

BSN-DNP Program

Overview

The CSULB School of Nursing is a student-centered program whose mission is to educate undergraduate and graduate students to become quality professionals for entry into practice in diverse community settings. We strive to be the premier university-based professional nursing program.

Undergraduate

The BSN-DNP program allows students to complete their DNP in 3 years with nurse practitioner options as an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric-Mental Health NP or Family Care NP.



Admission

A bachelor's degree in Nursing from a nationally accredited program.

Hold an active, unencumbered, unrestricted current RN license in California or be eligible for licensure in the State of California.

A college-level course in statistics.

A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing program.

Three letters of professional reference from faculty, colleagues, or supervisors; should be within the past year, dated, and signed.

An official copy of all transcripts from all universities/colleges previously attended.

Submit a statement of purpose for obtaining the BSN-DNP degree/NP specialty certificate degree (no more than 1 page single spaced).

Applicants will be required to complete a:

- Interview

- Writing an on-site essay assessment

Verification of current employment as a Registered Nurse; letter can come from your direct supervisor at your agency.

Have one year of clinical experience as a Registered Nurse.

Application

1. Complete the BSN-DNP application at Cal State Apply.

Admission

Students must be admitted to California State University and then complete the additional BSN-DNP application. Due to the high volume of applicants, the process for admission decisions is complex. Students are first evaluated based on their previous grades in prior education. Qualified applicants are selected for an interview to be conducted by one to two school of nursing faculty members. This interview, along with a writing assessment, is held in person and/or online if needed.

Orientation

All students accepted into the BSN-DNP program must attend a mandatory orientation session held in mid-to-late August prior to the start of the Fall semester. Students will also submit a criminal background check as part of the initial process; the School reserves the right to deny admission to students based on prior criminal activities. Students must also agree to meet the health requirements and standards of the school and of all clinical agencies assigned. Information, including the purchase of uniforms, lab coats and other requirements will be addressed during this orientation.

Program Length

The program requires 8 consecutive semesters of study with all cohorts starting in Fall semesters. It is highly recommended that students should plan to adjust their work schedules to accommodate the time commitment and rigor of the program.

Options for Specialty Programs: Applicants will need to choose among the 5 nurse practitioner specialty programs including 1) Family NP, 2) Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP, 3) Psych-Mental Health NP, 4) Pediatric NP, or 5) Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP. The specialty theory courses (above) 720/730/740/750/760 or 721/731/741/751/761 are reference to the specific NP tracks available. A minimum of 1000 hours are required for the DNP degree.

A culminating DNP project is required for completion of the program. Students will work in groups of their cohort to develop, implement, and evaluate their specific project. Details of the DNP project are outlined in the student handbook.