

RN-BSN Frequently Asked Questions

1. What are the required prerequisites for the RN-BSN program?

The following prerequisites must be completed prior to start of the RN-BSN program (Can be in progress when applying) with a grade of C or better in each course.

- a. Oral Communication/Speech
- b. Written English Composition
- c. Critical Thinking/Logic
- d. Statistics (college level of at least 3 semester units)
- e. Chemistry
- f. Microbiology w/ lab
- g. Anatomy w/ lab
- h. Physiology w/ lab

2. Will the pre-requisites I've taken at a community college count for admission?

Yes! Check the [Equivalence Grid \(HECC\)](#) on the School of Nursing website to see which local community college courses match up with the CSU Stanislaus requirements, or log onto www.assist.org to check other community college equivalencies for the state.

3. How many courses can transfer to CSU Stanislaus?

You can transfer up to 70 units to CSU Stanislaus from another college or university.

4. Do you offer full or part time?

We allow for students to complete RN-BSN courses at their own pace. Some courses may only be offered once a year, make sure to create an educational plan with the RN-BSN program Director. Please see the [RN-BSN roadmap](#) for list of courses.

5. How many students are admitted to the RN-BSN program each year?

We admit 30 students to our face-to-face RN-BSN program each year.

6. What is the overall GPA required for the program?

The minimum overall GPA is 2.75 for admission into the RN-BSN program. There are no waivers for lower overall GPA. You can work on increasing your overall GPA.

7. When are applications due for the RN-BSN program?

The application period is February 1st -28th. We accept applications on a first come first serve basis. We admit students in the fall semester only.

8. Do I need to apply to the University?

Yes, you will need to apply to the University between October 1st and November 30th.

9. What happens if I miss the University application period?

Contact Dr. Sherry Roper for options at sroper2@csustan.edu.

10. Do you have an On-line RN-BSN program?

Yes, we offer an accelerated Online RN-BSN program. Visit for more information <https://www.csustan.edu/nursing/online-rn-bsn>

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

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

12. Are classes offered on one or two days?

Due to faculty availability, we cannot always accomplish 1 day offering. All classes are posted several months in advance to allow for work schedule accommodations.

13. Why do I need to complete the online CastleBranch site?

You will need to complete the online CastleBranch requirements which include passing a physical examination, drug screening, and a background check. Clinical/practicum placements require completed CastleBranch documentation.

14. Do I need to have a CA RN license?

A current CA RN license is required prior to the start of classes for the RN-BSN program.

15. What happens if I step out or change from the full-time to part-time program or the other way around?

Students are allowed to step out, make sure to inform the program director and submit a Request for [Planned/Unavoidable Leave of Absence](#) with enrollment services to secure your admission with the university. The 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.

16. What is the Credit Challenge?

In addition to the 26 units in the nursing major, the School of Nursing will allow up to 15 upper division units of validated credit for equivalent nursing course work completed in preparation for nursing licensure. Validation of these units will be allowed, by challenge, upon successful completion of NURS3100, NURS4000, and NURS3600.

17. What is the WPST test and when do I need to take it?

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/

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 RN-BSN program?

We make every attempt to schedule the RN-BSN program orientation on the same day as the first day of your nursing classes. Contact Dr. Sherry Roper for dates and time, if you are not notified before August 1st.

20. What if I have more questions?

Contact Dr. Sherry Roper, if you have more questions. You can e-mail her at sroper2@csustan.edu.