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## 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 Bachelor of Science (BS) to be admitted to our current Master 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 undergraduate School of Nursing courses prior to admission into the MSN program.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUP 1 AND 2 ADMISSION:

- Students are screened by and receive permission from the Graduate Program Director prior to enrolling in any BRIDGE coursework.
- Once approved by the Graduate Program Director, students will meet with the RN-BSN Program Director prior to enrolling in any BRIDGE coursework.
- 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) (WP course)**
- Availability for the BRIDGE courses ~~would~~ correspond with the current RN-BSN and/or Online RN-BSN roadmap.
- Students must notify NURS 4410 clinical faculty of the intent to enroll at minimum three months prior to participating in the course to assure placement in a clinical site.
- Students participating in NURS 4410 must meet the required *Documentation for Nursing Students* (see policy).
- Once students apply to the Graduate Program, students are required to complete the BRIDGE course work prior to progression into their culminating experience in the School of Nursing master's program.
- Students are ~~required~~ strongly advised to meet with the Graduate Program Director regularly each semester for advising.
- It is mandatory that students meet with the Graduate Program Director at minimum once per semester.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUP 1 ADMISSIONS (ACCEPTED)

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- All requirements for Group 1 and 2 Admission above, plus those listed below.
- Submit a ~~completed~~ online Graduate School application (with transcripts) to the Graduate School.
- Submit a hard copy School of Nursing (SON) Graduate application with a copy of a California State RN license online documentation, two letters of reference, ~~transcripts (to the Graduate School)~~, and a letter of intent to enroll ~~apply for the next admission~~ to the MSN program. The letter of intent to enroll will list the concentration and semester/year that the students plans to apply to the SON.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR GROUP 2 ADMISSIONS (POTENTIAL)**

- All requirements for Group 1 and 2 Admission above, plus those listed below.
- Submit a ~~completed~~ hard copy SON Graduate application with a copy of a California State RN license online documentation, a copy of transcripts, and a letter of intent to enroll ~~apply for the next admission~~ to the MSN program. The letter of intent to enroll will lists the concentration and semester/year that the student plans to apply to the School of Nursing.
- Students will register for courses through University Extended Education (UEE) until they can register for the University.
- A file will be created by the ~~School of Nursing~~ SON office to maintain documentation of ~~their~~ the students progression through the BRIDGE courses.
- Students will be ~~included~~ given access to the ~~in the~~ SON requirements policy ~~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 PROGRAM 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.