

Graduate Nursing Program
College of Health
and Human Services
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M/S MH25
Fresno, CA 93740-8031.

2. Arrange to take the Graduate Record Examination. If in Fresno, contact California State University, Fresno's Division of Graduate Studies.
3. Request application from Nursing Department and submit completed form to Admissions Office, California State University, Fresno.
4. Request official transcripts of previous academic work to be forwarded to Admissions Office.
5. Submit Nursing Department application and required credentials.
6. Complete and submit Nursing Department graduate program written essay.

Admission to the program is limited to the fall semester; students with deficiencies are encouraged to meet the requirements in the previous spring semester.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO THE PROGRAM IS MARCH 1.

Registered Nurses with a Baccalaureate Degree in a Field Other Than Nursing

This program is open only to students eligible for admission to graduate standing at California State University, Fresno, who have completed a nursing program in an accredited school, are registered, or eligible for registration as nurses in the state of California and who hold a bachelor's degree in a related field from an accredited university.

For admission to this program, students are required to meet the following criteria in addition to the regular criteria set for admission to the M.S.N. program:

1. Submission of resume of all past educational and employment experience. Resume should emphasize experience in leadership, community health, research, and writing for publication.
2. Review of resume by the graduate coordinator of the Nursing Department who establishes nursing courses the student must complete to obtain a background comparable to students graduating with

a B.S.N. at California State University, Fresno.

3. Satisfactory completion of the individualized program established by the coordinator before enrolling in the regular M.S.N. program.
4. Admission to the Nurse Practitioner Program is not guaranteed, and all students must make application to the Nurse Practitioner Program.

Courses. Under the direction of the graduate coordinator, each student prepares and submits an individually designed program based on the following:

	<i>Units</i>
Core courses in nursing	12
NURS 211, 212, 221, 223, 225	
Approved cognates	0-11
(See <i>graduate coordinator</i> <i>for cognates.</i>)	
Role specialization courses	21
(See below.)	
Thesis (NURS 299) or Project (NURS 298)	3
<i>or</i>	
Comprehensive Exam	0*
Minimum Total	36

* Additional approved 3-unit elective required for students taking the Comprehensive Exam.

Role Specialization (Options)

Clinical Specialization

NURS 229, 250, 251; 11 units clinical cognates

Primary Care Nurse Practitioner

Family

NURS 210, 264, 265, 266, 267, 277, 278

Pediatric

NURS 210, 264, 265, 266, 269, 279, 280

Geriatric

NURS 210, 264, 265, 266, 271, 281, 282

Thesis, Project, and Comprehensive Exam. The department offers students the option of writing a thesis, completing a project, or taking a written comprehensive exam on five areas of the field. Information about the options is available from an adviser in nursing.

Note: All practicum courses require a minimum of three hours of clinical work per unit of credit to meet course objectives.

Advancement to Candidacy. Completion of 9 graduate units with a GPA of 3.0. Some students may have additional requirements as indicated by a faculty adviser.

Graduate students are responsible for policies and regulations of the Division of Graduate Studies and those specified in the graduate nursing program brochure.

Any nursing classes in the Role Specialization options area may be canceled because of insufficient enrollment.

Clinical Nurse Specialist

The Clinical Specialization 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 actualize the role of the clinical specialist in a clinical setting with a master's prepared nurse preceptor. The student is responsible for writing objectives for the experience prior to the clinical placement. Arrangement for clinical placement is made after consultation with the appropriate faculty.

The purpose of the Clinical Specialization Option is to prepare nurses to prescribe and implement both direct and indirect nursing care and to articulate nursing therapies with other nursing personnel and other health providers.

Nurse Practitioner

The Primary Care/Nurse Practitioner Option prepares the graduate to provide primary health care to children, the elderly adult, and families. Classroom and clinical experiences focus on health assessment, health maintenance, and promotion, counseling, client education, and management of selected health problems. Practice in rural settings and with clients from diversified cultural backgrounds is emphasized.

Graduates meet the requirements for recognition as Pediatric, Geriatric, or Family Nurse Practitioners in California and may apply for ANA Certification.

The purpose of the Primary Care/Nurse Practitioner Option is to prepare nurses as specialists in primary care and to improve the availability, accessibility, and quality of primary care services in the Central San Joaquin Valley.