

CAL STATE LA – PRE-NURSING MAJORS:

Pre-Nursing (NURP) applicants only apply to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing through NursingCAS.

Note: Pre-Nursing Applicants can begin applying to PACSON program in Year 1, after completing Human Anatomy, Fundamentals of Chemistry, Oral Communications, and Quantitative Reasoning with Statistics.

Effective October 1, 2020, applicants can apply only once to the BSN (Traditional) program. If an applicant attempts to re-apply (without permission from the Nursing program), their application will be disqualified.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS for Pre-Nursing (NURP) Applicants:

Step One: Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing (PACSON) NursingCAS

application: Make sure you apply for the correct application cycle. If you are not in the correct cycle your application will not be received by PACSON.

<https://nursingcas.liaisoncas.org/apply/>

- **The filing period for Fall in NursingCAS opens October 1st**
- Your application must be submitted before/by the date and time. If not your application will be disqualified.
- NursingCAS fees for the undergraduate programs are \$60.00 for the first program applied to and an additional \$45.00 for each program afterwards.
- **Nursing CAS offers a Cycle Fee Assistance Program.** The fee assistance program is on a first come bases and **is only determined by NursingCAS.** See Nursing CAS's Applicant Help Center for more information.
https://help.liaisonedu.com/NursingCAS_Applicant_Help_Center
- Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing does not participate in the NursingCAS' Coupon program. **No coupon codes** will be distributed by PACSON.

NOTE: All of the following **must be included** your NursingCAS application in order to qualify:

- a. TEAS Scores: You can download your results from ATI TEAS "My Report", scan the copy and upload both the "***Individual Performance Profile***" report and the "***Proctored and Practice Assessment Report***" into NursingCAS. These reports can be added in the

two available sections for the “TEAS Score Reports” in NursingCAS.

b. 8 Pre-requisite courses:

These 4 prerequisite courses are reviewed for eligibility into PACSON.

- BIOL 2030 Human Anatomy with Lab
- CHEM 1010 Fundamentals of Chemistry with Lab
- ENGL 1010 English/Accelerated College Writing
- Statistics Course (upper or lower division)

These additional 4 prerequisite courses must be completed but are not considered as part of the admission review.

- BIOL 2040 Physiology with Lab
- COMM 1100 Public Speaking or Oral Communication
- Cal State LA Assist Listed GE A3 Critical Thinking course
- MICR 2010/2020 Microbiology for Health Related Sciences with a lab

Prerequisite Grade Point (Average GPA):

- The minimum acceptable GPA for the prerequisite courses is 3.25 or better and a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better. However, a 3.5 is the average GPA accepted for both prerequisites and cumulative.
- All prerequisites need to be completed by December 31, prior to the application deadline, except Microbiology. Microbiology must be completed by the SPRING of the following year.
- Prerequisites have no expiration time. A minimum grade of “B” on the first attempt is required for all prerequisite courses.
- 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 minus” grade does not meet the minimum grade requirement of “B.”
- AP Scores of 3 or better is acceptable.
- A Prerequisite course will not be accepted, if the course was Withdrawn (W) with the exception of an “excused” withdrawal due to the pandemic (see “appeal process”)

c. OPTIONAL: work/volunteer experience

- For more information see “Work/Volunteer Experience” link

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

Step Two: transcripts

- a) Upload a copy of your “*Unofficial Transcript*” from “GET” into your Nursing CAS account in the “Other” category.
- b) Order a transcript from Cal State LA:
<https://www.credentials-inc.com/tplus/?ALUMTRO001140>

Send to Nursing CAS (view instructions below):

<https://www.nursingcas.org/resource/help-with-transcripts/>

check the Academic Calendar for the date Fall grades are posted.

<http://www.calstatela.edu/academicresources/academic-calendar>

- NursingCAS will upload the official transcript(s) with the date received and then they will verify courses taken. **Official transcripts must be received by NursingCAS no later than January 31st in your NursingCAS account to be considered for admission. If not received, your application will be disqualified.**
- The Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing recognizes the “verified date” as the date the transcript was received.
- NursingCAS’ notification sent to the applicant from NursingCAS, indicates the verified date the “Official Transcript” was received.

NOTE: It is the applicant’s responsibility to make sure their application moved from ***Submitted*** to ***Received*** to ***Verified***. To check on the status of your transcripts contact NursingCAS customer service:

By phone at 617-612-2880, by email at nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org or the chat via the icon in the lower right corner on the website.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students need to take the TOFEL exam. All applicants, regardless of

citizenship, whose preparatory education was principally in a language other than English, must demonstrate competence in English. Test scores are to be turned in to the international admissions office and must be no more than two (2) years old. The University International Admissions office evaluates the transcripts first. Once the criteria are met the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing is able to accept the international students for the application review. Please contact International Programs - 323.343.3170. <http://www.calstatela.edu/international/request-advising-appointment>

FINANCIAL AID

Applicants interested in information regarding financial loans, scholarships, state and federal grants should contact the Financial Aid Department at their website.
<http://www.calstatela.edu/financialaid>

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE TO NURSING PROGRAM

Please do not call or email the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing for the status of your application at any time during the application cycle.

Applicants will be notified of their admission status at the end of April via email from the School of Nursing.

- **Meeting the minimum requirements for admission means consideration not acceptance into the nursing program.**
- A selection admission committee at PACSON will review all applicants.
- If selected, please follow the instructions on your email. Your admittance is conditional until all requirements have been completed for admissions. If the instructions are not followed and completed according to the requested deadlines, it can result in not being admitted to Cal State LA and the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing.

Acceptance Information

- a. Students will receive a combine welcome letter and orientation package to PACSON, in email format, in June. At that time, you will be notified of the dates to attend a mandatory orientation. This orientation which 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. You will take courses in pathophysiology (the study of disease), physical assessment, basic nursing skills, medical/surgical nursing, pediatrics, maternal/child nursing, psychiatric nursing, public health, leadership and others. Most of these courses will have a theory (lecture) component and a practice (clinical) component where you will be accompanied by faculty to various health care facilities in the LA area to care for patients.
- c. 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 by the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing include:
 - i. Sociology 2010- Principles of Sociology (3 semester units)
 - ii. Nutrition 2500– Human Nutrition (3 semester units)
 - iii. Psychology 1500 – Psychology of Developing Person (minimum 3 semester units)
- d. Students in the nursing program must carry university liability insurance, personal health insurance and a valid California driver's license. NOTE: The California Board of Registered Nursing requires possession of either a Social Security number or taxpayer ID to apply for licensure.
- e. 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.
- f. "Drug screening consistent with California Board of Registered Nursing guidelines for safe nursing practice and is required annually. Clinical agencies are requiring students be drug-free and you may be subject to random drug testing, in addition to the required annual drug testing.
- g. It is necessary to take the National Council Licensing Exam (NCLEX) to qualify as a Registered Nurse (RN). The Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing prepares you to take this exam. In the past five (5) years 95% or more of our graduates have passed this exam on their first attempt.