Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree programs are designed to prepare individuals for nursing leadership positions in hospitals, clinics, and schools. A bachelor’s degree is also required to apply to master’s level programs such as Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Certified Nurse Midwife, and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist. BSN programs are typically four years in length and provide students with a liberal college education in the sciences and humanities as well as preparation for nursing.

There are several paths to a BSN degree. Generic/Basic programs, also known as Pre-licensure programs, admit students who have no nursing education and would like to pursue a BSN. Post-licensure programs admit only students who are already RNs. Accelerated BSN program are for students who have received their bachelor’s degree in another field and would like to pursue a degree in nursing.

## Prerequisite coursework required by most programs

| **Prerequisite** | **Coursework** |
| --- | --- |
| One semester of English | English 101 |
| One semester of Anatomy and Physiology | Anatomy 1 and Physiology 1 OR Physiology 8 and Physiology 9 |
| One semester of Microbiology | Microbiology 1 or 20 |
| One semester of Speech | Speech 101 |
| One semester of Chemistry | Chemistry 51 or Chemistry 60 |
| One semester of Psychology | Psychology 1 |
| One semester of Sociology | Sociology 1 |
| One semester of Math | Varies according to campus |

*Note: Requirements differ by program. Some programs may require that courses be taken in the past 5 years. Contact the program you are interested in applying to for specific admissions requirements.*

## BSN School Selection Criteria

* Successful completion of all prerequisites with a minimum of "C" in all prerequisite courses.
* Grade point average of all general prerequisite college courses, prerequisite science courses, and overall.

## Recommended Website

| **Website** | **Website address** |
| --- | --- |
| California Board of Registered Nursing | [rn.ca.gov/](https://www.rn.ca.gov/) |

## Select Generic/Basic BSN (Pre-licensure) Program Websites

| **Website** | **Website address** |
| --- | --- |
| California State University, Channel Islands | [nursing.csuci.edu/](https://nursing.csuci.edu/) |
| California State University, Long Beach | <https://www.csulb.edu/college-of-health-human-services/school-of-nursing> |
| Mt. St. Mary’s College | <https://www.msmu.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/nursing/> |
| California State University, Los Angeles | [calstatela.edu/hhs/nursing](http://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/nursing) |
| University of California, Los Angeles | [nursing.ucla.edu/](https://www.nursing.ucla.edu/) |

## Select RN-BSN (Post-licensure) Program Websites

| **Website** | **Website address** |
| --- | --- |
| California State University, Channel Islands | [nursing.csuci.edu/](https://nursing.csuci.edu/) |
| California State University, Dominguez Hills | [csudh.edu/son/programs/](https://www.csudh.edu/son/programs/) |
| California State University, Long Beach | <https://www.csulb.edu/college-of-health-human-services/school-of-nursing> |
| California State University, Los Angeles | [calstatela.edu/hhs/nursing](http://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/nursing) |
| California State University, Northridge | [csun.edu/health-human-development/nursing](https://www.csun.edu/health-human-development/nursing) |
| Mt. St. Mary’s College | [msmu.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/nursing/rn-to-bsn-program/](https://www.msmu.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/nursing/rn-to-bsn-program/) |
| West Coast University | [westcoastuniversity.edu/](https://westcoastuniversity.edu/) |
| Mt. St. Mary’s College | [msmu.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/nursing/](https://www.msmu.edu/undergraduate-bachelor-programs/nursing/) |

## Collaborative BSN Program

| **Website** | **Website address** |
| --- | --- |
| California State University, Northridge | [csun.edu/health-human-development/nursing/adn-bsn-community-college-collaborative-program](https://www.csun.edu/health-human-development/nursing/adn-bsn-community-college-collaborative-program) |

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