

## Frequently Asked Questions

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- 1. What are your concentrations that are offered in the Masters program?**
2. We have three concentrations: Nursing Education, Nurse Administration, and Gerontological Nursing
- 3. Do you offer a NP program?**

CSU Stanislaus does not currently offer an NP program. Contact Sonoma State for more information about their NP program, which is offered via satellite on our campus.
- 4. If I have an ADN degree and a bachelors in something other than nursing what are my options for graduate school?**

Non-nursing bachelor's degree and an Associate Nurse (ADN) from accredited institutions with a current CA RN license can apply to the BRIDGE program. Completion of 4 BRIDGE courses (NURS4000, NUR4400, NURS4410, and NURS3310) must be completed prior to progressing into the graduate culminating experience. The BRIDGE courses correspond with the current RN-BSN roadmap, visit <http://www.csustan.edu/nursing> for program roadmaps (usually offered on Tuesday and/or Thursdays). BRIDGE courses may be completed prior to or during the masters program.

The WPST stands for the Writing Proficiency Screening test. Students are required to pass the test prior to taking the Leadership and Management course (see the RN-BSN program roadmap). See the following website for more information regarding dates and how to sign up to take the test: [www.csustan.edu/wpst/](http://www.csustan.edu/wpst/)
- 5. What are your prerequisites?**

An undergraduate Statistics course must be taken before the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the program with a minimum grade of C.
- 6. Do you offer full or part time?**

We offer only a part-time masters program (6 semesters) at this time.
- 7. How many students are admitted to the Masters program each year?**

We admit no more than 20 students to our masters program each year.
- 8. What is the overall GPA required for the program?**

Overall GPA average of 3.0 or better is required for admission into the masters program. Conditional admission is available for GPAs between 2.5-3.0.
- 9. When are applications due for the Master program?**

Applications are accepted year round for fall semester admission, see the School of Nursing website for application process (<http://www.csustan.edu/nursing/>). A June 30<sup>th</sup> application deadline is preferred for admission into the fall semester.
- 10. Do I need to apply to the University/Graduate School?**

You will need to apply to the Graduate School, see their website for deadline and admission process ([graduate\\_school@csustan.edu](mailto:graduate_school@csustan.edu)).

**11. What happens if I miss the University Graduate School application period?**

Contact Dr. Carolyn Martin for options at [cmartin2@csustan.edu](mailto:cmartin2@csustan.edu).

**12. Do you have an on-line Masters program?**

We do not offer an online or hybrid Masters program at this time.

**13. Can I work full time and still attend your program?**

Many students work full time while attending our face-to-face part-time masters program. It will depend on your work schedule and accommodations.

**14. Are classes offered on one or two days?**

Most masters program classes are schedule on Mondays. Due to faculty availability and the irregular nature of clinical/practicum placement, we cannot always accomplish this. All classes are posted several months in advance to allow for work schedule accommodations.

**15. Why do I need to complete the online certifiedbackground.com site?**

Clinical/practicum placements require completed certifiedbackground.com documentation.

**16. Do I need to have a CA RN license?**

A current CA RN license is required for acceptance into the RN-BSN program.

**17. What happens if I step out of the program?**

Students are allowed to step out. The only risk is that courses are not offered every semester and doing so may result in the student needing to attend an extra semester in order to complete all required nursing courses. Following the recommended track helps insure class availability.

**18. Is financial aid available for RN-BSN program students?**

The University Financial Aid Department has many resources available, their information and forms are located on the University website under financial aid. There are also scholarships available through the Financial Aid/Scholarship Department.

**19. Will there be an orientation to the masters program?**

The master's orientation will be on the same day as the first day of your nursing classes. Contact Dr. Carolyn Martin for dates and time, if you not notified by mail before August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**20. What if I have more questions?**

Contact Dr. Carolyn Martin, the Assistant Director of the Graduate program, if you have more questions. You can e-mail her at [cmartin2@csustan.edu](mailto:cmartin2@csustan.edu).