

SCHOOL OF NURSING MASTERS BRIDGE PROGRAM GUIDELINES

There are two groups of BRIDGE students:

- **GROUP 1 (ACCEPTED):** The BRIDGE program allows an Associate Degree Nurse (ADN) with a Registered Nurse (RN) license and non-nursing Bachelors degree to be admitted to our current Masters of Science nursing (MSN) program while taking BRIDGE courses.
- **GROUP 2 (POTENTIAL):** The BRIDGE program allows an ADN with a RN and non-nursing Bachelors degree, if qualified and planning to apply to the MSN program, to take the four BRIDGE undergraduate School of Nursing courses prior to admission into the MSN program.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUP 1 AND 2 ADMISSION:

- Students admitted to the MSN program are admitted under a *provisional status* and are required to complete the BRIDGE course work prior to progression into their culminating experience in the masters program.
- Students must pass the WPST test.
- The BRIDGE courses required for progression in the MSN program include:
 - NURS 4000 Health Assessment for RN-BSN (3 units)
 - NURS 4400 Community Health (3 units)
 - NURS 4410 Community Health Clinical (3 units)
 - NURS 3310 Leadership and Management for RN-BSN (3 units)
- Availability for the BRIDGE courses would correspond with the current RN-BSN roadmap.

- Students are required to meet with the Graduate Assistant Director regularly each semester for advising.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUP 2 ADMISSIONS

- Submit a completed graduate application, copy of a California State RN license, transcripts (to the Graduate School), and a letter of intent to apply for the next admission to the MSN program
- Students are screened by and receive permission from the Graduate Assistant Director prior to enrolling in the four courses.
- Students will register for courses through University Extended Education (UEE)
- A file will be created by the School of Nursing (SON) office to maintain documentation of their progression through the BRIDGE courses.
- Students will be included in the SON requirements web site and informed of the need to complete all SON requirements prior to admission into NURS 4410 Community Health clinical.
- Students are required to meet with the Graduate Assistant Director regularly each semester for advising.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GRADUATE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR:

- Notify undergraduate and graduate faculty and the staff of the School of Nursing of accepted or potential students in the BRIDGE program each semester.
- Advise BRIDGE students each semester regarding progression towards completion of the BRIDGE courses.