



TRADITIONAL NURSING (TBSN) PROGRAM FAQ'S

- **How are students admitted to the TBSN Nursing Major?**

FRESHMAN

- Beginning Fall 2017 a limited number of freshman were admitted directly into the Nursing Major.
- These first year students, from the local area, were admitted using the highest eligibility index and GPA.
- Eligible local area freshmen applicants not offered a spot in Nursing, were automatically admitted to their alternative major or to Undeclared if no alternative was selected in CSU Mentor.
- Admitted undeclared students desiring to change their major, please contact Office of Admissions (760) 750-4848 | www.csusm.edu/admissions/

TRANSFERS

- Eligible local area transfers who meet the minimum transfer eligibility and have submitted all supplemental nursing application documents will be reviewed for admission to Nursing utilizing impactation criteria for the major.
- Eligible local area transfer applicants who are not offered spots in Nursing will be denied for reason of impactation once rank ordered and reviewed by department for requirements.
- Eligible non-local transfer applicants will be denied for impactation based on the volume of applications and local area priority.

- **Can I attend the University under one major and then switch my major into Nursing?**

- No, while we would like to offer admission to every CSU-eligible applicant at CSU San Marcos, our enrollment capacity and resources do not permit this goal.
- The TBSN Nursing major has a limited number of seats and uses impactation criteria for admission.
- Eligible local area applicants are admitted either as a first year student or a transfer student.

- **I only want to pursue Nursing. What are my options?**

- Apply to nursing major in high school as a freshman student.
- Attend the community college and apply to the nursing major as a transfer student. Follow the transfer articulation for nursing using www.assist.org

- Pursue an RN at community college and apply to CSUSM's RN to BSN program.
- Receive your Bachelors Degree in another major and take your pre-nursing core courses through a Community College or Extended Learning. Once completed, apply to our Accelerated BSN program offered through CSUSM Extended Learning.

- **What are the pre-nursing core courses needed for Nursing?**

CSU "Golden Four" basic skills Courses	Pre-Nursing Core Science Courses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1 Oral Communication • A2 GEW 101 – English • A3 Critical Thinking • B4 Statistics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anatomy • Physiology • Microbiology • Integrated Chemistry

- **How do I find out more information about the RN to BSN or the Accelerated BSN (ABSN) program?**

- Request information for RN to BSN @ <http://degree.csusm.edu>
- Attend an ABSN Information Session offered by Extended Learning.
<http://www.csusm.edu/el/degreeprograms/absn/index.html>

- **What are my other options?**

- Take the opportunity to learn about other health related careers and/or majors that involve helping people.
- Explore other majors that have a health focus, such as Human Development (HD).
- Consider other majors that lead to 'helping' professions, such as Liberal Studies (teaching), Sociology, or Speech Language Pathology (SLP).
- Contact CEHHS Student Services if interested in the HD or SLP major.
- Keep your options open. Learn about your aptitudes, interests, and career values to find an alternate career in which you will find fulfillment.
- Visit the Career Center where you can do a career assessment and explore other major options.