July 2021 Updates:
NOTE: Updated University WST exam replacement and G.E., area F: Ethnic studies (under UNIV.
requirements)

(Scoring on impaction scoring- pages 2)
(Note: pages 1-4 of this document include the updated impaction criteria, including background
check information; In addition, please return to the nursing web site for most recent
advising slide updates).

The Valley Foundation School of Nursing
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San José, CA 95192-0057  web site: www.sjsu.edu/nursing
Emails sent to Nursing@sjsu.edu  (408) 924-3131 or 924-3130
Location is at 9th & San Carlos St. - Nursing Office –
(* Bldg. is only open as directed by the UNIV, as to building closures during Covid-19 Pandemic)

This information includes changes that are an update to the AY 21/22 San José State University Online Catalog
Due to COVID-19 ongoing changes in policies, the School will attempt to keep this document as updated as possible

The Valley Foundation School of Nursing offers a program for a Bachelor 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 also has integrated
extensive simulation for an enhanced learning experience. Students must provide their own transportation to extended campus
facilities/agencies.

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 successful
completion of the SJSU curriculum. ADVISING SLIDES are on the sjsu.edu/nursing web page and very valuable!

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 at least 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/Nov. for the following Fall semester, and in August, for the following Spring University application
dates [In the past 9 years, due to enrollment management the University has not admitted any transfer students for Spring semester].
REGISTER as UNDECLARED/Pre-Nursing unless a Post 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® https://NursingCAS.liaisoncas.org/apply by February 15 ( Usually that web site is open 5-6
weeks prior to the deadline). For Spring admission, submit to NursingCAS by September 15th @ 5 pm ( best to complete the prior day - to
finish on time). NOTE: Students for Spring start, must already be attending Fall SJSU semester or be a prior Baccalaureate Degree
student. 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. PLEASE read all the information before clicking on applications.
Clarification of this information packet and updated information regarding admissions are discussed at monthly group advising sessions
during the academic year. 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 impaction 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). See page 3 of this document. See above box, re: Spring starts.

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 nursing prerequisite substitution form and includes a catalog course description- uploaded to an online
email listed. This form can be found under forms, at www.sjsu.edu/nursing under programs/baccalaureate students 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 signed off pre-requisite forms completed, before applying.

TEAS Test allow 2-3 months prior to applying to Nursing for results to be returned & applying to Nursing.

TEAS: Contact Testing and Evaluation, http://testing.sjsu.edu/ or call (408) 924-5980, for information about Entry Level Math (ELM) Test, the TEAS test, and English Placement Test (EPT). As of UNIV changes with Covid-19, our dept now requires the WST-DSP pre-self assessment, in lieu of the WST exam (. The upper division writing requirement for nursing (advanced GE) includes admission to the new curriculum; as of Fall 2020—Nurs. 100WE (Evidence-based Nursing) instead of 100W; This course is restricted to nursing majors [not pre-nursing - nor other majors]. See section in this document, called UNIV. updated requirements to GE (for information about required 100We preassessment test( https://www.sjsu.edu/wac/wst/ ) or ( testing.sjsu.edu as well)

Admission to the Nursing Major: Students may only apply 2 times maximum.
The Valley Foundation School of Nursing has been impacted since Spring 2005. Impaction imposes supplemental criteria that all students must meet. The impaction criteria differ from in the past, (due to Covid-19 issues, in Spring 2020, the Univ changed the grading criteria to CR/NC (or P/NP for community colleges). We will use all 8 prerequisite courses in the impaction scoring, as well as the TEAS score. PLEASE read this section closely.
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.).

As of May 2020, a reminder that we are no longer using health experience and are now using all 8 prerequisites and TEAS for impaction scoring- CREDItS for Spring 2020 (due to Covid-19 grading exception) only will count as a requirement but scores will be calculated off of letter grades.

We continue to post the policy that 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. Those formerly known as "Supplemental courses": Composite minimum GPA for remaining the 3 prerequisites: Chem 30A, Communications 20, and an Area A3, 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) – easy method is to Google” A3 SJSU GE classes”. Suggested courses for critical thinking from GE-area A3 are as follows (or just “Google” A3 courses at SJSU), and we will include the first of these courses you took only for calculations: (e.g., ENGL 02 COMPOSITION 2 (or) COMM 041 Critical Decision Making (or) ENGL 007 Critical Thinking (or) PHIL 057 Logic and Reasoning) or LING 21

- NOTE: NUF 08, CHAD 70, and Psych 1 must be completed prior to applying or during the actual semester the student is applying.
- See below for all future applications (e.g., Fall 2020 applications for Spring 2021, and after) for impaction scoring
- WE WILL NO LONGER CONSIDER health care experience as part of the scoring option – due to Covid-19 concerns. Student safety is too important!

NOTE: All courses should be taken for a letter grade. AP courses in English and STAts will be allowed (plus ONLY Spring 2020 courses with credit/pass, will be allowed)- prerequisite substitution form needed, if used as an AP course if does not show on transcript [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 includes all 8 prerequisites (i.e. BOTH identified 5 prerequisites (Bio 65; Bio 66; Micr 20; stats 95; Engl 1 A, plus the formerly known as 3 supplemental courses- Comm 20; Chem 30 A; and Area A 3) & all 8 will be used for impaction calculations at SJSU’s School of Nursing will include the grade for the first time a course is taken (AND the TEAS score, discussed below); Grades are 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). 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 approval of an online prerequisite course substitution (on Nursing’s web site) approval prior to submitting the application (see page 1). Therefore, the applicant’s scores are calculated as listed on the transcripts. The AP courses must appear on college transcripts when applying or the applicant must submit a substitution form. None of the 8 required prerequisite courses may be repeated, if the initial grade received is a C or better. Email or 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 scores 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.

The minimum GPA for all 8 prerequisite courses (Anat/Physiol/Micro/Stats 95/English 1A, AND Chem 30A; Comm 20; and Area A 3), has a minimum GPA of 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 reency requirement stated above, under item 2 of admission criteria, AND the

**IMPACTION SCORING:** Students meeting the above minimum criteria will be ranked according to the following items (see #1 and #2 below):

1. GPA in composite of all 8 required prerequisites of 3.2. The 8 courses include all 5 prerequisite courses (Bio 65, Bio 66, Micro 20, Engl 1A, Stats 95, as well as those “formerly known” as 3 supplemental courses [e.g., Comm 20; Chem 30 A; and Area A 3] has a minimum GPA of 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 reency requirement stated above, under item 2 of admission criteria, AND the

2. Score on Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)- version 6 (or after late Fall 2021, version 7). Beginning late Fall 2021, this will convert to TEAS 7. 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-person, 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 ([https://www.sjsu.edu/testing/tests/teas.php](https://www.sjsu.edu/testing/tests/teas.php)). Dates may need alteration, by the testing center, due to COVID-19 so do this ASAP! There are several scheduled in the next few months. Refer to the hyperlink on School of Nursing Web Page for further information. There will be a fee (approximately $50-75). The TEAS minimum score is 78%. Regardless of the version, the TEAS test may be repeated only one time. The highest score will be used in the impaction scoring. To sign up for the TEAS exam, please see the SJSU Testing website [http://testing.sjsu.edu/teas/](http://testing.sjsu.edu/teas/). An optional “Study and Review Guide” and 2 practice tests are available for purchase at [www.atesting.com](http://www.atesting.com) to assist in preparation for the TEAS. Results are usually available on the ATI TEAS website within 7 working days. Print off a copy of page one of your TEAS results from the ATI website for uploading with your NursingCAS application (only page 1). You do not need to be a matriculated SJSU student to take this test, but you must have the identification number from ATI (so start there and make sure to check your SPAM or Junk mail for that ID). For impaction scoring purposes, your TEAS score is divided by 30, to use a score that is similar to a GPA. For impaction calculations, your TEAS 6.0 or 7.0 score is divided by 30 (effective March 2016) to create a score to be included in the final “impaction” 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 with a 3.2 minimum GPA for all 8 pre-reqs. (5 prerequisites and 3 supplemental prereqs).
- 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 “pre-nursing undeclared” or “undeclared” as a major (ideally).
- Due to impaction status, students who have prior unsuccessful attempts (e.g., disqualification) at another nursing program are not eligible to apply.
- Due to impaction 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 (for SPRING 2020 only, a credit grade instead of a letter grade is allowed). Submit a **Prerequisite Course Substitution form** for any course that is not equivalent as per [http://artic.sjsu.edu](http://artic.sjsu.edu). This form (found at sjsu.edu/nursing web site under students) and [attach catalog description/s](http://artic.sjsu.edu) – to be emailed to the address on the form.
- Pass the University’s WST-DSP (Writing Skills Test self-assessment exam) at SJSU or approved by testing.sjsu.edu equivalent.

**NOTE:** This is true for after Spring 2021.

- Pass the TEAS exam with a minimum score of 78% on version 6.0. You may repeat the test only one time. The highest score of 2 attempts, will be used for impaction scoring. Submit only the highest result - page 1 only.
- 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, electronic 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. There is no mailing of transcripts directly to the School of Nursing. However, eventually the UNIV. **will need them if you do get admitted.** In addition, the UNIV. will also need your transcripts once they request it, under “next steps” for transfers.
- Verify that your Driver’s license (or talk with Undergrad. Coordinator about DMV ID ahead of due dates) **AS WELL AS either** a current United States passport (or passport ID card), **or** United States birth certificate, **or** Permanent Residency IDs (that are current and have not expired- and are providing legible scans). These documents will be required for uploading to your NursingCAS web site docs. [For those AB 540 or “Dream Act” DACA students, you need a special form and you should email the nursing advisor, at least two months prior to the application deadline, for other necessary documentation].
- All students – who are not already attending SJSU **must apply to calstate.edu** as well (see page 1). Deadlines in box on page 1. [Note the Univ. has **not** been accepting Spring transfer students for the past ~ 9 years due to enrollment management concerns.] NursingCAS applications for our program only open about 3-4 weeks prior to our deadlines. Application and documentation deadline for NursingCAS entry in the following Fall semester is **February 15**. NursingCAS application and documentation deadline for entry in Spring semester is normally **September 15**
- 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 weeks prior to the deadline.
https://NursingCAS.liaisoncas.org/apply

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. Please follow these instructions to request transcripts through NursingCAS
   http://www.nursingcas.org/application-instructions/transcript-processing/

2. Official Transcripts – NOTE: Your program requires that you have official transcripts mailed directly to NursingCAS.org 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, see CAS’ web site. Transcripts must be only requested by the School’s deadline- not 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. 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 Road Map for after F 2020, for course work required and the BS nursing student information packet on http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing web site under programs – Baccalaureate – 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

SEE CHECKLIST ON WEB SITE

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 https://NursingCAS.liaisoncas.org/apply
3. AP (advanced placement) score results (if applicable) with scans of course substitution form for AP credit (if not on transcript) signed off by Nursing.
4. Upload on application copies of pre-approved electronic SIGNED prerequisite course substitution forms, if any were required (e.g., courses do not articulate) – forms found on web site for Nursing
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)
7. (Note: These will need to be uploaded into NursingCAS application.
   - Copies of current California driver’s license (NO expired docs) and one of the following: U.S. passport or passport ID card, 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. DACA eligible “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 required (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 the School’s approved vendor – See
Updates on University requirements:

Writing skills test (WST pretest for all nursing): A WST-DSL self-assessment test is now required for all 100W courses and Nurs 100W courses. See https://www.sjsu.edu/wac/wst/.

RE: Ethnic Studies & information about several important changes to the GE curriculum starting in Fall 2021.

Addition of Area F: Ethnic Studies (as forwarded from the AVP for Undergraduate Studies, 7.2021)

All Fall 2021 incoming first-year students will be held to the new Area F requirement (3 units). The 2021-22 Academic Catalog includes 6 courses that have been approved for Area F. These include 4 lower division courses and 2 upper division courses. Upper division courses are appropriate for students who have completed written communication (GE Area A2) and Critical Thinking (GE Area A3).

Transfer students entering SJSU in Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, and Spring 2023 will NOT be held to the Area F requirement. Transfer students will be held to this requirement beginning with the incoming transfer class of Fall 2023.

NOTE: No substitutions or waivers are allowed for Area F, per CSU GE Breadth Guidelines (EO 1100).

See the Area F FAQs on our new General Education website for more information.

Area D Changes

Per the revisions to the CSU GE Breadth Guidelines (EO 1100), incoming first-year students in Fall 2021 will be required to take 6 units in Area D, rather than 9 units. Area D is no longer divided into subcategories D1, D2, and D3. Instead, students must take courses in at least two different disciplines (as indicated by course prefixes) across the three courses taken in lower division Social Sciences (Area D, 6 units) and upper division Social Sciences (Area S, 3 units). These changes have been programmed in the MyProgress degree audit. At this time there are no changes to the list of American Institutions courses that fulfill Areas D, S or V; these may change in future years.

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). Currently, it is offered via zoom links (available on nursing’s web page). There is no fee. No appointment is needed (Parents, friends, and others are welcome). The following applies to whenever we begin in-person group advising: Group advising will start on time, so allow ½ to 1 hr. for parking and walking to the location. Paid parking is usually available by parking app.in either the 7th or 10th street garages.

NO PREREQUISITE 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)

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The following courses are co-requisites and may be in progress at the time of the application submission. 
NOTE: These are all done prior to or during the application semester to our SJSU nursing program* See below, in box.

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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, once given “provisional acceptance” to Nursing. Fees apply.
- 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 the form has directions for completion Issued 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 must be 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’s 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 by emailing nursing@sjsu.edu for an appointment with the Director/Designee.
- **Order Kaplan materials/ other testing exams/materials/resources** (You will get further directions in writing/email about this process from the School). You should receive information in your acceptance packet or as a follow-up email, 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 / or prior to acceptance to Nursing. Recent updates to Covid-19 immunizations are also available. The SJSU Student Health Center, near the Event center on 7th st / San Carlos st, offers reasonable fees, if you are a matriculated student; See next section for approximate pricing (by appointment for enrolled students). Once accepted to Nursing, you will receive specific guidelines on what immunizations/blood titers are due, and by when. Please do not get them until you receive these guidelines. Serum blood titers are required following most immunizations, to be in compliance for agency contracts. Once you are provisionally accepted, the health officer coordinator will provide information of where to upload these results (on our web site). All students are notified of specific dates for health documentation to be completed - CPR is only completed once accepted and done at a prescribed month and at certain time frames (NOTE:) MUST Be American Heart Assn. vendor- see end of appendices of “Online” Nursing Student Handbook for locations in bay area.
- **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 Health Coordinator’s web site. This is a requirement during all aspects of application, and/or admission into the program, and if changes occur, while in the program. Functional guidelines are available on sjsu.edu/nursing → students (top of page) under “forms”.
- **Check one.sjsu.edu for updates and messages regarding your status with the University.** Many important messages that require immediate attention are only sent via one.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 and be American Heart Assn’s 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.
- You must have ongoing personal health insurance, covering hospitalizations – No exceptions!
- Secure or download 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. In non-covid times, it may be purchased at the Associated Students Print Shop, under the Nurs 10 and/or Nurs 124 courses, and is also listed online on the nursing website under policies, 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 to Dr. April Wood at April.Wood@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”, includes the following courses: Leadership, 100WE-evidence-based practice, pharmacology, gerontology, leadership, and clinical, and nursing skills/health assessments-I. The course pattern in the second semester (Semester 2) includes Med/surg, theory, and Med/Surg clinical; Mental Health theory, and clinical, and nursing skills/health assessments-II. Skills lecture/lab courses are primarily completed prior to Semester 3 (see Road map sequence plan that follows). Once the student begins the nursing curriculum, the Student Handbook is available online on the nursing web site or in non-covid times, may be purchased as a “hard copy” from the A.S. Printshop under the NURS 13B course or/and under the NURS 124 Bridge RN-to BSN course, and is updated annually. 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”. University 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, and thus require the WST-DL preassessment test.). SJSU Nursing (NURS) courses will be taken in the following Semester 1 through 5 sequence. (NOTE Beginning Fall 2020, this is an approved 2.5-year new curriculum) -See below

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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 (Note: 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, called SJSU studies, at San Jose State University only (see SJSU University catalog). Areas S and Z of SJSU studies are completed in the actual nursing curriculum. NOTE: Students are expected to go to one.sjsu.edu to review their degree progress report. Applications for graduation are usually completed online @ approximately 1 year prior to graduation. Students are responsible for making sure that the “My Progress” courses on one.sjsu.edu (toward graduation) is current or they are expected to follow-up with nursing or CHHS College’s success center.

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 for each semester 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 policies” in the nursing student handbook (and are not taken for Credit/No Credit- except for Spring 2020 Covid-19 semester).
3. Maintain as current -only the American Heart Asn. annual CPR certification (documented through School’s vendor electronically).
4. Meet health requirements/immunizations/sterils, 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 clinics (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. With admission, present documentation for California residency status (CA Driver’s license) and a U.S. Birth certificate or U.S. Passport (or passport ID card) or a green card indicating U.S. residency status. Only DACA-eligible students who are non-Citizens may apply. We do not accept Int'l students.

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 absence” - 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 emailed to the SJSU email 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 5 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/privately 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 (e.g., stethoscopes). Costs include: immunizations ($230-280, if done @ School), Serum blood titers ~ $130). Drug clearance screening and background checks (approx. $160); Semester 4 students must complete a Childbirth class prior to beginning clinicals that semester (? cost ~ $70); Semester 4 students in Community Health/Community-based or Semester 2 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. If injured at an agency, meet & contact instructor immediately and if not necessary to go to ED, then follow up with own health care insurer to get appropriate urgent treatment/ testing (so that they are covered). The School assumes no financial liability for health care treatments.

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 ($11); Uniforms are individually purchased, 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 (when campus is open again).

What is the approximate cost of textbooks/electronic resources needed for the 5 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 5 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 (Kaplan)

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 are 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 Titters: Approximate costs are subject to change (as of Fall 2019), but these are available in SJSU student health, during academic year (Below prices are as of Fall 2020 only):

- 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 2019)
- Tdap vaccine $17
- Covid-19 vaccinations - (see public health dept)
- Quantiferon: current price in Dec 2019 was $21
- Health exam/ health statement (as of Fall 2020) = $25
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), https://www.sjsu.edu/faso/applying/how-to-apply.php 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 find 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 under the SJSU’s bursar’s web site, fees and tuition, https://www.sjsu.edu/bursar/fees-due-dates/tuition-other-fees/index.php. These University fees and costs are subject to change.