

Department of Nursing

Program Options

The Nursing Department offers a Bachelor of Science program, Master of Science program and post-Master's Certificate program, for the education of individuals who want to enter the nursing profession and for nurses who want to further their professional careers.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing prepares individuals to plan and provide patient care, teach patients, families and staff and provide leadership in the delivery of health care services. There are three entry options available:

Pre-Licensure Program

For unlicensed individuals who want to earn their BSN and prepare for RN licensure.

Post-Licensure Program

For RNs with Associate's Degrees or Diplomas who want to earn their BSN and Public Health Certificate.

Options for LVNs

For LVNs who want to earn their BSN and/or prepare for RN licensure.

Master of Science in Nursing

The Master of Science in Nursing prepares nurses with a bachelor's degree for advanced nursing practice. There are four specialty tracks from which the student may choose:

Family Nurse Practitioner

Emphasis is placed upon promoting wellness for the family using advanced clinical skills, including history taking and physical examination, health screening, management of common illness, and techniques of prevention and risk reduction.

Leadership & Management

Prepares baccalaureate-prepared nurses to provide leadership and management functions in current and emerging health care systems.

Case Management

Emphasis is placed on managing complex patient care within health care systems.

Nursing Education

Emphasis is placed on learning theories and curriculum development for teaching nursing in higher education.

Post-Master's Certificate

A post-Master's certificate is offered in the Family Nurse Practitioner program. The 11-month curriculum focuses on the clinical portion of the MSN/FNP program (see above).

Pathways Program

For nurses with a bachelor's degree in an area other than nursing, completion of the Pathways program confers eligibility to apply to the MSN program.

Distance Learning in Advanced Practice Nursing

SSU's Nursing Department has been a leader in providing advanced practice education (MSN and post-Master's) to nurses in outlying areas through live teleconference, Web-based instruction, and on-site clinical supervision. Live teleconference allows students to interact with their instructor and students at other sites, similar to being in the classroom together. On-site instructors offer supervision for clinical and residency portions of the specialty tracks. SSU's MSN program is able to bring this advanced practice program to nurses in rural California (CSU Stanislaus and CSU Chico) with support from federal government grants.



How to Apply

To be admitted, applicants must meet the university's entrance requirements as well as Nursing's supplemental requirements.

Applicants for Baccalaureate program:

Submit a CSU undergraduate application between November 1 and January 31 for admission the following fall. Online applications are available at <http://www.sonoma.edu/ar>. Applications are also available at high schools, junior colleges and SSU's Admissions & Records Office, Salazar Hall 2033.

Also submit a Nursing Supplemental Application between November 1 and February 28. Applications are available at <http://www.sonoma.edu/nursing> and following the link to the application forms. (Pre-Nursing students working on pre-requisite courses do not need to submit a supplemental application.)

Applicants for Master's program:

Submit a Nursing Master's Program Application between November 1 and March 31 for admission the following fall. Applications are available by going to <http://www.sonoma.edu/nursing> and following the link to the application forms.

Students planning to take the program on-site at SSU also need to complete a CSU graduate application by March 31. Online applications are available at <http://www.sonoma.edu/ar>. You may also call Admissions & Records at 707/664-2778 to be mailed an application.

Applicants for post-Master's FNP Certificate:

Submit a Nursing FNP Certificate Program Application between November 1 and March 31 for admission the following fall. Applications are available by going to <http://www.sonoma.edu/nursing> and following the link to the application forms.

Applicants for Pathways program:

Submit a CSU Graduate Application by March 31 for admission the following fall. Online applications are available at <http://www.sonoma.edu/ar>. You may also call Admissions & Records at 707/664-2778 to be mailed an application.

Also submit a Nursing Pathways Program Application by March 31. Applications are available by going to <http://www.sonoma.edu/nursing> and following the link to the application forms.

A word about deadlines:

If it is past the deadline, please contact the Nursing Department (707/664-2465 or becky.cohen@sonoma.edu). Deadlines are sometimes extended.

Accreditation

Sonoma State University's nursing programs are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, from which further information may be obtained, either in writing or by telephone at National League for Nursing, 350 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014, 212/989-9393.

The licensure programs (BSN Prelicensure, MSN/FNP and Post-Master's FNP Certificate) are approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing. The SSU Family Nurse Practitioner option meets criteria specified in Section 1484, Title XVI of the California Administrative Code.

<http://www.sonoma.edu/nursing>

We hope this information will be helpful. Official requirements of all majors and programs are published in the Sonoma State University catalog. Sonoma State University is an Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Institution and has a strong commitment to the principal of diversity. A member of the California State University

