

Baccalaureate Nursing Programs

The School of Nursing baccalaureate programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<https://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE/>) and approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (<https://www.rn.ca.gov/>). The prelicensure programs enable students to apply to take the California Board of Registered Nursing examination for RN licensure, and graduates are eligible to apply for a California Public Health Nurse (PHN) certificate. The School of Nursing also offers options for the registered nurse (RN) and the licensed vocational nurse (LVN) leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

General Education Note: Nursing majors are not required to take health education as part of their General Education requirements (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/general-education/>). (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/general-education/general-education-requirements/>)

Program Options

The School of Nursing offers:

1. Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/school-nursing/baccalaureate-nursing-programs/traditional-undergraduate-baccalaureate/traditional-nursing-program-bsn/>)
2. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Upper-Division Transfer Program (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/school-nursing/baccalaureate-nursing-programs/upper-division-transfer/upper-division-bsn-transfer-programs/>)
3. Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/school-nursing/baccalaureate-nursing-programs/upper-division-transfer/upper-division-bsn-transfer-programs/>)
4. Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) to Registered Nurse (RN) (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/school-nursing/baccalaureate-nursing-programs/upper-division-transfer/upper-division-bsn-transfer-programs/>)
5. Registered Nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree Completion Program (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/school-nursing/baccalaureate-nursing-programs/rn-bsn/rn-to-bsn-degree-completion-program/>)

NOTE: Students are encouraged to consult with their advisor if they have questions regarding coursework needed to meet graduation requirements.

Baccalaureate Nursing Programs at a Glance

Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	BSN Upper-Division Transfer Program
Designed primarily for recent high school graduates who will be admitted as first-year university students. ¹	Designed for transfer students interested in pursuing a baccalaureate degree in nursing. ¹
Based on a cohort model, students are accepted into the program and progress through the curriculum in sequence with an assigned group of students.	Based on a cohort model, students are accepted into the program and progress through the curriculum in sequence with an assigned group of students.
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RN to BSN Degree Completion Program	LVN to BSN and LVN to RN
Designed specifically for adult learners who have an RN license or are currently enrolled in an ADN program (Bridge to BSN option) and desire to complete their baccalaureate degree while continuing to work.	Two programs are available to the Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN): the LVN to BSN and LVN to RN (30-unit option).
Based on a field-based modular design, cohort module.	Both programs are available on a space-available basis for clinical and didactic coursework.
Each student cohort has a primary advisor who provides guidance, direction, and mentorship to enrolled students.	Licensed Vocational Nurses are evaluated on an individual basis.

¹ Once accepted into an option, students must remain in that option for the duration of the program.

Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Programs

Admission to the university does not guarantee admission into the School of Nursing. Students interested in admission into a School of Nursing BSN program must indicate their desire on their application to the university. Students applying to the traditional BSN program should apply through the Office of Undergraduate and International Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/undergraduate-admissions/>); students applying to the BSN Upper-Division Transfer Program (BSN Transfer and LVN options) or the RN to BSN program should apply through the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions (<https://www.apu.edu/graduateprofessionalcenter/admissions/>).

Applicants will be reviewed by a School of Nursing Admissions Committee for possible admission into the university as well as one of the BSN programs: the traditional program, the BSN Upper-Division Transfer Program (BSN Transfer and LVN options), or the RN to BSN program.

Determinations will be made and two separate letters will be sent to applicants indicating 1) whether they have been accepted into the university and 2) whether they have been accepted into one of the BSN programs. Once accepted into a program, students must remain in that program for the duration of the nursing program.

Applicants who are not accepted into one of the BSN programs may still be admitted to the university. These applicants may consider coursework in preparation for application to the Entry-Level Master of Science in Nursing (ELM) program (<http://catalog.apu.edu/academics/college-nursing-health-sciences/school-nursing/graduate-nursing-programs/entry-level-masters/elm-msn/>), designed for students who have completed a baccalaureate degree in another major but are interested in pursuing a career in nursing.

The School of Nursing reserves the right to change the curriculum and degree requirements as deemed necessary. Refer to the School of Nursing Handbook, which includes program-specific guidelines and detailed descriptions of course and program requirements.