

California State University, Bakersfield RN-BSN Program

Department of Nursing

Fall 2021 Edition



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About the RN-BSN Program

- ❖ 15 months = 4 semesters long (including Summer Session)
- ❖ Online, except for one semester of Community Health Clinical
- ❖ About Lectures
 - ❖ Coursework is completed online (not including clinical hours)
- ❖ About Clinical
 - ❖ Minimum of 135 supervised clinical hours
 - ❖ Takes place during the 2nd semester of the program
 - ❖ 1 eight-hour clinical day per week is required (during Monday-Friday 8am-5 pm)
 - ❖ Students notified of Clinical Placements by end of 1st semester of the program
 - ❖ Clinical Placements are in Kern County and Antelope Valley, with limited options outside of those areas



RN-BSN Program Admission Requirements

❖ 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 American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR card. (Students may apply while in-progress).
- ❖ Must have at least a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or greater in the last 60 semester/90 quarter units of course work.
- ❖ 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).



RN-BSN Program Admission Requirements (Cont)

❖ Eligibility Requirements

- ❖ Transfer Students must be in good standing at the last college attended. Students transferring from a different RN to BSN program, or those that have taken any upper-division nursing course work, will need to include a letter of good standing from their program director.
- ❖ 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 Schedule



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RN-BSN- The First Year – Fall Semester

❖ Fall Semester

- ❖ Nursing 3210 - RN-BSN Transitions - 1 unit
- ❖ Nursing 3220 - Foundations of Nursing Research- 3 units
- ❖ Nursing 3250 - Professional Nursing: Influence, Policy & Issues- 3 units
- ❖ Recommended: GVAR Exam
- ❖ Total Units - 7



RN-BSN- The First Year – Spring Semester

❖ Spring Semester

- ❖ Nursing 4220 -Community & Public Health Nursing (Theory) - 3 units
- ❖ Nursing 4221 - Community & Public Health Nursing (Clinical)-3 units
- ❖ Nursing 4230 -Pathophysiologic Basis of Illness & Disease- 3 units
- ❖ Recommended: GVAR Exam (if not taken in Fall semester)
- ❖ Total Units - 9



RN-BSN- The First Year –Summer Semester

❖ Summer Semester

- ❖ Nursing 4210-Healthcare Ethics- 3 units
- ❖ Nursing 4240 -Professional Nursing Career Development- 2 units
- ❖ Upper Division C course- 3 units
- ❖ GVAR course (if exam was not passed in Fall or Spring semester)
- ❖ Total Units - 5-8



RN-BSN- The Last Semester –Fall Semester

❖ Fall Semester

- ❖ Nursing 4250 - Special Leadership Project- 3 units
- ❖ Nursing 4918 -Leadership in Nursing (Capstone) - 3 units
- ❖ Upper Division C Course (if not taken in Summer) - 3 units
- ❖ GVAR Course (if not taken in Summer) - 3 units
- ❖ Total Units - 6-12



Public Health Clinical Placements

- ❖ Clinical placements for the Community & Public Health Practicum will only be available in Kern County and Antelope Valley, unless specific arrangements are made through faculty.
- ❖ Clinicals will be completed during the Spring Semester (January -May) during the following course: Nursing 4221: Community & Public Health Nursing (Practicum)
- ❖ You will need to complete a total of 135 on-site clinical hours



Program Costs

- ❖ Based on 19-20 Academic Year, Tuition cost is \$13,913 for the whole program
- ❖ Other costs may include (but not limited to):
 - ❖ Books
 - ❖ Background Check, Drug Test, and Clinical Requirements through Castlebranch
 - ❖ Immunizations, Mask Fit Testing, CPR Certification (if not, up-to-date)
 - ❖ GWAR (Graduation Writing Assessment) Test
 - ❖ 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 & Next Steps



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Cal State Apply Application

Go to <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>

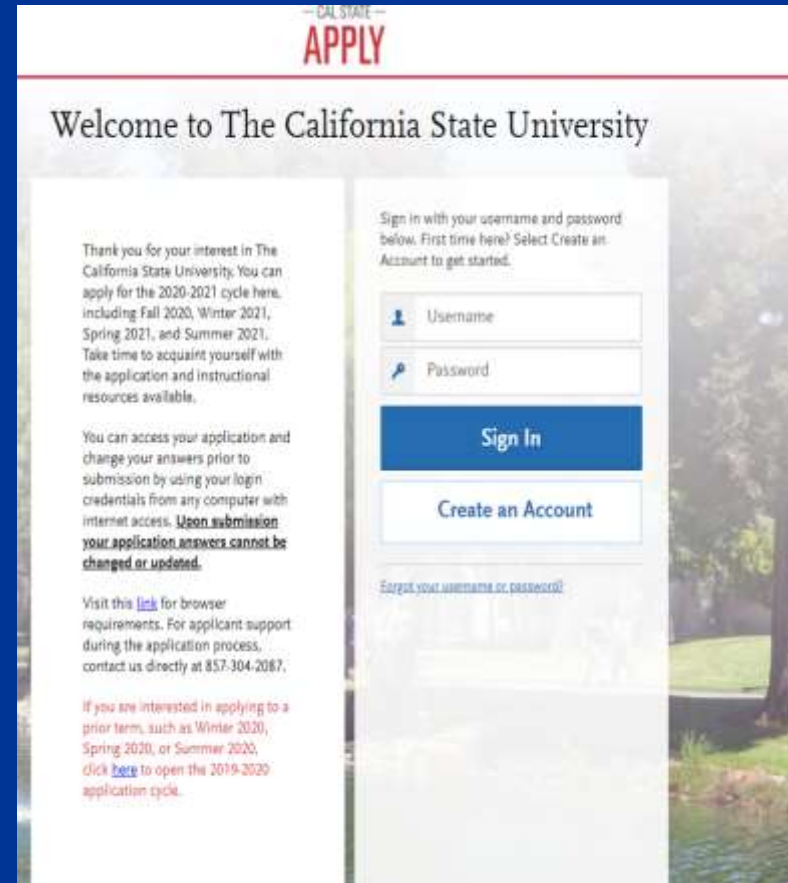
Choose “Fall 2021” for the Term

Create an Account

Choose Program “Nursing- Traditional BSN/RN-BSN”

Complete all sections of the Application

Pay \$70 Application Fee



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APPLY

Welcome to The California State University

Thank you for your interest in The California State University. You can apply for the 2020-2021 cycle here, including Fall 2020, Winter 2021, Spring 2021, and Summer 2021. Take time to acquaint yourself with the application and instructional resources available.

You can access your application and change your answers prior to submission by using your login credentials from any computer with internet access. **Upon submission your application answers cannot be changed or updated.**

Visit this [link](#) for browser requirements. For applicant support during the application process, contact us directly at 857-304-2087.

If you are interested in applying to a prior term, such as Winter 2020, Spring 2020, or Summer 2020, click [here](#) to open the 2019-2020 application cycle.

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

Username

Password

Sign In

Create an Account

[Forgot your username or password?](#)



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CSU Apply (Cont.)

01 Choose the Degree Goal:

1. Degree Goal

★ What degree, credential 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)

★ 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 with an Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/ AS-T) awarded by a California Community College

Transferring from a community college or four-year institution

★ How many college credits will you have earned when you enroll at the CSU campus to which you are applying?

Less than 60 semester or 90 quarter hours (equivalent to Sophomore or below)

Greater than or equal to 60 semester or 90 quarter hours (equivalent to Junior or higher)

02 Choose Status:

★ Based on the specifications above, choose the status below that best fits your current progress/intended plans:

I am an incoming Freshman entering CSUB as Pre-Health

I am a transfer student ready to apply to the Traditional BSN program because my prerequisites are complete or will be complete by the end of the Spring 2021 term

I am a transfer Pre-Health because I still have prerequisites to complete

I am a transfer RN-BSN applicant; I am a licensed RN with an Associate Degree in Nursing

NursingCAS Application

Go to www.nursingcas.org

Click “Apply Now”

Add program: CSUB- RN-BSN

Complete all of the Sections of the Application:

- Upload unofficial transcripts from all universities attended
- Upload CV/Resume with 2 professional references listed
- Answer Personal Statement Question

Pay NursingCAS Application Fee



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A screenshot of the NursingCAS website. At the top right is the NursingCAS logo. Below it is a large heading "Welcome to NursingCAS". On the right side, there is a sign-in section with the text "Sign in with your username and password below. First time here? Select Create an Account to get started." Below this text are two input fields: "Username" and "Password". Underneath these fields are two buttons: "Sign In" and "Create an Account". At the bottom of the sign-in section, there are two links: "Forgot your username or password?" and "Reapplying to NursingCAS?". On the left side of the screenshot, there is a dark blue sidebar with white text. The text in the sidebar is partially obscured but includes the words "WELCOME", "If you need to apply to", "with a deadline between", "September 15 that is still", "the 2018–2019 application,", "here to access last cycle's", "on. All other applicants", "login through this page", "2019–2020 application. To", "the application you can", "new account. Or if you", "ave a NursingCAS account", "a-applicant feature to login", "credentials from last", "CAS is a service of the", "Association of Colleges of", "that allows prospective", "to discover and apply to", "degree, baccalaureate,", "and doctoral programs", "y participating nursing", "out admissions", "ents and easily send one", "nscripts, upload", "g materials, and", "on to your programs of", "ia NursingCAS. To view a".

Transcripts

- ❖ Submit Transcripts of ALL colleges attended
- ❖ Cal State Apply Application
 - ❖ If CSUB was last school attended, please see Admissions and Records on turning in transcripts again.
 - ❖ See [Application Process for Transfer Students](#)
- ❖ NursingCAS Application
 - ❖ See [Transcript Submission Section](#) for more information



Planning Ahead: Fall 2020 Important Dates

- ❖ Cal State Apply Application
 - ❖ Opens October 1, 2020
 - ❖ Deadline to apply is November 30, 2020 (no exceptions)
 - ❖ Official Transcripts of all Colleges attended due by February 15, 2021
- ❖ NursingCAS Application
 - ❖ Opens October 1, 2020
 - ❖ Deadline to apply is March 1, 2021
 - ❖ Unofficial transcripts of all Colleges attended due by March 1, 2021
- ❖ RN-BSN Program Evaluation Fee of \$50 is due by March 15, 2021
- ❖ June - August 2021 - RN-BSN Decisions sent out through NursingCAS



Frequently Asked Questions



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Frequently Asked Questions: Coursework from a Foreign University

❖ 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: CSUB recommends going through World Education Services (WES)
- ❖ Request two transcript evaluations:
 - ❖ Submit one to the CSUB Office of Admissions and Records
 - ❖ Submit one along with your RN-BSN Program application through NursingCAS.

- ❖ Please include all original foreign transcripts to the Office of Admissions and Records upon submitting the Cal State Apply Application.

❖ Please start this process early as this can take months to complete!



Frequently Asked Questions: Post-baccalaureate or 2nd Bachelor's Student

- ❖ Can I apply as a Post-Bacc or 2nd Bachelor's student?
 - ❖ Yes, the RN-BSN program allows post-baccalaureate or those seeking a 2nd bachelor's degree to apply.
 - ❖ 1. For Cal State Apply, you will need to choose "Second Bachelor's Degree" in your profile (See picture below).
 - ❖ 2. Make sure that you turn in your transcripts from your 1st bachelor's degree. If your degree is from abroad, please look at the previous FAQ for the process to have these transcripts evaluated.

= Indicates required field.

Degree Goal

What degree, credential 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 (already earned a bachelor's degree and are seeking another one)
- Graduate (e.g. Master's, Doctoral) or Professional's Degree
- Teaching Credential Only (e.g. Single or Multiple Subject, PPS, Librarian, Admin, CalStateTEACH)
- Certificate



Frequently Asked Questions: Financial Aid and Resources

- ❖ Do I qualify for Financial Aid for the RN-BSN Program?
 - ❖ Students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by deadline of March 2nd
 - ❖ Students are encouraged to apply for Scholarships through CSUB (www.csub.edu/finaid)
 - ❖ Department may offer scholarships and grants to current students if available



Questions?



Visit our Website: <https://www.csub.edu/nursing/Programs/RN-BSN/index.html>



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