
Frequently Asked Questions

1. Do I have to wait until the Application Deadline to apply to the program?

No. If you feel you have completed many of the required courses and may be eligible to enter the program, we recommend that you visit the Extended Learning website, submit the Pre-Admission Advising Application (http://www2.csusm.edu/el/rn2bsn/how_to_apply.php), the \$50 application fee, and a copy of your transcripts. Submission of the Pre-Admission Advising Application will allow the School of Nursing and Extended Learning to provide you with an educational plan for program acceptance. Each applicant will receive an individualized advising worksheet showing course requirements completed and outstanding requirements that need to be met.

2. Can I start the program without having all the prerequisite courses completed?

Yes. You may start the program if you have satisfied all of the Pre-Nursing Core requirements. If you have not taken Critical Thinking (A3) or Math (B4), you may begin the program but must have both of these classes completed by the end of your first semester.

3. Is there a time limit on how long ago science pre-requisite courses have been taken and can still be used to meet your entrance requirements to the program?

No, there is no time limit. We will accept courses regardless of how long ago they were taken.

4. What Chemistry courses will articulate, or be equivalent, to your CHEM 100 and CHEM 100L?

Any chemistry course that included a lab will be accepted to satisfy this requirement.

5. I noticed that the Anatomy and Physiology courses at Cal State San Marcos are offered as a year- long sequence. Will you accept separate Anatomy and Physiology courses?

Yes. We will accept these courses for the Pre-Nursing Core as long as each Human Anatomy or Human Physiology course is taken separately as a 4-5 semester unit course that includes a lab. We will not accept a single semester of combined Anatomy/Physiology intended as a 'stand alone' course. It must be a two semester sequence of Anatomy & Physiology I **and** Anatomy & Physiology II, or separate semesters of Human Anatomy and Physiology, both with labs.

6. Can I meet with a Counselor or Advisor at Cal State San Marcos to review my transcripts?

Unfortunately we do not have the "manpower" to meet individually with prospective students to review transcripts. If you feel you have completed many of the required courses, we recommend that you visit the Extended Learning website, submit the Pre-Admission Advising Application (http://www2.csusm.edu/el/rn2bsn/how_to_apply.php), the \$50 application fee, and a copy of your transcripts. At that time, your transcripts will be evaluated and we will be able to help you develop your educational plan.

7. I have completed college coursework or a degree outside of the United States. How will I know which of these credits will be accepted at Cal State San Marcos?

You will need to have your coursework evaluated by an independent evaluation company. Please see visit the following website for the list foreign transcript evaluation companies that have been approved by CSUSM (<http://www2.csusm.edu/global/UGadmreq.htm>). You may choose any evaluation company on the list. Once you receive the official evaluation, please send a photocopy of the evaluation to:

California State University San Marcos

Extended Learning

333 S. Twin Oaks Valley Road

San Marcos, CA 92096

Attn: RN to BSN

The University will not accept Area A courses (A1, A2, and A3) from institutions outside of the country.

8. Will you accept a degree from Maric College?

The CSU campuses only accept units from institutions which are regionally accredited through WASC (Western Association of Schools & Colleges), or other associated regional accrediting agencies such as Middle States, North Central, etc. We do recognize any academic units earned through Maric College for the pursuit of any Nursing Licensure, to be applied towards a BSN degree at Cal State San Marcos, until such time as the institution achieves WASC accreditation. Furthermore, if Maric College obtains WASC accreditation in the future, only those units completed by a student after the date of accreditation was awarded would be considered for transfer credit here.

9. I completed courses for my RN license, however, they do not show up on a transcript.

Please contact an academic advisor for more information.

10. When does the program begin?

At this time, the RN to BSN program begins each fall.

11. I have heard that all Bachelor degree students at the University must complete a Language Other Than English Requirement. Is this true?

Yes. A graduation requirement for all Bachelor Degree students at the University is the Language Other Than English Requirement. This requirement applies to 2nd Bachelor degree students as well. Please visit the following University Web site to learn more about this requirement: <http://lynx.csusm.edu/lle/>.

12. Will I be required to complete any other classes aside from the Nursing courses?

Yes. Students admitted to the program are required to complete the 3, CSU Upper-Division GE courses in residence at CSUSM. These courses are considered part of the RN to BSN program and will be scheduled through Extended Learning for the cohort. Each cohort will begin the RN to BSN program during fall semester by taking the required upper-division courses listed below:

BB	BIOL 323	The Physiology of Nutrition & Disease	3	None
CC	PHIL 345	Bioethics and Medical Ethics	3	None
DD	ANTH 301	Culture & Medicine Healers & Healing Practices	3	None

13. What is acceptance to the program based on?

No. Acceptance to the program is based on a number of items:

A. Completion of the Pre-Nursing Core

B. Completion of the Additional BRN, lower division GE coursework and Additional Graduation Requirements

C. Minimum of 2.0 G.P.A. in the Pre-Nursing Core

14. I still have Biology and Chemistry courses to complete. Can I start the program and finish these classes later?

No. The Pre-Nursing Core science courses must be completed prior to being admitted to the program. Furthermore, we anticipate that students will have completed the Additional BRN, lower division general education and additional graduation requirements prior to being accepted into the program.

15. May I continue to work during the program?

Yes. The RN to BSN program is a part-time program designed for the working RN.

16. Are classes offered during the day or evening?

Classes are held on Wednesday. Generally, classes will run from 8am to 8pm. Students in our current cohorts found that this schedule was most desirable, as it allowed them to plan ahead in regards to their work schedule.

17. Am I eligible to receive Financial Aid as a 2nd Bachelor Degree student?

Yes. All persons seeking Financial Aid must submit a FAFSA, Renewal FAFSA or [FAFSA on the Web](#), between January 1 and March 2 for the following academic year to receive priority consideration for funds. Applications are accepted after March 2; however, funding options may be limited. Applications are available in the CSUSM Financial Aid and Scholarship Office and other colleges or local high schools. Be aware that in order to apply for any type of financial aid, all males between the ages of 18 and 26 are required to register with the [selective service](#). **CSUSM's Title IV School Code is 030113.** Please visit <http://www.csusm.edu/finaid/> for more information.
