## **ADN-BSN Collaborative Program: Purpose / Background**

The California State University, Los Angeles Patricia A. Chin School of Nursing collaborates with 13 area community colleges to create a seamless transition from the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. This collaboration will help California achieve the national nursing workforce goal of 80 percent BSN level or higher by 2020. Accepted students enroll and complete this collaborative program through the College of Professional and Global Education (PaGE) and receive their BSN degree from Cal State LA upon successful completion of all program requirements.

Students accepted into this program will have completed pre-requisite courses at their respective community colleges and gained a solid foundation in nursing, enabling them to pass the NCLEX-RN exam and complete the ADN degree. The curriculum of the ADN-BSN degree builds on this strong foundation with post-licensure content completed at Cal State LA in Research, Informatics, Leadership, Case Management, and Community/Public Health.

The Cal State LA Chin School of Nursing complies with AB 1295 which prescribes an articulated nursing pathway to the BSN, no replication of nursing prerequisites or content taken at the community college, attainment of the BSN degree one year post ADN, and sustainability of this pathway. The California Collaborative Model for Nursing Education (CCMNE), which includes dual enrollment and shared faculty, is also a tenet of this collaborative effort.

The ADN student who is successfully admitted to this program will commit to complete the BSN degree at Cal State LA. Although courses are taken during the summers at Cal State LA between their ADN program semesters, final admission to the BSN program for the last year will depend on a competitive grade point average, GE certification, and successful passage of the NCLEX-RN examination.

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