

admission into the School Nurse Services Credential Program.

A maximum of 9 units is allowed through courses taken in Continuing and Global Education or concurrent enrollment.

Proof of current California RN license, malpractice insurance, current CPR certification, and current valid Student Health Center clearance are required prior to enrollment in NURS 186 and 187.

The student must hold either a Certificate of Clearance or a School Nurse Services Credential prior to enrollment in NURS 186 and 187. Contact the credentials analyst, Education Building, Room 100, 559.278.0300, or the county office of education in your area for application information.

All admission requirements (credential program application form, admission to the university, all documents, and prerequisites) must be completed prior to enrollment in any of the nursing courses.

Admission Criteria

1. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a NLN accredited program
2. Admission to the university at the post-baccalaureate level
3. Current California Registered Nurse License
4. California Public Health Nurse Certificate or 5 units of university community health coursework
5. Overall GPA of 2.5 and 3.0 in nursing
6. Three satisfactory letters of recommendation (at least one from a recent employer or nursing faculty)

Admission Procedures

1. Complete application for admission to postbaccalaureate standing, Admissions Office, Joyal Building. Forward copy of application to Department of Nursing, school nurse coordinator.
2. Complete Credential Program application, available online at www.csufresno.edu/nursing.
3. Attach official transcripts of previous academic work.
4. Attach photocopies of required documents (R.N. License, P.H.N. Certificate).
5. Submit three letters of reference/recommendation (forms available online at www.csufresno.edu/nursing).
6. Arrange appointment with School Nurse Services Credential Program coordinator for program planning and advisement.

Note: All candidates are required to sign a statement on the application form regarding conviction or plea of *nolo contendere* for any violation of law other than minor traffic offenses.

Candidates with a conviction may be refused a School Nurse Services Credential. For further information, contact the CCTC Professional Practices Division at (916) 445-0234.

Time Restrictions. All requirements for a School Nurse Services Credential must be completed within five years of the date of issuance of the preliminary credential.

School Nurse Special Teaching Authorization in Health (STAH)

Possession of an STAH gives the school nurse additional career options in that the STAH allows the school nurse to function as a teacher of record in the classroom in California public schools. School nurses who hold a Clear School Nurse Services Credential (or Health Services Credential issued prior to 2000), and who meet university graduate admission requirements, may apply to the Master's CNS (Clinical Nurse Specialist)/Nurse Educator option, which includes the required STAH coursework.

All STAH candidates must take and pass the CBEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test.)

The program course of study includes coursework outlined for the Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Educator option (see Graduate Program). Coursework specifically related to the STAH includes the following:

Required STAH

Classroom Observation Hours

NURS 239.....1

Curriculum Development

NURS 240.....3

Instructional Methods

NURS 241.....3

Evaluation and Testing

NURS 242.....3

The STAH Certificate for Advanced Study program includes the same courses that have been developed for the master's CNS/Nurse Educator option, with the exception that Certificate of Advanced Study Program students must fulfill the 12+ units required for the certificate program. To do this, students may choose to incorporate NURS 137, Teaching Strategies for the Healthcare Client (3 units), or its equivalent, previously taken for the School Nurse Services Credential program, or students may take a 2-3 unit course relevant to curriculum development for grades K- 12

through the Kremen School of Education and Human Development.

Articulation with the Graduate Program

School Nurse Services Credential students may pursue a master's degree in other areas of nursing. Specific questions about graduate program admission requirements and coursework should be directed to the graduate coordinator, Department of Nursing. Graduate students in either the Pediatric or Family Nurse Practitioner programs may take the articulated option in School Nursing, reducing the total number of units needed to meet the educational requirements for a School Nurse Services Credential (see *Graduate Program*).

Graduate Program

The department offers an NLN accredited program that leads to a Master of Science degree in Nursing. The purpose of the program is to prepare nurses for advanced practice in the functional roles of primary care nurse practitioner and clinical nurse specialist/nurse educator. Each graduate of the master's in nursing program must demonstrate advanced knowledge and skill in physical diagnosis, psychological assessment, and management of health-illness needs in complex client and community systems. The program provides a foundation for doctoral study in nursing.

Clinical Options

Students select a functional role of either nurse practitioner or clinical nurse specialist/nurse educator. Any nursing class in the role specialization options area may be cancelled because of insufficient enrollment.

Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Educator

The Clinical Nurse Specialist/Nurse Educator Option prepares the graduate to assume a leadership role with advanced skills, knowledge, and competence in a specific area of clinical nursing. Students in this option will demonstrate competence in the areas of expert clinical practice, education, research, consultation, and clinical leadership.

Graduates meet the requirements for clinical nurse specialist certification by the California Board of Registered Nursing and are eligible for national certification examination.

Nurse Practitioner

The Primary Care/Nurse Practitioner Option prepares the graduate to provide primary health care to children, the elderly