

**California State University, Los Angeles**  
**Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for RN to BSN program

**1. What degree options are available for a student with an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)?**

- a. California State University, Los Angeles (Cal State LA) has one option for students with an ADN. This option takes 2 semesters to complete and results in a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) when the student finishes all required course work for this degree.

**2. What are the prerequisites for applying for the BSN program at Cal State LA?**

- a. All students wishing to begin the BSN program at Cal State LA must have completed the following courses or (or equivalent) with a grad of 'C' or better.
  - Human Anatomy (with lab component)
  - Human Physiology (with lab component)
  - English Composition I
  - Microbiology (with lab component)
  - Oral Communication (Public Speaking)
  - Critical Thinking
  - Chemistry (with lab component)
  - Statistics-Inferential Statistics
- b. In addition to the course work, students in the traditional track must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 in the last 90 units attempted or higher. The final requirement is that the student must hold a current license as a registered nurse to practice in the state of California.

**3. How do I apply to the program?**

- a. Application to Nursing is a 2-step Process:
  - i. Admissions to the University: Unless you are currently enrolled at Cal State LA, you must APPLY for ADMISSIONS to the university online at <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply> . Please check the website for the deadlines. You will need to send a separate complete set of transcripts to the University of all the universities and community colleges you have attended. For more information and how to apply, visit: [www.calstatela.edu/admissions](http://www.calstatela.edu/admissions)



**9. What is the difference between the unofficial and official transcript?**

- a. Students will have to pay for their official transcripts from the universities they attended, and they are in a sealed envelope. Once you open the official transcript, then it will become unofficial. You can also print your unofficial transcript in the school/university website that you attended or currently attending.

**10. When can I apply to Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing?**

- a. University Admissions starts on October 1st and ends on December 4th.
- b. Nursing School application starts on October 1st and ends on January 8th.

**11. I won't have all of my prerequisites completed by the application deadline. Can I still apply to the nursing program?**

- a. If you will not have your prerequisites due on time, then you should wait to apply for the following year.

**12. Are there any time limits of the prerequisite courses for the nursing program?**

- a. We do not have time limits for our prerequisite courses.

**13. Is C- (minus) a passing grade for the nursing program?**

- a. A C-minus grade in any required courses is not acceptable.

**14. Does the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing accept international students? Do international students need to take the TOFEL exam?**

- a. Yes, the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing does not require the TOFEL exam for the international student. However, the TOFEL exam is a university requirement.

**15. When entering to the nursing program what documents will students need?**

- a. Students in the nursing program must carry university liability insurance, personal health insurance, current RN license, and valid California driver's license. Students are also required to establish an account with Castle Branch which holds student health documents and other requirements.

**16. Does Patricia A. Chin require students to do a background check that is acceptable to clinical agencies after acceptance to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing?**

- a. Nursing students must have a cleared background check that is acceptable to clinical agencies after acceptance to the Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing.

**17. Does Cal State LA's nursing program have a waiting list?**

- a. No.

**18. I am a LVN. Do I apply for the RN-BSN Program?**

- a. No you will apply to the BSN Basic Nursing Program.

**19. Does the Patricia A. Chin accept second baccalaureate students?**

- a. Yes

**20. Once I am admitted to Cal State LA am I accepted into the nursing program?**

- a. No. Admittance is a 2-step process. Both the University and Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing have to accept you for admission before you can begin the nursing program.