

RN to BSN PROGRAM – California State University San Marcos

- Courses are held one day per week
- Students are admitted to the program in the fall term
- Must apply and be admitted to both the University and Extended Learning
- Must hold a current CA RN license and have completed Nursing and other required coursework at WASC-accredited school(s), or regional affiliate of WASC
- All program entrance requirements must be met prior to beginning the program
- Minimum 2.0 GPA
- Grade of C or better is required in all courses; C- or below is not acceptable
- Pre-Nursing Core courses can be repeated only once
- A maximum of 70 units of community colleges may be applied toward the 133 units needed to graduate

Admission Course Requirements – Must be completed prior to beginning our RN to BSN Program

The following Pre-Nursing Core has been adopted by all CSU Nursing Programs. See the ASSIST Web site for finding approved equivalent courses at local community colleges.

GE Area at CSUSM for Native Students	CSUSM Course No.	Course Title	No. of Units	C -- Co-requisite P -- Pre-requisite
B2	BIOL 175	Introduction to Anatomy/Physiology I	4	None
	BIOL 176	Introduction to Anatomy/Physiology II	4	P -- BIOL 175
	BIOL 160	Microbiology	4	P -- ELM
B1	CHEM 100	Organic and Biochemistry for Life	3	P – ELM or B4 course
B3	CHEM 100L	Organic and Biochemistry for Life Lab	2	C – CHEM 100
B4	Any CSU B4 Math course	Any CSU GE B4 Math course	3	P -- ELM requirement
A1	GEO 102	Oral Communication	3	None
A2	GEW 101	Written Communication	3	P -- EPT
A3	Choose One: LTWR 115 or MATH 110 or PHIL 110 or PSYC 110	Critical Reading and Writing Critical Thinking Critical Thinking Critical Thinking in Psychology	3	P – GEW 101 None None None

The following additional, lower-division Preparatory Courses must also be completed prior to beginning the program.

GE Area at CSUSM for Native Students	Course No.	Course Title	No. of Units	C -- Co-requisite P -- Pre-requisite
D or D7	ANTH 200 or SOC 101	Cultural Anthropology or Intro to Sociology	3	None
	BIOL 215*	Experimental Design and Statistical Analysis	4	P – ELM
D	PSYC 100	Intro to Psychology	3	None
D or D7 E	PSYC 210 or SOC 204	Intro to Development Psychology or Human Relationships Across Life Span	3 3	None

Notes to accompany previous table:

- We will accept a transferable statistics course for BIOL 215, provided the course includes inferential statistics. We can only accept approved Statistics courses completed at a CSU or California Community Colleges to meet the B4 Math requirement in the Pre-Nursing Core; otherwise, we can accept any statistics course which includes inferential statistics towards meeting the BIOL 215 statistics requirement. Articulated courses at local community colleges are viewable at: www.assist.org.
- We will accept any lower-division “Human Growth and Development Across the Lifespan” course which has been articulated, or approved via student petition to meet the requirement for our PSYC 210 or SOC 204. Articulated courses at local community colleges are viewable via the ASSIST Web site, under the Nursing Major.

Additional General Education and Graduation Requirements

These requirements can be met before, during, or after the actual RN to BSN Nursing courses. These courses are not required for entry into the RN to BSN program at Cal State San Marcos, but will be required to graduate from CSUSM.

GE Area at CSUSM for Native Students	Course	No. of Units
Language Other than English (LOTER)	Required of all Bachelor Degree students at CSUSM, even 2 nd Bachelor degree students. Please visit the following University Web site to find out the many ways that this requirement can be met: http://lynx.csusm.edu/lc .	0-11
C1	Any C1 Approved Course (not required for 2 nd Bachelor Degree students)	3
C2	Any C2 Approved Course (not required for 2 nd Bachelor Degree students)	3
C	Normally met by foreign language course credit or other Area C course if coming from a Community College; exception is if the Proficiency Exam here at CSUSM is used to meet the LOTER; these students would still need to meet the Area C requirement.	
American Institutions*	Approved course or CSUSM course of either HIST 130 or HIST 131; and	3
	Approved course or CSUSM course of PSCI 100	3

* One of these courses can be counted for GE Area D
 Exception: If a particular college or university allows a single American Institutions course to meet all of the California American Institution requirements, such a course cannot be used for GE Area D.

Required Nursing Courses within the RN to BSN Program

Course No.	Course Title	Units
NURS 310	Assessment for the RN	2
NURS 311	Assessment for the RN Lab	1
NURS 312	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology	3
NURS 350	Role Transition for RN	2
NURS 351	Role Seminar RN	1
NURS 352	Nursing Research	3
NURS 370	Health Promo/Pat Ed Strat	3
NURS 440	Community Health	3
NURS 441	Community Health Lab	3
NURS 442	Case Mgmt of Vulner Pop	3
NURS 443 or	Case Mgmt of Vul Pop Lab-Acute Care	3
NURS 445	Case Mgmt of Vul Pop Lab-Community Based	
NURS 450	Leadership & Professional	3
NURS 451	Leadership & Management Lab	2
	TOTAL	32

Other Upper-division Required Courses

- BB – BIOL 323 (3 units) Upper-division GE; must be completed at CSUSM
- CC – PHIL 345 (3 units) Upper-division GE; must be completed at CSUSM
- DD – ANTH 301 (3 units) Upper-division GE; must be completed at CSUSM
- SOC 303 (3 units) This course is articulated at many local community colleges, but be aware of the maximum of 70 community college units which can be applied towards the 133 units needed to graduate with the RN to BSN degree.

NURS Course sequencing options for the RN to BSN program

Some basic rules:

- Students must complete all 300-series NURS-required courses prior to taking any of the required, 400-series NURS courses.
- Once admitted to the program, students can petition for equivalencies for NURS 312 and other upper-division NURS courses, from other institutions.
- UD Elective courses from select list of courses are only needed if a student needs to meet the minimum 133 total units needed to graduate (a maximum of 70 units from community colleges which can be applied towards the total 133 units needed to graduate); and/or if a student needs to meet the minimum 40 upper-division units needed to graduate. Our Director of Nursing is currently exploring the possibility of reducing the total units needed for our RN to BSN degree.

Additional Information

Students will be granted up to 32 semester units for their previous nursing coursework (LVN and/or RN), to be applied towards the BSN degree. Students will graduate when all Nursing major and University degree requirements are met.

RN to BSN students may, however, be admitted to the University as a Pre-Nursing student to complete any outstanding Pre-Nursing Core or additional preparatory course requirements.

For students who have already completed 70 or more units at community college, you may need to complete any of the non-NURS course requirements at California State University San Marcos (CSUSM). The State of California has set a maximum of 70 community college units which can be applied towards the total units needed to graduate. All CSU-eligible community college courses and grades will transfer, but when the University calculates total units needed to graduate, the 70-unit, community-college rule applies.

Please use the ASSIST Web site (www.assist.org) to find equivalent courses at local community colleges.