

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 School of Nursing (SON) at San José State University is nationally accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing.

Master of Science Degree in Nursing:

Nurse Administrator, Nurse Educator

Post Master's in Nursing:

Nurse Educator Certificate

◆◆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 two roles: (a) nurse administrator, (b) nurse educator.

The School of Nursing has one Post Master's Program. The Post Master's Nurse Educator Program is for those nurses with a Master of Science in Nursing and an interest in teaching.

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 active CA 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 send one copy of all transcripts to Graduate Assessment Evaluation Program.
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 GAPE Graduate Assessment and Program Evaluation . For MS candidates, the application should be sent to the Graduate Coordinator, School of Nursing. The applicant should provide the following:
 - 2.1 A statement of professional goals which outlines the applicant's goals in seeking the degree/and option.
 - 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 Copy of Public Health Nursing Certificate if applicant has one.
3. Validation of current licensure as a Registered Nurse in California (copy of current license)
4. 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).
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. Completion of a statistics course which included an introduction to descriptive, probability, and inferential statistics. At SJSU, the course is Stat 095. Statistics courses taken at another educational institution must be equivalent in content to 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.
8. Completion of Econ 1A Principles of Economics or its equivalent.
9. **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.

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

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 and health insurance are required before beginning each clinical practicum course. Background checks and Drug Screening may also be required.

Students are subject to the same School of Nursing progression policy and other policies (such as Safety 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 on different days at 4:30 p.m. Nursing core courses maybe offered at least one time each academic year. 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 to the SON.



*San José State University
School of Nursing Graduate Program
Fall 2009 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 (corner of San Carlos and 9th.)

Meeting Dates and Times

Date	Day	Time (PM)/	Room
November 4, 2009	Wednesday	11:00 am -12:30 pm	IRC 302

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 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), and the California Board of Registered 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 (may be substituted)	3 units
NURS 216	Nursing Education, Theories & Practicum II***	5 units
NURS 266	Health Care Informatics ***	3 units
EDUC 186 or	Using Instructional Media	3 units
EDUC 272	Information Management & Distance Learning Systems	3 units

*** *With Graduate coordinator Approval*

◆◆POST MASTER'S CERTIFICATE IN NURSE EDUCATOR OPTION◆◆

Postmaster's Nurse Educator Certificate 16 units of the following:

NURS 212	Curriculum Design	3 units
NURS 214	Nursing Education Theories & Practicum I	5 units
NURS 216	Nursing Education Theories & Practicum II	5 units
EDUC 186 or	Using Instructional Media	3 units
EDUC 272	Information Management & Distance Learning Systems	3 units