Thank you for your interest in the Generic (Basic) Nursing program at California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State L.A.). 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 Cal State L.A. School of Nursing (SON) has only one applicant pool annually (Fall), from which it will accept one class. 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 many areas of Los Angeles County. It is a competitive, demanding, full-time program, and is not compatible with a heavy outside workload.

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

1. **Apply to the University.** Unless you are currently enrolled at Cal State L.A., you must apply for admission to the university online at www.csumentor.edu. You will need to send a separate complete set of transcripts to the University from all the universities and colleges you have attended.

2. **Apply to NursingCAS.** Application to NursingCAS can be accomplished by going to the following website: http://www.nursingcas.org.

SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE BASIC NURSING PROGRAM
Because the School of Nursing receives more applications than it can enroll, the school uses supplementary criteria to select its cohort. Students must complete the minimum 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 according to the supplementary criteria listed below (28 points possible). The top-ranked students will be sent letters of acceptance.

For a copy of the application, visit: [www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org)
Grade point average (GPA) in prerequisite courses 10 points max
The prerequisite GPA is computed based on the following six prerequisite courses:

- BIOL 2010 & 2020 Human Anatomy & Physiology minimum 4 Sem/5 Qtr units each
- CHEM 1010 Fundamentals of Chemistry minimum 4 Sem/5 Qtr units
- A2 Written Composition minimum 3 Sem/4 Qtr units
- A3 Critical Thinking and Composition minimum 3 Sem/4 Qtr units
- A1 Oral Communication minimum 3 Sem/4 Qtr units
- Inferential Statistics (upper or lower division) minimum 3 Sem/4 Qtr units
- MICRO 2010, 2020 Microbiology with lab minimum 4 Sem/6 Qtr units

A C-minus (C-) grade in these or any required courses is not acceptable. The School of Nursing will not recognize repetition of a course when the original grade was a C or better. Any grade of less than a "C" on a class required for nursing hurts your chance of admission, even if you have successfully repeated that class. For transfers: To check the transferability of your courses please go to www.assist.org. The prerequisite 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 2.75.

2.75 - 2.99 = 1 point
3.00-3.19 = 2 points
3.20-3.39 = 4 points
3.40-3.59 = 6 points
3.60 - 3.79 = 8 points
3.80-4.00 = 10 points

Cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) 5 points max
The cumulative GPA for all college-level work completed is assigned points:

2.75-2.99 = 1 point
3.00-3.19 = 2 points
3.20-3.39 = 3 points
3.40-3.69 = 4 points
3.70 or higher = 5 points

Required classes in Related Field

- NTRS 2500/3170  Human Nutrtition minimum 3 Sem/4 Qtr units each
- PSYCH 1500 Introductory Psychology  minimum 3 Sem/4 Qtr units each
- SOC 2010 Principles of Sociology  minimum 3 Sem/4Qtr units each
**Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) 10 points max**

Completion of the standardized Assessment Technologies Incorporated (ATI) Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is mandatory for all applicants. To view test times and locations and to register for a test, visit the ATI website [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). Test results are available online within one week of taking the exam. It is the applicant’s responsibility to download, print and mail the TEAS results to the School of Nursing by the deadline. Points will be assigned for the below earned scores for Reading and English subscale scores according to the point structure below. Students are expected to have a National Percentile Rank above the 40th percentile in all four content areas to be considered eligible for admission to Cal State L.A.’s Basic Nursing Program.

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**NOTE:**
Only READING & ENGLISH scores are used to assign points however, SCIENCE and MATH scores must still be 40+ to qualify.
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.

Health-Related Work Experience or Volunteer Hours  3 points max

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 employment as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Respiratory Therapist (RT), Psychiatric Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), or Medical Assistant (MA). For an ROP program: The 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.

- Previous experience in a health-care setting as an employee **3 points**
- Volunteer experience in patient-related situation or student experience in a patient related situation
  - >100 hours **2 points**
  - 50-100 hours **1 point**

**SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION**

The application comes with a checklist to help you organize the application process, important deadlines and all of the documents required to support the Supplemental Criteria for Admission to the Basic Nursing Program. Once your application is complete, please deliver or mail the packet and all required documentation, including transcripts and TEAS results, to the Cal State L.A. School of Nursing

**FINANCIAL AID**

Applicants interested in information regarding financial loans, scholarships, state and federal grants should contact the Center for Student Financial Aid at (323) 343-6260.

**NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE TO NURSING PROGRAM**

Admission committee’s notification will be made upon completion of the applicant ranking process. Acceptance letters will be mailed to the applicants using the self-addressed stamped envelopes provided by the applicant. 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 nursing admission process is separate from University admission. You may receive a letter of admission from the University while your application to the School of Nursing is still pending or after you have been denied admission to Nursing. You must receive a letter of acceptance from the School of Nursing in order to be admitted to the nursing major.

**Additional Information**

Increasingly, clinical agencies are requiring students be drug-free and you may be subject to random drug testing. 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. If you were previously enrolled in a nursing program, please attach a letter including the type of program, name of the school, school address, dates enrolled, and reason for leaving. Students who have not been successful in other programs are usually not accepted for admission to the CSULA basic program.