Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing

Transfer Applicants: Admission to the BSN (Traditional) Program

Transfer applicants must apply to both California State University, Los Angeles (CSU Apply) and to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing (NursingCAS).

Applicants can only apply once to the BSN (Traditional) program. Applicants who are not admitted will be offered admission by the University to their alternate major if they qualify. There's one exception: If your application was incomplete (missing required documents), or you did not submit both applications, you can re-apply for the next application cycle.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

1. **Cal State LA University Application via Cal State Apply:**
   - The university application can be found online at www.calstate.edu/apply
   - **Filing Period:** Opens October 1st
   - **Deadline:** November 30th
   - Applicants are responsible for making sure they meet the University transfer applicant requirements: www.calstatela.edu/admissions
   - You will submit a complete set of official transcripts to Cal State LA from all the universities and colleges you have attended. Cal State LA's Admissions Office will request these transcripts: www.calstatela.edu/admissions/submitting-documents
   - Application **Fee:** Applies. Fee waiver may be available (refer to Cal State LA's application fee waiver for more information).
2. **School of Nursing application via NursingCAS:** Create an account and submit your application through the NursingCAS platform (https://nursingcas.liaisoncas.com/). Applications are accepted for Fall semester only.
   - **Filing Period:** Opens October 1st
   - **Deadline:** January 15th

- **Application Fee:** Applies. Fee assistance programs may be available through NursingCAS (refer to Nursing CAS's Applicant Help Center for more information).

3. **TEAS Scores:** All four categories (Reading, Math, Science, English) must score 70 or higher (80+ considered competitive) within two years of the application deadline.
   - You must report the results of your ATI TEAS Scores. Download a PDF copy of your "Individual Performance Profile" report. This report must be uploaded to the "Documents" section under "TEAS Score Report" in NursingCAS. Please refer to the program website for a sample TEAS score page to ensure the correct document is uploaded.
   - NOTE: There is no limit on how many times an applicant can take the TEAS exam, and there is no minimum timeframe required between exam re-take dates.
4. **Transcripts:**

   Nursing (Nursing CAS)

   - Upload a copy of your "Unofficial Transcript" into your Nursing CAS account in the "Other" category.
   - Send official transcripts to Nursing CAS (view instructions below): https://www.nursingcas.org/resource/help-with-transcripts NursingCAS will upload the official transcript(s) with the date received and verify courses taken.
   - Official transcripts must be received by NursingCAS no later than January 31st to ensure your application is considered for admission. Applications that meet this deadline will be prioritized; those with transcripts arriving after this date risk disqualification.
   - The Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing uses the "verified date" to determine when a transcript is received. A notification is sent to the applicant from NursingCAS that shows the verified date the "Official Transcript" was received.

   NOTE: It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure their application has moved from *Submitted* to *Received* to *Verified*. To check the status of your transcripts, contact NursingCAS customer service at (617) 612-2880 or by email at nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org. There is also a chat icon in the lower right corner on the website.

Cal State LA (CSU Apply)

- Submit Official Transcripts **ONLY** if admitted
  https://www.calstatela.edu/admissions/transfer-admissions
- Admission is based on your self-reported information. If admitted, you must:
  - Submit official transcripts from all colleges attended
  - Meet the terms of your offer - decisions may be withdrawn if info was incorrect or if deadlines are missed
  - Official transcripts are due within 30 days of admission offer
- For the most up-to-date information on document deadlines and program availability, visit the Admissions Deadlines page:
  https://www.calstatela.edu/admissions/deadlines

5. **Prerequisite Courses:**

The BSN program has a strict "no retake" policy for the **eight** required prerequisite courses. A grade of "B" or better in each course must be earned on the first attempt. Retaking courses to improve a grade is not permitted as the first attempt will still be considered regardless of when the course was taken.

NOTE: Pre-requisite coursework can be fulfilled by any graded course that aligns with the corresponding CSU General Education (GE) area associated with the prerequisite (see below). In the event that multiple courses satisfy the required CSU GE area, the first course completed will be used to meet the prerequisite requirement. If you have any questions regarding specific courses or their alignment with CSU GE areas, please consult with an academic advisor at your institution.

- **Completed by the Nursing CAS application deadline (Jan 15th):**
  - Human Anatomy with Lab – 4 units (GE B2/Area 5B)
  - Chemistry with Lab – 4 units (GE B1/Area 5A)
  - English/Accelerated College Writing – 3 units (GE A2/Area 1A) *
  - Statistics Course – 3 units (may or may not meet [B4/Area 2] *; can be upper or lower division)
  - Physiology with Lab – 4 units (GE B2/Area 5B)
  - Microbiology with a lab – 4 units (GE B2/Area 5B)
  - Public Speaking or Oral Communication – 3 units (GE A1/Area 1C)*
  - Cal State LA Critical Thinking course – 3 units (GE A3/Area 1B)*

*Courses may also be eligible to meet the (Golden 4) university transfer requirement https://www.calstatela.edu/admissions/golden-4-course-descriptions

To determine if a class is transferable to Cal State LA, go to the webpage www.assist.org for transfer of California Community College prerequisite courses.

Cal State LA's undergraduate studies website also has information regarding transfer equivalencies: https://www.calstatela.edu/undergraduatestudies/transfer-students

6. **Grade Point Average (GPA):**
   - There are two minimum GPA requirements to meet for application consideration: Overall GPA & Prerequisite Course GPA must be at least 3.25. However, to be competitive for admission, applicants are strongly encouraged to have a GPA of 3.60 or higher (across all coursework and prerequisites).
   - There is no recency requirement for prerequisite courses; they do not expire.
   - If a science course consists of a lecture and a separate lab, the lecture and the lab grades will be averaged and must average to a "B" or higher.
   - Prerequisite courses cannot be repeated, and the original grade must be a "B" or better to be considered.
   - A "B-"grade does not meet the minimum grade requirement of "B."
   - AP scores of 3 or better are acceptable for prerequisite courses.

7. **Volunteer or work experience in healthcare** (optional, but strongly recommended): only one specific type of experience may be submitted. Must have 50 or more hours (100 max for credit) of service within the last 2 years. For more information see "Work/Volunteer Experience" section on the program website

If you have any questions about creating your NursingCAS account, opening your application, or submitting your application through NursingCAS, please contact NursingCAS at (617) 612-2880

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE TO NURSING PROGRAM

- To ensure a fair and efficient review process, application status updates are not provided during the application window (October - January). Applicants will be notified of their admission decision via email at the end of the review period (March/April).
- Monitor emails (review spam/clutter) and check NursingCAS account for any communication.
- Meeting the minimum requirements for admission means consideration not admission into the nursing program. A selective admissions committee composed of faculty from the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing (PACSON) will review all applications.
- Transfer Admission Process: If recommended for admission the Nursing program, follow the instructions in your notification email carefully. Admission is a two-step process: First, the **School of Nursing** recommends your application for admission; second, the **University Office of Admissions and Recruitment** conducts a final review to determine eligibility. Check your email regularly for updates and required actions from both departments.

ACCEPTANCE INFORMATION

a. Students will receive a welcome letter via email with orientation information. At that time, you will be notified of the dates to attend a **mandatory orientation (mid- June)**. This orientation will secure your admittance to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing. On the day of orientation, expect fees to be paid for parking, lab coats, laboratory fees, and more.
b. In addition to the required nursing courses, students must meet the Cal State LA requirements for both lower and upper division education. These requirements are clearly outlined in the university catalog found online. Additional classes required for the Nursing major are:
    - Sociology 2010- Principles of Sociology (3 semester units)
    - Nutrition 2500– Human Nutrition OR Nutrition 3510 Adult Nutrition (3 semester units)
    - Psychology 1500 – Psychology of Developing Person (3 semester units)
c. Nursing students must have a cleared background check to be acceptable to clinical agencies. Since the California State Board of Nursing makes the final determination on eligibility for licensure. Receiving a background check that has positive check may be a barrier to licensure, certification, and employment.

d. Drug screening consistent with California Board of Registered Nursing guidelines for safe nursing practice is also required. Clinical agencies are requiring students be drug-free and you may be subject to random drug testing. NOTE: this includes marijuana