Thank you for your interest in the Generic (Basic) Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing program at California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA). This is a wonderful time to be entering nursing as the need for professionally prepared nurses is great, and there are increasing opportunities for practice in many areas. The Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing has only one applicant pool annually (Fall), from which it will accept students.

Our basic nursing program is a traditional full-time program over a three-year period. The program combines general education with theoretical and clinical nursing courses. Upon completion of the program, you will be awarded a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and will be eligible for licensure as a Registered Nurse. Courses are offered at variable days and times and involve travel to clinical sites in different areas of Los Angeles County. The Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing is an impacted, demanding, full-time program, and is not compatible with a heavy outside workload.

APPLICATION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM IS A TWO-STEP PROCESS:

The applicant must first apply to California State University, Los Angeles and then apply to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing.

1. **Admission to the University**: You must apply to Cal State LA, unless you are currently enrolled as a student. Admission to the university is online at [www.calstate.edu/apply](http://www.calstate.edu/apply) and is time specific.

2. **Admission to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing**: Admission to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing requires you to apply to NursingCAS. [https://nursingcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux](https://nursingcas.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux).

SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE BASIC NURSING PROGRAM

**Prerequisite Grade Point (Average GPA)**

The Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing receives more applications than it can enroll, the school uses supplementary criteria to select a cohort. Students must complete all prerequisite courses, the TEAS test, and GPA requirements to be eligible for admission into the Basic Nursing Program. Applicants are ranked based on points earned in the following areas: minimum GPA of 3.0, TEAS scores, employment or volunteer hours, and local admission area. These courses are prerequisite and must be completed by December 31, 2018.

- a. BIOL 2010 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 semester units)
- b. BIOL 2020 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 semester units)
- c. CHEM 1010 Fundamentals of Chemistry (4 semester units)
- d. ENGL 1010 Accelerated College Writing (3 semester units)
- e. COMM 1100 Oral Communication (3 semester units)
- f. Cal State LA Assist Listed GE A3 course Critical Thinking (3 semester units)

The following courses are not computed in points obtained. Statistics must be completed by December 31, 2018 and the Micro 2010 and 2020 must be completed by the end of the Spring semester.

- Completion of one upper or lower division course of Statistics (must include Inferential Statistics) (3 semester units)
• MICR 2010 Microbiology for Health Related Sciences (3 semester units)
• MICR 2020 Microbiology Laboratory for Health Related Sciences (1 semester units)

A C grade in prerequisite courses is required. The Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing will not recognize repetition of a course when the original grade was a C or better.

For transfers: To check the transferability of your courses please go to www.assist.org. The GPA is computed by averaging the grades earned in those courses, with each course equally weighted. If a course is repeated because of an unsuccessful first attempt, the grades are averaged in computing the GPA. No more than one repetition of any course is allowed. The minimum acceptable GPA for the prerequisite courses is 3.0.

Required classes in Related Field

*NTRS 2500 Human Nutrition (3 semester units)
*PSYCH 1500 Introductory Psychology (3 semester units)
*SOC 2010 Principles of Sociology (3 semester units)

These courses may be completed while in the program and are not prerequisite courses.

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

Completion of the standardized Assessment Technologies Incorporated (ATI) Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is mandatory for all applicants. To view test times, locations, and register for the test, visit the ATI website www.atitesting.com. Test results are available online within one week of taking the exam. It is the applicant’s responsibility to upload the TEAS scores from the “Individual Performance Profile” results and the dates of when each test was taken prior to the deadline date. Points will be assigned for Reading and English subscale scores. Students are expected to have a National Percentile Rank above the 40th percentile in all content areas to be considered eligible for admission to Cal State L.A. Basic Nursing Program. The TEAS score is only valid for one calendar year, January – December, 2018. You may take the TEAS two (2) times during the year, at least three (3) weeks apart.

Applicants whose ATI scores are below the minimum acceptable 40th percentile for the “Individual Percentile Rank National Score in any area will be sent letters denying admission to the nursing program.

Supplementary Health-Related/Patient Care Work Experience or Volunteer Hours (50 hours minimum)
Hours must be completed by December 31, 2018.

Points for previous education or health-related work experience will be awarded for only one of the following categories. In order to earn points for previous work experience in a health-care setting and/or patient-related volunteer work hours or ROP programs, please provide a letter of verification from the employer or the volunteer coordinator.

Acceptable health care experience options include but not limited to employment as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Respiratory Therapist (RT), Psychiatric Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), or Medical Assistant (MA). ROP program: The Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing will need a program description from the school that includes the clinical hours. It can be in a letter from the program coordinator, but if not in a letter it should be from the school catalog or ROP course syllabus.

FINANCIAL AID

Applicants interested in information regarding financial loans, scholarships, state and federal grants should contact Florita Otto, Financial Aid Coordinator for the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing, at (323) 343-4730.
NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE TO NURSING PROGRAM

Admission notification will be made upon completion of the applicant ranking process. Acceptance letters will be emailed. Waiting list and rejection letters may be sent later as not all students accepted may choose to attend. **Please do not call the office for the status of your application as we cannot release information via telephone.**

**Note:** The Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing admission process is separate from the University admission process. You may receive a letter of admission from the University while your application to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing is still pending. You must also receive a letter of acceptance from the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing in order to be admitted to the nursing major.

**Additional Information**

Conditional admission is granted until completion of all academic requirements plus a background check.

Criminal background checks are required by the California Board of Registered Nursing prior to initial licensure. This same procedure is also required by some of our clinical agencies prior to student rotations. This is a requirement of all students accepted into the nursing program. Clinical placement is based upon the results of your background check.

In addition to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing health clearance requirements, drug screening that is consistent with California board of Registered Nursing guidelines for safe nursing practice is required annually, and more frequently depending on hospital policy.

If you were previously enrolled in a nursing program, indicate your reason for leaving. Students who have not been successful in other programs are usually not accepted for admission to the Cal State LA Basic Program.