date of LOA
 - Reason for LOA