

**California State University
School of Nursing**

**RN Advising Memo
Fall 2009**

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Bookmark the RN-BSN website for the most updated announcements:
<http://www.csuchico.edu/nurs/current/index.shtml>

See registration instructions on the CSU, Chico webpage, 'Registration link'
<http://em.csuchico.edu/sro/registration.asp>

Fall 2009 Class Schedule

NURS 300W RN-BSN Bridge Course (3 Units) - Faculty: Carol Huston chuston@csuchico.edu
Mandatory orientation on Wed. August 19, 8:30am - 5pm in Merriam Library 226.

Textbooks:

Huston, C.J. (2010). *Professional issues in nursing: Challenges and opportunities* (2nded.). Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

N300W Course Reader-available AS bookstore, CSUC

Hood, L. J. & Leddy, S. (2009). *Conceptual bases of professional nursing* (7th ed.). Philadelphia: Lippincott.

NURS 306W Current Concepts Baccalaureate (3 Units) - Faculty: Gwin Ritcher, gritcher@gmail.com **There is no orientation for N306W.**

NURS 307W Advanced Placement Nurs Theory (6 Units)

Prerequisites: NURS 306W. This course provides escrow credit for NURS 306W. There are no required meetings. You should register for the escrow units NURS 307W during a semester when you are paying regular full-time tuition, after completion of 306W.

NURS 315W Family Nursing (2 units) - Faculty: Phyllis Salopek, psalopek@csuchico.edu
There is one required on-campus meeting for this course, Friday, Aug. 21 from 1:30-3:30pm in Library basement, Studio A.

NURS 342W Evidence-Based Nursing Practice (3 units) Faculty: Jennifer Lillibridge jlillibridge@csuchico.edu . A required on campus meeting with the instructor is scheduled for **Friday August 21 9:30 am to 12:30 pm in Studio A in the library basement.**

Textbook:

Schmidt, N.A., & Brown, J.M. (2009). *Evidence-based practice for nurses: Appraisal and application of research*. Boston: Jones & Bartlett Publishers.

NURS 422 W Leadership, Management, and Professional Issues (3 units).

Faculty: Peggy Rowberg, mrowberg@csuchico.edu

Required on campus meeting Friday, Aug. 21, 1-4 pm, room Holt 359.

Textbooks:

Marquis, B.L., & Huston, C.J. (2009). *Leadership roles and management functions in nursing: Theory & application*. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

Huston, C.J. (2010). *Professional issues in nursing: Challenges and opportunities* (2nd ed.). Philadelphia, PA: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

NURS 425/N426 Advanced Nursing/Nursing Practicum Experience (3/10 units)

Faculty: Janelle Gardner, jgardner@csuchico.edu

This course will require the RN to create a written portfolio documenting how prior educational and work experiences have met the various objectives for the different clinical subcomponents. Some individually arranged clinical days might be required to complete baccalaureate level requirements. **(See Clinical Requirements below, which must be complete before enrolling in this course).** Instructions for creating the portfolio are available online in the course Blackboard. Important dates:

Sept. 25, Friday. Portfolios are due (5th week of classes).

Oct. 9, Friday 10:30 everyone meets with faculty. Mandatory meeting between each RN and the faculty. Individual appointment times will be clarified by the faculty with each student once the course has begun.

October 9, Friday, 12-2pm: Denver Developmental Screening workshop will be completed as necessary (place TBA).

Dec. 4, Friday: Final portfolio resubmissions due

NURS 475W Public Health Nursing (3 units) - Faculty: Kris Warner, kwarnar@csuchico.edu.

An on-campus **orientation** is scheduled Friday, August 28, 1-3 pm. Information about midterm exams will be explained at that time. If you cannot attend this meeting, you must contact the instructor before this date.

Textbooks:

Allender, J.A., Rector, C., & Warner, K.D. (2010). *Community health nursing: Promoting and protecting the public's health* (7th ed.). Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

American Nurses Association. (2007). *Public health nursing: Scope and standards of practice*. Silver Spring, MD: nursebooks.org.

Nurs. 495W Adv. Concepts: Pathophysiology & Theory (4 units) - Faculty: Carol Leedom; cleedom@csuchico.edu. An on-campus **orientation** is scheduled Friday, August 28, 2009, from 10 a.m. – 12 noon.

Clinical Requirements for Nursing 425 and 474

Students will not be allowed into any clinical courses (N425 or N474) until they have turned in copies of the following:

- current nursing license
- current immunizations--tetanus within the last 10 years, MMR, 2nd MMR or evidence of Rubeola immunity unless born before 1957, Hepatitis B series
- TB test within the past year. (If TB positive, verification of medical assessment and treatment if indicated, and completion of symptom checklist form obtained from the nursing office).
- CPR card (current)
- health insurance
- auto insurance

What if you can't complete a course?

- **Dropping a course.** If you decide you cannot meet the course requirements, you may choose to drop a course. You must file a *change of program* form, signed by the instructor. The form is available online. If you meet certain deadlines, partial fee refunds may be available. Drops after the fourth week of classes require approval of the director and the dean. Courses may not be dropped during finals week. If you do not formally drop a course and do not complete course requirements, you will receive an 'F' for the course.
- **Incompletes.** If you have done most of the work for a course, but *serious and compelling* reasons will prevent you from meeting the deadlines for finishing the course requirements, you should explain your circumstances to the instructor and request an 'incomplete'. You may be asked to provide verification of the circumstances. If the instructor agrees to the incomplete, you will sign a contract specifying the work that needs to be completed, and a date for completion. You will have one year to remove the incomplete, after which time it will become an 'F' on your transcript. You may not register for other nursing courses until the incomplete is cleared.
- **Taking a leave.** If you were admitted to the university and enrolled, then decide to take a semester off, you should apply to the university to take a Planned Educational Leave (PEL). This formal leave process will avoid having to reapply to the university when you are ready to return. Forms are available at: <http://em.csuchico.edu/sro/forms.asp>

Filing For Graduation

Please remember that you must file one year in advance for graduation.

Filing deadlines: December 15, 2009 for graduation in December 2010
 May 15, 2010 for graduation in May 2011

To file for graduation, contact Dorene in the nursing office and she will prepare the major clearance forms for you. This must be done well before the deadline for filing. There is a graduation fee of \$28. There is a \$10 fee for late filing.

Graduation and Pinning Ceremonies

Once you complete our program, you are entitled to purchase the CSU nursing pin if you wish. See Dorene to order. If you graduate in December or May, you may participate in the pinning ceremony with the on-campus students. This is usually a very nice ceremony for families to attend. The pinning is held on the last Friday of finals week, at 4 pm. on the CSU, Chico campus. Please notify the Nursing office early in the semester if you plan to attend. Regardless of whether you choose to participate in the pinning ceremony or not, you may purchase the pin.

Walking at the university graduation ceremony in May is an option if you graduated the preceding December, or if you have filed for spring graduation. Filing for graduation (see above) must be done almost a year in advance, though if you've missed the deadline, you may be able to file late with an added fee. Once you've filed, you will receive information from the university about how to order the academic caps and gowns, etc. You may check the following university website for more details: http://www.csuchico.edu/alm/grad_hand.html

Upper Division Theme Requirements

Nursing majors only have to take **two** upper division theme courses instead of the three courses required for non-nursing students. The two courses taken should be in Humanities and Social Science categories, not science. A nursing course (NURS 495W) exempts you from taking the science course in any theme (the science courses are listed on the following page, as courses that you should **not** take). If you have been exempted from taking NURS 495W because of transfer credit from another institution, please note that you will need another Chico general education course to meet Chico's requirement that 9 units of general education must be taken in residence. Please consult with the nursing advisor to be sure you understand this requirement.

The availability of upper division theme courses online is rather difficult to predict. You should bookmark the following website on your computer to check for updates to theme scheduling: <http://rce.csuchico.edu/online/classes.asp?choice=all>.

At this time, the following theme courses are scheduled:

THEME	Fall 2009
C – Cross-Cultural Exploration	PSSC 390 Food Forever (also NW)
T – The Child	Psych 352 Aids/Aides/AIDS

It is likely that exceptions to the theme courses will be accepted for RN students, i.e., you will not have to take both courses from the same theme, if they are not available to you online.

If you attempt to enroll in your planned course, but cannot because enrollment is restricted, the class is full, or has been canceled, consult with the RN advisor about other online courses that may be substituted. General requirements for substitutions would be that the course is an upper division general education course (i.e., cannot be from a community college), and meets requirements for upper division humanities or social science requirements. It may not always be possible for you to meet ethnic or nonwestern requirements with the theme substitutions, although some exceptions may be allowed in this area as well. If substitutions are to be made, they must be approved by the Provost's office, using a petition form. See the nursing advisor.

Online Courses which might be considered as substitutes for theme courses include: SOSC 301 or SOSC 302 (also meets ethnic); If you cannot get into one of the approved theme courses, enroll in one of these to save your place, then discuss the petition process with the RN advisor.

Upper Division Theme Exceptions for Nursing Majors - Nursing majors only have to take **two** upper division theme courses, not three. These two courses must be from the same theme. The theme course that nursing majors are exempted from represents the science requirement in each theme. Therefore, **DO NOT** take the following theme courses:

Theme A	-	GEOS 350/GEOS 351
Theme B	-	BIOL 345/ NFSC 303
Theme C	-	(PSSC 390 is a science course, but is approved for RNs)
Theme D	-	BIOL 334/ GEOS 330/ GEOS 340
Theme E	-	(Not recommended—three courses required)*
Theme F	-	MCGS/NURS 326
Theme G	-	GEOS 370/ PSSC 392 (PSSC 392 has been approved for RNs)
Theme H	-	(Not recommended—three courses required)*
Theme I	-	LAST 351/351M
Theme J	-	(Not recommended—three courses required)*
Theme M	-	(Not recommended—three courses required)*
Theme N	-	PHYS 376; MATH 302
Theme O	-	HCSV/NURS/WMST 368
Theme R	-	(Not recommended—three courses required)*
Theme S	-	MATH 304
Theme T	-	BIOL 318/HCSV 363
Theme U	-	GEOS 355

*Note: Five themes require three courses, even for high unit majors. Therefore, these themes are not recommended for nursing majors unless they opt to take three courses rather than two. ***If you have already started taking a theme course from one of the ‘not recommended’ themes, consult with the RN advisor before completing the theme requirement.***

Coastline Community College Courses

- The organic chemistry requirement can be met by taking Chem. 110 (online course) at Coastline Community College. This is a 5 unit online course with no required meetings on campus.
- Coastline also offers a 3 unit critical thinking/logic course offered as Philosophy 115. This course meets the Area A3 requirement for CSU, Chico admission.
- Political Science 100 fulfills the American government requirement and History 175 fulfills the U.S. history requirement.
- Coastline also offers math courses, sociology, foreign languages, and occasionally- a human growth and development course as well as a nutrition course.
- Check with the university advising dept. at 530-898-5712 if you have any questions about which Coastline courses meet CSU, Chico transfer requirements.

See the current Coastline Community College catalog at <http://dl.ccc.cccd.edu> or call Coastline at 714-241-6216 to have a catalog sent to you.

Shasta Community College offers an online chemistry course (CHEM 26) each spring. Information is at: <http://www3.shastacollege.edu/chemistry/Cgottlieb/index.html>

Checking transferability of courses: You can see if courses from California community colleges are transferable to CSU, Chico by using the online ASSIST program at www.assist.org

Please Note: Because of expected budget reductions, we will no longer be able to offer courses with small enrollments. Even though the schedule below is what we **plan** to do, when numbers drop below 15 for any course, it may be postponed to the next semester. We will work with you to keep you on track, but some budget issues are out of our control.

Regular Schedule of Online Course Offerings for RN-BSN

COURSE	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
Nurs 300W RN-BSN Bridge	(Aug)	Not offered	Not offered
Nurs 306 W Current Concepts	X	Not offered	Not offered
Nurs 315 W Family Nursing	X	X	Not offered
Nurs 342 W EB Nursing Practice	X	X	Not offered
Nurs 385 W Assessment	X (with LVNs if space available)	Not offered	X
Nurs 422 W Leadership	X	X (with LVNs)	Not offered
Nurs 425 Adv. Practicum	X	X	Not offered
Nurs 475 W Pub. Health	X	X	Not offered
Nurs 474 Chn Practicum	Space available only	X	X
Nurs 495 W Adv. Patho	X	Not offered	X

Courses offered for escrow credit (303, 307 and 426) can be taken either fall or spring semester, when you are paying full-time state tuition, but must be concurrent with, or after the course they are affiliated with (485W, 306W and 425).

Required Nursing Support Courses (may be taken anytime, but must be completed before NURS 425):

- Intro. Soc. or Cult. Anthropology
- Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology
- Organic or Biochemistry Chemistry
- Nutrition
- Child or Human development

General Education Requirements not already met by nursing requirements

- Critical Thinking (Required for CSU admission)
- GE Math beyond intermediate algebra; we recommend Statistics; (Required for CSU admission)
- US History
- American government
- Two courses in arts and humanities
- Upper division theme courses - 6 units. Must be taken at CSU, Chico; Select from one theme, non-science courses if possible.
- Cultural diversity courses--6 units, including one ethnic and one non-western

Electives as needed to attain 120 units total

COHORT PATTERNS

Cohort E

Spring 07	N300W N306W	3 3	Part time CSUC student Complete Area A requirements, organic chem., nutrition, child development, or any other remaining GE requirements
Sum 07	N385W	2	Complete remaining GE courses (see above)
Fall 07	N315W N332W	2 2	Part time CSUC student Complete remaining GE requirements or start Theme
Spring 08	N425 N422W Theme #1 N307	3 3 3 6	Full time CSUC student Register for N307 Escrow credits
Sum 08			Complete Area A requirements, organic chem., nutrition, child development, or any other remaining GE requirements
Fall 08	N475W N495W N426 N303	3 4 1 0 6	Full time CSUC student Register for N426 Escrow credits Register for N303 Escrow credits
Spring 09	N474 Theme #2	3 3	Part-time CSUC student Graduate May 2009

Cohort F

Fall 2007	N300W N306W	3 3	Part time admitted student CSUC
Spr 08	N315W N332W N307	2 2 (6 units escrow)	Full time CSUC student Complete remaining GE &/or start on upper division theme Register for N307 Escrow credit
Sum 08	N385W	2	Complete remaining GE courses (see above)
Fall 08	N425 N422W N426 Theme #1	3 3 10 3	Full time CSUC student Register for N426 Escrow credits Begin upper division theme
Spring 2009	N475W Theme #2 N474 N303	3 3 3 6	Full time CSUC student Complete upper division theme Complete remaining GE courses (see above) Register for N303 Escrow credit
Summer 2009	N495W	4	Graduate August 2009

Cohort G

Spr 08	N300W N306W	3 3	Part time admitted student CSUC
Sum 08	N385W	2	Complete remaining GE
Fall 08	N315W N332W	2 2	Part time CSUC student Complete remaining GE &/or start on upper division theme
Spr 09	N425 N422W Theme #1 N307	3 3 3 (6 units escrow)	Full time CSUC student Begin upper division theme Register for N307 Escrow credit
Sum 09			Complete remaining GE
Fall 2009	N475W N495 N426	3 4 10	Full time CSUC student Complete remaining GE courses (see above) Register for N426 Escrow credits
Spr 2010	N474 N303 Theme #2	3 6 3	Full time CSUC student Register for N303 Escrow credit Complete upper division theme Complete remaining GE courses (see above) Graduate May 2010

Cohort H (Bridge course in August 2008)

Fall 2008	N300W N306W	3 3	Part time admitted student CSUC
Spr 09	N315W N332W N307	2 2 (6 units escrow)	Full time CSUC student Complete remaining GE &/or start on upper division theme. Register for N307 Escrow credit
Sum 09	N385W	2	Complete remaining GE courses (see above)
Fall 09	N425 N422W N426 Theme #1	3 3 10 3	Full time CSUC student Register for N426 Escrow credits Begin upper division theme
Spring 2010	N475W Theme #2 N474 N303	3 3 3 6	Full time CSUC student Complete upper division theme Complete remaining GE courses (see above) Register for N303 Escrow credit
Summer 2010	N495W	4	Graduate August 2009

Cohort I (Bridge course in August 2009)

Semester	Courses	Units	Other
November 2008			Apply to Nursing Apply to university for Fall, 2009
Spr 09			Complete Area A requirements, organic chem., nutrition, child development, or any other remaining GE requirements
Sum 09			Complete Area A requirements, organic chem., nutrition, child development, or any other remaining GE requirements
Fall 2009	N300W N306W	3 3	Part time admitted student CSUC
Spr 10	N315W N342W N307	2 2 (6 units escrow)	Full time CSUC student Complete remaining GE &/or start on upper division theme Register for N307 Escrow credit
Sum 10	N385W	2	Complete remaining GE courses (see above)
Fall 10	N425 N422W N426 Theme #1	3 3 (10 units escrow) 3	Full time CSUC student Register for N426 Escrow credits Begin upper division theme
Spring 2011	N475W Theme #2 N474 N303	3 3 3 (6 units escrow)	Full time CSUC student Complete upper division theme Complete remaining GE courses (see above) Register for N303 Escrow credit
Summer 2011	N495W	4	Graduate August 2011