INTRODUCTION TO PATHWAYS TO NURSING

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Educational Options in Nursing

1. Associate Degree Programs
2. Bachelor of Science Degree Program (BSN) (Traditional or Fast Track)
3. Entry Level Masters Program (MSN)
4. RN to BSN (Associate Degree to Bachelor of Science Degree) (BSN)
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- **Associate Degree Programs**
  - 1. Usual length- 2-3 years
  - 2. Offered at California Community Colleges
  - 3. There are approximately 80 programs in California
  - 4. Associate Degree preparation at the lower division level
  - 5. Graduates prepared to provide basic nursing care in many settings
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- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
  - 1. Usual length 4 years
  - 2. Offered at California State Universities (CSU) and many private universities
  - 3. There are currently 19 CSU nursing programs
  - 4. Baccalaureate preparation at the lower and upper division level leading to the Bachelors Degree
  - 5. Graduates prepared to provide nursing care in many different settings and are able to assume leadership and administrative positions
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- **Masters Entry Level Programs**
  1. Usual length 1-3 years
  2. Offered at CSU and private universities
  3. Baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing required
  4. Programs include prelicensure nursing courses followed by graduate nursing courses
  5. Graduates receive a masters degree
  6. Graduates prepared to assume leadership roles in advanced nursing practice in a variety of settings
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- RN to BSN Programs
  - 1. Usual length - 1 year
  - 2. Offered at CSU and private universities (often in partnership with California Community Colleges)
  - 3. Associate Degree and California RN License required
  - 4. Preparation at the upper division level
  - 5. Graduates prepared to assume many leadership and administrative positions
  - 6. Graduates awarded a Bachelors degree and are eligible for future masters study
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Admission Requirements for many Nursing Programs in California

1. Completion of pre-licensure prerequisite requirements:
   - Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology, Chemistry, Statistics,
2. High School Diploma
3. Completion of the following high school courses may help with college prerequisite courses:
   - English (4 years), Math (3-4 years), Science (2-4 years), Social Studies (3-4 years), Foreign Language (2 years recommended but not required)
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**BSN Admission Criteria at SFSU**

1. Completion of SFSU Admission Criteria
2. Completion of SFSU Nursing Pre-requisites
   - A. General Microbiology and lab (Bio 210/211)
   - B. Human Anatomy and lab (Bio 328)
   - C. Human Physiology and lab (Bio 610/611)
   - D. Survey of Chemistry and lab (Chem 101/102)
   - E. Elementary Statistics (quantitative reasoning Math 124)
   - F. Nutrition in health and disease (DFM 253)
   - G. General psychology (Psy 200)
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**BSN Admission Criteria at SFSU (continued)**

- 3. GPA of 3.0 or better (all college GPA)
- 4. Minimum grade of C or better in all nursing prerequisites
- 5. Completion of all CSU GE requirements
- 6. Completion of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V) with a ranking of proficient or better
- 7. Completion of supplemental criteria (health care related work or volunteer experience, multi-cultural community experience, etc)
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Entry Level Masters Admission Criteria

1. Completion of the GRE Analytical Writing Section (Score of 4 or higher is required for admission)
2. Earned bachelor’s degree with a GPA of 3.0 or better
3. Completion of nursing pre-requisite course work with a grade of C or better
4. Letters of recommendation and references
5. Healthcare, volunteer, or work experience
6. Goal Statement
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Strong Applicants:

1. Have a GPA greater than 3.0 (in recent years, students have an earned GPA of 3.7 or better in the nursing prerequisite courses)

2. Provide documentation in the area of supplemental criteria (health related work, volunteer experience, multi-cultural community experience)

3. Perform above the proficient level in the TEAS V (Bachelors Program) or score above 4 in the GRE Analytical Writing Test (Masters Program)
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• **Strong Applicants (continued)**
  • 4. Communicate effectively in English (both verbally and in writing)
  • 5. Are able to speak another language besides English
  • 6. Relate effectively with other people and cultures
  • 7. Demonstrate leadership and commitment, especially when focused on underserved populations
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- *Pathways to Nursing* course offered at SFSU this summer
  - 1. Program dates: June 20 to August 12, 2011
  - 2. Program times: Tuesday and Thursday 9AM-11AM
  - 3. Program Costs: Low Cost
  - 4. Program Units: 2 Units
  - 5. Goal of Course: Introduction to nursing, nursing pathways currently available to applicants, and effective career advising for those interested in nursing careers
  - 6. Open to anyone interested (undergraduates, post-bacs from the SF Bay Area and surrounding communities
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- **SFSU Formal Post-Bac Program**
  - Currently provides pre-req and elective course work for pre-meds and pre-dents
  - Currently includes only 2 pre-nursing students who are completing nursing school pre-requisites
  - A dedicated Nursing Post-Bac Program is scheduled to begin in early June, 2012, for about 6 students
  - In later years, this program will expand to serve more students
    - Career- Changer Track (CCT) for those taking nursing school pre-reqs for the first time.
    - Academic Enhancer Track (AET) for those needing to retake some of the nursing school pre-reqs
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Nursing Post-Bac Program (continued)

1. Open to students with earned Bachelor’s degrees
2. Designed for students who need to take or retake nursing prerequisite courses (some or all of the courses)
3. Proposed cost is $500-$600/unit
4. Financial Aid available in the form of student loans
5. Program Goal: preparation of students to be strong applicants to nursing programs (SFSU and other programs)
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- Questions?
- Contact Dr Andrea Boyle at: aboyle@sfsu.edu
- THANK YOU for attending today’s session