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Please read these instructions carefully and submit your completed forms by the printed deadlines.

Thank you for your interest in the BSN (Traditional) Patricia A. Chin School of 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 Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing has only one applicant process annually for a Fall admittance.

Our traditional full-time program is over a three-year period. The Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing is an impacted, demanding, full-time program, and is not compatible with a heavy outside workload. 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 on variable days and times and will involve travel to clinical sites in the Los Angeles County.

To apply to the BSN (Traditional) program students must either be a Cal State LA Pre-nursing major or be a new upper division transfer student (not a returning transfer student) who has completed all required prerequisite courses.

Effective October 1, 2020, applicants can apply only one time to the BSN (Traditional) program.

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

Applicants must apply to **both** California State University, Los Angeles and to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing.

1. **Admission to the University:** You must apply to Cal State LA, unless you are currently enrolled as a pre-nursing student. Admission to the university is online at www.calstate.edu/apply.
 - The filing period for Fall 2020 begins October 1, 2020. **The deadline to apply to Cal State LA is November 30, 2020.**
 - You will need to 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. (See the Transcripts section for more information)
 - Go to <http://www.calstatela.edu/admissions> for application details
 - Cal State LA's application filing fee is \$70 nonrefundable.
 - For Cal State LA's application fee waiver please see the FAQ's at the Cal State Apply website.
2. **Admission to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing:** Admission to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing requires an application to be submitted to NursingCAS. <https://nursingcas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux>.

- **The filing period for Fall 2021 begins October 1, 2020. The deadline to apply to NursingCAS is January 8, 2021 by 8:59 pm Pacific Standard Time (PST) or 11:59 pm, Eastern Standard Time (EST).** Please note that there is typically a fee for requesting and sending transcripts when applying to NursingCAS.
 - NursingCAS fees for the undergraduate programs are \$55.00 for the first program applying to and an additional \$40.00 for each program afterwards.
 - **Nursing CAS offers a Cycle 2020 – 2021 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 is not a participate of the NursingCAS' Coupon program. **No coupon codes** will be distributed by PACSON.

Note: Applicants need to apply one year in advance to both Cal State LA and the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing (PACSON). It is important that you abide by both the Cal State LA and the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing deadlines or your application will be invalid.

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

SUPPLEMENTAL CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE BASIC NURSING PROGRAM

1. Approximately (1000 – 1400) students may apply each year to the nursing program. The Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing accepts **seventy (70) applicants from this very competitive pool of student applicants.** Applicants are rated by the cumulative GPA; GPA in prerequisite courses; TEAS exam scores; employment in the health care field or volunteer hours performed; military; and local admission status.
2. Second baccalaureate students and LVN's may also apply to the BSN (Traditional) Program.
3. The Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing's program BSN (Traditional) Program takes an average of three (3) years to complete. <https://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/school-nursing-roadmaps-graduation-what-courses-should-i-take>
 - i. Most transfer students spend two (2) years completing prerequisite courses and an average of (3) years completing the BSN program for a total of five (5) years in attendance.
 - ii. Cal State LA pre-nursing students spend one (1) year completing prerequisite courses and an average of (3) years completing the BSN program for a total of four (4) years in attendance beginning with the Fall 2021 application period.
4. To graduate, **120 semester units** are required. The university accepts, up to **70 transfer units** from a community college.

Prerequisite Grade Point (Average GPA)

Applicants must complete all prerequisite courses no later than December 31, 2020, except for Microbiology which can be completed in Spring 2021 semester.

All applicants' requirements:

1. The minimum acceptable GPA for the prerequisite courses is 3.25 or better and for a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or better. However, a 3.5 is the average GPA accepted for both prerequisites and cumulative.
2. **All** prerequisites need to be completed by December 31, prior to the application deadline, except Microbiology. Microbiology must be completed by the spring 2021, the following year.
 - a. Prerequisites have no expiration time. A minimum grade of "B" on the first attempt is required for all prerequisite courses.
 - i. **Prerequisite courses cannot be repeated, and the original grade must be a B or better to be considered.**
 1. A "B-" grade **does not meet** the minimum grade requirement of "B."
 - ii. **AP Scores of 3 or better is acceptable.**
3. Withdrawn (W) courses are not considered.
4. Go to the webpage www.assist.org for transfer of California Community College prerequisite courses to Cal State LA.
 - a. To obtain the transferrable report from Assist, select the dropdown list that indicates "CSU transferrable courses" and then select the course of interest.
 - b. **Contact ASSIST at 949.824.4385 or email at help@assist.org** for questions generated or not generated by the Assist program.
5. Check Cal State LA's Transfer Equivalencies for transferrable prerequisite courses, which include some colleges located in California, Colorado, Texas, New Jersey, Washington, Wyoming, and Virginia.
<http://www.calstatela.edu/undergraduatestudies/california-state-university-los-angeles-transfer-equivalencies>

These courses are reviewed for eligibility into PACSON.

- BIOL 2010 Human Anatomy with Lab (4 semester units)
- CHEM 1010 Fundamentals of Chemistry with Lab (4 semester units)
- ENGL 1010 English/ Accelerated College Writing (3 semester units)
- Completion of one upper or lower division course of Statistics (must include Inferential Statistics) (3 semester units)

The following courses must be completed but are not considered as part of the admission review.

- BIOL 2020 Physiology with Lab (4 semester units)
- COMM 1100 Public Speaking or Oral Communication (3 semester units)
- Cal State LA Assist Listed GE A3 Critical Thinking course (3 semester units)

- MICR 2010 Microbiology for Health Related Sciences (3 semester units)
- MICR 2020 Microbiology Laboratory for Health Related Sciences (1 semester units)

These courses are required classes in a related field and may be completed while in the program. They are not prerequisite courses.

- NTRS 2500 Human Nutrition (3 semester units)

- PSYCH 1500 Introductory Psychology (3 semester units)
- SOC 2010 Principles of Sociology (3 semester units)

Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS)

- TEAS Testing: The Assessment Technologies Incorporated (ATI) TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) is a four (4) part exam that measures the student's knowledge of Math, Reading, Science, and English. **This test is mandatory.** The test is approximately five (5) hours long (includes check-in and instruction). A study guide may be purchased from ATI at <https://www.atitesting.com/teas>.
 - a. A minimal acceptable percentile for the TEAS scores is 60% or above the national average. **Applicants whose ATI scores are below the minimum acceptable 60th percentile will not be eligible for admission to the Cal State LA nursing program.**
 - b. An applicant may retake the proctored test to improve their scores. The higher test score may be used for evaluation. You must retake the entire exam. **NOTE: the proctored test can only be taken twice a year with at least a three week time period between test taking dates.**
 - c. It is the applicant's responsibility to select the highest test score and upload that proctored TEAS scores in the "Standardized Test" Section prior to the deadline. Submission of the TEAS to NursingCAS must be submitted no later than the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing application deadline date in NursingCAS. <https://nursingcas.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux>
 - d. The TEAS proctored score is only valid from, January 1, 2020-until the PACSON's application final deadline date/time, January 8, 2021, 8:59 p.m. (p.s.t.).
 - Practice test(s) do not count as a proctored test.
 - e. **It is not necessary to pay an additional fee to have your TEAS results uploaded into Nursing CAS.** 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.
 - f. **Please manually uploaded the following reports into NursingCAS.**

Individual Performance Profile ATI TEAS Retake 3



Individual Name:	Test Date:	9/28/2018
Institution:	Attempt:	3 of 3
Program Type:	ADN	

Scores

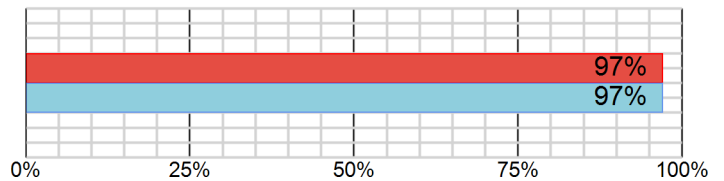
Total Score:

87.3%

Academic Preparedness Level: **Advanced**

National Mean: 65.6% All ADN Programs Mean: 66.1%

Percentile Rank: % of students who scored at or below your score



**All 4 areas must be
60% or
higher to
apply.**

Reading Score:

80.9%

Math Score:

87.5%

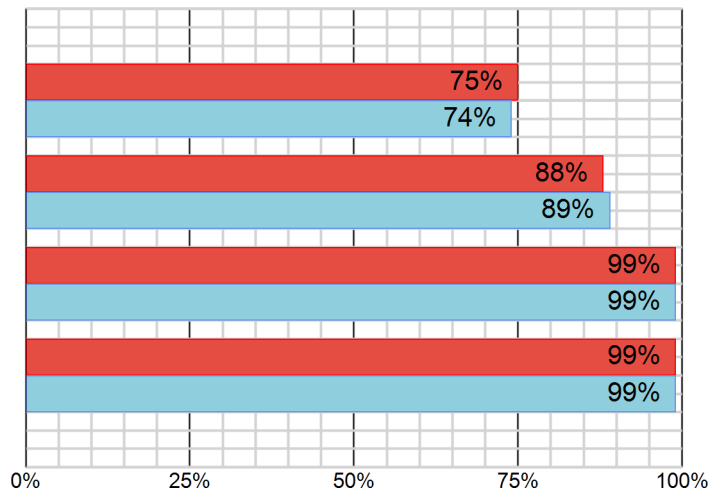
Science Score:

91.5%

English and Language Usage Score:

95.8%

Percentile Rank: % of students who scored at or below your score



National

All ADN Programs

The Proctored Assessment Report is used to verify the actual number of proctored attempts. (Two proctored tests must be allowed between January 1, 2020 - January 8, 2021). A minimum of 3 weeks must be allowed between each proctored test.

<https://documentcloud.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:a7c32462-fe84-47ac-b44c-f5e6e27bae94>

Transcript for



Institution:

Program Type:

ADN

Proctored Assessment																		
Assessment Name	Date/Time	Individual	Proficiency	Individual Mean		Individual PR		Total Focused Review	Individual Score									
		Score	Level	National Program	National Program	National Program	National Program	Time	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90
ATI TEAS	8/7/2017 6:27:00 PM	78.0%	Advanced	65.6%	66.1%	84	84	N/A	▲									
ATI TEAS Retake 3	9/28/2018 1:10:00 PM	87.3%	Advanced	65.6%	66.1%	97	97	N/A	▲									
ATI TEAS Retake 8	8/17/2018 1:50:00 PM	79.3%	Advanced	65.6%	66.1%	86	86	N/A										

Practice Assessment																			
Assessment Name	Date/Time	Individual	Practice	Total Focused Review		Individual Score													
		Score	Time	Time	Time	1	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	99			

Continuing Education Credits - Earned as of 12/17/2018		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	- Course Completed and Completed Date	<input type="checkbox"/> - Course Not Completed and Due Date
Total Contact Hours Earned ▶		

Tutorials - Earned as of 12/17/2018

NOTE: * denotes custom assessment



TRANSCRIPTS

Transfer Applicants will need **two sets of official transcripts** and **one set of unofficial transcripts**.

- One set of official transcripts can be sent electronically or by sealed envelope directly from the initial college/university attended to Nursing CAS only. Opened envelopes are considered unofficial transcripts. (See complete instructions for transcript submission in Nursing CAS “Need Help”.)
<https://www.nursingcas.org/resource/help-with-transcripts/>
- 1. NursingCAS will upload the official transcript(s) with the date received and then they will verify courses taken. **The Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing recognizes the “verified date” as the date the transcript was received.** Transcripts verified after the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing submission date are considered as long as the application was submitted by the due date and time. All inquiries, about transcript submissions should be made with NursingCAS at (617.612.2880)
- 2. **Official transcripts must be received by NursingCAS no later than January 31, 2021 to be considered for FALL 2021 admission.**
- The second set of official transcripts are submitted to Cal State LA Admissions Office at the Admissions Office request only. <http://www.calstatela.edu/admissions/submitting-documents>
- The set of unofficial transcripts should be uploaded in Nursing CAS by the applicant in the Documents “Other” section.

Current Cal State LA students can retrieve their unofficial transcripts from “GET” after Fall Grades are posted. All applicants must upload the “Unofficial Transcript” before January 8, 2021 in Nursing Cas.

- 1) It is not necessary for a Cal State LA pre-nursing student to submit an “Official Transcript” in Nursing Cas.
 - a) Please check the Academic Calendar for the date grades are posted.
<http://www.calstatela.edu/academicresources/academic-calendar>

WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

The applicant can also include their current work experiences, health related experience, or volunteer/community enrichment.

- **The applicant can only submit one specific work or volunteer experience in which they have directly worked with patients with 50 or more hours of service within the last 2 years:**
 - **As an employee** – Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN), Respiratory Therapist (RT), Psychiatric Technician, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), Medical Assistant (MA), Lab Technician, or Pharm Tech are examples.
 - **As health related experience** – Regional Occupational Program (ROP) or Career Technical Education (CTE program)
 - **As volunteer/community enrichment**
 - Acceptable locations for volunteer/community enrichment hours are hospital, clinics, dentist office, in-home support, and the like.

- Acceptable responsibilities are feeding patients, dressing patients, assisting patients by wheelchair or physically, making beds, and the like.
- Volunteer hours are accepted from the last 2 years only and can increase the probability of being admitted but the hours are not mandatory.

LOCAL PREFERENCE for Cal State LA/Transfer Students/Military:

- **Cal State LA students** receive local preference. The student's major must be "pre-nursing."
- **Transfer Students**: As a commitment to the local community and social upward mobility transfer students are given local preference for attending specific community colleges. Please check to see if your community college is on the list.
 - <http://www.calstatela.edu/admissions/local-preference-transfers>
- **Military Students**: As a commitment to provide access to veterans, Cal State LA gives 'Local Preference' to all military veterans regardless of their school of origin. This Veterans category includes active-duty, reservists, and National Guard.
 - <http://www.calstatela.edu/admissions/veteran-admission>

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

Applicants will be notified of their admission status at the end of April 2021 by an email from the Admission Office.

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.

- A selection committee will review all applicants and submit their top-ranked students to the University's Admissions department.
- Meeting the minimum requirements for admission means consideration **not** acceptance into the
- nursing program.

Transfer Students

- The Cal State LA's Admissions department will send **transfer students** an Offer Made email indicating that an applicant has been selected or not selected for the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing Program. An accepting email will state, "Congratulations you have been accepted at Cal State LA in Nursing." If your email does not state this, you may be admitted into Cal State LA but not into the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing Program.
- If selected, please follow the instructions requested on the Cal State LA's email. Your admittance is conditional until all request 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 in Cal State LA and the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing.
- As a transfer student, if you want to appeal the non-acceptance decisions contact the Admission's Department. Admission's will contact the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing for consultation.

Cal State LA pre-nursing students

- a) Submit your appeal by email to Yvette Richardson at yrichar@calstatela.edu. In the subject line enter: Appeal for "Your Name"-
- Explain the basis for the appeal. The appeal must include how you meet the requirement, or how an extenuating circumstance prevented you from meeting a deadline, **no later than 15 business days of your denial email notification.**
 - Responses will be returned in order of submission. Please do not contact the nursing office for the progress of your email response.

Additional Information

- a. Both Transfer students and Cal State LA 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.
- i. If you are a Transfer student, you must attend the Golden Eagle Orientation which is separate from PACSON.**
- 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.

BSN (Traditional) GRADUATE BENEFITS

- a. The possibilities are almost endless! You can work in a hospital in any specialty areas such as the operating room, the emergency department, or an intensive care unit caring for infants, children and/or adults. You can also join the military as a commissioned officer. Or, you might decide to do public health nursing, home health nursing or work in a clinic. You can enter graduate school at Cal State LA and become a nurse practitioner, or a nurse educator.
- b. The average Registered Nurse’s Salary in California (CA) is \$102,700 which is well above the national average for RN’s. There are approximately 282,290 Registered Nurses employed in California within a range of industries. (source www.nursesalaryguide.net)

CAL STATE LA, PATRICIA A. CHIN SCHOOL OF NURSING CONTACT

The main office is located at Simpson Tower Room 417 but is closed at this time due to Covid-19.

Contact:

- Yvette Richardson, 323-343-4701
 - Available hours: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - Days Available: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.
 - Email: yrichar@calstatela.edu. **(The best way to contact Yvette during Covid-19 is by email.)**