

# MS IN NURSING

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### Academic Group: (College)

Health & Human Services

### Academic Organization: (Department)

Nursing

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### Individual(s) primarily responsible for drafting the proposed degree major program:

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**Type of Program Proposal:**

Major

**Program Change Type:**

Non-Substantive

**Delivery Format:**

Hybrid

**Title of the Program:**

MS in Nursing

**Designation: (degree terminology)**

Master of Science

**Briefly describe the program proposal (new or change) and provide a justification:**

General clean-up of narrative. Qualify hybrid the add "mostly online". Correct School contact person. Add regionally accredited program to distinguish from a program accredited by a nursing body. Add information about number of quarter units for admission. Add requirement of professional recommendations. Delete need for, and reference to, automobile insurance.

**University Learning Goals**

**Graduate (Masters) Learning Goals:**

- Disciplinary knowledge
- Communication
- Critical thinking/analysis
- Information literacy
- Professionalism
- Intercultural/Global perspectives
- Research (optional)

**Program Learning Outcomes**

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**Learning Outcome**

1. (AACN Essential I) Synthesizes evidence from nursing and other academic disciplines\* to continually improve the delivery of nursing care across diverse settings.
  2. (AACN Essential II and III) Analyzes organizational and systems leadership skills to promote quality and safe healthcare.
  3. Designs a quality improvement and safety project within a healthcare system
  4. Integrates translational research concepts and evidence into diverse practice settings to improve healthcare outcomes
  5. Integrates meaningful data from nursing, computer, communication and information sciences to coordinate and improve care.
  6. Analyzes healthcare policy and advocate through the development process to improve health and healthcare
  7. Utilizes relationship centered leadership to build and sustain collaborative, inter-professional teams to coordinate care.
  8. Integrates clinical prevention and population health concepts in the design and delivery of health care
  9. Demonstrates advanced depth and breadth of nursing and related sciences, and integrates this knowledge into practice
- \*Academic disciplines: bio/ psychosocial fields, computer science, genetics, communication, public health, quality improvement, leadership and organizational sciences, lifespan
- \*Ethical principles – GSLO: Apply ethical principles in the management, coordination and development of health care.

**Will this program be required as part of a teaching credential program, a single subject, or multiple subject waiver program (e.g., Liberal Studies, Biology) or other school personnel preparation program (e.g., School of Nursing)?**

Yes

**For the Council for the Preparation of School Personnel (to be filled out with assistance of your department chair):**

**Does this program change impact your department's currently written Program Standards Document?**

No

**Common Standards: In what way does this course or program change impact the currently written Common Standards document? Please include any suggested language changes.**

no change to Standards

**Is this change in response to program or unit assessment activities?**

No

**Will this program introduce any new or changes to program assessments?**

No

**Catalog Description:**

**Total units required for the MS: 33**

## Program Description

The Master of Science in Nursing is traditionally designed to prepare registered nurses with baccalaureate degrees for advanced roles in nursing. The hybrid, mostly online curriculum (refer to the University's e-Learning policy (<http://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/fsd00010.htm>)) emphasizes the systematic study of professional nursing practice and preparation for educational and leadership roles. The program is designed for nurses who require graduate preparations to qualify for positions of greater responsibility and complexity.

Admission into programs leading to licensure, credentialing, or certification eligibility does not guarantee that students will obtain a license, credential, or certification. Licensure, credentialing, or certification requirements are set by agencies that are not controlled by or affiliated with the CSU and requirements can change at any time. For example, licensure, credentialing, or certification requirements can include evidence of the right to work in the United States (e.g., social security number or tax payer identification number) or successfully passing a criminal background check. Students are responsible for determining whether they can meet licensure, credentialing, or certification requirements. The CSU will not refund tuition, fees, or any associated costs, to students who determine subsequent to admission that they cannot meet licensure, credentialing, or certification requirements. Information concerning licensure, credentialing, or certification requirements are available from Teri Lyn Fretz, Administrative Analyst - Specialist, at 916/278-6714 or [fretz@csus.edu](mailto:fretz@csus.edu). Mailing address: 6000 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95819-6096. Physical address: 7667 Folsom Boulevard, Sacramento, CA 95826.

**Admission Requirements: Course prerequisites and other criteria for admission of students to the degree major program, and for their continuation in it.**

## Admission Requirements

To be considered for admission to the Master of Science in Nursing, applicants must:

- have a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from a regionally accredited institution, OR an RN from an accredited associate's degree program and a baccalaureate degree in a discipline related to nursing (see school website);
- have a GPA of 3.0 in the last 60 semester units, or 90 quarter units, of undergraduate nursing coursework;
- have an overall GPA of 3.0 (If the GPA requirement is unmet, the student may apply for conditional classification and demonstrate academic ability by enrolling in, and successfully passing with a "B" (83%) or better, NURS 209 and NURS 210 in one attempt);
- possess a current unencumbered RN license in California; and
- submit a statement of purpose that outlines the goals and objectives for the pursuit of graduate study.
- submit two professional letters of recommendations

## Professional Liability and Health Requirements

All students enrolled in clinical laboratory courses in the Master's program must pay the fee for the University professional liability insurance. Professional liability insurance is mandatory prior to beginning clinical experiences. The student admitted to the Master's program is required to have specified immunizations by the Student Health Service or a private physician prior to beginning nursing coursework. Drug and alcohol and background screening is required. Health insurance is required. Complete information on health requirements may be secured from the School of Nursing.

## Technology Competence

To be successful in the curriculum, students must be able to demonstrate competency in computer technology, such as word processing, use of the Internet, e-mail, and database searches.

## Admission Procedures

Prospective graduate students, including Sacramento State graduates, must file the following materials as a complete admission packet with the Office of Graduate Studies:

- an online application for admission;
- one set of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended, *other than Sacramento State*;
- submit a statement of purpose that outlines the goals and objectives for the pursuit of graduate study;
- submit two professional letters of recommendations.

*For more admissions information and application deadlines please visit the School of Nursing website (<http://www.csus.edu/gradstudies/>).*

Notice of the decision regarding admission will be mailed to the applicant after files are complete and reviewed. Students will be assigned a faculty advisor at the beginning of the school year.

## Minimum Units and Grade Requirement for the Degree

Units required for the MS: 33

Minimum Cumulative GPA: 3.0

### Advancement to Candidacy

Each student must file an application for Advancement to Candidacy, indicating a proposed program of graduate study. The procedure should begin as soon as the classified graduate student has:

- removed any deficiencies in admission requirements;
- completed at least 12 units in the graduate program, with a minimum 3.0 GPA; and
- taken the Writing Placement for Graduate Students (WPG) or taken a Graduate Writing Intensive (GWI) course in their discipline within the first two semesters of coursework at California State University, Sacramento or secured approval for a WPG waiver.

Advancement to Candidacy forms are available online at [www.csus.edu/gradstudies/forms](http://www.csus.edu/gradstudies/forms) (<http://www.csus.edu/gradstudies/forms/>), Office of Graduate Studies. The student fills out the form after planning a degree program in consultation with his/her advisor. The completed form is then returned to the Office of Graduate Studies for approval. Students may not register for the Culminating Requirement until they have advanced to candidacy.

As defined by policy <http://www.csus.edu/umannual/acadaff/fsm00010.htm>, a change in units constitutes a substantive change to the program. If your changes constitute a substantive change, please refer back to the "Program Change Type" field above to ensure that "Substantive" is selected.

**Program Requirements: (If new courses are being created as part of a new program, it will be useful to propose courses first.)**

## Program Requirements

Code	Title	Units
<b>Core Courses (15 Units)</b>		
NURS 209	Advanced Role Development in Nursing 	3
NURS 210	Research as the Foundation for Advanced Nursing	3
NURS 213	Seminar in Organizational and Systems Leadership	3
NURS 214	Educational Program Development in Nursing	3
NURS 215	Community Health Services and Policy	3
<b>Advanced Practice Role Preparation (15 Units)</b>		
Select one of the following areas:		15
<i>Advanced Clinical/Educator Role</i>		
NURS 230	Advanced Concepts in Pathophysiology	
NURS 231	Pharmacology for Advanced Practice	
NURS 232	Advanced Physical Assessment Across the Lifespan	
NURS 293	Practicum in Organizational and Systems Leadership	
NURS 294	Practicum in Educational Program Development in Nursing	
<i>School Nursing Role</i>		
NURS 213C	Seminar in Specialized Nursing Processes: School Nursing I	
NURS 213D	Seminar in Specialized Nursing Processes: School Nursing II	
NURS 232A	Advanced Physical Assessment: Infant, Child, Adolescent	
NURS 293D	Practicum in Specialized Nursing Processes: School Nursing	
<b>Culminating Requirement (3 Units)</b>		
NURS 500	Culminating Experience	3
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>33</b>

**For graduate programs, the number of declared undergraduate major and the degree production over the preceding years of the corresponding baccalaureate program:**

N/A - the declared UG major is a BSN.

### Fiscal Impact to Change an Existing Program

**Indicate programmatic or fiscal impact which this change will have on other academic units' programs, and describe the consultation that has occurred with affected units:**

n/a

**Provide a fiscal analysis of the proposed changes:**

none

**How will the above changes be accommodated within the department/College existing fiscal resources?**

n/a

**Will the proposed changes require additional resources?**

No

**What additional space, equipment, operating expenses, library, computer, or media resources, clerical/technical support, or other resources will be needed?**

n/a

**Estimate the cost and indicate how these resource needs will be accommodated:**

n/a

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