

# Master of Science in Nursing

## **CSUB Alumni Careers**

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## **Scholarships**

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- Bakersfield Memorial Hospital Foundation Scholarships
- Haidee Durelle Endowment Fund for Nursing
- Jeanette Haskin Endowment for Women in Science
- Kaiser Permanente Nursing Scholarship Fund
- Kern County Medical Society
- Kern County Medical Society Auxiliary (Hazel Miller Memorial)
- Kern Registered Nurses Society
- Marion Reed Endowment Scholarship
- San Joaquin Community Hospital Scholarship

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## **General Information**

The master's degree program in nursing at CSUB is positioned to meet the demands of a constantly evolving health care system. The two-year program serves as a means to further prepare nurses with advanced nursing theory, research, and clinical experience to function in selected roles of nursing administrator, case manager, community health nurse, or family nurse practitioner.

Graduates gain a thorough knowledge of leadership and apply advanced clinical skills and research in multi-disciplinary health groups.

## **Education and Career Outlook**

The graduate program in nursing is designed to accommodate the part-time as well as the full-time student. Most courses are taught during evenings or on weekends.

The curriculum offers students a choice of an emphasis in nursing case management/administration, community health nursing, or family nurse practitioner. Students' learning needs and professional goals are met via selected and required courses.

In the master's program, students initiate, conduct, evaluate and then report their research findings. Applying research to advanced nursing practice, utilizing advanced nursing concepts, theories, and knowledge to support advanced nursing practice and role development are other program objectives.

Compiling comprehensive databases for clients/patients, participating in seminars comparing the relationships between theory, research and practice in nursing--and studying in-depth research strategies most relevant to nursing compose part of CSUB's progressive coursework. Each student completes a thesis or project which demonstrates competence in investigation of a significant nursing problem.

## **Admission Policies and Procedures**

All M.S. applicants must apply to the University Office of Admissions and Records for admission as post-baccalaureate graduate students at CSUB and must supply that office with two transcripts of all undergraduate and graduate work. Admission to the university does not indicate admission to the nursing master's program.

## **Criteria for Admission**

To be considered for admission as a graduate student in nursing, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Graduation from a nationally recognized, regionally accredited baccalaureate program in nursing.
2. A grade point average in undergraduate courses of 2.5 or better (on a scale of A=4.0) in the last 90 quarter units.
3. Current, clear and active license as a Registered Nurse in California.
4. Letters of recommendation from a minimum of 3 persons who know the applicant's academic and professional abilities.
5. Graduate Record Examination (GRE) within the past five years (not required if GPA in last 90 quarter units was 3.0 or better) with a score of 900 on verbal and quantitative.
6. "Intent to Major in the M.S. Degree in Nursing" form completed.
7. An approved program plan developed with an advisor.
8. Prerequisite undergraduate courses in pathophysiology, statistics, and nursing research.
9. A résumé indicating one year of nursing experience in the past three years.



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**Graduate Program in Nursing  
Core Course Requirements for  
all Options:**

- NURS 515 Roles in Advanced Practice Nursing (2)  
NURS 518 Care of Vulnerable Populations (2)  
NURS 527 Health Care Policy and Delivery Systems (3)  
NURS 586 Advanced Health Assessment (5)  
NURS 590 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing (3)  
NURS 625 Advanced Methodology & Proposal Development (4)  
NURS 690 Nursing Research Thesis (5)  
or  
NURS 691 Nursing Project (5)

**Additional Course Requirements  
for Nursing Case Management/  
Administration Option:**

- NURS 602 Adult Health Nursing I (5 lab)  
NURS 611 Health Care Finance & Quality Management (5)  
NURS 612 Adult Health Nursing II (5 lab)  
NURS 626 Epidemiology (5)  
NURS 697 Practicum in Health Services & Nursing Administration (6)

One elective course, selected with approval of the graduate nursing advisor, from the following courses from the School of Business & Public Administration:

- Management 600, 610, 655  
Marketing 610  
Business Administration 505

**Additional Course Requirements  
for Family Nurse Practitioner  
Option:**

- NURS 584 Adv Pharmacotherapeutics (3)  
NURS 603 Advanced Pathophysiology (3)  
NURS 606 Assessment and Management of Family Health Care I (3)  
NURS 607 Assessment & Management of Family Health Care I/Lab (3)  
NURS 623 Assessment and Management of Family Health Care II (8)  
NURS 633 Assessment and Management of Family Health Care III (8)  
NURS 643 Assessment and Management of Family Health Care IV (8)  
NURS 653 Advanced Practice Nursing Role Practicum in Family Health Care (1 seminar/4 lab) (5)

The Nursing Department also offers a Post-Master's FNP Certificate

**Additional Course Requirements  
for Community Health Nursing  
Option:**

- NURS 602 Graduate Practicum I (5 lab)  
NURS 611 Health Care Finance & Quality Management (5)  
NURS 618 Issues in Home Health Nursing (2)  
NURS 626 Introduction to Epidemiology & Health Care (5)  
NURS 628 Population-based Community Assessment, Planning & Partnership Development (3 seminar/1lab) (4)  
NURS 638 Clinical Specialist (5 lab)  
NURS 655 Practicum in Program Implementation and Collaboration w/Community Partners (1 seminar/4 lab) (5)

**Graduation Requirements**

Completion of 55 or 65 quarter units in required and elected courses with a GPA of 3.0 or better and an approved thesis or project. These graduation requirements must be completed within seven years from the time the first graduate course is started.

Each individual receiving a degree from CSUB must obtain a satisfactory score on the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) or complete one of the approved English courses which satisfy this requirement. If you believe that you have satisfied this requirement at this or another institution, you are responsible for providing the appropriate evidence of your accomplishment.

**Professional Nurse Traineeships**

Students in the Master's in Nursing program taking eight units or more of graduate study may be eligible for federal professional traineeships.

**Other Information**

**Health Clearance, Insurance and CPR:**

Health clearance, malpractice insurance, and CPR certification requirements are to be met prior to course enrollment. For details, contact the Nursing Department.

The Office of Financial Aid at California State University, Bakersfield administers a number of different kinds of financial aid to enable students without adequate financial resources to attend the university. A number of scholarships are also available to Nursing majors. Some health agencies offer tuition reimbursement.