**Graduation**

**After Graduation**

**Prepare for Life**

**Think Globally**

**Get Good Advice**

**Take the Right Classes**

**Apply What You Learn**

**Connect with Peers**

**Essentials for Every Semester**

- Mandatory major advising is required prior to registration each semester.
- For general course selection, consult Advisers in SSC 220.
- Meet deadlines to register, pay fees, and apply for financial aid.
- Check your Student Center prior to registration for registration holds and updating your personal info.
- Complete a sufficient number of units each term (15–16 units) to graduate in four years. Some programs require more.
- Check your Student Center in the first two weeks of classes to confirm your class schedule and that all adds and drops have been processed as you expected.
- Check your Student Center after each semester for your grades and academic standing. If your GPA drops below a 2.0, consult an Advisor.

**FRESHMAN**

Learn where to find and how to use campus resources such as the Student Learning Center, Health Center, Academic Advising, Wellness Center and your faculty advisor.

Visit each of your instructors during their office hours. Make a point to get to know your professors.

Obtain your Major Academic Plan (MAP). It will enable you and your advisor to plan for each semester.

If you need preparatory math and/or English courses, complete them in your first year.

Attend a pre-nursing advising meeting.

- Complete your GE Foundation courses. Explore GE Pathways. Consider completing an interdisciplinary minor within your GE. Consult an advisor for help.
- Complete your pre- and co-requisite courses. Begin studying for and taking the TEAS exam.

**SOPHOMORE**

Know how to use your Degree Progress Report (DPR) in your Student Center. Go to Academic Advising for help.

Consider attending another pre-nursing advising session.

- Consider an internship or volunteering in a health care environment to explore your major and build professional skills. Internships provide you with valuable work experience prior to graduation.
- Consider applying for the Rural California Nursing Preceptorship (RCNP).
- Consider a leadership position with CNSA.

**JUNIOR**

Apply to the nursing program. Retake the TEAS if needed.

Apply for graduation one year in advance of your expected graduation date.

Begin your Upper Division GE Pathway courses.

- Consider a time management workshop in the Student Learning Center.
- Use the Career Center to assess your interests, skills, and work values.
- Attend a Kappa Omicron Career Planning Workshop. Attend health care fairs and visit websites of healthcare facilities of interest.

**SENIOR**

Confirm graduation progress with an Evaluator and meet with Faculty Advisor.

Finish all major requirements.

- Network with alumni, advisory boards, and other potential employers.
- Explore international volunteer and paid opportunities.
- Study for NCLEX. Join a professional organization and network with individuals who can advance your career goals.

- Attend on campus events and learn about other cultures. Explore Study Abroad opportunities. Attend an info meeting they offer every semester. Consider National Student Exchange.
- Attend a Preceptorship (RCNP).
- Consider a leadership position with CNSA.
- Review your involvement, leadership, and cultural resumes. Have you participated in on- or off-campus activities such as clubs, community service, recreational opportunities, musical, dramatic or cultural performances, lectures or forums?

**Graduation and Beyond**

**Private Sector**

- Hospitals
- Skilled Nursing Facilities
- Home Health

**Government**

- Military
- Public Health
- National Institutes of Health
- Centers for Disease Control
- State Facilities

**Non-Profits Careers**

- Doctors Without Borders
- Red Cross
- Peace Corps