

Progression/Failure Policy

A failing grade is a grade that is less than a “C” in a nursing course requirement. Eligible candidates to the nursing program must not earn less than a “C” on their first 2 attempts in a **prerequisite or cognate** course.

Prerequisites – must be taken before entering the program. A prerequisite is defined as any course that would meet a specific nursing requirement.

- A minimum of 3.0 GPA in the 8 nursing prerequisites
- A minimum of 3.0 GPA in the Sciences and Statistics prerequisite (Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Microbiology, Chemistry, and Statistics)
- The science and statistics prerequisites must be taken within the last 10 years
- Courses must be passed with a “C” or higher
- Progression/Failure policy applies

Cognates – may be taken before or during the program

- The 4 cognates are required for the BSN but is not factored into the GPA eligibility for admissions, but they are still needed to meet specific nursing requirements
- Courses must be passed with a “C” or higher
- Progression/Failure policy applies

Prerequisites (27-28 Units)		Cognates (12 Units)	
1. BIOL 2210 – Human Anatomy	4 Units	1. PSYC 1018 – Explorations of Psychology	3 Units
2. BIOL 2220 – Human Physiology	4 Units	2. BIOL 2240 – Principles of Nutrition	2 Units
3. BIOL 2230 – Microbiology	4 Units	3. NURS 2190 – Lifespan Development	3 Units
4. CHEM 1000/CHEM 1003 – Chemistry	3 or 4 Units	4. BIOL 3220 – Human Pathophysiology	4 Units
5. MATH 1209/PYSC 2018/SOC 2208 – Statistics	3 Units		
6. COMM 1008/THTR 1009 – Public Speaking	3 Units		
7. ENGL 1109 – Writing & Research	3 Units		
8. PHIL 1019/PHIL 2019/SOC 1018 – Critical Thinking	3 Units		

Repeats

- Per Executive Order 1037, undergraduate students may repeat a course only if less than a “C” was earned
- A maximum of **2 prerequisite courses can be repeated**, prerequisite courses can be repeated 1 time
- All cognate courses can be repeated 1 time
- The most recent grade for a repeated prerequisite course and cognate course will be taken into consideration (exceptions: Chemistry prerequisite)

Withdrawals

- Must not earn more than 19 semester units or 28 quarter units in all coursework. A complete withdrawal from one semester or quarter will not be counted. There is a 5-year forgiveness policy
- ‘W’ grades in prerequisite and cognate courses will not be counted as a repeat

Additional Admissions Criteria

- ATI TEAS (Assessment Technologies Institution – Tests of Essential Academic Skills)
 - A minimum of 72% is required for the ATI TEAS exam
 - A maximum of 2 attempted repeats are allowed in your lifetime for CSUB, the highest score will be considered
 - 14 days must pass from test dates to test dates for repeated attempts
 - No other version will be accepted other than TEAS VII
 - To prepare for the TEAS, you may purchase the student manual (7th edition) and practice assessments are available on their website (www.atitesting.com)
- Healthcare Experience
 - Current healthcare licensure and/or work experience (6 months of consecutive healthcare employment within the last 5 years with current licensure/certification). This must be paid experience, volunteer work will not be counted
- Interview
 - Students will answer interview questions on their supplemental nursing application, answers will be reviewed by faculty members to determine who will be conditionally accepted into the program

Advising Policy & Procedures

To ensure that students are progressing through their academic and nursing requirements to apply in a timely manner, students must:

- Meet with Pre-Health Advisor 1-2 times a year to monitor individual progress and plan for application
- Follow the 4-year Road Map or customized academic plan
- Complete at least 1-2 science prerequisites a semester
- When communicating via email, Pre-Health students must use their campus email accounts

Citizenship & Background Information

- Must be a U.S. Citizen, permanent resident, or provide AB 540 documentation for admissions to the BSN program
- Throughout the process of academic advising and pre-application planning process, student must inform the Pre-Health Advisor of any related incidences that appear or have been expunged from their backgrounds. This is to see that student can get placed in the required clinical setting(s). Additionally, the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) requires layers of background information to be reported for licensing
- Traffic violations of over \$1000 must also be reported

I understand that these policies are specific to CUSB pre-health nursing program eligibility requirements and that they may be different from that of other universities and other nursing programs. Admissions requirements may be subject to change at any time by the department. If at any point, the admissions requirements are unclear to me, I will consult directly with my Pre-Health Advisor or the Department of Nursing. Detailed admissions and policies can be found on the Pre-Licensure Nursing Handbook online on the Traditional BSN website.

Student signature: _____

Date: _____