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ADN to BSN Fast Track Frequently Asked Questions

What is the ADN to BSN Fast Track?

ADN to BSN Track II is a 15 month cohort program which begins each summer for new or soon to graduate ADN students and leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Program applicants are required to meet all pre-requisites and be general education (GE) certified.

Where can I find out more information about the ADN to BSN Fast Track?

Please visit our website: <http://nursing.csuci.edu/programs/adn-bsn.htm>

Please call 805-437-2691 to ask general questions.

Can I apply transfer credits from my Associate Degree program?

Yes, nursing students must have an AA/AS degree in nursing. You may apply up to 70 transferable units (including nursing courses towards the degree requirements). The best way to transfer general education units is to become "GE certified" (stamped on transcript) at the community college, and complete lower division major requirements prior to transfer. The ADN to BSN Track II accepts up to 32 units as articulated four year college nursing units for lower division nursing coursework.

When can I start?

The 15 month Fast Track Program begins every summer and is completed the end of the following summer. Classes will be offered in 16 week terms over a 15 month period with one month of breaks interspersed during holiday periods.

Do I get time off during the program?

Yes, a total of 4 weeks of breaks per year. The weeks of break are scheduled the week of Thanksgiving holiday in November, last week of December, first week of January and last week of August.

How many days a week should I plan to save for school?

While classes are generally scheduled Fridays, community agencies may require two days during a semester to fulfill clinical commitments.

What is the format of the program?

The format will be a hybrid of online and in class work to meet the requirements for the unit value of the courses. The cohort fashion of the classes will enable face to face meetings and support cohesion and leadership skills necessary to transfer current evidence-based practice from the classroom to the

clinical arena. The necessity of work in a partial online environment will support your knowledge base in the area of technology.

How much class, online, study and assignment time is involved?

Plan on 3 hours of class/online time per week for each class and up to 9 hours of preparation and assignments for each course totaling about 12 hours per week per course over a 16 week period.

What is an average course load?

Students in the ADN to BSN Fast Track Program follow a prescribed program. Average course load is 9 units.

How is the curriculum sequenced?

Courses build upon one another and are taken in order. Over 15 months, students complete 15 required courses, including upper division general education requirements.

Where will classes be held?

The curriculum is designed to make maximum use of technology and the new state of the art simulation lab therefore classes will be held at the CSU Channel Islands campus.

What happens if I have to step out for a semester for a good reason?

Students may apply for a leave of absence for up to a year the semester prior to their stepping out. They may join the next cohort as it moves through the courses they need to complete.

Can I accelerate the program?

The program is designed to be taken in a cohort fashion. The courses are designed to be taken in sequence with the students progressing together from course to course with the courses offered once per year. Therefore, acceleration of the program is not possible.

What if I am admitted but unable to take a seat in the class?

Your admission will be inactivated. You are welcome to reapply and pay the application fee again when you are ready to start.

Can I count academic units as Continuing Education Units for re-licensure?

Yes, CSU Channel Islands Extended University grants 15 hours of Continuing Education Credit for each academic unit completed.

Is there a recency requirement on coursework?

No.

What are the math requirements?

You must have completed the transferable Math Class BIO 203 (Statistics).

I understand there is a language requirement at CI. Is that in addition to the 43 units required in the ADN to BSN Fast Track curriculum?

Yes, three units of a language other than English are required at the college level. Sign language satisfies the requirement if taken at a college. Lower division language courses satisfy the requirement.

If I am fluent in a language other than English can I test out of the requirement?

Please contact the CI language department (805-437-8996) for information on language competency testing.

What if I am missing one of the prerequisites or I am NOT GE certified?

Because of the accelerated *nature* of the ADN to BSN Fast Track program, if you are not working you should have no problem completing GE requirements at the community college while enrolled in this program.

How many University Units are needed to graduate?

The University requires a minimum of 50 University units for graduation. The Fast Track Program is 40.5 units which includes 9 units of Upper Division Interdisciplinary General Education courses. In addition to 70 transfer units, students will need 9.5 four-year university units to meet the 120 unit graduation requirement. Students may transfer lower or upper division 4 year University units from another institution, or complete the additional 9.5 units of their choice (lower or upper division) at CSU Channel Islands.

What are the fees for this program?

The tuition for this program is \$325 per credit unit. The average number of units is 41.5 units required for the nursing curriculum, not counting the language requirement or prerequisites.

Am I eligible for financial aid if I am enrolled in this program?

Contact the Financial Aid office for information at 805-437-8530. Students are assisted by the Financial Aid office where a variety of financial aid resources are available to them including grants, loans and scholarships.

All persons seeking Financial Aid must submit a FAFSA, renewal FAFSA or FAFSA on the Web, between January 1 and March 2 for the following academic year to receive priority consideration for funds.

Applications are accepted after March 2; however, funding options may be limited. Applications are available in the CSUCI Financial Aid Office and other colleges. Please visit www.csuci.edu/financialaid/ and for more information on scholarships please visit www.csuci.edu/financialaid/scholarships/htm.

The program recommends you fill out a new FAFSA ASAP.

Are there scholarships available?

There are many scholarships available to Ventura County Students, state and nationally. You can check announcements that are posted in the Nursing website.

Will I need a computer?

Yes, you will need a computer and the technical requirements are: Mac or PC not more than 3 years old with current operating system and current browser (Netscape 7 or Internet Explorer 5.5 or later, Internet connection, broadband (DSL speeds) preferred, 56k modem will work. Recommended Skills:

Basic computer skills (use of word processor, email and file management)

Basic internet skills (use of browser, searches, uploading and downloading of files).

The online course management system used by CI is Blackboard. Technical requirements for Black board follow:

- Java Script enabled
- Cookies enabled
- Java enabled

Supported browsers include:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer 6 or 7 (for PC)
- Netscape Navigator 8.0 (for PC)
- Firefox 2.0 (Mac or PC)

Can I speak to someone about this program?

If you would like information about the program or the application process, please contact the Nursing Department via email at nursing@csuci.edu.