The Valley Foundation School of Nursing offers a program for a Bachelors of Science degree in nursing. Students are accepted to the nursing major for the Spring and Fall semesters. 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. The program has also integrated extensive simulation for an enhanced learning 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) at the completion of the SJSU curriculum.

Transfer Students:
Students may complete lower division prerequisites and general education requirements at other colleges and universities. Due to the nursing program’s current impaction status, international students without a green card are not eligible to apply to the nursing major (exception to this would be the AB 540 students).

Articulation: Courses taken at another educational institution must be transferable to SJSU and must be equivalent in content to those courses required by the major. Articulation agreements and course equivalencies between SJSU and other colleges in California are displayed at http://artic.sjsu.edu, look under “school to school”. Courses not specifically listed as articulated may be submitted to the nursing program using a “Prerequisite Course Substitution Form” and a catalog description uploaded to an online email listed. This form can be found at http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing under the Forms tab. This form is submitted at any time during academic year, prior to finals. Upon acceptance or denial of articulation, the form is emailed back to the student (for upload into the online application. This process generally takes 2-3 weeks. Do not wait until the last moment to do this. Again, any course taken that does not appear on artic.sjsu.edu as being already articulated, must have Nursing’s signed off pre-requisite forms completed, before applying.

Writing Skills Test (WST): allow 3 months prior to applying to Nursing for results to be returned & applying to Nursing.
Contact Testing and Evaluation, http://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 test, and English Placement Test (EPT). The WST is required for enrollment in the university’s upper division (Advanced) GE courses, called “SJSU studies”. 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 in specific designated 100W courses (see co-requisites), after admission to the major and satisfactory completion of the WST (Note: WST passing results must be recorded before applying to nursing). For this reason, the School of Nursing advises that students take the WST at least 5 months prior to applying to the nursing program. Test results may take 6 weeks for results to get posted. If enrolled at another CSU, and you have taken the equivalent of the WST exam there, contact SJSU’s testing office directly.
Admission to the Nursing Major: Students may only apply 2 times maximum.
The Valley Foundation School of Nursing became impacted starting Spring 2005. Impaction imposes supplemental criteria that all students must meet. The impaction criteria have changed from in the past, so PLEASE read this section closely. These changes have received the final CSU Chancellor's approval.

Minimum criteria include:
- Passing Background and drug clearances
- A composite of minimum GPA for 5 prerequisite courses (Biol 65 (Anatomy), Biol 66 (Physiology), Micro 20, Eng 1A, and Statistics 95): Minimum GPA is 3.0 in these 5 courses.

NO course may be repeated, unless for academic forgiveness at the same school you received a C- or below the first time.

1. 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 for academic forgiveness (or recency requirements only) to achieve a minimum C grade. The grades for these specific 3 courses will only include grades from the recent 5 years.
2. Supplemental criteria: Composite minimum GPA for remaining the 3 pre-requisites: Chem 30A, Communications 20, and an Area A-3, Critical Thinking Course (i.e., courses listed below, under item 4 of this section below are acceptable, as is any critical thinking course in A3 of SJSU’s schedule of classes) and the GPA for those 4 courses must be 3.0 or above. Suggested courses for critical thinking from GE-area A3 are as follows, and we will include the first of these courses you took only for calculations: (e.g., ENGL 1B COMPOSITION 2 or COMM 041 Critical Decision Making (or) ENGL 007 Critical Thinking (or) PHIL 057 Logic and Reasoning)

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; these grades are all entered as part of the overall impaction prerequisite scoring system. They are considered discreet course grades, but are weighted as a GPA (i.e., thus, not averaged). Additionally, these courses count as the SJSU equivalent unit disbursement, 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/Community College or the student has received online prerequisite course substitution approval prior to submitting the application (see page 1). 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 8 required prerequisite courses may be repeated, if the initial grade received is a C or better. Call SJSU’s Nursing Advisor for further clarification, if needed. The tie impaction cut score(s) for that last spot, in applicant pools for TVFSN (for deciding the last one spot of who gets in or not) will be broken with the individual having the highest GPA for the supplemental criteria required by the School (i.e., GPA for Comm 20; Chem 30 A; and Area A 3 (or English 1 B course, if they petition to use this one, due to changes this past yr. in changing impaction criteria); If those supplemental scores are also tied for that last spot, then we will use the overall University GPA from those who tied on the supplemental…No prerequisite course may be “in progress”. None of the 8 required prerequisite courses may be repeated if the initial grade received is a C or better. Email SJSU’s Nursing Advisor for further clarification, if needed.

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

1. GPA in composite of 5 prerequisite courses (Bio 65, Bio 66, Micro 20, Eng 1A, Stats 95). They cannot be repeated (unless for academic forgiveness) or if one or more of the 3 sciences have expired for the 5-year recency requirement stated above, under item 2 of admission criteria, AND the
2. Score on Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS). Initially, the applicant goes to the ATI website (see below) and gets a paper and pencil identification number that they bring to the exam. You may take the TEAS test in other approved non-SJSU sites, after making arrangements with those sites. The School of Nursing is using only the 5.0 version of the TEAS exam. The TEAS exam results are cited as a composite score of the 4 areas tested: English, reading comprehension, mathematics, and basic science. It will be available through the SJSU Testing Center (http://testing.sjsu.edu). 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 75 on the 5.0 or 6.0 version (we take this version or version 6). The TEAS test may be repeated only one time, regardless of version. The highest score will be used in the impaction scoring. To sign up for the TEAS exam, please see the SJSU Testing website at http://testing.sjsu.edu/teas/. An optional “Study and Review Guide” is available for purchase at www.atitesting.com to assist in preparation for the TEAS. 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 for uploading with your application. You do not need to be a matriculated SJSU student to take this test, but you must have the identification number from ATI. For impaction scoring purposes, your TEAS score is divided by nursing, to use a score that is similar to a GPA. For impaction calculations, your TEAS 5.0 or 6.0 score is divided by 30 (effective March 2016) to create a score to be included in the final “Impaction” score. Version 6.0 Teas will begin after Aug. 31, 2016.

- Background and Drug clearances are part of the admission eligibility.

PREPARING FOR THE APPLICANT POOL

- Be accepted or in have an application to SJSU in progress, as a student in good standing at SJSU (GPA 3.0 or above)
- Ideally (though not mandated) attend one of the monthly group advising sessions at least 6-9 months prior to applying to the nursing major
- Declare “undeclared pre-nursing” or “undeclared” as a major

NOTE: All courses should be taken for a letter grade. AP courses in English and Stats will be allowed.
• Complete all prerequisites courses with a grade of C or better. All co-requisite courses must have a final grade of C or better. Submit a Prerequisite Course Substitution form for any course that is not equivalent as per http://artic.sjsu.edu. This form and attached catalog description is emailed to the address on the form.

• Pass the WST (Writing Skills Test) at SJSU or approved equivalent. Remember to sign up 3-4 months ahead to take this exam and allow 4-7 weeks minimum for results. A passing score on the WST exam (and completion of, or waiver for, 60 units lower GE) will allow you to register for the required nursing co-requisite HPROF/NURS 100W course. This course must be completed prior to or within the first 2 semesters of the nursing program (see page 4).

• Pass the TEAS exam with a score of 75 on versions 5.0 or 6.0. You may repeat the test only one time. The highest score will be used for impaction scoring.

• Several weeks in advance of applying, see following section about transcripts. The online vendor for our applications beginning Fall 2016 applicants, is NursingCAS, and the vendor provides you an address for the University/college to have official, sealed, unopened transcripts, to be sent to them - to verify all coursework, including SJSU. Transcripts submitted as part of the admission process for the University will not be sufficient. Mailing transcripts directly to the School of Nursing is NO longer done.

• Verify that your Driver’s license United States passport, United States birth certificate, or Permanent Residency Cards are current and have not expired. These documents will be required for uploading to your NursingCAS web site docs. Those AB 540 “Dream Act” students should meet with the nursing adviser in person to verify all coursework, including SJSU. Transcripts submitted as part of the admission process for the University will not be sufficient. Mailing transcripts directly to the School of Nursing is NO longer done.

• All students not already attending SJSU must apply to csumentor.edu as well (see page 1). Application and documentation deadline for Nursing entry in Spring semester is February 15. Those attending a quarter system school that ends by March 31st are eligible, but must submit application packet in early March (call nursing adviser for clarification). Application and documentation deadline for entry in Spring semester is September 15. [Note the Univ. has not been accepting Spring transfer students for the past 3 years due to enrollment management concerns.]

• Applications to the Nursing Major, submit to NursingCAS no more than 5-7 weeks prior to February 15. For Spring admissions, submit to NursingCAS no more than 5-7 weeks prior to September 15. Make sure prior intercession/summer session grades will be included at your school where taken.

SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION MATERIALS  (SEE INFORMATION on our web page!)

1. Directions about Transcripts (Again, wait until the prior semester is over for a few weeks, so grades have a chance to post). Important! Official transcripts from each college attended (even if you are currently enrolled at San José State University) must be mailed directly to NursingCAS from each college registrar's office. In order to expedite the processing, be sure to include the Transcript Request Form, which will be available once you’ve added the college you attended. Ask that each college send the official transcripts to the address below. NursingCAS will not process transcripts stamped with “Issued to Student.” Important! Be sure to check with the registrar that all “in progress” courses will be included on the transcripts. ALLOW 4-6 WEEKS FOR TRANSCRIPT PROCESSING TIME.

Mailing Address
NursingCAS
P.O. Box 9201
Watertown, MA 02471

2. Completion of all requirements, with minimum scores/grades.
3. You must have applied to SJSU - [either this is “in progress”, or you have ongoing enrollment at SJSU].
4. (This will be uploaded to NursingCAS): Documentation of a passing score on the SJSU Writing Skills Test (WST) exam - see page 1 of this packet and advising slides.
5. AP score results (if applicable).
6. Copies of approved electronic SIGNED prerequisite course substitution forms, if any were required.
7. Documentation of your highest of two TEAS exam scores only. No additional scores will be considered.
8. Completed Functional Competencies Form (see www.sjsu.edu/nursing/forms), which will be uploaded.
9. (Note: These also will be uploaded into NursingCAS: Copies of current California driver’s license and one of the following: U.S. passport or birth certificate, or permanent residency card. If your documentation is set to expire, please submit an updated copy to NursingCAS as soon as available. Those dream act students under AB 540 will need to get a notarized statement (see Undergraduate Coordinator’s email).)
10. Background check information is being currently revisited. (Check the web site for current information). It is anticipated that completion of a background clearance within 2 weeks of acceptance to nursing? Do not start this process until directed to do so. It must be completed only using School- approved vendor – See Nursing’s web site under “policies”.

For Fall admission to the Nursing Major, submit to NursingCAS no more than 5-7 weeks prior to February 15. For Spring admissions, submit to NursingCAS no more than 5-7 weeks prior to September 15. Make sure prior intercession/summer session grades will be included at your school where taken.
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 www.sjsu.edu/nursing for dates/times). There is no fee. No appointment is needed (Parents, friends, and others are welcome). Group advising will start on time, so allow ½ to 1 hr. for parking and walking to the location. Parking is usually available in either the 7th or 10th street garages.

PREREQUISITES TO THE NURSING MAJOR (There is a 5-year plan on the School's web site for all courses required)

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The asterisked (*) courses on the applicant checklist 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.).

Acceptance to the School of Nursing

- **Clearance of the Background Check and Drug Screening.** All students must complete both processes.
- Background check information (Check the web site for current information). It is anticipated that completion of a background clearance will be required within 2 weeks of receiving acceptance to the School of Nursing (SHOULD NOT BE DONE PRIOR to this). It must be completed only using School-approved vendor—See Nursing’s web site under “policies”. Your acceptance into the nursing program is conditional until you have completed and cleared the background check, as one of several requirements.
- The “Drug Clearance” process is completed once you receive a letter from the School of Nursing regarding your status (concerning “Conditional or Provisional” admission). Your acceptance into the nursing program is conditional until you have completed and cleared the Drug Screening, and the Health Statement clearance process.
- The procedure for each of the above, is posted on the School of Nursing website, under “Policies”. The drug screening is always done by the SJSU Student Health Center. However, you must wait to do this until you are a currently enrolled student at SJSU. Results from these screenings will be provided to the School of Nursing. If you need to make the School aware of an issue with regard to these checks and screenings, please contact the office 408-924-3131 for an appointment with the Director/designee.
- **Order HESI exams/resources** (You will get further direction in writing about this process from the School). You should receive information in your acceptance packet that will assist you with this task. Remember, these online resources are separate from the books you will also need to purchase.
- **Follow the Immunization requirements/riters** as outlined on the School of Nursing website. It is important to begin the Hepatitis B vaccinations upon notification of acceptance to Nursing. The SJSU Student Health Center, in the Health Building, offers reasonable fees (by appointment for enrolled students). Once accepted to Nursing, you will receive specific guidelines on what immunizations are due, and by when. Please do not get these until you receive these guidelines. Serum blood titers are required following most immunizations, to be in compliance for agency contracts. The health coordinator will provide information for where to upload these results (on our web site)
- **Verify functional competencies compliance and health status.** Any change in health and/or medications, with respect to functional competencies, must be resubmitted for clearance to the Undergraduate Coordinator. This is a requirement during all aspects of application, and/or admission into the program, and while in the program.
- **Check www.mysjsu.edu for updates and messages regarding your status with the University.** Many important messages that require immediate attention are only sent via my.sjsu.edu. Keep yourself informed!
- **Once you are accepted into Nursing,** you will receive further guidelines on how to obtain personal health insurance, be CPR-certified (annual requirement); You should be aware that you must secure reliable personal transportation to all clinical sites. Additional information is listed on the SJSU Nursing website.
• Secure a current issue of the Nursing Student’s Handbook on the School’s web site, under policies. This is a required information for entering regular and Bridge RN-to-BSN students in the Nursing major. It may be purchased at the Associated Students Print Shop, under the NURS 33 and NURS 124 courses, and is also listed on the website for download.

What if I am an RN already?
Please contact (408)-924-3131 and ask for the Advanced Placement Coordinator for more information: Email Dr. Goyal at deepika.goyal@sjsu.edu).

Nursing Curriculum
What will I study in the generic baccalaureate program for nursing majors?
The first semester of nursing, which is known as “semester 1”, courses taken include pathophysiology, pharmacology, nursing process, and nursing skills/assessments. The course pattern in the second semester (Semester 2) includes theory, process, clinical/practicum, and skills laboratory. Skills lecture/lab courses are completed prior to Semester 3 (see sequence plan that follows). Once the student begins the nursing curriculum, the Student Handbook is purchased (or referred to online) from the A.S. Printshop under the NURS 33 course /or NURS 124 Bridge RN-to BSN course, or it is also the nursing 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/policies. Below is the sequence of nursing courses, once a student is admitted to the nursing major for the following semester. Descriptions are on the nursing web site under “course of study”. General education courses may be taken in any order, but lower division courses are completed prior to entering the major (SJSU studies are considered upper division requirements). SJSU Nursing (NURS) courses will be taken in the following sequence.

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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. Practicum courses are graded as a credit/no credit option and these grades also must be satisfactory (CREDIT) to progress. (This is different from graded nursing major classes, if repeating a course in the major that previously received less than a C grade). Any nursing course in the actual nursing major (Not prerequisites) 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, under “policies” on the nursing web page. Prior to graduation, all students must complete all university lower division requirements, all nursing course requirements for the major, and 12 units of advanced general education at San Jose State University only (see SJSU University catalog). NOTE: Students may go to my.sjsu.edu to review their degree progress report. Applications for graduation are usually completed approximately 1 year prior to graduation (and are submitted by the student initially, to TVFSON for signatures). Graduation worksheets are emailed to students ~ 6-9 months prior to graduating by the University’s Evaluations office.

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 minimum GPA of 3.0. The three nursing co-requisite courses must have a letter grade of C or above (and are not taken for Credit/No Credit).
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 the applicant/student must meet the requirements for drug and background checks. Malpractice Insurance is required for all School of Nursing students, to be allowed into clinicals (e.g., Bachelors, Masters and DNP students).

5. Notify/Update the School’s Director immediately if changes in Drug or Background clearance information after program initial entry.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. Notify the School of Nursing in writing, if situation/s 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; It is discussed under “special progression.” Students will be updated as changes are made. When students do not pass a course, they will also receive a special progression letter mailed to the address the School has on record for them.

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 two skills laboratory courses. Skills lab kits are purchased for all skills labs. Various vendor-offered SJSU School of Nursing, mandated examinations also have fees (~$580, for ongoing outside vendor testing exams, divided over the entire 6 semesters). Use of the online vendor for health and other information documentation also requires a small fee (e.g., less than $50). 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 automobileprivately provided transportation, is needed for clinical practicum courses, once the student is enrolled in clinical courses), mandatory health insurance (approx.$1400-1600/semester, if taken through Associated Students, but can be purchased privately), uniforms, and other equipment. Costs include: immunizations ($230-280, if done @ School), Serum blood titers ($100-$130). Drug clearance screening and background checks (approx. $140); Semester 3 students must complete a Childbirth class prior to beginning clinicals that semester (? cost ~ $60-$70); Semester 5 students in Community Health/Community-based Mental Health clinicals will not be able to carpool with fellow students, but they can arrange their own transportation in taxicabs, if they do not have access to a car. All students must carry his/her own health insurance covering hospitalizations/ER visits, and they must carry their own malpractice insurance.

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), scrub uniforms (SJSU-approved – see student handbook); a blood pressure cuff ($85), a stethoscope ($95 & up), and bandage scissors ($9); prices are subject to change and some of these items 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 web page (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 $2800, if purchased as new books. However, textbook prices do change so this cost is only approximate. Many students have converted to only electronic texts and “used” texts- often available at online web sites.

Student Success Competency Testing Program (HESI) Additional fees will be assessed throughout the program for competency testing. The specifics are noted on the School of Nursing website, under testing and the “fees” hyperlink (upper right on web page). These fees are approximately $130- $140/semester. Separate skills videos/ web based tools are part of the curriculum and may be purchased through the vendor. In Spring 2014 the vendor changed to HESI, but ongoing testing occurs every semester - Fees will be updated as this process occurs.

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). Health insurance must cover emergency admissions 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 at www.housing.sjsu.edu.

What about scholarships? Information regarding scholarships, grants and loans is available through the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office located in the Student Services Center, (408) 924-6100, www.sjsu.edu/faso. Students should always consider completion of the FAFSA form, in early Spring (? Jan/ Late Feb.), 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. Financial information is available through the School of Nursing’s Retention Coordinator. Where do I get the course catalog? For detailed information about University services and requirements, go online 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 main web site. These university fees and costs are subject to change.