

## **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 of Science (BS) 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 BS, if qualified and planning to apply to the MSN program, to take the four BRIDGE courses prior to admission into the MSN.

### **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
  - NURS 4400 Community Health
  - NURS 4410 Community Health Clinical
  - NURS 3310 Leadership and Management for RN-BSN
- 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.