



**RN-BSN Program – 2023-2024 Cohort  
Fall Advising Memo – August 1, 2023**

**Congratulations on finishing your first semester in the RN-BSN Program! You are one BIG step closer to completing your BSN degree. Well done!**

<b>Important Fall Dates</b>		
<b>Fall Registration</b>	Starts July 1, 2023, through the first day of class	<a href="#">Register through PCE</a>
<b>Apply <u>NOW</u> for Summer 2024 Graduation</b>	August 15, 2023 is the on-time deadline for the Application for students graduating Summer 2024	<a href="#">Graduation Advising &amp; Application</a>
<b>Fall Semester</b>	August 21-December 15, 2023	<a href="#">2023-2024 Academic Calendar</a>
<b>Winter Registration</b>	Starts November 1, 2023, through the first day of class	<a href="#">Register through PCE</a>
<b>Spring Registration</b>	Starts November 1, 2023, through the first day of class	<a href="#">Register through PCE</a>

**Program Contact Information**

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Bookmark the [RN-BSN website](#) for the most updated [Advising Memos](#). Click “Current RN-BSN Students” from the program homepage.

**Fall Semester Information**

**The fall semester begins August 21-December 15, 2023.** As you know by now, you will enroll for all classes directly through [PCE’s website, click here](#). Scroll down to the course list and use the “Register” links for each specific course. Fees must be paid prior to classes starting. If you don’t pay fees on time, you are automatically disenrolled from classes. **Registration opened in July.**

- Instructors: TBD
- Textbooks:
  - McGonigle, D., & Mastrian, K. (2022). Nursing Informatics and the foundation of knowledge. Jones et Bartlett Learning. ISBN: 978-1-284-22046-9
  - American Psychological Association. (2020). Concise guide to APA style. (7<sup>th</sup> Ed). Washington, DC: Author. **You should have this book already.**

### **NURS 342W Nursing Research (3 units)**

- Instructors: TBD
- Textbooks:
  - Grove, SK., Gray, J.R. (2019). Understanding nursing research: Building an evidence-based practice (7th ED.). St. Louis, MO: Saunders Elsevier. ISBN-13: 9780323532051
  - American Psychological Association. (2020). Concise guide to APA style. (7<sup>th</sup> Ed). Washington, DC: Author. **You should have this book already.**

### **RELS 332 World Religions & Global Issues (3 units)**

Upper Division GE Class – This course is waived for those with a first bachelor’s degree and some who have already met this requirement.

- Instructor: TBD
- Textbooks:
  - Abuelaish, Izzeldin. I Shall Not Hate: A Gaza Doctor's Journey on the Road to Peace & Human Dignity, Walker & Company, ISBN: 978-0-80277949-6.
  - Kidder, Tracy. Mountains Beyond Mountains: The Quest of Dr. Paul Farmer, A Man Who Would Cure the World, Random House, ISBN: 0-8129-7301-1. Note: Dr. Parker has provided this link to a downloadable copy of this book: <https://archive.org/details/MountainsBeyondMountains-LifeOfDoctorPaulFarmer/page/n11/mode/2up>

All nursing courses must be taken in sequence: [see RN-BSN Course Plan.](#)

### **Course Introductions**

As usual, a recorded introduction to each course will be provided by your instructors for each class. The recording will be posted in the course on Blackboard.

### **Struggling to keep up with your coursework?**

Reach out to your instructor *and* the program coordinator or advisor as soon as possible so that we can know what is impacting your success, help you to problem solve, and assist you in setting up a plan to successfully complete the course. We are all here to help you succeed and graduate on time!



## **New Graduate RN Licensure Requirements:**

California licensure as an RN is required prior to commencement of the fall semester. If you are a new graduate, notify the RN to BSN Coordinator or Advisor when you pass the NCLEX, your license number, and the date that your license expires, if you have not already done so.

## **Looking Ahead**

### **Rural California Nursing Preceptorship Program (RCNP)**

**If you are a newer graduate looking to gain nursing experience, please consider [applying for RCNP Program winter session](#).** The RCNP Program is designed to give student nurses and graduate nurses (RNs) an opportunity to gain clinical experience in a rural or semi-rural setting. The opportunities are varied and encompass a large geographic area in Northern California. The placement period lasts approximately four weeks (150 hours). During this time, students work one-on-one with a preceptor, engaging in as much independent nursing practice as their skills permit.

#### **RNCP Program Manager**

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### **Clinical Clearance Introduction Meeting**

We will be hosting 2 sessions for the Clinical Introduction Meeting. Attendance at one session on Zoom will be required. The purpose of this meeting is to provide a preview of what immunizations and other requirements you will need in order to be cleared for clinical. The clinical clearance process is detailed and lengthy, and you will have several steps to complete throughout the spring semester leading up to the start of your clinical in the summer session 2.

Save the dates! The tentative dates are January 29<sup>th</sup> & February 5<sup>th</sup>. Times and more information will be forthcoming.

Please check your email regularly for announcements regarding these requirements and other program announcements.



## Apply for Graduation

Applying for graduation prompts Graduating Advising to complete an official degree audit that will clear you for graduation and allow your degree to be issued upon completion of all remaining requirements. During this process, you will be alerted of any missing requirements.

By now, you should have already applied for Graduation. August 15, 2023 was the on-time deadline to apply for summer 2024 graduation. To avoid the late fee, students must apply and pay fees due one year in advance, and by the on-time deadline. The graduation application fee is \$68. The late fee is \$10. To change your graduation date, the re-file fee is \$8.

Go to the [Graduation Application website](#). Scroll down and click the red button “Apply for Your Bachelor’s Degree” and follow the prompts.

Best regards,

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