SAN JOSÉ STATE UNIVERSITY
Bachelor of Science, Nursing – General Information

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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.

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This information is an addendum to the San José State University (SJSU) Catalog, available at the Spartan Bookstore or accessible by computer at http://info.sjsu.edu or www.sjsu.edu

The School of Nursing offers a program for a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing. Based on available resources, students begin the program each semester. The program prepares the individual for professional nursing practice in a variety of institutional and community settings and also for continuing education and graduate study. Extended campus facilities include a wide variety of community health care agencies for clinical experience. Students must provide their own transportation to these extended campus facilities.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and by the California State Board of Registered Nursing. Graduates are eligible to take the registered nurse licensure examination (NCLEX-RN).

The School of Nursing application deadlines are different from those for applying to the University; The University application is usually done 9 months -1 year prior to coming to SJSU- go to http://info.sjsu.edu/home/admission.html or www.csumentor.edu. University deadlines are usually October & November, for the following Fall semester, and only in August for Spring deadlines. (The Univ. is now accepting persons with a Baccalaureate degree already.)

The Nursing major application is separate & deadlines for the School of Nursing to RECEIVE materials are as follows: For Fall admission to the NURSING Major, submit by March 15. For Spring School of Nursing admission, submit by October 1. (See exceptions for March 15th deadline for quarter systems ending by March 30th). If either of these dates falls on a weekend, the deadline will be the Monday after that due date. Items should be mailed 3-4 days prior to this date (preferably registered)

Important Note *** Students cannot enroll in any courses in the NURSING major, until they have been accepted by the major. There is a monthly 2-hour group advising session and no reservation is needed for anyone interested.

University Admission
University advisement days are held several times during the year. Check SJSU publications, such as the Schedule of Classes, for dates. For information about general education (GE) requirements, contact the advisers in the Student Resource Center located at Student Services Center (408-283-7500). Detailed information about San Jose State University requirements and services is available in the SJSU Catalog and in the Schedule of Classes booklet, both available for purchase at Spartan Bookstore or at www.sjsu.edu/ or http://info.sjsu.edu (for catalogue). All students apply directly (online) to the San José State University's Office of Admissions and Records for admission. Due to pre-nursing impaction status, students apply and decisions of applications will be determined based on a minimum eligibility index for Freshmen and based on a GPA for transfer students. Minimum cutoffs are listed on the University’s web pages and do not imply acceptance. If not selected for the pre-nursing designation, students may be invited to attend the University but as an undeclared “major. Departmental decisions guiding change of major forms are screened biannually. Freshmen must have at least 2 full semesters of grades before submitting a change of major form to the School of Nursing. For questions concerning admissions related to residency, type in the search box “ RED Impacted majors”.

Where do I get an application for the University?
Students must apply on line to the University at www.csumentor.edu.

Will my courses be accepted?
Information about equivalency of courses for nursing prerequisite courses: go to: http://artic.sjsu.edu. Course pre-requisite substitution forms for nursing are available on the School of Nursing web page (under forms). If these are mailed, rather than
hand-delivered, must enclose a stamped envelope, sufficient to cover the return postage [Otherwise allow 2 weeks minimum & pick up @ HB 420].

**When is the University application due?** For entry into SJSU in the Fall semester, applications to the University (not for nursing) should be submitted during the previous year during the months of October/November. For entry into SJSU in the Spring semester, applications should be submitted during the previous month of August. However, with budget constraints, check the university web site ([www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu)).

**NOTE:** SJSU does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, pregnancy, age, disability, disabled veteran, or Vietnam veteran status. This policy applies to all SJSU programs and activities. For additional information contact: The Office of Equal Opportunity, Administration Building, Room 242, (408) 924-1115

**What if I am studying at another college?**

TRANSFER STUDENTS: Students may complete lower division prerequisites and general education requirements at other colleges and universities. Courses taken at another educational institution must be transferable to SJSU and **must be equivalent in content to those courses required by the major.** The Internet address for articulation agreements and course equivalencies is: [http://artic.sjsu.edu](http://artic.sjsu.edu). Courses not specifically listed as articulated may be submitted for consideration on a Prerequisite Course Substitution Form, listed under “forms” ([http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/docs/Prereq_Crs_Sub_Form_revised_04-11.pdf](http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/docs/Prereq_Crs_Sub_Form_revised_04-11.pdf)) with a **complete catalogue course description.** These may be mailed in at any time (with a **return self-addressed, stamped envelope** and will be returned to the student via mail with a decision regarding equivalency by the School of Nursing. A general education summary from admissions and records office should accompany the letter of acceptance into SJSU, if you are transferring into the University. This summary will provide notification of which courses have been successfully transferred and what general education requirements have been fulfilled by those courses. Due to the School’s impaction status, international students without a green card are not eligible to apply to the nursing major.

Where can I find out about required tests, such as the **Writing Skills Test (WST),** the **TEAS test,** the ELM or the **English Placement Test?**

Contact Testing and Evaluation, Student Services Center, [https://testing.sjsu.edu/](https://testing.sjsu.edu/) or call (408) 924-5980, for information about taking the following tests: Entry Level Math (ELM) Test, **Writing Skills Test (WST),** the **TEAS,** and **English Placement Test (EPT).** The WST is required (and thus, is not waived for nursing majors) to enroll in the university’s upper division (Advanced) GE courses. The upper division writing requirement for nursing (advanced GE) includes admission to HPRF 100W or Nurs 100W and is restricted to majors in health professions; nursing students may enroll after admission to the major and **satisfactory completion of the WST** (Note: final WST passing results must be recorded before applying to nursing). For this reason, the School of Nursing advises students take the WST at least 5 months prior to applying to the nursing program. Call the nursing department to find out if other CSU SJSU upper division GE writing courses are acceptable for the major, PRIOR to enrolling. The results for the WST are required to even apply to the major. Additional WST information and sample WST exam questions are listed on the WST web page.

**School of Nursing Major**

**Acceptance for entry into the School of Nursing under impaction**

The School of Nursing became impacted starting Spring, 2005. Impaction imposes supplemental criteria that all students must meet. They were last updated Nov. 2008. **Minimum criteria include:**

1. GPA in 30 most recent semester/quarter units: **minimum 3.0 GPA**
   a. All courses included must be at least 3 semester units or 4 semester units of academic credit. One and two semester unit courses and their quarter unit equivalents are excluded.
   b. A course that has been repeated to improve a grade is excluded. All courses included in the 30 semester units calculation must be taken for the first time.
2. GPA in composite of 5 prerequisite courses (Biol 65 (Anatomy) , Biol 66 (Physiology) , Micro 20, Eng 1A, and Statistics 95): **Minimum GPA is 2.75 in these 5 courses.**
3. Biol 65, Biol 66, and Micro 20 must be completed within 5 years of the application deadline for establishing eligibility and passed with a grade of C or better. Courses may be repeated only once to achieve a minimum C grade. The grades for these 3 courses will only include grades for those most recent 5 yrs. Other prerequisites must include both the first and second time taken, if the student had to repeat the course one time (show both grades on the application checklist).
4. Composite GPA for remaining 4 pre-requisites (Chem 30A, Chem 30B, Engl 1B and Communications 20 is also a 3.0 or above);

**NOTE:** All courses should be taken for a letter grade, however, if a course was inadvertently taken for a Credit/No credit option, it will be included in calculations as a “No Credit counting as C- grade” for the School of Nursing purposes.

No required pre-requisite courses for nursing may be “in progress”; Applications to Nursing must be completed with sealed transcripts showing completed courses. The WST results must be recorded as passing to apply.

**IMPACTION SCORE CALCULATIONS:** All scoring of the identified 5 prerequisites used for impaction calculations at SJSU’s School of Nursing will include the grade for the first time a course is taken and, if a course is taken again, the second time repeated course grade(s); these grades are all entered as part of the overall impaction prerequisite scoring system. They are considered discreet course grades (i.e., thus, not averaged). Additionally, these courses count as the SJSU equivalent unit...
dispersal, regardless of where the course was taken. Either the course has a published articulation agreement (http://artic.sjsu.edu) between SJSU and the accredited California University/College/Jr College or the student has received written prerequisite course substitution approval prior to submitting the application. Thus, the applicant’s scores are calculated as: a 4 unit BIO 65 Anatomy course; a 5 unit BIO 66 Physiology course; a 5 unit MICRO 20 Microbiology course; a 3 unit STAT 95 Statistics course, and a 3 unit English 1A course. None of the 9 required prerequisite courses may be repeated more than one time. Call SJSU’s Nursing advisor for further clarification, if needed.

**Beginning April 2009, students are limited to applying no more than 3 different times.**

**IMPACTION SCORING:** Students meeting the above minimum criteria will be ranked according to the following:

1. **GPA in 30 most recent graded semester units (or 45 quarter units).** All courses included must be at least 3 semester units or 4 quarter units of academic credit. One and two semester unit courses and their quarter unit equivalents are excluded. A course that has been repeated to improve a grade is excluded.

2. **GPA in composite of 5 prerequisite courses (Bio 65, Bio 66, Micro 20, Eng 1A, Stats 95).** For any of these courses that are repeated, the first and second grade will be included in the calculation. They cannot be repeated more than once.

3. **Score on Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).** Initially, the applicant goes to the ATI vendor web site (see below) and gets a paper and pencil identification number that they bring to the exam. As of Jan 2011, the School is using the 5.0 version of the TEAS. The TEAS is a composite score of the 4 areas tested: English, reading comprehension, mathematics, and basic science. It will be available through the SJSU Testing Center. Processes are in place. Refer to the hyperlink on School of Nursing Web Page for further information. There will be a fee (approximately $50). There is a minimum TEAS score of 68 on the 5.0 version and a minimum of 80 required on the 4.0 version of the TEAS (not allowed to take 4.0 after Dec 2011). It is highly recommended to improve your score by availing yourself of the “Study and Review Guide” that is available for purchase online at www.atitesting.com to assist in preparation for the TEAS. Test administration dates are usually offered every 2-3 months during the academic year, through the SJSU Bookstore web site, and are posted on the School of Nursing website as well (Note: Few exams are held between May and October at SJSU, but you may want to look at alternate local testing sites and pay a fee to take it there: http://www.testing.csueastbay.edu/ - click on nursing). At SJSU, please sign up on the SJSU testing website at least 5-6 weeks in advance to register and report to the designated room. Room(s) will be posted on exterior doors. Check the website frequently for updates. CHANGE: *Effective 2010: Students may repeat the TEAS test ONLY ONE TIME, if they wish to attempt an improved score. The highest score only will be used in computing your impaction score. Results are usually available on the TEAS website within 7 working days. Print off a copy of your TEAS results from the ATI web site and include with your application packet. You do not need to be a matriculated SJSU student to take this test, but you must have the identification number from ATI. Your TEAS score is divided by the dept., to use a score that is similar to a number of a GPA. If you are not a matriculated student, call the testing office listed on page 2 of this brochure, to find out how to register, since you have no SJSU student ID number. Teas 5.0 score is divided by 23 for calculating your impaction score for the TEAS.

**NEW CHANGE:** (Beginning the Spring 2010 applicant pool-the TEAS test may be repeated only one time- the highest of these first two scores will be used- regardless of which version).

→ **In order to join the applicant pool, students should do the following:**

- be accepted as a student in good standing at SJSU (GPA 3.0 or above)
- attend one of the monthly group advising sessions at least 9 months prior to applying to the nursing major
- declare pre-nursing as a major
- complete the prerequisites courses with a grade of C or better (These are noted later in this packet and on the Application checklist). A pre-requisite or co-requisite course may be repeated only once with a grade of C or better. Include the pre-signed accepted “prerequisite substitution forms” if they are not equivalent on the http://artic.sjsu.edu web site.
- Statistics 95 will act as a waiver for the Entry level math (ELM requirement). ALL PREREQUISITES MUST HAVE A FINAL LETTER GRADE to apply (none can be in progress)
- pass the WST or approved equivalent (Sign up 3-4 months ahead and allow 6-7 weeks minimum for results). - Note: Nursing majors are not allowed to waive the HPROF 100W course. WST results must be included in your application packet materials. The HPROF/NURS 100W course is not required to apply to the program, but must be completed within the first 2 semesters of the Major’s courses.
- complete/pass with prescribed minimum score for the TEAS test and submit the “individual performance profile” score to SJSU School of Nursing (only the first two times of the TEAS scores will be used for achieving your maximum score).
- submit a file with documentation of the above (application checklist is listed under “forms” on the nursing web site). Documentation of prerequisites must be by official unopened transcripts submitted to the School of Nursing. Transcripts submitted for admission to the University are not available to the School of Nursing. Please mail or hand-deliver a completed Self-Checklist, Documentation of your acceptance to SJSU, Applicant Checklist, sealed transcripts, Functional Competencies Form, TEAS test results, and applicable pre-approved Prerequisite Course Substitution form(s) which can be found on the School of Nursing website www.sjsu.edu/nursing, found under “forms”.

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• application and documentation deadline for entry in Fall semester is **March 15**. Those attending a QTR system school that ends by March 31st are eligible, but must submit application packet in early March (call adviser). Application and documentation deadline for entry in Spring semester is **October 1**. [Note: if these deadline dates fall on a Saturday or Sunday, they must be in to the office by Monday following that weekend].

• Due to the School of Nursing’s impacted status, admission priorities will be to California residents.

**SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS AS A PACKET**

General information about the nursing program is provided through group information sessions held monthly during the semester. The schedule of sessions is listed on the main School’s Web site (under “advising” on web page, www.sjsu.edu/nursing) or available by calling the School of Nursing at (408-924-3131). Candidates who are ready to submit their completed folder* should submit the packet of materials to the Undergraduate Coordinator:

1. Completed School of Nursing Applicant Checklist (under “forms” on web site) with the student’s check off cover page form completed by student applicant- applications accepted 1 month prior to due date
2. Documentation of acceptance into SJSU and Official SJSU Transcript
3. Documentation of a passing score on the SJSU Writing Skills Test (WST) exam.
4. Official transcripts of grades in all prerequisites courses (see below).
5. Copies of pre-signed off prerequisite course substitution forms for those courses that are not listed as equivalent on the SJSU articulation web page [http://artic.sjsu.edu](http://artic.sjsu.edu)
6. Documentation of the higher score on the first time, or if taken, the second TEAS test only (Test of Essential Academic Skills); scores subsequent to that cannot be used).
7. Completed Functional Competencies Form (see “forms” under nursing web site)
8. Documentation of California Residency (drivers license) & Passport/or Birth Certificate/or a Permanent Residency Card.
9. Complete KIN/HUP/CD 67 Human development course- eg., across the lifespan (or equivalent) **prior to or within 1 semester** of being admitted to the nursing major.

*Incomplete documentation should be held by the applicant until all prerequisites are graded and all materials are ready to submit.

**For Fall admission to the Major, submit by March 15th. For Spring admission, submit by October 1.**

Completed applications are submitted at the School of Nursing Office, Room 420, Health Building, marked to the attention of the Undergraduate Coordinator; If mailed, send certified/registered & mailed 4 days prior to deadline, to be received to the School by the deadline:

*SJSU - School of Nursing, Attn: Undergraduate Coordinator
One Washington Square -HB 420 ; San Jose, CA 95192-0057 (Include extended ZIP)

**GENERAL INFORMATION/ADVICEMENT GROUP MEETINGS**

You may come to any monthly General Group B.S. Information Advising Session to get more information about the School of Nursing( see web site for dates/times). **No appointment is needed (Parents, friends, others welcome).** **Group advising will start on time, so allow ½ to 1 hr. for parking.** Bring dollar bills for parking. Parking is usually available in either the 7th or 10 street garages (the first 3 weeks of school) however, it is very difficult to find any parking then).

**PREREQUISITES TO THE NURSING MAJOR**

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**As of the Oct 1st, 2007, the following courses are co-requisites and may be in progress at the time of the application submission. However, with the exception of CD 67, the remaining 3 courses must be completed within one year of admission to the nursing major (i.e., by the completion of Nursing’s Semester 2). CD 67 is done the first semester or before.

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HPRF 100W / NURS 100W Writing Workshops (or an approved alternative, listed as follows) must be completed prior to, or concurrent with, the first or second semester of courses in the Nursing Major. Approved alternatives are RECL 100W, BIOL 100W, PSYC 100W, KINES 100W, HRTM 100 W (Initially, some of these alternatives are reserved for those majors, until the class fills).

The asterisked (*) courses meet general education requirements. NOTE: Core GE, Area B, is satisfied by completing nursing laboratory science prerequisite courses (Pre-AGREEMENT with the Admissions & Records dept.).

AFTER ACCEPTANCE TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING

- Every student, with official acceptance to the School of Nursing, will be required to submit a Health Statement after examination by a Physician or Nurse Practitioner (found under “forms”) by the first day of the semester for which he/she has been accepted to begin the nursing major.

- Immunization requirements/titers are outlined on the School of Nursing web site (www.sjsu.edu/nursing). Health Requirements and background testing / Drug clearances are completed prior to beginning the nursing major (Semester 1 and Bridge SEM 6 students). Forms are available on the School’s web site. It is important for the student to begin the Hepatitis B vaccinations as soon as the student is notified of acceptance to Nursing. The SJSU student health office in the Health Bldg (second floor), offers reasonable fees (by appointment). Serum blood titers are required following most immunizations, to be in compliance for agency contracts. If functional competencies or the health status of a student change prior to admission to the major or during the program, they also must be resubmitted for clearance with the Undergraduate Coordinator.

- Newly accepted nursing students will be required to meet the requirements of the Student Background Checks (via only the vendor on SJSU Nursing web site) and the Drug Screening Policy/Procedure posted on the School of Nursing website (done @ SJSU).

- Students will be required to carry personal health insurance, be CPR-certified annually, and provide their own transportation to all clinical sites.

- A current issue of the Nursing Student’s Handbook is a required purchase for entering students. It may be purchased at the Associated Students Print Shop, under the Nurs 33/Nurs 124 courses, and is on the web site.

What if I am an RN already?

- RN ADVANCED PLACEMENT: There is an advanced placement option for California RNs with 60 transferable semester units of college credit. RNs must have a current California Nursing RN license. NOTE: This option does not follow the prelicensure course pattern. The School of Nursing also provides a mechanism to petition certain nursing courses for credit-by-examination (CBE) for RNs with course work in nursing from other accredited schools. NOTE: See the WEB site and the Bridge RN-to-BSN adviser.

- CBE processes must be completed within the first 2 weeks of the semester, and students must pay fees to enroll in those CBE courses. Please request information from the Advanced Placement RN-to-BSN Coordinator at the School of Nursing (408-924-3149, Dr. Deepika Goyal). There is separate advising for these students; interested parties should refer to that information packet and advising dates on the web site for the School of Nursing (www.sjsu.edu/nursing) or call 408-924-3131.

Nursing Curriculum
What will I study in the generic baccalaureate program for nursing majors?

Beginning Fall 2010, there was a curriculum revision. Currently, in the first semester of nursing, which is known as “semester 1”, courses taken include pathophysiology, pharmacology, nursing process, and nursing skills. The course pattern in the second semester (Semester 2) includes theory, process, clinical/practicum, and skills laboratory. Skills lecture/lab courses which are completed prior to Semester 3 (see sequence plan that follows). Once the student begins the nursing curriculum, the Student Handbook is purchased from the A.S. Printshop under the NURS 33 course /or NURS 124 Bridge course, or the web site, and is updated frequently. The Student Handbook for Nursing Students provides an explanation of the focus for each semester, as well as the safety policy and other student issues. Below is the sequence of nursing courses, once a student is admitted to the nursing major for the following semester (after Fall 2010 start).

Curriculum revision is an ongoing process. Future plans are to continue the 3-year program within the nursing major. General education courses may be taken in any order, but lower division courses are completed prior to entering the major. SJSU Nursing (NURS) courses will be taken in the order shown. [Below is the curriculum plan for students beginning as of Fall 2010 or after].

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Please note that every course in a semester must be completed with an initial grade of C (73%) or better before progression to any course in the next semester. Clinicals are graded as a credit/no credit option and grades also must be satisfactory to progress. (This is different, if repeating a course in the major that previously received less than a C grade). Any nursing course & prerequisite or co-requisite course may be repeated only once; However, other progression policies may override this guideline. Other specific criteria for progression and disqualification from the major are included in the Student Nursing Handbook, and under “policies” on the nursing web page. Prior to graduation, all students must complete all university lower division requirements, 12 units of advanced general education at San Jose State University only, and 2 units of Physical Education (see SJSU University catalogue). Students may go to my.sjsu.edu to review their degree progress report.

How do I keep myself in good standing as a student in the School of Nursing?

All students in the program must do all of the following:

1. Complete nursing courses in the prescribed sequence.
2. Maintain a minimum grade of a C or "credit" in each nursing course - exceptions to this policy may apply, as in repeated graded courses, and repeated clinicals, as outlined in the “Progression and Disqualification Policies” listed in the SJSU School of Nursing student nursing handbook. Electronic copies of policies are also available on the nursing web site. All prerequisite nursing courses must have an overall GPA of 2.75. The four nursing co-requisite courses may only be repeated once (if less than a C grade) and must have a letter grade of C or above.
3. Maintain current annual CPR certification.
4. Meet health requirements/immunizations/titers, and functional competencies, as specified by the School of Nursing and agencies used for clinical experience, and meet the requirements for drug and background checks. Malpractice Insurance is provided as a blanket CSU policy for all School of Nursing students.
5. Behave consistently with standards for professional nursing practice, including skills in oral, written, and therapeutic communication; accountability; ethics; and legal responsibility in actions with clients, their families, peers, and faculty (as outlined in the current version of the School of Nursing’s “Professional Practice and Safety Policy”) - purchased on admission, within the Student Nursing Handbook, and on the nursing web site.

6. Present documentation for California residency status (CA Driver’s license) and a U.S. Birth certificate or U.S. Passport or a green card indicating U.S. residency status.

7. Notify the School of Nursing in writing, if situations prevent you from attending classes for a specific semester; A policy for “leave of absences” specific to those already in the Nursing major is available in the current student handbook and the Nursing web site; Revisions are in progress and students will be updated as changes are made.

Are there any other fees or costs at the School of Nursing?

Yes. In addition to University tuition and fees (see schedule of classes under “fees”), there are additional fees for students enrolled in the three skills laboratory courses (vary from $120- $185/semester). Skills lab kits are purchased for all skills labs. Various vendor-offered SJSU School of Nursing, mandated examinations also will have fees (~$580, for ATI exams, divided over the entire 6 semesters). Further information will be accessed in the Nursing Student Handbook and on the School’s web site. Nursing students will have additional expenses for transportation (an automobile is needed for clinical practicum courses, once the student is enrolled in clinical courses), mandatory health insurance (~$1600/semester, if taken through Associated Students), uniforms, and other equipment. Costs include: immunizations ($190), Serum blood titers ($100); Drug clearance screening and background checks ($100); Senior level students in Community Health and Psych will not be able to carpool with fellow students but can arrange their own transportation in taxicabs, if they do not have access to a car. Buses for that level of student are not an option.

NOTE: The California Nursing Students Association (CNSA) has an office in the Health Building where some supplies are sold. Examples of other costs are CNSA/National dues - optional ($40-45/year), blood pressure cuff ($85), stethoscope ($85 & up), and bandage scissors ($7); prices are subject to change and are lower for CNSA members.

What is the approximate cost of textbooks needed for the 6 semesters of nursing courses?

University tuition and fees are listed on the main www.sjsu.edu website (www.sjsu.edu/bursar/fees). Beginning Semester 1 students incur extra expenses tied to uniforms, stethoscopes, BP cuffs, and a heavy textbook cost. The cost for required textbooks for the 6 semesters is approximately $2500-$2800, if purchased as new books. However, textbook prices do change so this cost is only approximate. Used texts are often available at the Spartan Bookstore on campus, and/or at Roberts Bookstore, @ 330 South 10th Street in San Jose (One block from campus).

Student Success Competency Testing Program

Additional fees will be assessed throughout the program for competency testing. The specifics are noted on the School of Nursing website, under ATI testing and the “fees” hyperlink (upper right on web page). These fees are approximately $130-$140/semester. Separate skills videos are part of the curriculum and purchased through the ATI vendor (~ $85 for whole set).

What about health insurance?

Students in practicum, skills, and physical assessment courses are required to have immunizations and health insurance. SJSU students may purchase health insurance through Associated Students (office in the Student Union- second floor). Health insurance must cover emergency admission/s to a hospital.

How can I find out about housing? For information concerning residence halls or other housing, contact the: Housing Office, Student Services Division (see main www.sjsu.edu web page)

What about scholarships?

Information regarding scholarships, grants and loans is available through the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office, Student Services Center, SJSU, San José, CA 95192-0036, (408) 924-6100, http://scholarships.sjsu.edu/index.html. Students should always consider completion of a FAFSA form in early Spring, to be eligible for any University administered scholarships. A few small scholarships and emergency loans are available through the School of Nursing; see Student Handbook for criteria. This information is available through the School of Nursing’s Retention and Recruitment Coordinator.

Where do I get the course catalog?

For detailed information about University services and requirements, go online to www.sjsu.edu, or purchase a SJSU Catalog and a Schedule of Classes booklet from the Spartan Bookstore, SJSU, San José, CA 95192-0148, (408) 924-1800 or go to www.sjsu.edu or http://info.sjsu.edu for catalog and schedule of classes.

What web sites can I check for more information?

You can explore SJSU at: www.sjsu.edu. Admission status is at http://info.sjsu.edu/home/admission.html. Catalog information is at http://info.sjsu.edu. University forms are found on the website: www.sjsu.edu/registrar. Tuition for the year that you are applying is also at the SJSU catalog web site. These university fees and costs are subject to change over the program.

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