

San Jose State University The Valley Foundation School of Nursing Baccalaureate Program (BSN)



Advising & Information Sessions

- Group information sessions for prospective students are held at least twice a semester. Dates can be found on the nursing website “Future BSN Student” > [“BSN Information Sessions”](#)
 - All future students must attend an information session prior to scheduling a one-on-one appointment
 - Due to time limitations, please be sure to review all of our BSN information and come prepared with questions
- For students already at SJSU that need pre-nursing advising, please contact [CHHS Student Success](#)
- For non-SJSU students, please visit [Student Outreach and Recruitment](#) for admission advising

All information about our program, advising, and what will be covered in this information session can be found on our website: sjsu.edu/nursing

Roadmap for Lower Division GE Courses

Year 1		
Course or Requirement		Units
ENGL 1A	A2	3
CHEM 30A Intro Chemistry	B1, B3	3
BIOL 65 Human Anatomy	B2, B3	4
CHAD 70 Child & Adolescent Develop	E	3
Total Semester Units:		13

Year 1		
Course or Requirement		Units
COMM 20 Communication	A1	3
BIOL 66 Human Physiology	B2, B3	5
STAT 95 or UNVS/MATH 15	B4	3
Area C1 Course	C1	3
Total Semester Units:		14

Year 2		
Course or Requirement		Units
Area A3 Course	A3	3
NUFS 8 Nutrition		3
MICRO 20 General Bacteriology	B2, B3	5
American Institutions (Part A)	D2, US1	3
Total Semester Units:		14

Year 2		
Course or Requirement		Units
Area C2 Course	C2	3
Third Area C Course	C1 or C2	3
PSYCH 1	D1	3
American Institutions (Part B)	D3, US2, US3	3
Area F Course	F	3
Total Semester Units:		15

Apply for BSN program, all Prereqs complete



Roadmap for Nursing Courses (start-end of program)

Start of BSN Program



Year 3 – NURS Semester 1

<i>Course or Requirement</i>	<i>Units</i>
NURS 100wEZ EBP Z	3
NURS 10 Leadership I	2
NURS 11 Introduction to Pharm	2
NURS 12 Health Assess & Skills I	3
NURS 13A Care of the Older Adult	2
NURS 13B Geriatric Practicum	1
Total Semester Units:	13

Year 3 – NURS Semester 2

<i>Course or Requirement</i>	<i>Units</i>
NURS 20A Adult Care Mgmt. Theory I	4
NURS 20B Adult Care Practicum I	3
NURS 22 Health Assess & Skills II	2
NURS 123A Mental Health Theory	3
NURS 123B Mental Health Practicum	2
Total Semester Units:	14

Year 4 – NURS Semester 3

<i>Course or Requirement</i>	<i>Units</i>
NURS 32 Health Assess & Skills III	1
NURS 161 Leadership II	2
NURS 165A Pediatric Health Theory	3
NURS 165B Pediatric Practicum	2
NURS 168A Maternal Child Theory	3
NURS 168B Maternal Child Practicum	2
Total Semester Units:	13

Year 4 – NURS Semester 4

<i>Course or Requirement</i>	<i>Units</i>
NURS 164AR Community Health Theory R	3
NURS 164B Community Health Clinical	3
NURS 166 Simulation I	1
NURS 167A Adult Care Mgmt. Theory II	4
NURS 167B Adult Care Practicum II	3
Total Semester Units:	14

Year 5 – NURS Semester 5

<i>Course or Requirement</i>	<i>Units</i>
NURS 177 Senior Preceptorship	4
NURS 178S Leadership III S	3
Area V Course Upper Division GE V	3
Total Semester Units:	10

Application Process

Am I Eligible?

Requirements?

How to Apply?

Eligibility

- All General Education requirements and prerequisites must be completed before the intended start date of the BSN program. The BSN program is a full time program and it is not recommended to have additional classes outside nursing classes.
- Applicants must provide proof of citizenship and/or California residency with the NursingCAS application.
 - ◆ DACA and non-DACA undocumented students must include the DACA/AB540 form with the NursingCAS application.
 - ◆ International students without a green card are not eligible.
- Transfer applicants can ***only apply for Fall terms***.
- Prior baccalaureate (those who already have a bachelor's degree) can ***only apply for Spring terms*** and are limited to 10% of the available spots (6 out of 60).

Requirements

sjsu.edu/nursing > Future BSN Students > [BSN Admission Requirements](#)


- Applicants must **complete** all 8 prerequisite courses with a C grade or better prior to applying
- The combined GPA of the 8 prerequisite courses must be a minimum of 3.3 or better
- Upon applying, applicants must have all 3 corequisites either already completed or in progress.
- Applicants must achieve a minimum score of 84% on the TEAS exam
 - ◆ Only two attempts are allowed
 - ◆ Version 7
 - ◆ The exam must be completed within 5 years of applying to the program

8 Prerequisites

1. BIOL 65: Human Anatomy
2. BIOL 66: Human Physiology
3. MICR 20: General Bacteriology
4. ENGL 1A: Composition
5. STAT 95: Elementary Statistics
6. CHEM 30A: Intro to Chemistry-Inorganic (or general chemistry equivalent)
7. COMM 20/COMM 96PS: Public Speaking
8. CSU GE Area A3: Critical Thinking Course

- BIOL 65, BIOL 66, and MCR20 must be completed within 5 years of applying.
- Prerequisite courses **cannot** be retaken for a better grade if a C or better was received on the first attempt.
- All 8 courses must be complete upon applying (cannot be in progress)
- Prereq GPA must meet a 3.3 GPA for all combined courses

3 Corequisites

1. PSYCH 1: Intro to Psychology
 2. CHAD 70: Lifespan Development in the 21st century (development from birth to death)
 3. NUFS 8: Nutrition for Health Professionals
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Courses can be in progress upon applying

Courses cannot be repeated if first attempt received a C grade or better

Advanced Placement (AP) Courses

- We accept AP courses for ENGL 1A, STAT 95, PSYCH 1 and CHEM 30A for your prereq/coreq courses.
- AP Score must be a 3 or better
- AP Scores are not counted into the prerequisites GPA
- When filling out the NursingCAS application, enter “credit” for an AP courses you are submitting
- If AP course is not listed on your SJSU transcript, upload AP College Board Scores to NursingCAS application
- AP scores in other subjects may be accepted by the university

Transfer Courses

Students using courses that were not taken at SJSU for prerequisite or corequisite courses are responsible for ensuring those courses transfer to SJSU.

1. Check your course equivalency visiting [SJSU Articulation](#) and using School to School Transfer or Course to Course Transfer.
2. If the course is not listed, check Transfer Evaluation System (TES) via Articulation. If the course is not on TES either, submit a copy of the course syllabus or description to Delia Chavez, delia.chavez@sjsu.edu for review.

Contact the Office of the Registrar for more information.

Course from an out of state college need to be from a regionally accredited institution.

The nursing department does not give credit for courses taken outside of the U.S. unless the degree is accepted through university admission and the coursework is deemed equivalent by the Admissions office.

Two Applications

Apply to San Jose State University by the designated deadline. Review the [SJSU Admissions](#) website and contact them directly with any questions regarding the SJSU application or eligibility.

You must be CSU eligible to apply to the BSN program.

Apply to the BSN program through NursingCAS. Detailed information on how to apply is located on our website (sjsu.edu/nursing) under How to Apply > [Undergraduate](#).

Transcripts that were sent to SJSU admissions are not reviewed for the BSN program. All applicants are required to submit official transcripts to NursingCAS.

Application Timelines

Students who are already at SJSU (admitted and currently enrolled in courses or on a one semester leave from SJSU) can apply to the nursing program either semester.

Fall Terms (no post-baccalaureate applicants)

1. Transfer students must apply the university (October-November of previous year)
 - a. Transfer students are defined as undergraduate students transferring to SJSU from another institution and do not already have a baccalaureate degree
2. Take the version 7 TEAS exam 2-3 months before applying to NursingCAS
3. Apply to the BSN program through NursingCAS (open mid-January to mid-February)
4. BSN admissions decisions sent out by late April
5. If provisionally accepted, a clear background check is required roughly 1 month after receiving letter in order to be fully admitted to the program. Information is provided in acceptance letter.



Spring Terms (no transfer applicants)

1. Post-Baccalaureate students must apply to the university (August)
2. Take the version 7 TEAS exam 2-3 months before applying to NursingCAS
3. Apply to the BSN program through NursingCAS (open mid-August to mid-September)
4. BSN admissions decisions sent out by late November
5. If provisionally accepted, a clear background check is required roughly 1 month after receiving letter in order to be fully admitted to the program. Information is provided in acceptance letter.

Prior Baccalaureate Applicants

- Prior Baccalaureate applications with a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution will be exempt from taking the following prerequisite courses:
 - ENGL 1A
 - COMM 20
 - Critical Thinking
- The prereq GPA will be calculated from the remaining five prerequisite courses
- When filling out NursingCAS, select “credit”

Applicants with 90 units or more

- Applicants with 90 units or more (no more than 70 community college transfer units) cannot apply to the BSN program without formal written permission for excess units
- Review the SJSU policies for [Changing Major/Degree](#)
- Prior Baccalaureate students have no prior unit limits

NursingCAS Application

sjsu.edu/nursing > How to Apply > [Undergraduate](#)

Review our website for information on how to apply. The NursingCAS application has specific directions listed through all required sections. Follow all instructions and complete the entire application to be considered.

The following documents are required to be submitted to NursingCAS:

- A copy of your valid California Driver's License *OR* CA ID card
- A copy of your valid U.S. Passport *OR* U.S. Birth Certificate *OR* Permanent Residency Card (green card)
- A copy of the official TEAS exam score (only first page showing overall score is needed)
- A signed copy of the Function Competencies form (on our website)

Healthcare Experience

For an additional (optional) boost in your NursingCAS application score.

Previous experience must meet the following requirements to be considered:

- a minimum of 100 hours completed within 3 years of the application deadline
- experience must include hands-on interaction with human clients
- does not include time spent in a classroom or clinicals for a training course
- proof of employment or volunteer experience required

Applicants with healthcare experience must complete the form (on our website) and submit it to your NursingCAS application.

Incomplete forms and missing supporting documents will result in your healthcare experience not being considered.

Those with certifications must also have 100 hours of experience otherwise it will not satisfy the requirements.

How are the BSN applications scored?

The overall score you receive on your application is calculated as followed:

- TEAS Score (roughly $\frac{1}{3}$ of the overall score)
- GPA ($\frac{2}{3}$ of overall score)
- Additional ways to slightly increase your score (optional)
 - Have all 3 corequisite courses complete prior to applying (instead of in progress)
 - Have healthcare experience and submit the required documentation
 - 1st generation students receive a slight increase in their score

Military Applicants

There are 3 priority spots (out of the 60) held for military applicants.

To be eligible for a priority spot, military applicants must submit a copy of the DD 214 Honorable Discharge to their nursingCAS application.

All military applicants are ranked the same as all BSN applicants. The top 3 military applicants will be offered the priority spot. If any of the 3 declines offer of admission, we move down the list of eligible military applicants.

Questions?

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<http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing>