The Valley Foundation School of Nursing
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
RN to BSN Program

The Valley Foundation School of Nursing offers a program for a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing for students that have completed an Associate’s Degree Nursing program and already possess a valid California RN license, or will be eligible to take the NCLEX-RN exam by the end of the first semester of the program. Approximately 40 students are accepted fall and spring semester.

Program Overview

BS in Nursing Degree = 120 units
- 70 units transferred from community college
- 21 units SJSU nursing courses
- 9 units Advanced GE (SJSU Studies)
- 20 units for other community college courses based on transcript review

The program is completed in 3 semesters.

The first semester is referred to as the “Bridge” semester. Students will complete the following coursework during the Bridge semester:

- N 124-Nursing Theory II 3 units
- N 144- Clinical Nursing Application 2 units
- N 128-Evidence-Based Nursing Practice 2 units
- Advanced GE #1 (100W) 3 units

Total: 10 units

After completing the Bridge semester, students will join the other BSN students for the last two semesters.

Semester 5 Community Health:
- N 127B- Community Health Theory 2 units
- N 137- Professional Role Development V 2 units
- N 147B- Community Health Clinical 3 units
- Advanced GE #2 3 units

Total: 10 units

Semester 6 Leadership:
- N 138- Professional Role Development VI 3 units
- N 148A – Senior Preceptorship or Senior Project 4 units
- Advanced GE #3 3 units

Total: 10 units

Graduation:
You are eligible to graduate once you have completed the following:
- University graduation requirements
- Nursing major requirements
- Core general education
- Advanced GE
  - 3 advanced GE courses: one course from area R, V, Z (one of these courses is 100W)
  - Passing WST is required to enroll in advanced GE courses
In order to be considered for the RN to BSN program, students must complete two online applications

- University application on [calstate.edu/apply](http://calstate.edu/apply) *(If not currently a student at SJSU)*
- Nursing application on [NursingCAS](http://NursingCAS)

The university application typically opens before the nursing application.

**Please check the university’s website for current deadlines and information on the university application:** [http://www.sjsu.edu/admissions/](http://www.sjsu.edu/admissions/)

Below is the application timeline with approximate dates and deadlines:

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The Nursing Application is completed online through [https://www.NursingCas.org/](https://www.nursingcas.org/).
More information and the link can be found on the Nursing website: [http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/Programs/RN_BSN/index.html](http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/Programs/RN_BSN/index.html)

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**UNIVERSITY APPLICATION:**

The university application is completed online on the CalState Apply [website](http://www.sjsu.edu/admissions/).

Please select the major: PRE-NURSING, UNDECLARED.

After students have submitted the university application, the admissions department will contact students to complete the application process.

**Former SJSU students that are re-applying must also complete the [FORMER STUDENT RETURNING form](http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/Programs/RN_BSN/index.html) which needs to be signed by the RN to BSN advisor.

This is due at the same time as the university application.

For more information, please visit the [website](http://www.sjsu.edu/admissions/).

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Eligibility Requirements:

- Associate’s Degree in Nursing
- Valid California RN License, or eligible to take the NCLEX-RN by the end of the first semester
- Students must meet the university requirements and be accepted by San Jose State as a student
- All college coursework minimum GPA 2.75
- Students must have received a ‘C’ minimum in all prerequisite nursing courses
- Completion of all transfer requirements (Please see a GE counselor at your school for transfer planning)
  - Public Speaking
  - Critical Thinking
  - Statistics
  - Chemistry (any chemistry course will satisfy this requirement)

The university requires that the four basic skills courses and 60 transferable semester units (90 quarter units) must be completed by the end of the spring term to be eligible for admission to the fall term. To be eligible for spring admission, you must meet all admission requirements by the end of the summer term. You must earn a “C-” or higher grade in each basic skills course.

Students can review articulation agreements and SJSU catalog information on the university’s articulation website.

Writing Skills Test (WST):

The WST is required for enrollment in the university’s upper division (Advanced) GE courses, called “SJSU Studies”. WST passing results are strongly recommended before applying to nursing. Students who have a bachelor’s degree in another field are exempt from the WST requirement. Test results may take 6 weeks to be posted. For this reason, students are advised to take the WST at least 4-5 months prior to applying. If enrolled at another CSU, and you have taken the equivalent of the WST there, please contact SJSU’s testing office directly for approval. Students can schedule the WST by visiting SJSU’s testing center website.

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**NursingCAS:**

The online vendor for the nursing application is NursingCAS. The application portal typically opens about 4-5 weeks prior to the deadline, please visit the nursing website for actual dates and deadlines.

**Students must send official sealed transcripts to NursingCAS directly.** All transcripts are requested by the student to be sent to NursingCAS to the address below, including SJSU coursework. Transcripts must be requested by the application deadline. Students must monitor their NursingCAS application to ensure that all transcripts have been received. As long as the transcripts were requested by the deadline, it is acceptable if the transcripts are received by NursingCAS passed the deadline.

Please follow the instructions listed on the NursingCAS website on how to send transcripts.

NursingCAS  
P.O. Box 9201  
Watertown, MA 02471

If provisionally accepted to the program, students are required to submit passing background and drug clearances (NOTE: These are drug screening requirements that are consistent with the California Board of Nursing guidelines for safe nursing practices). Students will be expected to meet this requirement only after they have been provisionally accepted to the program.

**It is also recommended that interested students attend**  
PROSPECTIVE STUDENT GROUP ADVISING  
to learn about the program and the application process from the Advanced Placement Coordinator. Dates and times of group advising are available on the website.

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San Jose, CA 95192-0057

**Main Campus:** [http://www.sjsu.edu/](http://www.sjsu.edu/) (408) 924-1000  
**Admissions:** [http://www.sjsu.edu/admissions/](http://www.sjsu.edu/admissions/) (408) 283-7500  
**Articulation:** [http://transfer.sjsu.edu/](http://transfer.sjsu.edu/) (under School-to-School)  
**Tuition and Fees:** [http://www.sjsu.edu/bursar/](http://www.sjsu.edu/bursar/)  
**WST Test Information:** [http://testing.sjsu.edu/wst/](http://testing.sjsu.edu/wst/)

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