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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS
School of Nursing
MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Admission to CSU Stanislaus Graduate Program.
- A Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from an accredited institution or its equivalent.
- BRIDGE students must have a non-Nursing Bachelor's Degree and an Associate Nurse (ADN) from accredited institutions or its equivalent.
 - BRIDGE students are required to pass the WPST prior to being admitted, visit <http://www.csustan.edu/testing/> for dates and times.
 - BRIDGE students must complete 4 BRIDGE courses (*NURS 2810 Professional Nursing for ADN-BSN, NURS 4000 Health Assessment for ADN-BSN, NURS 4400 Community Health Nursing, and NURS 4410 Community Health Nursing Practicum*) prior to progressing into the graduate culminating experience. Availability of BRIDGE courses would correspond with the current ADN-BSN roadmap, visit <http://www.csustan.edu/Nursing> for program roadmaps.
 - See BRIDGE guidelines located on the masters website.
- Minimum of a 3.0 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) in the last 60 units of undergraduate coursework. (Conditional admission is available for GPAs between 2.5 - 3.0).
- A current license to practice as a registered nurse in the state of California.
- One year full time nursing experience post initial R. N. Licensure, preferred.
- Completion of the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) www.gre.org **OR** the Millers Analogy <http://www.csustan.edu/testing/> .
- Successful completion (minimum grade of C) of an undergraduate statistics course. The statistics course may be taken while in the program. It must be completed prior to enrollment in the second semester research course, (NURS5020).
- Two professional letters of reference to include a current or former employer in nursing and a professor (if possible).
- Résumé with cover letter indicating professional goals and objectives for the pursuit of graduate study.
- Proof of immunization status upon admission and throughout program.

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- Negative blood drug screens upon admission to the program.
- Background check upon admission to the program. In addition, some clinical agencies may require fingerprinting.
- Current CPR Certification upon admission and maintained throughout the program.
- All School of Nursing requirements will be imputed in by the students into Certified Profile web page prior the start of the first semester and will be maintained throughout the program.
- Professional Liability Insurance is required; a fee is applied prior to the clinical practicum course.

The School of Nursing Admissions Committee takes into consideration each of the requirements related to rendering an admission decision. Applicants who do not meet all of the requirements but whose credentials reveal potential ability for master's study are reviewed on an individual basis. Applicants may be required to fulfill specific prerequisites or other conditions of admission prior to an admission decision or may be admitted on a conditional basis.

Conditional admission status requires the student to meet specific requirements before full admission status is granted. Masters level courses are normally restricted to students admitted to the graduate program. With prior approval of the nursing graduate coordinator a maximum of six semester credits of graduate core course work may be pursued prior to admission if the student has conditional admission status. Enrollment in graduate course work does not guarantee admission.

Applications to the program are being accepted now.

Steps in Applying for Admission to the Program

1. File an application for admissions to California State University, Stanislaus Graduate School, visit www.csumentor.edu.
2. Apply to take the Graduate Record Examination (GRE) **OR** Millers Analogy. Information on the GRE and Millers Analogy are available through the CSU Stanislaus Testing Center (Student Services Center, Room 202) <http://www.csustan.edu/testing/> or testing center on another campus. GRE may also be scheduled by calling 1-800-GRE-CALL (1-800-473-2255) or visit www.gre.org.
3. Request one (1) copy of official transcripts. One copy for all previously attended colleges and universities sent to enrollment services, visit <http://www.csustan.edu/enrollmentservices/>.

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4. Two letters of recommendation may be sent directly to the School of Nursing, attention Graduate Coordinator.

Processing of the Completed Application

- Completed applications are reviewed and recommendations are made either to deny or to accept the application in one of three categories.
 - i. Classified Standing
 - ii. Conditionally Classified Standing
 - iii. Provisional
- Classified standing means that a student is fully admitted and all admission requirements met.
- Conditionally classified standing indicates areas to be cleared (i.e., GRE **OR** MAT scores) before classified standing is given. Conditions must be met during the first semester after admission.
- Provisional standing indicates that prerequisite coursework (Statistics) needs to be completed before classified standing is given. Provisional standing expires after one term. If not met, students must reapply to the program and justify their progress.
- Incomplete applications are not acted upon.