Thank you for your interest in the Generic (Basic) 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 Cal State LA School of Nursing (SON) has only one applicant pool annually, from which it will accept one class for the 2017-18 academic year beginning Fall 2017.

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. Students who enter in Fall 2017 can expect to graduate in May 2020. 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 Cal State LA.** Unless you are currently enrolled at Cal State LA, you must apply for admission to the university online at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu). The filing period for Fall 2017 begins October 1st, 2016. November 30th, 2016 is the priority deadline. You will need to send a separate complete set of transcripts to the University from all the universities and colleges you have attended.

   Please note that there is typically a fee for requesting and sending transcripts.

2. **Apply to NursingCAS.** Application to NursingCAS can be accomplished by going to the following website: [http://www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org). The deadline to apply to NursingCAS is January 10, 2017 by 8:59 pm, Pacific Standard Time (PST).

   If you have any questions about the NursingCAS application, please call (617) 612-2880.

**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 for the 2017-18 academic year.

Students must complete the minimum prerequisite courses, the TEAS test, and GPA requirements to be eligible for admission into the Basic Nursing Program.

The following documents must be submitted to the Nursing CAS application page under Program Materials.

1. Copy of the TEAS score result
2. Copy of the current California driver's license

3. Copy of Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Respiratory Therapist (RT), Psychiatric Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Medical Assistant (MA) Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomist, or Home Health Aide (if applicable),

4. If employed (as one of the above) provide a letter from your supervisor verifying employment (letter must be on company letter head) (if applicable)

5. Copy or original letter from the volunteer coordinator verifying job duties and total number of volunteer hours completed (letter must be on company letter head) (if applicable)

6. Copy of official College Board AP scores (if applicable)

7. Copy of DD214 - Certificate of Release or Discharge from US Military Active Duty (if applicable)

All documents must be received no later than January 10, 2017 to NURSINGCAS.

Applicants are ranked based on points earned according to the supplementary criteria listed below (28 points possible).

**Grade point average (GPA) in prerequisite courses** 10 points

Prerequisites courses GPA is based on the following courses except Microbiology and Statistics grades.

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<td>BIOL 200A/2010 &amp; BIOL 200B/2020 (Human Anatomy &amp; Physiology)</td>
<td>8 Sem or 10 Qtr units</td>
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<td>CHEM 151/1010 (Fundamentals of Chemistry)</td>
<td>4 Sem or 5 Qtr units</td>
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<td>A2-ENGL 101/1050B or 1010 (Written Composition)</td>
<td>3 Sem or 4 Qtr units</td>
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<td>A1-Oral Communication</td>
<td>3 Sem or 4 Qtr units</td>
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<td>A3-Critical Thinking</td>
<td>3 Sem or 4 Qtr units</td>
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<td>Statistics (Inferential Statistics-upper or lower division)</td>
<td>3 Sem or 4 Qtr units</td>
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<td>MICRO 201/2010, 202/2020 (Microbiology with lab)</td>
<td>4 Sem or 6 Qtr units</td>
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**Current Cal State LA students** must have completed a class from A1, A2, CHEM 1010, and BIOL 2010 by the end of Fall 2016 semester. Nursing CAS must receive student transcripts by January 10, 2017. For the Spring semester, students must have completed a class from A3, BIOL 2020, Inferential Statistics, MICR 2010, and MICR 2020.
Transfer students must complete Human Anatomy and Physiology I with lab, Human Anatomy and Physiology II with lab, Fundamentals of Chemistry with lab, Beginning Composition, Oral Communication, Critical Thinking Course or equivalent courses completed by the end of December 2016, and transcripts submitted to NursingCAS no later than January 10, 2017.

Military students—based on CSU Chancellor’s EO1040 governing the “admission by exception of military service members and veterans of military service”, priority admission is given to all veterans active or honorably discharged who are CA residents and meet the minimum program admission requirements (Basic Pre-Licensure and RN to BSN Transfer):

1. 2.75 GPA in prerequisites courses

2. 2.75 cumulative GPA

3. 40th percentile for the “Individual Percentile Rank National Score” or better on the TEAS in English, Reading, Math and Science categories.

4. Admission to the University

All applicants: Unofficial transcripts for the Spring 2017 semester grades must be submitted to the School of Nursing no later than June 30, 2017.

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" in a class required for nursing hurts your chance of admission, even if you have successfully repeated that class.

Transfer students: 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

3.20-3.29 = 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**

The cumulative GPA for all college and university-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 (these classes can count for lower division GE requirement and nursing related field requirement)**

- NTRS250/2500 or NTRS/317/3170 (Human Nutrition) 3 Sem/4Qtr units
- PSYCH 150/1500 (Introductory to Psychology) 3 Sem/4 Qtr units
- SOC 201/2010 (Introduction to Sociology) 3 Sem/4Qtr units

**Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) 10 points**

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: [http://www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).

We will accept version 5 and the ATI/TEAS test scores. Please remember that the TEAS score is only valid for one calendar year.

It is the applicant’s responsibility to upload TEAS results to the Nursing CAS website under program materials by Jan. 10, 2017 8:59 Pacific Standard Time.

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 at the 40th percentile and above in all four content areas to be considered eligible for admission to Cal State L.A.’s Basic Nursing Program.

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Applicants whose ATI scores are below the minimum acceptable 40th percentile for the “Individual Percentile Rank National Score" in any area will not be eligible for admission to the CSULA nursing program.

Volunteer Hours or Health-Related Work Experience 3 points

Points for volunteer hours 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 to NursingCAS no later than January 10, 2017, by 8:59 pm, Pacific Standard Time.

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), Medical Assistant (MA), Pharmacy Technician, Phlebotomist, or Home Health Aide.

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 3 points as an employee. or

Volunteer experience in patient-related situation or student experience in a patient related situation

>100 hours 2 points

50-100 hours 1 point

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE TO NURSING PROGRAM
Applicants will be notified of admission status during the month of April 2017. Please do not call or email the School of Nursing for the status of your application at any time during the application cycle.

Previous Nursing Enrollment

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 not accepted for admission to the Cal State Los Angeles basic program.

Additional Information

Increasingly, clinical agencies are requiring students be drug-free. As much per Hospital and clinical site requirement. In addition to School of Nursing annual requirements. Drug screening is required annually, and more frequently depending on Hospital policy.

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.

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