

# RN-BSN Program

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# About the RN-BSN Program

- 15 months = 4 semesters long (including summer)
- Online Courses and In-Person Community Health Clinical
- Lectures
  - Nursing coursework is completed online
- Clinical
  - Minimum of 90 supervised clinical hours
  - Clinical hours will be completed in Spring Semester during the following course: Nursing 4221 - Community & Public Health Nursing (Practicum)
  - 1 eight-hour in-person clinical day per week is required (Monday - Friday, 8am - 5pm)
  - Students notified of clinical placements by the end of the first semester in the program
  - Clinical placements are in Kern County

# RN-BSN Program Admission Requirements

- **Eligibility Requirements**

- Graduate of a nationally recognized, regionally accredited Associate Degree Program in Nursing
- Hold a current registered nurse license from the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN), unencumbered, unrestricted, with no disciplinary action pending or imposed (Students may apply while in-progress)
- Hold a current BLS Healthcare Provider CPR card (Students may apply while in-progress)
- Must have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or greater in the last 60 semester/90 quarter units of course work

# RN-BSN Program Admission Requirements

- **Eligibility Requirements**

- Completion of all prerequisite course work with a minimum grade of "C" or above by the start of the program (courses may be in-progress prior to entering the program)
- Transfer students must be in good standing at the last college attended.
- Meet all CSUB Department of Nursing new student requirements upon admission including Essential Functions (See Undergraduate Handbook under "General Information").
- Must be accepted to CSU Bakersfield.
- Submission of a completed RN to BSN Program application through NursingCAS.
- Recommended: Meet with the RN-BSN Program Advisor to review your eligibility.





# RN-BSN Program Schedule and Costs





# RN-BSN Curriculum

Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall
N3210: RN-BSN Transitions (2 units)	N4220: Community & Public Health Nursing Theory (3 units)	N4218: Healthcare Ethics (3 units, GWAR)	N4250: Special Leadership Project (3 units)
N3220: Professional Nursing: Influence, Policy & Issues (3 units)	N4221: Community & Public Health Nursing Clinical (2 units)	N4240: Professional Nursing Career Development (2 units)	N4918: Leadership in Nursing (Capstone) (3 units)
N3250: Foundations of Nursing Research (3 units)	N4230: Pathophysiological Basis of Illness & Disease (3 units)	Upper Division Area 3 course (3 units) can be taken during any semester	
Area 6: Ethnic Studies course (3 units) can be taken during any semester in the program			
8-11 units	8-11 units	5-11 units	6-12 units

\*Students are required to complete 30 CSUB resident units, except post-baccalaureate students.

\*\*Students may need to complete additional graduation requirements depending on their previous coursework.

# Program Costs

- Based on the 2025-26 Academic Year, tuition and fees is approximately \$4,226 per semester
- Other costs may include (but are not limited to):
  - Books
  - Background Check, Drug Test, and Clinical Requirements through Verified Credentials
  - Immunizations, Mask Fit Testing, CPR Certification (if not, up-to-date)
  - Clinical Sites Travel Expenses
  - Application for Graduation
- Post-Graduation Costs: Public Health Nurse Certificate Expenses
  - Board of Registered Nursing Fee
  - Transcript Fee
- Program Cost estimate is subject to change. See the CSUB Catalog for further details/updates.





# Application Process & Next Steps





# STEP 1: Cal State Apply Application

- Go to <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
- Choose “Fall 2026” for the Term
- Create an Account
- Choose Program: “Nursing - RN-BSN” for CSU Bakersfield
- Complete all sections of the application
- Pay \$70 Application Fee

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**APPLY**

## Welcome to The California State University

Thank you for your interest in The California State University. You can apply for the 2023-2024 cycle here, including Fall 2023, Winter 2024, Spring 2024, and Summer 2024.

To determine the exact deadline for your desired program, visit the [Application Dates & Deadlines](#) page.

Refer to the [Applicant Help Center](#) for additional information, including [browser requirements](#). Here, you can chat with us for live support.

If you are seeking entrance for Fall 2024, the application and application link will be available beginning October 1st 6 am PST.

Sign in with your username and password below. First time here? Select Create an Account to get started.

Sign In

Create an Account

[Forgot your username or password?](#)

[Reapplying to The California State University?](#)

# Cal State Apply Application (cont.)

## ■ Choose the Degree Goal:

### 1. Degree Goal

\* What degree, credential or certificate are you applying for?

- First Bachelor's Degree (Seeking your first bachelor's degree and have not earned a prior bachelor's degree)
- Second Bachelor's Degree and Beyond (e.g. Master's, Teaching Credential, Certificate, Doctoral)
- CSU Summer Arts

\* Which of the following best describes your current educational status?

- Graduating High School Senior or equivalent (with or without college coursework prior to High School graduation)
- Transferring from a California Community College and earned or planning to earn an Associate Degree for Transfer (AA-T/ AS-T)
- Transferring from a community college or four-year institution (Includes those transferring from a California Community College with or without an associate degree (AA/AS), not part of the Associate Degree for Transfer program AA-T/AS-T)

\* By the time you enroll at the CSU campus you are applying to, how many college credits will you have earned?

**Note** that if your courses are based on quarter credits, click [here](#) to convert your total credit hours to semester hours.

- 0 - 59 semester credits
- 60+ semester credits

# STEP 2: NursingCAS Application

- Go to [www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org)
- Choose “Apply Now”
- Select Term “Fall 2026”
- Create an Account
  - Choose Program: CSUB – RN-BSN
  - Complete ALL sections of the application
    - Upload unofficial transcripts from all colleges/universities attended
    - Upload CV/Resume with 2 professional references listed
    - Answer Personal Statement Questions
  - Pay NursingCAS Application Fee

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## Welcome to NursingCAS

WELCOME!

Attention: if you're applying to a program with a deadline between now and January 31, 2024 and that is still listed in the 2022-2023 application, go to the [2022-2023 NursingCAS application portal](#).

NursingCAS is a service of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) that allows you to discover and apply to associate degree, baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral programs offered by [participating nursing schools](#).

Through NursingCAS, you can learn about your program's admissions requirements, upload supporting materials, and submit one set of transcripts.

You can create a new account here. Or, if you applied to NursingCAS in a previous cycle, you can log in with the same username and password from the previous cycle and copy data forward.

Sign in with your username and password below. First time here? Select Create an Account to get started.

Username

Password

**Sign In**

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[Reapplying to NursingCAS?](#)

NursingCAS Application Common Questions:  
See [Submitting and Completing Application](#) for more information



# TRANSCRIPTS

- Submit Transcripts of **ALL** colleges attended to both:
  1. CSUB Admissions and Records
    - See [Application Process for Transfer Students](#) for information on how to submit transcripts after you have applied through Cal State Apply
  2. NursingCAS Application
    - See [Transcript Submission Section](#) for more information

# Planning Ahead: Fall 2026 Important Dates

- Cal State Apply Application
  - Opens October 1, 2025
  - **Deadline to apply is March 1, 2026**
  - Official transcripts of ALL colleges required
    - In-progress coursework should be included
- NursingCAS Application
  - Opens October 1, 2025
  - **Deadline to apply is March 15, 2026 at 8:59 pm PST**
  - Unofficial transcripts of ALL colleges attended due by March 15, 2026
- RN-BSN Program Evaluation Fee
  - \$30 is due by March 22, 2026
- May – June 2026: RN-BSN Decisions Sent Through NursingCAS







# Frequently Asked Questions





# Q: Coursework from a Foreign University

## RN-BSN Foreign Credit Policy

### 1. Nursing Coursework

- Applicants with nursing courses from a foreign university must have a course-by-course evaluation completed by the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS) ([www.cgfns.org](http://www.cgfns.org))
- Submit an official copy of this evaluation with your RN-BSN Program application through NursingCAS

### 2. Non-Nursing Coursework

- Approved Evaluation Service ([www.ctc.ca.gov](http://www.ctc.ca.gov))
- Choose an evaluation service that is NACES approved such as World Education Services (WES) or SpanTran
- Request two transcript evaluations:
  - Submit one to the CSUB Office of Admissions and Records
  - Submit one with your RN-BSN Program application through NursingCAS
- Please include all original foreign transcripts to the Office of Admissions and Records upon submitting the Cal State Apply Application.
- **Please start this process early as this can take months to complete.**



# Q: Post-Baccalaureate or 2<sup>nd</sup> Bachelor's Student

- Can I apply as a Post-Bacc or 2nd Bachelor's student?
  - Yes, the RN-BSN program allows post-baccalaureate or those seeking a 2nd bachelor's degree to apply.
    - For Cal State Apply, you will need to choose "Second Bachelor's Degree" in your profile (see photo)
  - Make sure to submit your transcripts from your 1st Bachelor's degree. If your degree is from abroad, please look at the previous FAQ for the process to have these transcripts evaluated.

**1. Degree Goal**

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Second Bachelor's Degree and Beyond (e.g. Master's, Teaching Credential, Certificate, Doctoral)

CSU Summer Arts

\* Please select one or more of the following degree goals.

Second Bachelor's Degree (already earned a bachelor's degree and are seeking another one)

Graduate (e.g. Master's, Doctoral) or Professional's Degree

Teaching and Service Credential Only (e.g. Single or Multiple Subject, Special Education, PPS, Librarian, Admin, CalStateTEACH)

Certificate

# Q: Financial Aid and Resources

- Do I qualify for Financial Aid for the RN-BSN Program?
  - Students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) by the March 2<sup>nd</sup> priority deadline for California.
  - Students are encouraged to apply for scholarships through CSUB (<https://www.csub.edu/financial-aid/types/scholarships>).
  - Department will send information for scholarships and grants to current students, if available.

ANY  
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Visit the [CSUB RN-BSN Nursing Website](#) for more information

# Thank You

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