

RN-BSN PROGRAM

Pre-Fall 2010 Cohort – State Support Students Advising Memo for Summer & Fall 2011

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Bookmark the School of Nursing website for the most updated announcements:

<http://www.csuchico.edu/nurs>

See the links under “**RNs and LVNs - *Currently Enrolled***” and check the section, **Important Information** for any updates relating to your cohort.

The schedule for upcoming summer and fall classes is described in this memo. **Please note: We are experiencing serious budget cuts! If we think there will not be enough students for minimum enrollment, we will cancel the class or offer it in a different semester.**

You can enroll directly for the classes you believe you are eligible to take, **through the portal**. We cannot guarantee class availability for more than 30 students in any course. If course enrollments are less than 10, a class may be canceled. Students who do not follow their advising plan, or who request a course out of sequence will be accommodated only if space is available.

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

Fees must be paid by at the time of registration. If you don’t pay fees on time, you will be automatically dis-enrolled from classes. Priority registration for summer is open now.

SUMMER CLASS SCHEDULE:

NURS 474 Practicum in Community Health Nursing (3 units)

Faculty: Becky Damazo, bdamazo@csuchico.edu, Kris Warner, kdwarner@csuchico.edu
Karen Lightfoot, klightfoot@csuchico.edu . Discuss with Becky if you feel you are on the list for a place.

Mandatory Orientation: All sections will have orientation on June 1 starting at 9am.

Becky Damazo – Simulation Lab

Kris Warner –

Karen Lightfoot -

NURS 495W Advanced Concepts: Pathophysiology & Theory (4 units).

Faculty: Deanna Persaud, dpersaudrn@aol.com

Mandatory Orientation – Wednesday, June 1, 9-11am in Media Lab Holt 357.

Textbook – not required

N303 escrow units

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

Students need to apply to graduate one year in advance to the term when they will complete all degree requirements and coursework. The graduation application is on the Evaluations' website: www.csuchico.edu/evaluations/forms/grad_app.shtml

Students applying for Spring 2012 graduation and beyond do NOT need to submit a clearance form. The **degree progress report** will serve as the clearance form. There is a graduation application fee and if you file late, there will be an additional fee.

Graduation and Pinning Ceremonies

Once you complete the nursing program, you are entitled to purchase the CSU nursing pin, if you wish. 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 p.m. in the Bell Memorial Union on 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 still purchase the pin. Contact the School of Nursing office, 530-898-5891 for details on how to order.

Participation 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. Once you've filed, you will receive information from the university about how to order the academic caps and gowns, etc. Check the following university website for more details:

<http://www.csuchico.edu/commencement/info-undergrads/pre-ceremony.shtml#apply>

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 RN-BSN 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 for Summer 2011 & Fall 2011.

THEME	Summer 2011
C – Cross-Cultural Exploration	CHST or SPAN 354 Chicano Literature (USD)
D – Environmental Issues	PHIL 336 Amer Indian Environ Phil (USD)
THEME	Fall 2011
C – Cross-Cultural Exploration	PSSC 392 World Food & Fiber (GC) PSSC 390 Food Forever (GC)
Not in a theme but accepted for RNs only if all other themes full, must pair with Arts & Humanities course	SOC 302 Temporal Concepts: California Ethnic History (USD)

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 US Diversity or Global Cultures 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 that might be considered as substitutes for theme courses include: SOSC 301 or SOSC 302 (also meets US Diversity). 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
Them 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. 160 (online course) at Coastline Community College. This is a 4 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 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 <http://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.

RN-BSN PATTERNS

Tentative Regular Schedule of Online Course Offerings for RN-BSN

X = offered
-- = not offered

COURSE	FALL	SPRING	SUMMER
NURS 300 W RN-BSN BRIDGE	X	--	--
NURS 306W CURRENT CONCEPTS	X	--	--
NURS 315W FAMILY NURSING	--	X	--
NURS 342W EB NURSING PRACTICE	--	X	--
NURS 385W ASSESSMENT	--	--	X
NURS 422W LEADERSHIP	X	--	--
NURS 425 ADV. PRACTICUM	X	--	--
NURS 475W PUBLIC HEALTH		X	--
NURS 474 CHN PRACTICUM	(Space available only)	(Space available only)	X
NURS 495W ADV. PATHO	--	--	X

Courses offered for escrow credit (303, 307 and 326 can be taken either fall or spring semester, but following your cohort plan spreads out the cost of the escrow credits). Courses may be canceled if fewer than 10 students enroll.

Courses offered for escrow credit (303, 307 and 426) can be taken in any semester including summer, but must be concurrent with, or after the course they are affiliated with (495W, 306W and 425).

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

- Intro. Soc. OR Cult. Anthro.
- 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 US Diversity and one Global Cultures

Electives as needed to attain 120 units total

Be sure to check your transfer credit evaluation and your degree progress reports online through the portal, to make sure what you still need for degree completion. One year before you plan to graduate, you should apply for graduation and complete a major clearance form. This triggers evaluation to complete a degree audit for you, so you know exactly what courses are still needed to graduate.

COHORT PATTERNS

Cohort G (Bridge course in January 2008)

Semester	Nursing Courses	Units	Other
Sum 07			Apply to Nursing Apply to university for spring 2008
Fall 07			Complete Area A requirements, organic chem., nutrition, child development, or any other remaining GE requirements
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)

Semester	Nursing Courses	Units	Other
November 2007			Apply to Nursing Apply to university for Fall, 2007;
Spr 08			Complete Area A requirements, organic chem., nutrition, child development, or any other remaining GE requirements
Sum 08			Complete Area A requirements, organic chem., nutrition, child development, or any other remaining GE requirements
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 N303 N495W	3 3 6 4	Full time CSUC student Complete upper division theme Complete remaining GE courses (see above)
Summer 2010	N474	3	Graduate August 2010

Cohort I (Bridge course in August 2009)

Semester	Nursing 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 N385W	2 2 6 2	Full time CSUC student Complete remaining GE &/or start on upper division theme Register for N307 Escrow credit
Sum 10			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	3 3	Full time CSUC student Complete upper division theme Complete remaining GE courses (see above) Register for N303 Escrow credit
Summer 2011	N474 N495W N303	3 4 (6 units escrow)	Graduate August 2011