

San José State University
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MISSION STATEMENT

*Provide Innovative Education in the Art and Science
of Professional Nursing*

*While empowering our baccalaureate and masters graduates to be
socially and ethically responsible and knowledgeable clinicians, leaders,
and scholars who will meet the changing healthcare needs of a
diverse global community.*

The Nursing program at San José State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the California Board of Registered Nursing.

Master of Science Degree in Nursing:

Nurse Administrator, Nurse Educator, School Nurse Clinical Specialist

Post Master's in Nursing:

Nurse Educator, and School Nurse Credential*

◆◆General Information◆◆

The School of Nursing offers a 36-semester unit program which leads to the Master of Science degree in Nursing. A graduate of this program is prepared for advanced nursing practice with specialization in one of three roles: (a) nurse administrator, (b) nurse educator, (c) school nurse clinical specialist (*graduates of the School Nurse Clinical Specialist program meet the requirements for the California School Nurse Credential*).

The School of Nursing has two Post Master's Programs. The Post Master's School Nurse Credential-Only Program fulfills the requirements for the California School Nurse Credential. The Post Master's Nurse Educator Program is for those nurses with a Master of Science in Nursing.

Requirements for Admission:

Applicants must meet each of the following requirements to be eligible for admission to Classified Status. Applicants who have completed other curricula or who have deficiencies will be considered individually and may be eligible for admission to Conditionally Classified Status. Applicants who have deficiencies may be required to enroll in designated courses. Post Master's program applicants must have a MS in nursing and a current RN license. In addition, Post Master's program applicants must complete the School of Nursing application.

1. ***Admission to San José State University:*** Applicants to the Master of Science degree program apply directly to the University with the declared objective of "Master of Science, Nursing." Prospective students must apply online at <http://www.csumentor.edu/>. Applicants to the School Nurse Credential Post Master's program apply to the University with the declared objective of "Post Master's School Nurse Credential." The School Nurse Credential Code is "600." Send all transcripts to Graduate Studies.
2. Completion of the School of Nursing Application for Admission to the Master of Science degree in Nursing Program. This application is separate from the online application submitted to the University Graduate Studies. For MS candidates, the application should be sent to the Graduate Coordinator, School of Nursing. Post MS Credential candidates should send the application to the Graduate Coordinator and the application will be forwarded to the School Nurse School Nurse Program Coordinator (Dr. Canham), (408) 924-1323. The applicant should provide the following:
 - 2.1 A statement of professional goals which outlines the applicant's goals in seeking the degree/credential.
 - 2.2 A copy of her/his Resume.
 - 2.3 A completed health statement.

- 2.4 A completed immunization status record .
 - 2.5 Two references, one academic and one professional, including the School of Nursing reference form and a recommendation on letterhead.
 - 2.6 Official transcripts from **ALL** institutions attended (even if you did not get your degree).
 - 2.7 A copy of the Preliminary School Nurse Credential if the School Nursing Applicant has a Preliminary Credential.
 - 2.8 Copy of Public Health Nursing Certificate if applicant has one.
3. Completion of a baccalaureate program with a major in nursing, including a community health experience equivalent to that at SJSU, accredited by the National League of Nursing or CCNE. Applicants who have completed non-nursing baccalaureate programs and have an RN will be considered on an individual basis. One may be admitted with conditions. The conditions include successfully passing the following four courses with a B or better: NURS 127B (Community Nursing Theory), NURS 147B (Community Practicum), NURS 137 (Nursing Process), and NURS 128 (Nursing Research).
 4. A grade point average of 3.0 (B) in the last 60 units of the undergraduate program coursework. Applicants with a GPA below 3.0 will be evaluated on an individual basis and may be admitted on a conditional status.
 5. Evidence of knowledge and skills in the following areas:
 - 5.1 physical and psychosocial assessment skills developed to the level that the applicant can perform a complete history and physical exam on a well adult of either gender.
 - 5.2 introductory research course that has prepared the applicant to critique the usefulness of specific research studies to nursing practice.
 6. Completion of a statistics course which included an introduction to descriptive, probability, and inferential statistics. At SJSU, the course is Psych Stat 095. Statistics courses taken at another educational institution must be equivalent in content to Psych Stat 095. The internet address for articulation agreements and course equivalencies is: <http://artic.sjsu.edu>. Coursework must be within three years of admission date.
 7. Completion of Econ 1A or its equivalent.
 8. **Competency in Written English Requirement:** All graduate students are required to show competency in written English before enrolling in nursing courses. The student can meet this requirement by taking and passing the Writing Skills Test (WST) (a) With a waiver to be excused from HPRF 100W (the three unit upper division Writing Workshop Course), or (b) with a WST passing score which allows enrollment in HPRF 100W. Applicants who do not pass the exam will need additional lower division coursework in English composition, prior to enrolling in HPRF 100W. Information can be obtained by contacting the Department of Testing and Evaluation for information regarding the test dates, registration, and costs and at <http://www.sjsu.edu/testing> or (408)924-5980.

It is also the student's responsibility to provide the Graduate Coordinator with evidence of the passing scores from the WST for the School of Nursing files before enrollment in nursing courses.

8.1 Copy of WST Results if not a CSU graduate after 1983.

9. Validation of current licensure as a Registered Nurse in California (copy of current license).

Fees:

Graduate students in all options pay the regular University fees. There are lab fees for many of the courses. Students in the Administrator and the Educator options will pay regular fees for 14 units and Special Session fees (currently \$400/unit) for 22 units. Fees are described in the current SJSU Schedule of Classes.

Policies Affecting Master's Students and Graduation Requirements:

Current certification in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation, health insurance, and professional liability insurance are required before beginning each clinical practicum course. Background checks may also be required. FNP students need liability insurance that specifically covers FNP students.

Students are subject to the same School of Nursing progression policy and other policies and procedures as undergraduate students. Additional information about these policies can be found in the School of Nursing Student Handbook which is available for purchase at the A.S. Print Shop.

Use the San José State University Catalog for information regarding the various graduate student classifications, academic standards, descriptions of courses, and specific guidelines for the completion of the project or thesis. The catalog is accessible online at <http://info.sjsu.edu>.

Academic Planning:

Full-time and part-time patterns are available to all students. Most classes meet weekly at 4:30 p.m. Nursing core courses are offered at least one time each academic semester. All other nursing courses are offered on a rotating basis, if enrollment is adequate. Appointments and further information about the Master of Science can be obtained by calling the graduate coordinator at (408) 924-3144. You can purchase a SJSU catalog by calling the Spartan Bookstore at (408) 924-1800. The catalog is accessible on-line at <http://info.sjsu.edu>. The SJSU website is <http://www.sjsu.edu>. The School of Nursing graduate website is <http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/ms.htm>.

*Note: Please retain copies of all application documents prepared for and submitted to SJSU and/or SON.

*San José State University
School of Nursing Graduate Program
Spring 2008 Advising Dates*

Meetings are planned for nurses interested in the Master's degree who either have a baccalaureate in nursing or another discipline. No reservation is necessary. You are welcome whether you are simply "shopping" for a program or have already applied to SJSU.

The best parking is in the Seventh Street garage, located at Seventh and San Salvador Streets. The parking fee is \$8.00 in quarters or dollar bills. As you exit the garage on Seventh Street turn left and walk to the Event Center (fountain). Turn right next to the Event Center and walk along the new pedestrian mall with the Event Center building on your immediate left. The Health Building is a four-story building behind the Event Center.

Meeting Dates and Times

Date	Day	Time (PM)/	Room
February 27, 2008	Wednesday	2:00 – 4:00 PM	HB 401
March 13, 2008	Thursday	12:00 (noon) – 2:00 PM	IRC 302
April 23, 2008	Wednesday	2:00 PM – 4:00 PM	HB 401

A webcasted session of general advising is available at the website below. (*Note: You will need to have RealPlayer Basic installed on your computer in order to view the webcasted session.*)

www.sjsu.edu/nursing on click on Academic Program, M/S Nursing, Advising session webcast, and select Graduate program orientation .

◆◆MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING◆◆

OUTCOMES AND CURRICULUM DESIGN

Masters Outcomes

Incorporating systems theory concepts, ANA Social Policy Statement (1995), relevant ANA Standards of Care, AACN Essentials for Master's Education for Advanced Practice Nursing (1996), National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties (NONPF); and the California Board of Nursing, the master's nursing graduate will:

1. apply critical thinking and ethical decision-making including the use of the nursing and research processes;
2. provide theory and research-based culturally competent, safe therapeutic nursing interventions for clients in advanced nursing practice;
3. employ advanced interpersonal skills in professional relationships with clients, families/caregivers, and multidisciplinary health care team members;
4. support health promotion and disease prevention activities in developing and monitoring holistic plans of care for well and at-risk clients, considering access, quality and cost;
5. demonstrate the collaborative and leadership skills required in advanced nursing practice within a multidisciplinary and multicultural (community) health care context;
6. plan, implement, and evaluate advanced nursing practice that promotes and preserves health and healthy lifestyles of individual clients and aggregates;
7. plan, implement, and evaluate advanced therapeutic nursing practice in a rapidly changing, multicultural health care environment;
8. implement care management, including but not limited to case management, resource management, advocacy, and outcome evaluation;
9. employ information technology in advanced nursing practice to evaluate and improve health care delivery and outcomes;
10. actualize the advanced nursing practice role by incorporating professional standards, ethical guidelines, legal mandates, and professional activities.

Classified students are eligible to begin coursework required for the Master's degree. However, Conditionally Classified students may not be eligible for courses in their specialization area without the approval of the Graduate Coordinator. All Master's students are required to complete the 14 units of core courses (including three units for the thesis or special project). A Master's student chooses one of the available options and completes 22 units (within and outside the School of Nursing) required for all options. Completion of a thesis or special project is mandatory for all Master's options. **All course offerings are subject to change based on state funding and course enrollment.**

Core Courses:

NURS 200	Health Care Systems	3 units
NURS 202	Theoretical Foundations	2 units
NURS 204	Diverse Populations and Health Care	3 units
HPRF 295	Research Design	3 units
NURS 297	Master's Project/Thesis Seminar	1 unit
NURS 297/299	Master's Project/Thesis	2 units

Nurse Administrator Option: (* 22 units Special Sessions)

NURS 246	Modern Organizations & Health Care	3 units
NURS 236A	Nursing Admin Concepts & Theories Practicum I	3 units
NURS 236B	Nursing Admin Concepts & Theories Practicum II	4 units
NURS 266	Health Care Informatics	3 units
BUS 220	Accounting Principles	3 units
BUS 285	Total Quality Management	3 units
BUS 286	Project Management	3 units

*Nurse Educator Option: (22 units Special Sessions)

NURS 212	Curriculum Design	3 units
NURS 214	Nursing Education, Theories & Practicum I	5 units
NURS 208	Special Topics	3 units
NURS 216	Nursing Education, Theories & Practicum II	5 units
NURS 266	Health Care Informatics	3 units
EDIT 186 or 272		3 units

Master

School Nurse Clinical Specialist (CNS) Option:

Completion of the prerequisite/concurrent first year requirements for the California School Audiometrist Certificate is required for all school nurse credential students.

NURS 206**	Advanced Health Assessment: CNS	3 units
NURS 270	School Nursing Pathophysiology and Pharmacology	3 units
NURS 272	School Nursing I: Clinical Nurse Specialist	5 units
NURS 274	School Nursing II: Clinical Nurse Specialist	5 units
Electives as specified below		6 units

***Validation of knowledge and skills in physical and psychosocial assessment with specific populations at risk required prior to enrollment in NURS 206 or 248. Validation is demonstrated by completion of a Bachelor's level Health Assessment class within the last 3 years or as evaluated by the Advanced Health Assessment Instructor.*

SUPPORTIVE COURSES OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

One course from the following four courses:

EdSe 101	Introduction to Exceptional Individuals	3 units
<u>or</u> EdSe 107	Introduction to Learning Handicaps	3 units
<u>or</u> EdSe 235	Special Services for Students with Severe Disabilities	3 units
<u>or</u> EdSe 192	Mainstreaming the Exceptional Pupil	3 units

One course from the following three courses:

EdCo 215	Introduction to Counseling and Guidance	3 units
<u>or</u> EdSe 228	Collaboration and Consultation in Special Education	3 units
<u>or</u> EdCo 244G	Seminar in Cultural Perspectives in Counseling	3 units

Prerequisite or concurrent courses necessary to obtain the California School Audiometrist Certificate, completed during the first year of study:

EDAU 115	Introductory Hearing Science	3 units
<u>and</u> EDAU 170	Audiology	3 units
<u>or</u>	Courses offered by Continuing Education at SJSU, Sacramento, San Bernardino, Fresno, CSU Chico (through CSUC's School of Nursing), CSU San Diego, or at The University of Pacific that satisfy requirements to obtain the California School Audiometrist Certificate.	60 ceu's or 3-4 units

◆◆POST MASTER'S IN NURSING◆◆ CURRICULUM DESIGN

School Nurse Credential

The Post Master's School Nurse Credential only program (SNCP) is a 33 unit program leading to the California School Nurse Credential. Students in this option complete 11 units of core courses and 22 units of functional option courses. (It does not lead to a university degree; units can be applied to the SJSU M.S.). Applicants to the Post Master's SNCP must meet all admission and health requirements. A prerequisite or first year concurrent enrollment requirement is completion of courses necessary to obtain the CA School Audiometrist certificate.

The following courses are required for the School Nurse Credential:

NURS 200	Health Care Systems	3 units
NURS 202	Theoretical Foundations	2 units
NURS 204	Diverse Populations and Health Care	3 units
NURS 206**	Advanced Health Assessment: CNS	3 units
NURS 270	School Nursing Pathophysiology and Pharmacology	3 units
NURS 272	School Nursing I: Clinical Nurse Specialist	5 units
NURS 274	School Nursing II: Clinical Nurse Specialist	5 units
HPRF 295	Research Design	3 units

***Validation of knowledge and skills in physical and psychosocial assessment with specific populations at risk required prior to enrollment in NURS 206 or 248. Validation is demonstrated by completion of a Bachelor's level Health Assessment class within the last 3 years or as evaluated by the Advanced Health Assessment Instructor.*

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EdSe 101	Introduction to Exceptional Individuals	3 units
<u>or</u> EdSe 107	Introduction to Learning Handicaps	3 units
<u>or</u> EdSe 235	Special Services for Students with Severe Disabilities	3 units
<u>or</u> EdSe 192	Mainstreaming the Exceptional Pupil	3 units

One course from the following three courses:

EdCo 215	Introduction to Counseling and Guidance	3 units
<u>or</u> EdSe 228	Collaboration and Consultation in Special Education	3 units
<u>or</u> EdCo 244G	Seminar in Cultural Perspectives in Counseling	3 units

Prerequisites or concurrent first year courses necessary to obtain the California School

Audiometrist Certificate:

EDAU 115	Introductory Hearing Science	3 units
<u>and</u> EDAU 170	Audiology	3 units
<u>or</u> Courses offered by Continuing Education at SJSU, Sacramento, San Bernardino, Fresno, CSU Chico (through CSUC's School of Nursing), CSU San Diego, or at The University of Pacific that satisfy requirements to obtain the California School Audiometrist Certificate.		60 ceu's or 3-4 units

NOTE: After the SNCP coordinator's evaluation of courses previously completed for the Master's degree, some previous equivalent coursework may be substituted for SJSU courses.

for 1 year in any of the 5 SF Bay Area Counties (Alameda, Marin, Santa Clara, San Francisco or San Mateo), in a RN program (BS, ADN, or a combination of types) after Certificate completion. All students are required to sign a contract agreeing to the terms of the project.

Postmaster's Nurse Educator Certificate 9-12 units of the following:

NURS 212	Curriculum Design	3 units
NURS 214	Nursing Education Theories & Practicum I	5 units
EDIT 186 or EDIT 272		3 units

SCHOOL OF NURSING VISION STATEMENT

Providing excellence in Nursing Education through Innovation and Creativity to serve the needs of Diverse Communities