

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

GENERAL ADVISING FOR GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAM

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- *How do I meet the Writing Competency Requirement if I am not a graduate of one of the California State Universities after 1983?*

ANSWER

Students need to take the Writing Skills Test (WST) and depending on their score they may waive the 100W Health Professions Writing Course. Fee is \$25.00. The web site for testing dates is <https://testing.sjsu.edu/twst.html> You must take the WST as soon as you start your application.

- *What if my statistics course is more than 3 years old?*

ANSWER

Each student's transcript is reviewed individually, and there are a number of methods to update your statistics competency. You may update through on-line courses in statistics or through a two-year college with the equivalency course of SJSU STAT 95. You do not have to receive a grade from the course; rather, you only need credit for passing the course if that is an option in the course. You should ask the instructor about grading options.

- *Can I be admitted into the master's in nursing program if my undergraduate bachelor's degree is not in nursing?*

ANSWER

YES, ONLY If you have a CA RN license and a bachelor's degree in other field, you can be admitted with conditions. The conditions include successfully passing the following four courses with a B or better: NURS 127B (Community Nursing Theory), NURS 147B (Community Practicum), NURS 137 (Nursing Process), and NURS 128 (Nursing Research). You will also need to meet the writing competency requirements of the WST and HP 100W writing course, and you must also have a statistics class within the last 3 years and an economics course equivalent to Econ1A.

- *If my GPA in the last 60 units of undergraduate work is less than a 3.0 can I be admitted into the University and Graduate Nursing Program?*

ANSWER

YES, After review of your undergraduate transcript and an interview with the Graduate Coordinator, you may be admitted conditionally to take one graduate course. Upon successful completion you will be evaluated again and expected to maintain a minimum of a B average throughout the graduate program.

- *Can I work and attend graduate classes?*

ANSWER

YES, most of our students are part time and work either full or part time. This only slows your progression through the program. Most classes start at 4:30 pm or after and most meet one day per week.

- *Do you have on-line courses?*

ANSWER

YES, we have NURS 266 (Health Care Informatics) and NURS 236A (Nursing Administration Theory, Concepts and Practicum I) and NURS 236B (Nursing Administration Theory and Practicum II) which are delivered on-line through our School of Nursing Special Sessions program. Several courses are blended with online components: NURS 246 Organizational Theory; and BUS 285 Total Quality Management. There are other courses that could be part of your additional program courses, which may be offered on-line. We have two core courses, NURS 200 and NURS 204, which are webcasted (when Academic Technology rooms are available) and offer an alternative to meeting on campus each week and they have online components. Students can access the class live or archived on their home computers. Many of the School Nurse and Educator courses are also webcasted. We expect to have more courses offered either by webcast or on-line in the future.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

Articulation Agreements for course equivalency: <http://artic.sjsu.edu/>

General Advising Session Webcasted: click on Advising Session July 30, 2007

<http://atn7.sjsu.edu:8080/ramgen/mediacontent/gradnursadvjul3007.rm>

You will need to have RealPlayer Basic installed on your computer in order to view the session.

Graduate Nursing website: <http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/graduate.html>

Graduate Newsletter: <http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/PDF/newsletter.pdf>

Graduate Nursing Application forms: http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/ms_forms.htm

SJSU University: <http://www.sjsu.edu/>

University catalog on line: <http://info.sjsu.edu/home/catalog.html>