



**RONGXIANG XU COLLEGE OF
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**Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing
Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing - ABSN Program
(formerly known as Entry Level Master's in Nursing - ELMN)
Summer 2019 Application Procedure**

The ABSN program is for non-RN students who have a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing (this degree must have been obtained by the end of fall 2018 or earlier, in order to apply). Students admitted to the ABSN summer 2019 program will begin classes on Monday, June 3, 2019. A BSN degree will be awarded upon successful completion of this 15-month program. ABSN students will be considered for the MSN program if an application to *Cal State Apply* is submitted during the required time period and they have participated in the MSN program interview process. MSN faculty option coordinators will make the final decisions for admittance into this graduate nursing program. Students must have successfully completed the ABSN program prior to the start of the graduate program and have successfully passed the NCLEX-RN exam before the start of their second semester of the MSN program.

The application procedure for the ABSN program is a four-step process:

Our application cycle opens Tuesday, November 13, 2018 and closes Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 5 PM. If postmarked January 10th, the application **must be RECEIVED by the school of nursing office** no later than Thursday, January 17, 2019 in order to be considered for the ABSN Summer 2019 program*.

- **Step One:** Submission of ABSN application materials (non-electronic) to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing - two letters of recommendation, personal essay, **and TWO** official/sealed transcripts from *each* college attended (there needs to be two transcripts that show proof of an awarded baccalaureate degree in a field other than nursing). The **earliest** date that official transcript order requests can be made is July 2018. The School of Nursing will keep one transcript copy and the second copy will be delivered to the university's office of admissions.
 - Regardless of US residency, if your undergraduate (or advanced) degree was not awarded by an institution where English is the principal language of instruction, you must submit your qualifying English Language Proficiency Exam scores by 1/10/2019 to the school of nursing ABSN program coordinator. Results must be from exams taken within two years of the program's start date. For more information about this requirement and minimum qualifying scores, visit www.calstatela.edu/admissions/english-language-proficiency.

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- If you attended a non-US/foreign college/university that does not issue official transcripts in English, please plan to also submit a certified English mirror/direct word-for-word translation (not interpretation) with the official transcript. To find a certified translator, visit www.atanet.org, and access the ATA search directory. A letter grade for all classes and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) using a 4.0 scale is needed.
- **Step Two:** The ABSN program at Cal State LA is one of several programs offered through the College of Professional and Global Education (PaGE). Students who have met the ABSN program's academic requirements will be contacted and instructed by PaGE representatives on **how & when** to apply to the university using *Cal State Apply*: <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>. This *Cal State Apply* application process will take place during February 2019. Applications to the university that are submitted outside of the designated timeframe will be considered *invalid*, and the Cal State Apply application fee will not be refunded. **Please do not apply through Cal State Apply until you are directed to do so.**
- **Step Three:** If you are interested in requesting financial aid, applicants must complete an application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the applicable academic year at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The application process for FAFSA is best done between October of 2018 and the beginning of March 2019 for priority processing. All applicants are strongly urged to complete the FAFSA form as scholarships are also tied to this application.
- **Step Four:** The ATI TEAS exam (version 6) must be taken between June 4, 2018 and January 14, 2019. **Applicants are responsible** for either emailing, mailing or hand delivering their ATI TEAS test scores to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing/ABSN Program Coordinator. The score report that we require is titled, "individual performance profile." The ABSN Program Coordinator must receive exam scores by the deadline date of **Tuesday, January 22, 2019**. *Scores received after January 22nd will be considered invalid and the applicant will not be considered for the program.*

NOTE: The ABSN program is administered on a self-support basis by the College of Professional and Global Education (PaGE). ABSN Summer 2019 course fees will be \$595.00 per semester unit (53 units for the program). The total tuition cost of the ABSN portion will be approximately \$32,000.00. If students are admitted into the MSN program, the tuition for that program will be at the university's traditional full-time graduate student rate.

Students who qualify for the Cal-Vet Fee Waiver should note that it only waives statewide mandated fees. Self-support (extension) fees are not waived. Therefore, the Cal-Vet Fee Waiver cannot be used for any program or courses offered by the College of Professional and Global Education. This includes the ABSN program and Open University. Contact the Cal State LA Veterans Resource Office at (323) 343-5080 to inquire about educational programs that qualify under the Cal-Vet fee waiver program at Cal State LA.

All ABSN applicants must have completed the following prerequisites (or their equivalents as determined by the ABSN program coordinator) with at least a "C" grade or higher, with the exception of the four science with lab courses which must be completed with a "B" grade or higher in order to be considered for the program:

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- **Human Anatomy with lab and Physiology with lab I & II** (BIOL 2010, 4 semester units & BIOL 2020, 4 semester units, Cal State LA or Equivalent)
 - **Microbiology with lab** (MICRO 2010, 3 semester units & 2020, 1 semester unit, Cal State LA or Equivalent)
 - **Chemistry with lab** (CHEM 1010, 4 semester units, Cal State LA or Equivalent)
 - **Lifespan Psychology** (PSY 1600, 3 semester units, Cal State LA – Lifespan psychology course covering birth to later life or Equivalent)
 - **Intro to Sociology or Cultural Anthropology** (SOC 2010, 3 semester units or ANTH 1500, 3 semester units, Cal State LA, or Equivalent)
 - **Human Nutrition** (NTRS 2500 or 3170, 3 semester units, Cal State LA or Equivalent)
 - **Inferential Statistics** (MATH 2740, 3 semester units, Cal State LA or Equivalent)
 - **Critical Thinking** (COMM 1200, ENGL 1050, 3 semester units Cal State LA or Equivalent)
- Prerequisite courses may only be repeated **once**, and the two course grades will be averaged. **All four sciences with lab prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the preceding fall quarter/semester** in order to apply for that summer's ABSN program.
 - **Any other prerequisites aside from the sciences that are NOT completed by the end of the preceding fall must be discussed with the ABSN program coordinator.** If an approval to apply is granted by the ABSN program coordinator, proof of concurrent enrollment of the remaining pre-requisite(s) will be required. Documentation of successful completion of the remaining pre-requisite(s) must be received before the beginning of **May 2019**. Priority for admission may be granted to those who have already completed all of their required courses.
 - All applicants are required to be computer literate, and must be able to use word processing, email, and data search programs.
 - The main vehicle of communication will be via email. Applicants will receive verification that their application materials have been received by the school of nursing- ABSN program via the email address listed on his or her ABSN Summer 2019 application form.
 - We expect to admit up to 30 students each summer. A **mandatory orientation day** for those admitted to the ABSN summer 2019 program will take place on Saturday, April 27, 2019 at Cal State LA. Accepted students will be expected to provide an American Heart Association BLS health care provider (CPR) certification card, documentation of their immunization records, Los Angeles City fire card, background check, and proof of driver's license, car insurance & health insurance prior to starting the program. The summer 2019 ABSN program will begin Monday, June 3rd.
 - Students accepted into this program will be able to apply for an annual Federal Direct Loan in the amount of \$12,500 during the initial pre-licensure (ABSN) portion of the program. Students may apply for an annual Federal Direct Loan in the amount of \$20,000 once in the MSN portion of the program. Students who need to supplement these loan amounts may want to consider obtaining a private loan.
 - The ABSN program requires **full-time study**. For each regular school term and the two summer sessions, there will typically be two or more lecture courses and one or two

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laboratory courses. The program additionally has a required course during the winter intersession. An overall GPA of 3.0 or higher must be maintained while in the ABSN program to remain in good academic standing, with no course grade lower than a "C".

- Successful completion of the ABSN program in good academic standing enables the student to be considered for entry into the MSN program if they apply to *Cal State Apply* during the required time period and participate in the MSN program interview process. MSN option coordinators will make the final admittance decisions for the graduate nursing program based upon the interviews and student application materials. ABSN students who enter the MSN program must pass the NCLEX-RN licensure exam in order to continue into the second semester of the program. They will not be allowed to register for the spring semester until they have done so.

Important ABSN Summer 2019 application requirements:

- An official transcript awarding a Bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing with a preferred GPA of 3.0 or higher. Transcripts must also show a strong academic record with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the last 90 quarter units or 60 semester units. In addition, a grade of "B" or higher is required in *all* four sciences with lab pre-requisite courses.
- Completion of the specific standardized examination (ATI TEAS- Test of Essential Academic Skills) Version VI is required (**we do not accept the GRE**). Information about the exam itself can be found on the organization's website www.atitesting.com. Cal State LA serves as a test site but arrangements may be made to take the exam at any authorized ATI testing location. **It is the applicant's responsibility to download, print and deliver or email the ATI TEAS results directly to Cal State LA's School of Nursing/ABSN Program Coordinator. Your national percentile rank score must be 80% or higher in each of the four categories,* in order to be considered an eligible applicant. For the summer 2019 ABSN program, the **ATI TEAS exam may only be taken ONCE, between June 4, 2018 and January 14, 2019**. If the applicant takes the ATI TEAS prior to June 4, 2018, they must wait a *minimum of 6 months (180 days)* before taking the ATI TEAS test for Cal State LA's ABSN program.
- A typed essay (**NO** more than two pages, double-spaced) highlighting professional goals, including your reason for entering the nursing profession and qualifications to do so.
- Two letters of recommendation written within the past year on official company letterhead (**there is no designated recommendation letterform for the ABSN program**). Recommendation letters should be work, academic, or healthcare experience related (e.g. from an employer, supervisor, or college professor). The writer should address your academic ability, and characteristics that qualify you for this program and the nursing profession.
- Non-RN health care experience is strongly encouraged in order to be a competitive applicant (e.g. CNA, MA or EMT certification/work experience, hospital volunteer experience that includes direct patient care, paid researcher or college research assistant, college teaching assistant in the sciences, medical missions, and other community service/volunteer experience related to healthcare).
- Based upon the quality of their application materials, the most competitive applicants will be invited to the campus for an interview and on-site writing sample. ABSN program admission decisions by the school of nursing will be communicated to all applicants via

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their e-mail address by Friday, March 29, 2019. Admission to the school of nursing/ABSN program is also dependent on acceptance to the university itself. Final admission decisions will be made based upon this staged review process.