Despite trying to keep materials updated, COVID-19 has many implications that seem to come out frequently with the University guidelines. Nursing’s web site is [sjsu.edu/nursing](http://sjsu.edu/nursing). Please refer to www.sjsu.edu (and look under undergraduate studies for UNIV. forms/Univ updates about online classes for Fall 2021/Spring 2022). Health advisories are available at : <https://www.sjsu.edu/healthadvisories/>

SJSU ADAPT’s web site for Covid situation/campus repopulation is : <https://www.sjsu.edu/healthadvisories/repopulation/index.php>

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**1. What is the Valley Foundation School of Nursing website and address?** [www.sjsu.edu/nursing](http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing) We are located in the University’s Health Building, Room 420, near 9th and San Carlos St. in San Jose, CA 95192-**0057**. During Covid-19, students are prohibited from drop-in advising. Staff may not be available depending in the UNIV’s dept restrictions. When COVID -19 restrictions are lessoned- most likely after a vaccine is available, the Nursing department will have limited hours. Please email [nursing@sjsu.edu](mailto:nursing@sjsu.edu) before coming to campus*. PH 408-924-3131.*

**2. How do I apply to the nursing program, if I haven’t applied to the University yet (or can I)?** Students must apply to the University, prior to applying to the Valley Foundation School of Nursing. Potential students can only apply online to the University at www.calstate.edu/apply in **Oct/Nov** for the following August ***Fall University enrollment***. When you sign in, you must select a major. This would be “Pre-nursing Undeclared”—under “P”. If you are a freshman student, your second choice should be “undeclared” (FYI: however, transfer students cannot select “undeclared”). This does ***not*** guarantee you acceptance as a nursing major. Additionally, not all students who apply to the University are accepted. (See <http://info.sjsu.edu> ). The nursing application is separate and information is found on *The Valley Foundation’s School of Nursing web page* ([sjsu.edu/nursing](http://sjsu.edu/nursing)) under “Programs🡪 Baccalaureate students-> prospective” at the top of the School’s web page. It is entirely an on-line application done through an outside vendor – [NursingCAS.org](http://www.nursingcas.org). Your nursing application can be in process while waiting to hear the University’s decision.

RE: Spring University Transfers: The University sometimes opens admissions for prior Baccalaureate students only, for the following Spring semester as well (depending on CSU funding).  ***Check on calstate.edu/apply in August to apply for the following Spring***.

**3. How do I apply for the nursing major?**

First you apply to the UNIV, via calstate.edu/apply: Transfer students will select the major ***Undeclared/Pre-Nursing****.* Post baccalaureate students will select ***Seeking Second Bachelor’s Degree*** in the extended profile section. Then, select the major *Nursing.*

You are applying to the **nursing program,** but you will be applying as a pre-nursing undeclared student. Please read about “*prospective student*” information and the *B.S. Information packet* on the School’s nursing website (under [www.sjsu.edu/nursing](http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing) ) under prospective student. You apply using the online vendor , NursingCAS (<https://nursingcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>) by **February 15 for acceptance for the following Fall** of University enrollment or by September 15 ( temporarily changed to SEPT 30th for Fall 2020 due to Covid-19 and testing site issues) for the following Spring’s University enrollment. NursingCAS applications are usually posted for entering data ~ 1 month prior to the due dates. The Valley Foundation School of Nursing admits twice a year - regardless of the University admission cycle. You must have applied to the University with your files being reviewed by the University, as a provisional acceptance. **If** the University is not admitting for the Spring semester (such as for transfers), you need to be an enrolled SJSU student the previous Fall of the semester which you are applying for a nursing Spring enrollment. The University does accept prior Baccalaureate degree students for nursing only (and you would likely not need to take additional SJSU general studies courses, such as those in areas **R and V** requirements to graduate). This may be different for prior Baccalaureate students entering as “*Second Baccs”*. Beginning Fall 2020, **a**ll nursing majors are required to take a specific course for area Z, in the first semester: NURS 100WE. Area S is done in the final semester of the new nursing curriculum in the leadership course.

**4. Can I change my major, if it is not “pre-nursing undeclared”?**

The University limits the number of students in other majors wishing to switch to pre-nursing undeclared, because all majors are impacted. That means that students must have **no**t achieved > 90 units in their prior major (if anything other than “undeclared”, and if you are “undeclared” as a major, then you can have no more than 60 units completed if you began the University as a freshman), ***or*** if you have units from other baccalaureate programs (not more than 70 units from Community Colleges are used regardless of the numbers of units). Student often just stay in their own major and apply to NursingCAS anyhow ( <https://nursingcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login> ) . If you need to, students should look at the UNIV. web site ([info.sjsu.edu](http://info.sjsu.edu/)) for how to submit forms during Covid-19 SJSU Campus lockdown… The College of Health and Human Sciences (CHHS) have advisors assigned to this nursing major.

**5. What paperwork is required for a “Change of Major” request?**

Those who are already in the university should speak to advisors in AARS about what is needed to changing to a prenursing major. Usually you meet with the Pre-Nursing – not nursing advisors- first! The GPA for the nursing prerequisite courses should be definitely be well above 3.2 and above.

When you finally apply to the nursing major **AND** are accepted as a nursing major (as noted from a “provisional acceptance” letter from Nursing department – sent directly to you), you are changed from pre-nursing undeclared, to nursing by the Nursing Dept- communicating with the UNIV. However, to be included in an applicant pool, you must have applied via Nursing CAS with all requirements met and completed by the Nursing CAS deadlines. There are no waitlists or lottery systems, such as in the community college system of selection.

**6. I have heard other friends say that you use lottery and wait lists for students wishing to get into the nursing major. Is this true?**

**That is incorrect**. Student selection is based on an impaction score that is outlined on the *IMPT*-*B.S.* information packet (pages 2, 3, and 4) on our nursing website under the “student” hyperlink (<https://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/Programs/baccalaureate/index.html> ). Admission is primarily based on academics and is quite competitive. Most students have A’s in most of the prerequisite courses, although the specific minimum GPAs for the applicant pool are listed in the **B.S. information packet** (under “student” on the website). [ 3.2 GPA in **8** prerequisites (e.g., Anat/Physiol/Micro/Engl 1A/Stats 95/Comm 20; Chem 30A/A3 critical thinking); these include those formerly known “core courses and supplemental- TEAS minimum must be at least 78%.]

**7. Where do I find a list of the 8 pre-requisites and the co-requisite courses?**

This information is located in the **“B.S. information packet”** on our website under the “student” hyperlink at the top of the nursing web page. All eight of the prerequisites must be completed to apply (clearly outlined on the *B.S.* information packet on our nursing website under the “student” hyperlink (<https://www.sjsu.edu/nursing/Programs/baccalaureate/index.html> ) - on pages 2, 3 and 4). Additionally, we require the “Human Development across the Lifespan” course (CHAD 70) or its equivalent, Psych 1, and Nutrition (NUFS) 08 for Health Providers; These co-reqs are to be completed prior to starting this rigorous nursing program (either prior to *or* while applying)

**8. Are there individual advising sessions available?** Yes. We recommend all students **first** attend one of our monthly 2-hr group advising sessions. While in COVID-19 campus restrictions, we will add in Zoom® sessions, instead of person-to-person advising. The advising slides used for this session are found on the Nursing website, on the top left under the “advising” hyperlink – The dates/times/and places of the advising sessions are posted on the nursing web site ( <http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing>). Anyone is welcome to attend these 2-hour group advising sessions (Sept- May), including high-school students and parents- No appts needed! Ninety-five percent of the concerns/questions can be answered at this *advising* session and you do not need an individual advising appointment. Once you have attended one of these sessions, if you still have specific questions that cannot be dealt with via email, you can email **nursing@sjsu.edu** to clarify when advisors are available. No nursing advisors are available in the summer or Jan. intercession. Although you must email first during Covid-19, advisors are available electronically, in the summer **for GE advising** *(if an ongoing sjsu student)* in the University’s college, *CHHS Student Success Center*. *The following applies when there are* ***not*** *University COVID-19 restrictions for students on campus*: During the academic year, General Education (GE) advising is done through the *CHHS Student Success Center VIA ZOOM meetings (or in non-Covid restrictions:* in MacQuarrie Hall, Room 533 or on certain days in Health Bldg.- first floor as you come in the front doors– Call 408-924-2910 for an appointment). Nursing faculty are not employed in the summer.

**9. Can I enroll for what is now known as “SJSU Studies” (this area used to be called upper GE or advanced GE courses) prior to completing a minimum of 60 units of lower GE courses?** *SEE the criteria and eligibility requirements information below: Not without a signed “less than 60-unit waiver petition* (found at the Undergraduate Studies web site <https://sjsu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bgEFxuBdmnuyH1r> ).

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. **Completion with a grade of "C-" or better of: A1 (Oral Communication), A2 (Written Communication), A3 (Critical Thinking & Writing), and B4 (Mathematical Concepts). Exceptions may be considered if the course(s) are in progress.**
2. [**Core GE**](https://catalog.sjsu.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=12&poid=3623#generaleducationrequirements)**,**[**PE**](https://catalog.sjsu.edu/content.php?catoid=12&navoid=4149#physical-education-pe-)**, and**[**American Institutions**](https://catalog.sjsu.edu/content.php?catoid=12&navoid=4149#american-institutions-ai-)**have been completed, or will be completed, in the same semester student is seeking to enroll in SJSU Studies and 100W.**
3. **SJSU and All College GPA must be at least a 2.5. Exceptions may be considered for students who have earned more than 57 units and/or are in disqualified status.**
4. **Completion of 60 or more units by the end of the semester of which student is seeking permission to enroll in SJSU Studies and 100W.**
5. **Have passed the Writing Skills Test (WST), or completed the**[**WST Directed Self Placement (WST-DSP) exercise**](https://www.sjsu.edu/wac/wst/)**, or passed the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement (GWAR) at another CSU.**

If you have less than 60 units, you will not be able to enroll for (advanced G.E.) areas R and V, SJSU courses until the first day of the academic calendar (NOTE: on a space-available basis). If you need this form, you cannot enroll in SJSU Studies (designated in the past as upper division) courses until the first day of classes if you have less than 60 lower division units.

**10. Do you have an accelerated B.S. program?** No, but several local universities do; they usually require a prior baccalaureate degree. We encourage you to check other local programs such as Samuel Merritt (Oakland); USF; UCSF; and San Francisco State University. Individuals, who have prior Bachelor’s degrees and/or a Master’s degree in other fields, seldom want to spend 4-5 years for completing an additional SJSU B.S. nursing degree. Community colleges offer a 2-yr. Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) degree as another option. The University (SJSU) is currently only accepting prior B.S. degree students for pre-nursing undeclared. Apply to the University in October, for the following Fall August start for SJSU University enrollment, or if already possessing a prior Baccalaureate degree, then apply to the UNIV. at [calstate.edu/apply](http://calstate.edu/apply) in AUGUST for a Spring start (if all requirements for nursing are met). The Nursing application is due to the School of Nursing the prior February (or Sept, for a Spring start) (pending all requirements completed).

**11**. **How do I join the applicant pool?** See the *B.S. Information packet* handout with the heading on pages 2/3, “Impaction Scoring”. “*In order to join the applicant pool, students should do the following*”:

* Complete specific nursing requirements (listed on the BS Information packet- page 2/3) & apply to SJSU. The 8 Nursing Prerequisite courses (Anat/ Physiol/Micro/Eng 1A/Stats 95, Chem 30A/ A3 Critical thinking/and Speech – COMM20) must have a GPA of 3.2 .
* Complete the TEAS exam at least 3 weeks prior to deadline, so that you have a final copy of your score.
* Apply to the University (see above), and have application in process.
* Be a student in good standing at SJSU with a GPA of 3.0 or above. Prior baccalaureates must have an overall GPA of 2.5 or >.
* Attend one of the monthly advising sessions at least 6-9 months prior to applying to the nursing major
* Follow the nursing web site instructions for signing up with NursingCAS® about 1 month prior to nursing’s deadlines (Feb 15 and usually, SEPT 15th).

**12. How do I study for the Teas 6.0 test (or 7.0 when avaialb ein late 2021) and how many times can I take it**? (See the *B.S. Information packet* handout with the heading, “Impaction Scoring”- TEAS test)

* There is a site, [www.atitesting](http://www.atitesting).com that can provide a “TEAS Test Study and Review Guide”.
* We will **ONLY** use the highest of the first or second TEAS exam score. For SJSU, the TEAS test can only be taken twice for the TEAS 6.0 version. It can be taken at places other than SJSU but you will need to research the ATI vendor’s web site for this information. You must achieve the minimum TEAS score. As of Feb. 2018, the minimum TEAS score is 78%. The dept. divides this score by 30 to calculate for impaction purposes - See page 2 of BS information packet

**13. Where do I find the TEAS score and how do I report it?** The ATI vendor for the TEAS test has a place on their website to obtain a **paper and pencil ID #.** Return to that website to print out your score 7-10 working days after the date when you completed the exam. Provide this ATI TEAS test form (page 1 only) as an *upload* to NursingCAS application web site, for The Valley Foundation School of Nursing, if you meet the minimum score [ *First page with scoring is all that is needed with the upload*]. If you do not meet this minimum score of 78% in 2 tries (regardless of the version of TEAS), you would be deemed ineligible to apply.

**14. Where can the information for registering for the SJSU’s TEAS test be obtained?** (see the *B.S. Information packet* handout with the heading, ***“****Where can I find the required tests, such as the* ***TEAS, ELM, and English Placement Tests*?**)

<http://testing.sjsu.edu/> This web site has copious information as well as registration deadlines. Those who need special accommodations for the exam should also go to this site, or contact the testing office directly. Some of these fees are likely not refundable if there is a student “no show”. Those taking TEAS on campus **should leave cell phones** in the car or at home (to avoid the concern over possible cheating and/or testers looking up information on test breaks and being disqualified by testing personnel).

**15. Why are the most recent 30 semester (or 45 quarter) units GPA or othr such items as overall GPA, excluded from the scoring?** Each CSU campus has their own method of determining impaction criteria. It is then submitted to the CSU Chancellor for permission.

16. **How soon can I apply to the School of Nursing?** The applications are accepted approximately one month prior to the deadlines for the School of Nursing. You would have already applied to and have your application beginning to being processed for the University acceptance via [calstate.edu/apply](http://calstate.edu/apply) (Often, you will be in a provisional acceptance status by the University as a “self report” status until the admissions staff can fully review all of the transcript information). All of the requirements are outlined in *the B.S. information packet*. Obviously 90% - 95% of lower GE course are completed at the time of the application.

17. **Regarding transcripts, do I really have to have sealed transcripts from all of my colleges, including SJSU, sent in to NursingCAS®**?

Closely read the following steps:

**All transcripts** are requested by you to send to NursingCAS vendor (This includes SJSU if you took classes there) —The web site is [https://nursingCAS.LiaisonCas.org/apply](https://nursingcas.liaisoncas.org/apply)

1. **FIRST,** you must create an account with Nursing CAS (on their web site)- follow guidelines (DONE only about a month prior to the SJSU Nursing School’s application deadline). **Then**, after you enter the schools you attended previously, you will see a blue button that allows you to download a **Transcript Request form**. You can 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 (SJSU) 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***](https://www.credentials-inc.com/cgi-bin/dvcgitp.pgm?ALUMTROLIAISN)*. 🡪 Listed as* San Jose State University

18. **Can I use any AP courses for my nursing application of the 8 pre-requisites? What about Spring 2020 “credit” courses due to Spring Covid-19 situation?**

Yes. We accept AP for English 1A, Psychology and Stat 95 (when asking about the 8 pre-requisite course substitutions). In addition, as a one-time only issue, the Covid-19 situation occurring in Spring 2020 ONLY, allowed students to take a “Credit/No Credit” option, for that Spring 2020 semester (*or for Community Colleges, a “Pass/No pass” option*). This will not be the case thereafter. There is a place on the Nursing CAS application to list this option. NOTE: Although we will take these specifically-mentioned, Spring 2020 “credit courses” only, they will be excluded from the actual letter-graded impaction scoring. Make sure your AP scores show on your college transcripts (or submit a course prerequisite substitution form with documentation of college board scores) to the Undergraduate Coordinator.

19. **How should I submit my nursing application**? It is all done **online** at [https://nursingCAS.LiaisonCas.org/apply](https://nursingcas.liaisoncas.org/apply)  (after you also apply to the UNIV- if you are not already a matriculated ongoing student at SJSU).

20. **What if my impaction score is tied with someone else, and there are only limited spots**? We usually accept 60 students/semester, regardless of the #s of University’s acceptances. This is for the regular BSN program. All students must have an application to the University *in progress*, **or** be already enrolled. If we are limited in acceptance slots, and we have a tied score for the last spot, we will use overall GPA as the final tie-breaker.

21. **Do you also use other criteria, such as second languages, for your applicant decisions**? Currently we do not use some other criteria; We are no longer using “health care” criteria and documentation ( see BS information packet and advising slides).

**22. Do military have a priority for acceptance**? **YES,** U.S. military veterans may receive priority selection for SJSU’s BS nursing program. This includes those who have completed active duty, have an honorable discharge form (DD214), and meet the minimum SJSU nursing program impaction criteria for admission. Two spaces in the nursing program will be held and receive priority for 2 military veterans per application cycle, if those applicants meet all criteria and minimum GPAs. After these two slots are filled, other military applicants with prior service will be considered and ranked-ordered with others in the regular selection process.

**23. Is there somewhere else that I can see all the requirements- some sort of a check off list**? See our web site <http://www.sjsu.edu/nursing> ( under “programs🡪Baccalaureate🡪prospective students)

**24. As an international student with an F1 or other type of Visa, am I eligible to apply?** We are sorry, but no, we do not accept International students. DACA students with certain documentation are eligible.