POST-BACCALAUREATE NURSING PROGRAMS

There are different types of programs available for those seeking a career as a Registered Nurse (R.N.) after the completion of a Bachelor’s degree:

- Master of Science – Entry Level in Nursing
- Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Associate of Science in Nursing

The Master of Science – Entry Level in Nursing (MSN-E, MECN, MEPN, ELMN) is a 2-3 year program for students who have completed a non-nursing Bachelor’s degree but who would prefer to obtain a graduate-level degree. This program is usually offered through a university (private or public) or a professional health sciences college.

The Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (AccBSN) is a 12-15 month program for students who have completed a non-nursing Bachelor’s degree. This program is usually offered through a university (private or public) or a professional health sciences college.

The Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN, ADN) is a 2-year program for students who have no prior experience in nursing. Unlike the Entry Level M.S.N. and AccBSN programs, students are not required to have a Bachelor’s degree as a condition of admission. This program may be offered through a community college, a private university or a vocational school.

Upon completion of these programs, students will be eligible to sit for the R.N. licensing exam and will be conferred the requisite degree.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Each program has its own application processes and deadlines. Please contact the programs directly.

CAREERS IN NURSING – Advanced Studies (may require additional course work)

- Clinical Nurse Leader
- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Midwifery
- Nursing Administrator

REQUIRED PREREQUISITES – common to all nursing programs

- Human Anatomy with Lab* - one quarter (UCLA: Physiological Science 13)
- Human Physiology with Lab* - one quarter (UCLA: Physiological Science 3)
- Microbiology with Lab* - one quarter (UCLA: Microbiology 6 or 10)
- Statistics** - one quarter (UCLA: Biostatistics 100A, Psychology 41)

*Course must have been completed within the last five (5) years.
**Other statistics courses, e.g., Statistics 10 or 13, may be accepted.

Check with specific programs.

OTHER POSSIBLE PREREQUISITES

Note: To determine an individual program’s specific requirements, contact that program directly.

Entrance Exams
Graduate Record Examination (GRE): General Test

Additional Science Courses
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Undergraduate Page

- **Chemistry**: Some programs may require separate General and Organic Chemistry courses. Other programs may require a single course that includes both General and Organic Chemistry concepts.
- **Biochemistry**: Some programs may require separate Chemistry and Biochemistry courses. Other programs may require a single course that includes both Chemistry and Biochemistry concepts.
- **Physics**: Required mainly for Nurse Anesthetist programs.

**Humanities & Social Sciences Courses**
- English Composition
- Speech Communication: Public Speaking or Interpersonal Communication
- Cultural Anthropology or General Sociology
- General Psychology
- Life-Span Psychology

**Other Requirements**
- Epidemiology or other Public Health topics (UCLA: Epidemiology 100)
- Course in Basic Nursing Skills or Certified Nursing Assistant
- Community Involvement
- Volunteer Experience

**PROGRAMS IN CALIFORNIA (as of Fall 2008)**

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**HELPFUL WEBSITES**
- California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN): [http://www.rn.ca.gov/](http://www.rn.ca.gov/)
- All Nursing Schools: [http://www.allnursingschools.com](http://www.allnursingschools.com)