

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

October 2018 Updates: Seeking approval with hopefully intention is to start Fall 2020 to add health care experience options for scoring into application impactation (See box on page 2)

(Note: Document includes the updated impactation criteria, including background check information; In addition, please return to the nursing web site for advising slide updates).

The Valley Foundation School of Nursing

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This information is an update to the San José State University Catalog

The Valley Foundation School of Nursing offers a program for a Bachelors of Science degree in nursing. This major is a part of SJSU's College of Health and Human Sciences. Approximately 60 students are accepted to the nursing major in both the Spring and the Fall semesters. Students must apply to the University as a separate application! 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 baccalaureate degree in nursing at SJSU is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>). The program is also approved by the California State Board of Registered Nursing (<http://www.rn.ca.gov/>) Graduates are eligible to take the registered nurse licensure examination (NCLEX-RN) at the completion of the SJSU curriculum.

The School of Nursing has a separate application process from the University. Acceptance to San Jose State University is required to be accepted to The Valley Foundation School of Nursing (TVFSON), but not necessarily having University decisions finalized, when the applicant applies to nursing. Students interested in attending the nursing program must start planning for the admissions process to San Jose State University 1 year in advance. **To see current deadlines for University applications** and to apply, please visit www.calstate.edu/apply. University deadlines are usually in October for the following Fall semester, and in August, for the following Spring University application dates [In the past 4 years, due to enrollment management the University has not admitted any transfer students for Spring semester]. REGISTER as **UNDECLARED Pre-Nursing** unless a prior Baccalaureate student.

The Valley Foundation School of Nursing application deadlines are as follows: **For Fall admission to the nursing major, submit all application materials ONLINE to NursingCAS® by February 15** (Usually that web site is open 5-6 weeks prior to the deadline). **For Spring admission, submit by September 15**. **NO pre-requisite courses may be in progress at the time of admission for nursing**. Note: Students cannot enroll in any courses in the NURSING major, until they have been accepted by the program.

Clarification of this information packet and updated information regarding admissions is discussed at monthly group advising sessions. Dates and times are posted at www.sjsu.edu/nursing. All interested parties are encouraged to attend (no reservations are needed).

Transfer Students:

Students may complete lower division prerequisites and general education requirements at other colleges and universities. Due to the nursing program's current impactation status, international students without a green card are not eligible to apply to the nursing major (exception to this would be the DACA approved 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**). Those with documentation of a prior degree from

the U.S., can waive the WST. For this reason, the School of Nursing advises that students take the **WST at least 4-5 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 (NOTE: These are drug screening requirements that are consistent with the California Board of Nursing guidelines for safe nursing practice.)
- A composite of minimum GPA for 5 prerequisite courses (Biol 65 (Anatomy), Biol 66 (Physiology), Micro 20, Eng 1A, and Statistics 95);

The GPA for these 5 courses is 3.2 GPA. NO Prerequisite courses (or supplemental may be in progress!);

→NO course may be repeated, unless for academic forgiveness at the same school that 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 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: (eg., ENGL 02 COMPOSITION 2 (or) COMM 041 Critical Decision Making (or) ENGL 007 Critical Thinking (or) PHIL 057 Logic and Reasoning) or LING 21
 - CHAD 70 and Psych 1 must be completed prior to applying **or** the actual semester the student is applying.
 - STAY tuned for upcoming changes **in Fall 2018** for impaction scoring and use of other tools, such as health care experiences as part of scoring.

NOTE: **All courses** should be taken for a letter grade. AP courses in English and STATs will be allowed (will need a prerequisite substitution form under "forms" on Nursing web site)- If used as an AP course, will not be included in impaction scoring.

No required pre-requisite courses for nursing may be "in progress". Sealed transcripts are required to be sent directly from the college/Univ. to the address provided by you to our online Vendor, NURSING CAS- see next page

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 dispersement 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 listed on the transcripts. **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 TVFSON (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) - 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. See Page 4 for Military priorities.

GPA for 5 prerequisite courses (Anat/ Physiol/ Micro/Stats 95/ English 1 A) is 3.2, and the **TEAS minimum is 78%.**

Beginning Fall 19, the web site will post options for scoring options for health care experiences... *An example might be ½ point for documentation of 100 hrs. of Certified Nursing asst. experience within 2 yrs. prior to application. (Again, not posted until fall 2019 for a potential addition to Fall 2020 application.*

IMPACTION SCORING: Students **meeting the above minimum criteria** will be ranked according to the following (Item #1 plus #2 scores below (we add those 2 scores together):

1. **GPA in composite of 5 prerequisite courses** (Bio 65, Bio 66, Micro 20, Eng 1A, Stats 95). NOTE: A minimum GPA 3.2. 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 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 \$75). **In FEB 2018, the TEAS minimum was raised to 78%.** 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" and practice tests are 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 NursingCAS 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 impactation scoring purposes, your TEAS score is divided by nursing, to use a score that is similar to a GPA. For impactation calculations, your TEAS 6.0 score is divided by 30 (effective March 2016) to create a score to be included in the final "impactation" score.

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

PREPARING FOR THE APPLICANT POOL

- Be accepted or have an application to SJSU, in progress, as a student in good standing at SJSU (GPA 3.0 or above)- transfers go by University admissions standards (3.6 minimum GPA in 2018)
- 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
- Due to impactation status, students who have prior unsuccessful attempts (e.g., disqualification) at another nursing program are not eligible to apply.
- Due to impactation status, potential transfer students in good standing at other nursing programs must apply as a beginning pre-nursing student. If accepted, transfer students will complete the entire nursing curriculum.
- Meet minimum GPA for prerequisites & 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 top right of the form.
- Pass the WST (Writing Skills Test) at SJSU or approved by testing.sjsu.edu equivalent. Remember to **sign up 3-4 months ahead to take this exam** and allow 4-7 weeks minimum for results. Prior US Baccalaureate Degree students are exempted from WST for nursing. 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 **78%** on version 6.0. The minimum score, effective FEB 2018 is 78%. You may repeat the test only one time. The highest score of 2 attempts, will be used for impactation scoring.
- Several weeks in advance of applying, see following section about transcripts (see below). The online vendor for our applications 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 **AND either** a current United States passport, **or** United States birth certificate, **or** Permanent Residency IDs (that are current and have not expired- and legible scans). These documents will be required for uploading to your NursingCAS web site docs. AB 540 or "Dream Act" **DACA** students should meet with the nursing advisor, in person, or email her, at least two months prior to the application deadline, for other necessary documentation.
- All students not already attending SJSU must apply to csmmentor.edu as well (see page 1). Application and documentation deadline for Nursing entry in Fall 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 7 years due to enrollment management concerns.] Nursing CAS applications for our program only open about 3-4 weeks prior to our deadlines.
- Due to the School of Nursing's impacted status, admission priorities will be to California residents.
- Applications to the NursingCAS portal are usually opened about 4-5 weeks prior to the deadline.

<https://portal.nursingcas.org>

QUERY: Regarding transcripts, do I really have to have sealed transcripts from all of my colleges, including SJSU to apply to NursingCAS®?

Closely read the following steps:

1. All transcripts are requested by you to send to NursingCAS vendor (This includes SJSU if you took classes there) —The web site is www.nursingcas.org - NOTE transcripts must be **requested via NursingCAS** by deadline, but do not necessarily need to be received. You should monitor them yourself- on Nursing CAS.

(1) FIRST you must create an account with NursingCAS (on their web site)- follow guidelines (DONE only about a month prior to the SJSU Nursing School's application deadline). (2) Then, after you enter the schools you attended previously, you will see a blue button that will allow you to download a **Transcript Request form**. You can then send that form to each school you attended in the past. Those schools will then send an official transcript to NursingCAS, on your behalf. <http://www.nursingcas.org/application-instructions/transcript-processing/>

2. Official Transcripts – NOTE: Your program requires that you have official transcripts mailed directly to NursingCAS by the issuing institution's registrar's office for processing where they will be validated for authenticity by the operations team at NursingCAS.

Transcripts should be mailed to the address below (and please have the registrar include the Transcript Request Form).

NursingCAS
P.O. Box 9201
Watertown, MA 02471

Please note: NursingCAS accepts official transcripts sent electronically from Credentials Solutions ONLY. To see if your school participates with this service please check [here](#). Transcripts must be only requested by the School's deadline- note necessarily received by NursingCAS.

Military members applying to BSN program:

Beginning January 1, 2017, U.S. military veterans may receive priority selection for SJSU's nursing program. This includes those who have completed active duty, have an honorable discharge (DD214), and meet the minimum SJSU nursing program impact criteria for admission, as well as having completed the UNIV. requirements (e.g., WST exam). Two spaces in the nursing program will be held for military veterans per application cycle. After these two slots are filled, other applicants with prior service will be considered and ranked with others in the regular selection process. Documentation includes a legible scan of a DD 214 form, showing an applicant's honorable discharge. If the applicant's documentation has a different name from his/her current name, additional documentation such as a marriage/divorce certificate, legal name change notification, etc. is required. **Students must apply separately to the University (calstate.edu/apply) adhering to University deadlines.** See the online application, the 5 year plan, and the BS nursing student information packet on www.sjsu.edu/nursing web site **under prospective students** for further questions.

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

General information about the nursing program is provided through group information sessions held monthly during the semester. The schedule of advising sessions is listed at www.sjsu.edu/nursing under the Advising tab. Candidates who are ready to apply, must have also first applied to the UNIVERSITY (see page 1). All documents below are uploaded into their online application to NursingCAS.

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 (NOTE: if you are currently enrolled at San José State University, and have grades from past semesters here, then you must include SJSU) Transcripts 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 on NursingCAS web site, 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. NOTE: You just have to have requested transcripts through CAS- Not that those final transcripts arrive by the time the application closes. **Mailing Address below:**

NursingCAS --- P.O. Box 9201
Watertown, MA 02471

1. Completion of all requirements, with minimum scores/ grades.
You must have applied to SJSU- [either this is "in progress", or you have ongoing enrollment at SJSU].
2. (This will be uploaded to NursingCAS): Documentation of a passing score on the SJSU Writing Skills Test (WST) exam available on one.sjsu.edu- see page 1 of this packet and advising slides (For FEB due date applications for Fall starts, we will allow the early FEB WST even if results not back at time of application). The WST score on peoplesoft page is scanned in, or if a prior Bacc or taking FEB WST, then scan a single piece of paper with your printed name and that either you took it in FEB and no score available or prior Bacc. student, so it is being waived.
3. AP (advanced placement) score results (if applicable) with scans of course substitution form for AP credit signed off by Nursing.
4. Copies of pre-approved electronic SIGNED prerequisite course substitution forms, if any were required (e.g., courses do not articulate).
5. Documentation of ONLY the highest of first two TEAS exam scores only. No additional scores will be considered (and only the first page is needed with score printed on it)
6. Completed Functional Competencies Form (see www.sjsu.edu/nursing/forms), which will be uploaded.
7. (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 (scan – as lighter color on Xerox copy on SAME PAGE!). If your documentation is set to expire, please submit an updated copy to NursingCAS as soon as those are available. Dream act students under AB 540 will need to contact the Undergraduate Coordinator for any further information needed in the application process.
8. Background check information is being currently revisited. (Check the web site for current information). It is anticipated that completion of a **background clearance within 2-4 weeks of acceptance to nursing- Do not start this process until directed to do so.** It must be completed only using School- approved vender – See Nursing's web site under "policies".
9. If prior Baccalaureate degree, upload a blank page with name and ID and state that "WST is waived for prior Baccs"

For Fall admission to the Nursing Major, submit to NursingCAS no more than 5-6 weeks prior to February 15. For Spring admissions, submit to NursingCAS no more than 3-4 weeks prior to September 15. Make sure prior intercession/ summer session grades are included at your school/s where taken. The NursingCAS requires the REQUEST for transcripts be submitted to them, by deadlines, but obviously, many transcripts may not be in to them, by the closing of each application cycle (and that is fine, so long as they were ordered in time).

GENERAL INFORMATION/ADVISEMENT 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. Paid parking is usually available in either the 7th or 10th street garages. **NO PRE-REQ. COURSES MAY BE "IN PROGRESS" AT THE TIME OF APPLICATION- They must be completed.**

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

BIOL 65	Human Anatomy	4 units*	
BIOL 66 (SPR only)	Human Physiology	5 units*	(Recommended Prereq. for CHEM 30A)
CHEM 30A	Intro to CHEM-Inorganic (or a general Chem. equivalent)	3 units*	

MICR 20	Microbiology	5 units	(SJSU Required Prereq: CHEM 30A)
COMM 20/COMM 96PS	Public Speaking	3 units*	
ENGL 1A	Composition	3 units*	
Area A3	A Critical Thinking course	3 units*	
STATISTICS 95	Elementary Statistics	3 units*	

The following courses are co-requisites and may be **in progress** at the time of the application submission. However, with the exception of CHAD 70, the remaining 2 courses must be completed within one year of admission to the nursing major (i.e., by the completion of Nursing's Semester 2 (up until Fall 2019, as this may be changing). CHAD 70 is done **prior to or the first semester of the nursing program*** See below in box.

PSYC 1	General Psychology	3 units*	
CHAD 70	Development of Human Potential (Birth to Death)	3 units *	(prior to beginning being accepted)
HPROF/NURS 100W	Writing for Health Professions	3 units	

* Beginning Jan. 2018, CHAD 70 and Psych 1 must be completed prior to applying.

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, KINES 100W, CHAD 100W, HPSM 100W.

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, **once given** "provisional acceptance" to Nursing.
- Background check information (Check the web site for current information). It is anticipated that completion of a **background clearance** will be required within 4-5 weeks of actually receiving acceptance to the School of Nursing (**SHOULD NOT BE DONE PRIOR** to this). It must be completed only using School- approved vendor, and this information is supplied by health compliance officer, to accepted persons. – 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 also completed once you receive a letter from the School of Nursing regarding your status (concerning "Conditional or Provisional" admission), and has directions for completion by the School's health officer. Your acceptance into the nursing program is **conditional** until you have completed and cleared the Drug Screening, and the Health Statement clearance process. Drug screening requirements that are consistent with the California Board of Nursing guidelines for safe nursing practice.
- The procedure for each of the above, is posted on the School of Nursing website, under "Policies". Results from these screenings will be provided to the School of Nursing to a specific vendor the School uses. 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 or other 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/ book vendor resources, that you will also need to purchase for your classes.
- **Follow the Immunization requirements/titers** 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, *near the Event center* on 7th st/San Carlos st., offers reasonable fees- see next section for approximate pricing (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). ALL students are sent a letter which includes specific dates for health documentation to be completed - CPR is completed once accepted and at certain time frames (MUST Be American Heart Assn. vendor)
- **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**. Functional guidelines are available on sjsu.edu/nursing under prospective students (top of page) or forms.
- **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 getting a "Health Statement" signed off, 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 required information for entering regular BSN students 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/or Nurs 124 courses, and **is also listed on the nursing 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. Arlene Spilker at Arlene.spilker@sjsu.edu).

BSN 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.

SEMESTER 1

NURS 23 (Theory I)	3
NURS 33 (PRD I)	2
NURS 43 (Pharmacology)	3
NURS 53 (Skills I)	<u>3</u>
Total units	11

SEMESTER 2 **

NURS 24 (Theory II)	4
NURS 34A (PRD II)	1
NURS 44 (Practicum I)	3
NURS 54 (Skills II)	2
NURS 128 Research	<u>2</u>
Total units	12

SEMESTER 3

NURS 126A and 126B (Theory IV)	4
NURS 136 (Process IV)	2
NURS 146A (Pediatric Practicum)	2
NURS 146B (OB Practicum)	<u>2</u>
Total units	12

SEMESTER 4

NURS 125 (Theory III)	4
NURS 133 (Process III)	2
NURS 145 (Practicum II)	<u>4</u>
Total units	10

SEMESTER 5

NURS 127A (Psych Theory V-A)	2
NURS 127B (Community Theory V-B)	2
NURS 137 (Process V)	2
NURS 147A (Psych Practicum IV-A)	2
NURS 147B (Community Practicum IV-B)	3
Total units	11

SEMESTER 6

NURS 138 (Process VI) F14 approved for AREA S : 3 (units effective as of F 2014)	
NURS 148A (Practicum V)	<u>4</u>
(NOTE: N 148A-I means international)	
Total units	7

(NOTE: N 147B-I means international) FYI: **NO CURRENT WAY TO ACCELERATE THIS PROGRAM**

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. See application criteria for minimum for 5 prereq. courses **being 3.2**, as of Feb 2018. The three nursing co-requisite courses must have a letter grade of C or above (and are not taken for Credit/No Credit). The UNIV. transfer overall GPA was 3.6 in 2018.
3. Maintain current American Heart Assn. annual CPR certification (documented through School's vendor electronically).
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 (eg., 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. With admission, **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. Only DACA eligible students who are non-Citizens may apply.
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 fee as well. 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/private 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 ~ \$130). Drug clearance screening and background checks (approx. \$160); Semester 3 students must complete a Childbirth class prior to beginning clinicals that semester (? cost ~ \$70); Semester 5 students in Community Health/Community-based Mental Health clinicals will not be able to carpool with fellow students, but they should 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 at all times.

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 (\$95), a stethoscope (\$95 & up), and bandage scissors (\$9); Uniforms as per our SON student handbook and guidelines (see policies on web site for dress codes)- 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 (approx. \$1000). The cost for required textbooks for the 6 semesters is approximately \$2800, if purchased as new books/online materials. However, textbook/course work 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.

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. Immunizations and Titer: Costs are subject to change (in Fall 2018), but these are available in SJSU student health, during academic year (Below prices are up to Fall 2018, but not after):
 Hepatitis B vaccine- \$43/ dose
 Hep B Titer- \$20
 MMR Titer \$21
 MMR vaccine \$53/dose
 Varicella Titer \$23
 Varicella vaccine \$92
 Flu shot (now \$12 as of Fall 2018)
 Tdap vaccine \$17
 Quantiferon: current price in Dec 2018 is \$21
 Health exam/ health statement in Dec 2018 = \$18

How can I find out about housing? For information concerning 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 late Fall (?OCT 1st), 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.

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