

# School of Nursing

Bachelor of Science with a Major in Nursing

San Diego State University

## The Undergraduate Nursing Program

Students in the undergraduate nursing program are provided opportunities to acquire knowledge from the natural and social sciences; to develop critical thinking and professional decision-making abilities; to utilize current research in the application of the nursing process; to become aware of the emerging roles of the professional nurse and of the social forces and trends affecting health and health care systems; and to learn to balance professional and personal growth and values.

## New Admissions Process for Freshman

In Fall 2014, the SDSU School of Nursing initiated a direct-entry admissions process for the Nursing major. This new admissions process affords Freshman admitted to SDSU as "Pre-Nursing," a guaranteed seat in the undergraduate program! Students no longer have to compete for a seat in their sophomore year!

## New Curriculum

The Bachelor of Science with a Major in Nursing program is a 4-year, 120-unit program. Freshman admitted into the Nursing program are guaranteed registration in the science major preparation courses during the first year of study through a process called Batch Registration. There is no need to worry about science courses reaching capacity!



## Admission to SDSU

Prospective Freshman wishing to pursue the Nursing major must apply for admission to San Diego State University as "Nursing (BS)," via CSU Mentor ([www.CSUMentor.edu](http://www.CSUMentor.edu)). Given the structure of the new program, it is not possible for Freshman admitted to SDSU as Undeclared or as a non-Nursing major, to change their major to Nursing during their tenure at SDSU.

For more information about admission to SDSU, please visit the Office of Admissions website at <http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions/>. There is no separate application required for admission to the School of Nursing.

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Students will practice clinical nursing skills in a life-like hospital environment during the second year of the program in Fundamentals of Nursing Practice.



The Sharp Healthcare Human Patient Simulation Center challenges students to treat computerized patients experiencing a life or death illness.

## International Experience Requirement

Students pursuing a degree in Nursing must participate in a 14-day passport experience in order to fulfill the requirements for graduation. For more information please visit the College of Health & Human Services International Experience website at <http://chhs.sdsu.edu/international>.

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Admission to the SDSU School of Nursing is highly competitive. Students must meet the following minimum eligibility criteria in order to be considered for admission:

- 3.0 GPA in A-G Coursework
- Completion of the following courses with grades of B or higher:
  - Biology
  - Chemistry with Lab
  - Algebra II (Intermediate Algebra)
- Competitive SAT/ACT Score

Given the strength of the applicant pool for the Nursing major, students are encouraged to earn the highest Grade Point Average and SAT/ACT scores as possible. A strong foundation in the sciences is necessary to succeed in the study of nursing so it is recommended that students challenge themselves by registering for AP Biology, Human Anatomy, and Human Physiology (if offered at your respective institution) while in high school.

## The Curriculum

During the first year of study students will take rigorous major preparation courses in Microbiology, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Chemistry for Nursing, in addition to the University's General Education requirements. Upon completion of the first year, students will be exposed to a breadth of nursing theory and practice by registering for coursework in:

- Fundamentals of Nursing Practice
- Client Assessment
- Pathophysiology
- Clinical Pharmacology
- Nursing Care of the Acutely Ill Adult
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing
- Pediatric Nursing
- Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family
- Research and Evidenced Based Practice
- Community Health Nursing

A sample four-year degree plan can be accessed on the School of Nursing website <http://nursing.sdsu.edu>.