



CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY LONG BEACH

BSN-DNP Program

Our Mission & Vision

The CSULB School of Nursing is a student-centered program whose mission is to educate undergraduate and graduate students to become quality professionals for entry into practice in diverse community settings. We strive to be the premier university-based professional nursing program.

The BSN-DNP Program

The BSN-DNP program allows students to complete their DNP in 3 years with nurse practitioner options as an Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP, Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP, Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatric-Mental Health NP or Family Care NP.



Admission Requirements

- ◆ A bachelor's degree in Nursing from a nationally accredited program.
- ◆ Hold an active, unencumbered, unrestricted current RN license in California or be eligible for licensure in the State of California.
- ◆ A college-level course in statistics.
- ◆ A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 in Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing program.
- ◆ Three letters of professional reference from faculty, colleagues, or supervisors; should be within the past year, dated, and signed.
- ◆ An official copy of all transcripts from all universities/colleges previously attended.
- ◆ Submit a statement of purpose for obtaining the BSN-DNP degree/NP specialty certificate degree (no more than 1 page single spaced).
- ◆ Applicants will be required to complete a:
 - 1) Interview
 - 2) Writing an on-site essay assessment
- ◆ Verification of current employment as a Registered Nurse; letter can come from your direct supervisor at your agency.
- ◆ Have one year of clinical experience as a Registered Nurse.



Application Instructions:

1. Complete the BSN-DNP application at Cal State Apply.

Admission Process

Students must be admitted to California State University and then complete the additional BSN-DNP application. Due to the high volume of applicants, the process for admission decisions is complex. Students are first evaluated based on their previous grades in prior education. Qualified applicants are selected for an interview to be conducted by one to two school of nursing faculty members. This interview, along with a writing assessment, is held in person and/or online if needed.

DNP Nursing Orientation

All students accepted into the BSN-DNP program must attend a mandatory orientation session held in mid-to-late August prior to the start of the Fall semester. Students will also submit a criminal background check as part of the initial process; the School reserves the right to deny admission to students based on prior criminal activities. Students must also agree to meet the health requirements and standards of the school and of all clinical agencies assigned. Information, including the purchase of uniforms, lab coats and other requirements will be addressed during this orientation.

Courses within the Program

The program requires 8 consecutive semesters of study with all cohorts starting in Fall semesters. It is highly recommended that students should plan to adjust their work schedules to accommodate the time commitment and rigor of the program.

Semester 1 (Fall)	NRSB 705 Social Determinants of Health NRSB 706 Leadership NRSB 704 Health Care	11 credits
Semester 2 (Spring)	NRSB 709 Data Management NRSB 710 Advanced Evidence Based Practice NRSB 701 Advanced Pathophysiology	9 credits
Semester 3	NRSB 708 Informatics NRSB 710 Proposal Writing	5 credits
Semester 4 (Fall)	NRSB 703 Advanced Physical Assessment NRSB 703L Advanced Physical Assessment Lab NRSB 702 Advanced Pharmacology NRSB 792 Integrative Scholarship I	10 credits
Semester 5 (Spring)	NRSB 720/730/740/750/760 Specialty Theory NRSB 720L/730L/740L/750L/760L Clinical	12 credits
Semester 6 (Summer)	NRSB 712A Theories of Learning and Instruction in Nursing NRSB 712B Curriculum Development	6 credits
Semester 7 (Fall)	NRSB 721/731/741/751/761 Specialty Theory II NRSB 721L/731L/741L/751L/761L Clinical	13 credits
Semester 8 (Spring)	NRSB 722L/732L/742L/752L/762L Clinical Residency NRSB 795 Review Course for National	6 credits

Specialty Practices & Practice Hours: Applicants will need to choose among the 5 nurse practitioner specialty programs; including 1) Family NP, 2) Adult-Gerontology Primary Care NP, 3) Psych-Mental Health NP, 4) Pediatric NP, or 5) Adult-Gerontology Acute Care NP. The specialty theory courses (above) 720/730/740/750/760 or 721/731/741/751/761 are reference to the specific NP tracks available. A minimum of 1000 hours are required for the DNP degree.

DNP Project: A culminating DNP project is required for completion of the program. Students will work in groups of their cohort to develop, implement, and evaluate their specific project. Details of the DNP project are outlined in the student handbook.