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RN-BSN Program

Department of Nursing
Informational PowerPoint

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RN-BSN Program Details



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RN-BSN Program Details

- 4 semester program (including summer) – approximately 15 months
- Online Lectures
 - Nursing coursework is completed online (asynchronous) to accommodate work schedules
- Community/Public Health Clinical
 - 90 supervised hours
 - Hours will be completed in spring semester (Nurs 4221: Community and Public Health Nursing Clinical)
 - One 8-hour in-person clinical day per week is required (typically weekday from 8 am to 5 pm)
 - Students notified of clinical placements before the start of spring semester
 - Clinical placements are in Bakersfield

Eligibility Requirements



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RN-BSN Eligibility Requirements

- Graduate of a nationally recognized, regionally accredited Associate Degree Program in Nursing
- Hold a current registered nurse license from the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN), unencumbered, unrestricted, with no disciplinary action pending or imposed (Students may apply while in-progress)
- Hold a current BLS Healthcare Provider CPR card (Students may apply while in-progress)
- Must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or greater in the last 60 semester/90 quarter units of course work

RN-BSN Eligibility Requirements

- Completion of all prerequisite course work with a minimum grade of "C" or above by the start of the program (courses may be in-progress prior to entering the program).
- Transfer students must be in good standing at the last college attended.
- Meet all CSUB Department of Nursing new student requirements upon admission including Essential Functions (See Undergraduate Handbook under "General Information").
- Must be accepted to CSU Bakersfield.
- Submission of a completed RN to BSN Program application through NursingCAS.
- Recommended: Meet with the RN-BSN Program Advisor to review your eligibility.

RN-BSN Program Prerequisites – BC Courses*

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| • Human Anatomy with Lab | BIOL B32 & B33 |
| • Human Physiology with Lab | BIOL B32 & B33 |
| • Microbiology with Lab | BIOL B16 |
| • Chemistry | CHEM B11 or B1A |
| • Statistics | MATH B22 or PSYC B5 |
| • College-Level English | ENGL B1A, EMLS B1A, or ENGL C1000 |
| • Public Speaking** | COMM B1 or C1000 |
| • Critical Thinking** | PHIL B7, B8, B9 or COMM B15 |

*Contact CSUB RN-BSN Advisor for course equivalents from other colleges.

**Other courses may apply. Contact CSUB RN-BSN Advisor.

Program Curriculum and Costs



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RN-BSN Curriculum

Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall
N3210: RN-BSN Transitions (2 units)	N4220: Community & Public Health Nursing Theory (3 units)	N4218: Healthcare Ethics (3 units, GWAR)	N4250: Special Leadership Project (3 units)
N3220: Professional Nursing: Influence, Policy & Issues (3 units)	N4221: Community & Public Health Nursing Clinical (2 units)	N4240: Professional Nursing Career Development (2 units)	N4918: Leadership in Nursing (Capstone) (3 units)
N3250: Foundations of Nursing Research (3 units)	N4230: Pathophysiological Basis of Illness & Disease (3 units)	Upper Division Area 3 course (3 units) can be taken during any semester	

- Students are required to complete 30 CSUB resident units, except post-baccalaureate students.
- Students may need to complete additional graduation requirements depending on their previous coursework.

Program Costs

- Based on the 2026-27 Academic Year, tuition and fees is \$4,471 per semester for 6+ units and \$3,033 per semester for 0-6 units.
- Other costs may include (but are not limited to):
 - Books
 - Background Check, Drug Test, and Clinical Requirements through Verified Credentials
 - Immunizations, Mask Fit Testing, CPR Certification (if not, up-to-date)
 - Clinical Sites Travel Expenses
 - Application for Graduation
- Post-Graduation Costs: Public Health Nurse Certificate Expenses
 - Board of Registered Nursing Fee
 - Transcript Fee
- Program Cost estimate is subject to change. See the [CSUB Catalog](#) for further details/updates.

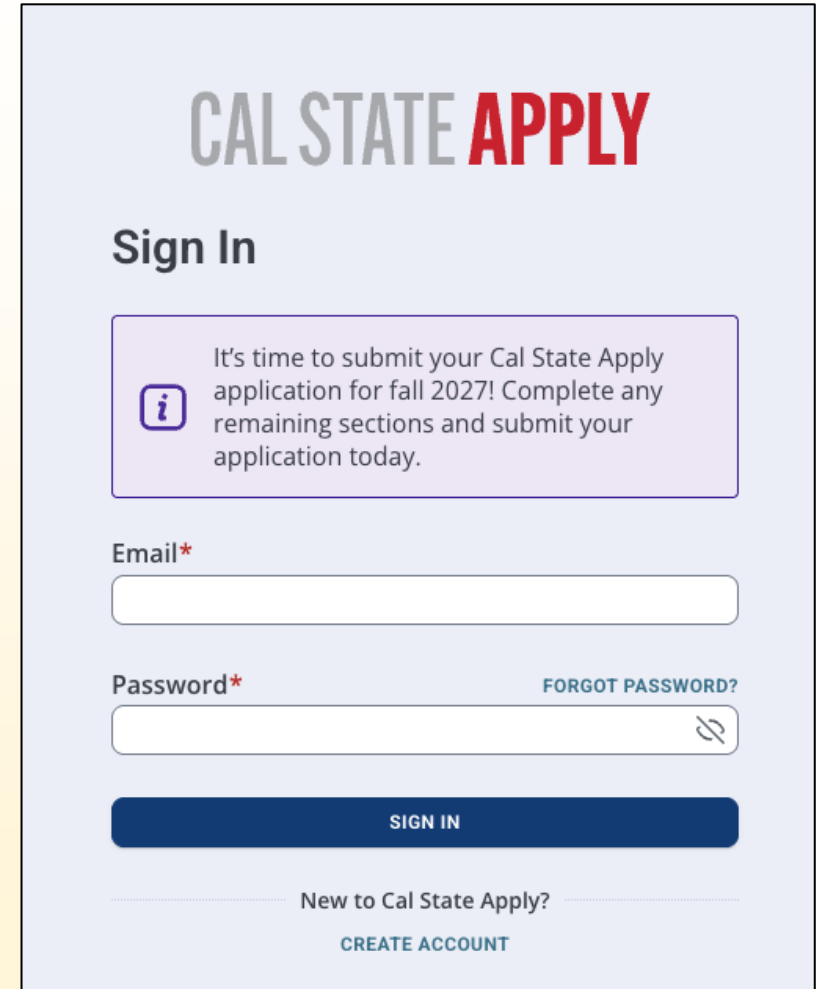
Application Process



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Application Process

- Step 1: Apply to CSUB through Cal State Apply
 - Go to <https://www.calstate.edu/apply>
 - Create an Account
 - To find the appropriate program:
 - Choose CSU Bakersfield for Campus
 - Choose “Nursing – RN to BSN” Program
 - Complete all sections of application
 - Pay \$70 Application Fee



The screenshot shows the 'CAL STATE APPLY' sign-in interface. At the top, the text 'CAL STATE APPLY' is displayed, with 'CAL STATE' in grey and 'APPLY' in red. Below this is the 'Sign In' heading. A purple-bordered box contains an information icon and a message: 'It's time to submit your Cal State Apply application for fall 2027! Complete any remaining sections and submit your application today.' The form includes an 'Email*' field with a red asterisk, a 'Password*' field with a red asterisk, and a 'FORGOT PASSWORD?' link. A dark blue 'SIGN IN' button is positioned below the password field. At the bottom, there is a link for 'New to Cal State Apply?' and a 'CREATE ACCOUNT' button.

Application Process

- Step 1: Apply to CSUB through Cal State Apply (continued)
 - Choose the Degree Goal on your Extended Profile

Extended Profile

The information below is provided to your program's admissions offices. Provide complete and accurate information here. For more information, visit the [Applicant Help Center](#).

Once you submit your application, you cannot edit this section.

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* Indicates required field

1. EDUCATIONAL GOAL

Which degree, credential, program or certificate are you applying for? *

- ☒ First bachelor's degree (Seeking your first bachelor's degree and have not earned a prior bachelor's degree)
- ☐ Second bachelor's degree and beyond (e.g. Master's, Teaching Credential, Certificate, Doctoral)
- ☐ Dual enrollment (Current high school student interested in taking college-level courses at a CSU campus before high school graduation)

Which of the following best describes your current educational status? *

- ☐ Graduating high school senior or equivalent (with or without college coursework prior to high school graduation)
- ☐ Transferring from a California Community College and earned or planning to earn an Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/ AS-T)
- ☒ Currently attending or have attended a community college, technical college, CSU, or other four-year institution. Community college attendance includes those transferring with or without an associate degree (AA/AS) that is not part of the Associate Degree for Transfer program (AA-T/AS-T.)

By the time you enroll at the CSU campus you are applying to, how many college credits will you have earned?

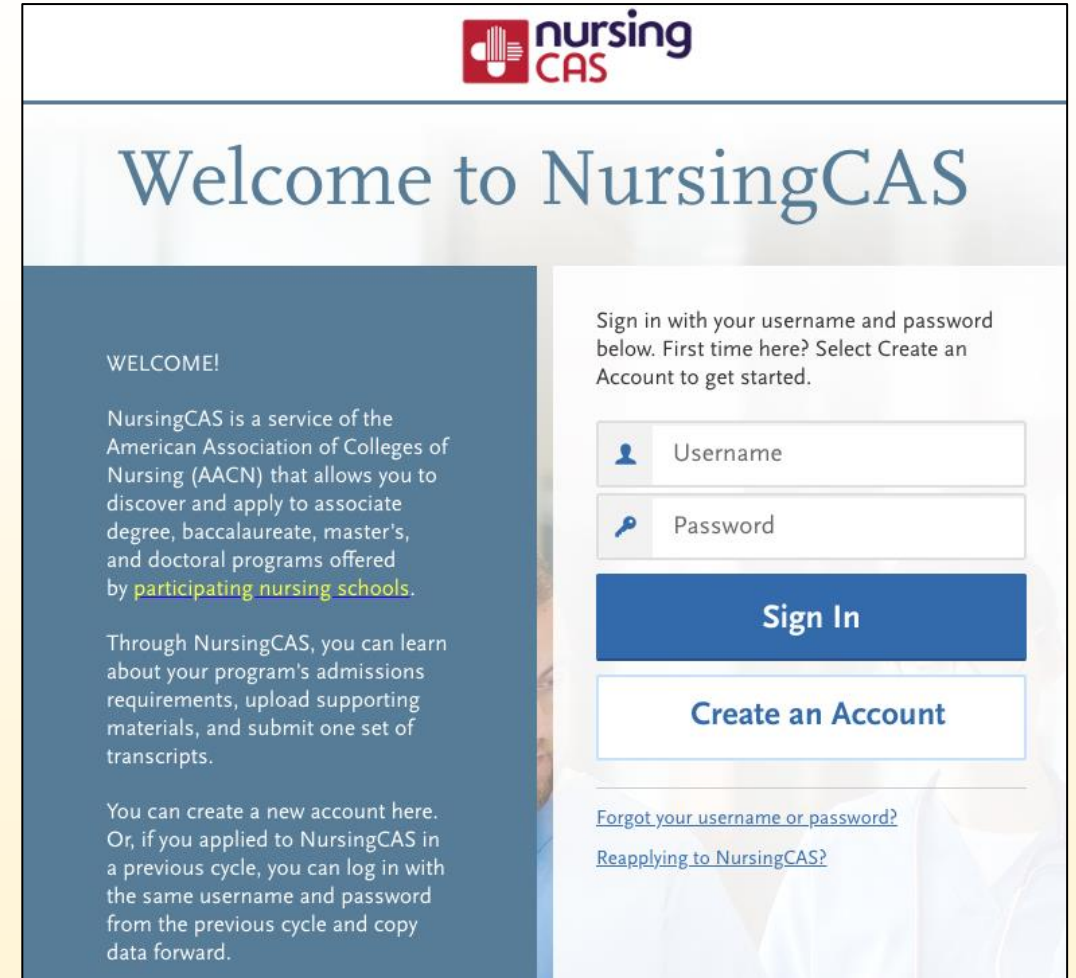
Note that if your courses are based on quarter credits, click [here](#) to convert your total credit hours to semester hours. *

- ☐ 0 - 59 semester credits
- ☒ 60+ semester credits

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Application Process

- Step 2: Apply to the RN-BSN Program through NursingCAS
 - Go to <https://nursingcas.org/>
 - Click on “Apply Now”
 - Select Term: Fall 2027
 - Create an Account
 - Choose Program: CSUB – RN to BSN
 - Complete all sections of application
 - Pay NursingCAS Application Fee



The screenshot displays the NursingCAS website. At the top right is the NursingCAS logo. The main heading reads "Welcome to NursingCAS". On the left, a dark blue sidebar contains a "WELCOME!" message, a description of NursingCAS as a service of the AACN, and instructions on how to use the platform. On the right, there is a sign-in section with fields for "Username" and "Password", a "Sign In" button, and a "Create an Account" button. Below these are links for "Forgot your username or password?" and "Reapplying to NursingCAS?".

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Welcome to NursingCAS

WELCOME!

NursingCAS is a service of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) that allows you to discover and apply to associate degree, baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral programs offered by [participating nursing schools](#).

Through NursingCAS, you can learn about your program's admissions requirements, upload supporting materials, and submit one set of transcripts.

You can create a new account here. Or, if you applied to NursingCAS in a previous cycle, you can log in with the same username and password from the previous cycle and copy data forward.

Sign in with your username and password below. First time here? Select Create an Account to get started.

Sign In

Create an Account

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Transcripts

- Submit Transcripts of all colleges attended to both:
 1. CSUB Admissions and Records
 - See [CSUB Transfer Student](#) for information on how to submit transcripts after you have applied through Cal State Apply.
 - Official transcripts are required.
 2. NursingCAS Application
 - Upload unofficial transcripts into “Colleges Attended” section of NCAS

Fall 2027 Admissions Dates

- Cal State Apply Application
 - Opens August 1, 2026
 - Filing period is October 1, 2026 – March 1, 2027
 - Official transcripts of ALL colleges required
 - In-progress coursework should be included
- NursingCAS Application
 - Opens October 1, 2026
 - Filing period is October 1, 2026 – March 15, 2027
 - Unofficial transcripts of ALL colleges attended due by March 15, 2027
- RN-BSN Decisions sent through NursingCAS between April–May 2027

Frequently Asked Questions



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Question: Am I eligible if I already have a bachelor's degree?

- Yes, the RN-BSN program allows post-baccalaureate or those seeking a 2nd bachelor's degree to apply.
 - For Cal State Apply, you will need to choose "Second Bachelor's Degree" in your profile.
- Make sure to submit your transcripts from your first bachelor's degree. If your degree is from abroad, please refer to the foreign university FAQ for information.

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Select one or more of the following degree goals. *

- ☒ Second bachelor's degree (i.e., already earned a bachelor's degree and are seeking another one)
- ☐ Graduate (e.g., Master's, Doctoral) or professional's degree
- ☐ Teaching and service credential only (e.g. Single or Multiple Subject, Special Education, PPS, Librarian, Admin, CalStateTEACH)
- ☐ Certificate

Question: Is coursework from a foreign university accepted?

RN-BSN Foreign Credit Policy

1. Nursing Coursework

- Applicants with nursing courses from a foreign university must have a course-by-course evaluation completed by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) (www.cgfns.org)
- Submit an official copy of this evaluation with your RN-BSN Program application through NursingCAS

2. Non-Nursing Coursework

- Approved Evaluation Service (www.ctc.ca.gov)
- Choose an evaluation service that is NACES approved such as World Education Services (WES) or SpanTran
- Request two transcript evaluations:
 - Submit one to the CSUB Office of Admissions and Records
 - Submit one with your RN-BSN Program application through NursingCAS

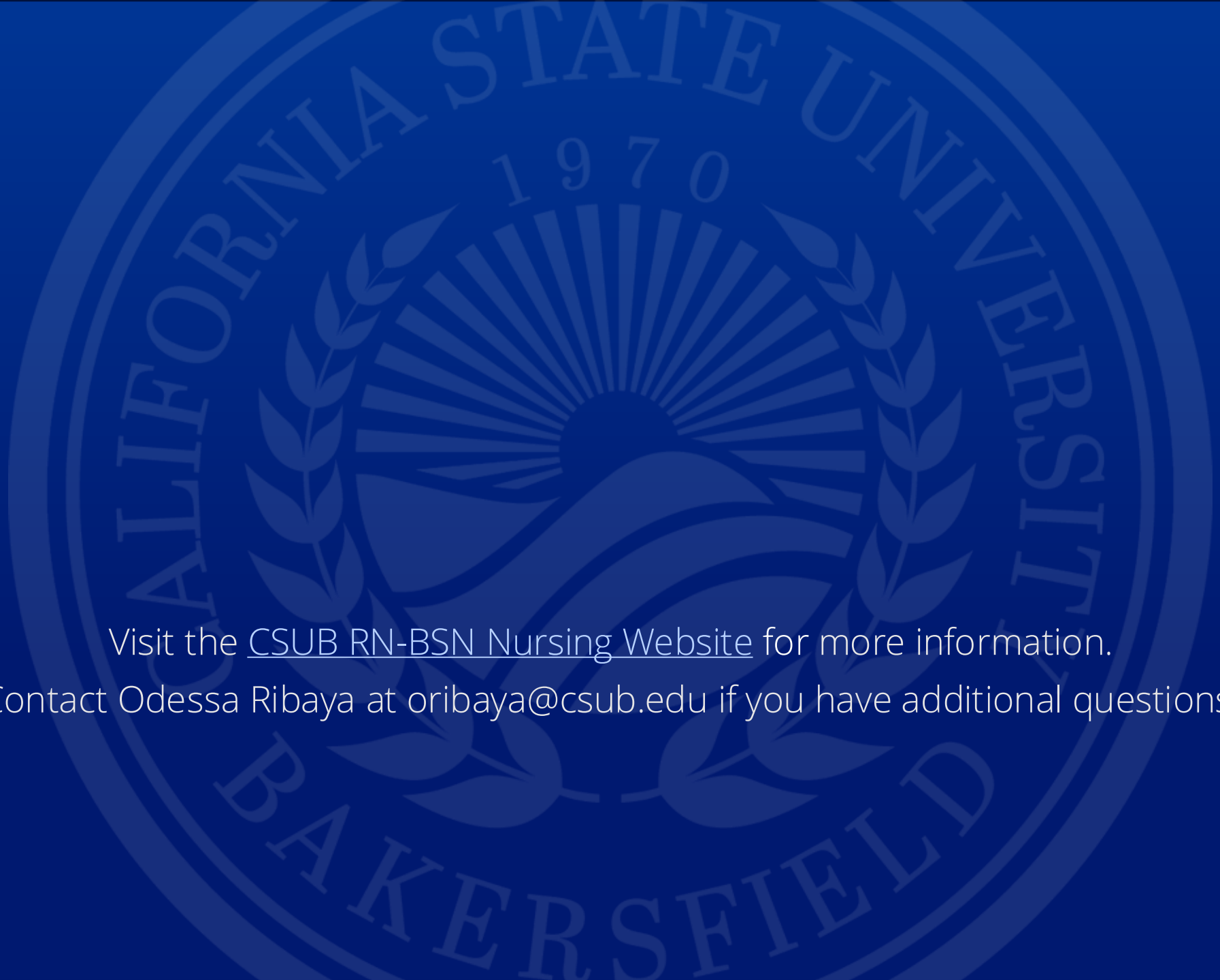
Please start this process early as this can take months to complete.

Question: Can I apply while I am in my ADN program?

- Students must graduate with their Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN) by June before they start the program.
- Transcripts should show your in-progress courses.
- Students may be conditionally accepted into program pending the completion of the ADN program and prerequisites courses.
- It is highly recommended that prospective students meet with the RN-BSN advisor prior to applying in order to determine their eligibility and discuss any prerequisites that must be completed.

Question: Do I qualify for financial aid?

- Students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the March 2nd priority deadline for California.
- Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships through CSUB (<https://www.csub.edu/financial-aid/types/scholarships>).
- CSUB Nursing Department will send information for scholarships and grants to current students, if available.

The background of the slide features a large, faint, circular seal of California State University Bakersfield. The seal contains the text "CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY" at the top and "BAKERSFIELD" at the bottom. In the center is a sunburst rising over mountains, flanked by two olive branches. The year "1970" is positioned above the sunburst.

Visit the [CSUB RN-BSN Nursing Website](#) for more information.
Contact Odessa Ribaya at oribaya@csub.edu if you have additional questions.