The undergraduate nursing program provides two program options to obtain a baccalaureate degree in nursing:

1. A pre-licensure program option that prepares the student to become a licensed Registered Nurse (R.N.); and
2. A post-licensure program option for the licensed R.N. with an associate degree or the equivalent.

All graduates of the baccalaureate program are prepared to plan and provide patient care; to teach patients, families, and staff; and to provide leadership in the delivery of health care services. The bachelor of science in nursing program offers students an opportunity to become a liberally educated professional, qualified for certification as a public health nurse, and completely prepared for graduate education in nursing. The pre-licensure program option also prepares the graduate for the R.N. licensure examination.

Eligible applicants should visit www.sonoma.edu/nursing for further information.

**Pre-Licensure B.S.N. Program**

The pre-licensure program consists of two components: the pre-nursing curriculum in which the student enrolls in the prerequisite courses for the nursing program and required GE; and the prelicensure curriculum (“nursing program”), in which the student is admitted on a competitive basis to take the courses required for R.N. licensure and complete requirements for the bachelor of science in nursing degree (B.S.N.).

The prerequisite and lower division courses may be taken at either Sonoma State University or another university or community college. For admission to the prelicensure option of the B.S.N. program, SSU students must submit a supplemental application to the Nursing Department between December and February 28. Transfer students must submit an application to SSU and a supplemental application to the Nursing Department. Applications are available on the department’s website at www.sonoma.edu/nursing.
Admission to Pre-Nursing Status (for the prelicensure option)

Students applying directly from high school must meet the following criteria:

1. Standard SSU admission criteria;
2. High school chemistry and biology with a grade of B or better in all semesters;
3. Overall high school GPA of 3.5 or better; and
4. Eligibility Index of 3800 or higher.
5. Students who do not meet the criteria listed above will automatically be listed as “undeclared” if a second major choice is not selected.

Admission to the Pre-Licensure Program / Nursing Major (final two years of degree program)

Nursing is an impacted program and therefore requires a supplemental application to the Nursing Department in addition to the application to Sonoma State University. Students applying for admission to the prelicensure program must submit:

1. Transcript verification of completion of GE categories A (Written and Oral Analysis, Fundamentals of Communication, and Critical Thinking) and B (Natural Sciences and Mathematics [Statistics required for Nursing]);
2. Overall GPA of 3.00 or higher;
3. Grade of “B” or better in all the following prerequisite courses at SSU or equivalent:
   - Course                           SSU Offering
   - Anatomy                          Biology 220
   - Critical Thinking                Category A3
   - Integrated Chemistry             Chemistry 105
   - English Composition              Category A2
   - Oral Communication               Category A2 + A3
   - Physiology                       Biology 224
   - Microbiology                     Biology 240
4. Results of the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS); and
5. Essay (criteria are included in the application packet).

Requirements for the Pre-Licensure B.S.N.               Units
General education *50
Major requirements 57
Support courses 10
General electives (BIO 115) 3
Total units needed for graduation 120

*3 units of area E will be satisfied upon completion of the nursing major to meet the 50-unit GE requirement.

Community college transfer students must meet the following criteria:

1. Standard SSU transfer criteria;
2. B or better in all nursing prerequisite science courses; and
3. Overall college GPA of 3.00 or higher.
4. SSU only accepts transfers into the nursing major

Post-Licensure Program

Sonoma State University’s baccalaureate program also offers an upper-division option designed to articulate with community college Associate Degree Nursing (A.D.N.) programs. The SSU program provides upper-division education for registered nurses fostering expanded, evidence-based practice and function with increased independence and leadership in a variety of settings.

R.N.s who have attended a hospital (diploma) program should contact a community college with an R.N. program to obtain equivalent credit for their diploma program (30 ungraded lower-division nursing units) and to complete the community college’s general education requirements for an A.A./A.S. degree.

Admission to the Post-Licensure B.S.N. Program

Applicants must meet the following minimum criteria. Under impact stats additional criteria may apply. See SSU Nursing website for details.

1. Current California licensure as a Registered Nurse.
   (Recent A.D.N. graduates who have not yet received California R.N. licensure but who otherwise meet admission requirements will be accepted on a conditional basis pending National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) results. Failure to pass NCLEX disqualifies the student from the nursing major – but not from the University – until such time as a passing score is obtained.);
2. Sixty semester units of college-transferable credit: 30 units should meet California State University general education requirements, including areas A (English Composition, Speech, and Critical Thinking) and B4 (Statistics required); 30 units must be credit for lower-division nursing coursework;
3. Minimum of 3 semester units of college-transferable credit in chemistry with a grade of C or better; and
4. Human anatomy and physiology within the past 10 years or direct clinical nursing experience within the past two years.

Requirements for the Post-Licensure B.S.N. Program Units
- General Education and Nursing Prerequisites 54
- Upper-Division GE at SSU 6
- Major Requirements
- Lower-division nursing prerequisites and nursing at community college or university 16
- Upper-division at SSU (Up to 20 units of Upper Division nursing for NCLEX based on transcript review) E.O. 1084 44
- Total units needed for graduation 120

*3 units of area E will be satisfied upon completion of the nursing major to meet the 48-unit GE requirement (for transfer students).

Post-Licensure and Pre-Licensure B.S.N. applicants should consult the SSU Nursing Website for detailed current information related to the program of study.

L.V.N. 30-Unit Option

The L.V.N. 30-unit option includes only those nursing courses required for R.N. licensure and qualifies L.V.N.s to take the NCLEX-
The SSU family nurse practitioner specialty option meets criteria specified in Section 1484, Title 16, of the California Administrative Code and is approved by the California State Board of Registered Nursing.

The M.S.N. F.N.P. curriculum is 46 units, students progress from basic advanced practice skills to more complex skills. Each semester has a clinical skills component.

**Post-Master's Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate Option**

The certificate option is a 36-unit course of study designed for registered nurses who hold a master's degree in nursing who wish to become family nurse practitioners. Application is through the Department of Nursing (no university application is required).

**Graduate Nursing Progression and Retention**

Should a graduate nursing student not attain a minimum grade of B- (a C+ is not acceptable) in a required graduate nursing course, the student will not be permitted to continue in, or graduate from the M.S.N. program. The student must receive a grade of B- or better in the course when repeated. If a minimum grade of B- is not attained, the student will not be eligible to continue in, or graduate from, the B.S.N. program. Only two courses in the nursing major may be repeated once.

**Admission Requirements**

1. B.S.N. degree (R.N.s with a bachelor’s in an area other than nursing, please see previous section on A.D.N.-M.S.N. option);
2. GPA of 3.00 in the last two years (60 units) of undergraduate or post-graduate study;
3. Current California licensure as a registered nurse;
4. Completion of a course in statistics in college career;
5. Completion of course(s) in community health nursing; and
6. One year full-time experience as a R.N. required.

**Curriculum Features**

Students and faculty share responsibility for finding an acceptable preceptor. Content includes health needs and risks of all family members, family theories, and legal and professional issues pertinent to nurse practitioners. Content taken concurrently with the clinical sequences includes advanced health assessment and health risk assessment of individuals and families, pathophysiological concepts in diagnosis and treatment of common illness, pharmacology, and practice issues pertinent to nurse practitioners. Students complete a comprehensive exam for the culminating experience that serves as evidence of successful integration of the diverse content areas in the curriculum.

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**Freshman Year: 30 Units**

**Fall Semester (15 Units)**
- BIOL 115 (3)
- CHEM 105 (5)
- GE A2 (4)
- GE D2 (3)

**Spring Semester (15 Units)**
- BIOL 220 (4)
- MATH 165 (4)
- GE C1 (4)
- GE D3 (3)

**Sophomore Year: 29-30 Units**

**Fall Semester (15 Units)**
- BIOL 224 (4)
- GE C2 (4)
- GE D1 (3-4)
- GE A3 (4)

**Spring Semester (14-15 Units)**
- BIOL 240 (4)
- PSY 302 (UD GE) (3)
- GE C3 (4)
- GE D4 (3-4)

**Junior Year: 30 Units**

**Fall Semester (15 Units)**
- NURS 301 (9)
- NURS 303 (6)

**Spring Semester (15 Units)**
- NURS 302 (4)
- NURS 304 (6)
- NURS 310 (3)

**Senior Year: 30 Units**

**Fall Semester (15 Units)**
- NURS 407 (6)
- NURS 409 (6)
- GE D5 (3-4)

**Spring Semester (15 Units)**
- NURS 410 (5)
- NURS 412 (5)
- NURS 414 (5)

**TOTAL UNITS: 120**

Note: 3 of the 9 required units of UD GE is satisfied upon completion of the nursing program.

### Post-Licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing Curriculum Plan

**Senior Year: 32 Units**

**Fall Semester (15 Units)**
- NURS 310 (3)
- NURS 312 (4)
- NURS 313 (4)
- UD GE C1 (4)

**Spring Semester (17 Units)**
- NURS 410 (5)
- NURS 412 (5)
- NURS 416 (3)
- UD GE C2 (4)

**TOTAL UNITS: 120**

Note: 3 of the 9 required units of UD GE is satisfied upon completion of the nursing program.
Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (Full-time Curriculum Plan)

The sequence below is for full-time students. A part-time sequence that can be completed in six semesters follows below.

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Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (Part-time Curriculum Plan)

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Family Nurse Practitioner Post Master's Certificate Curriculum Plan

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