

**Fact Sheet for  
Sequoia Hospital/SFSU Baccalaureate Nursing Program at Cañada College  
Effective Spring 2011**

**Program Description**

The Sequoia Hospital/SFSU Baccalaureate Nursing Program at Cañada College prepares students for entry level positions in professional nursing practice. The program provides the basics for leadership and graduate education in nursing. Graduates are prepared for staff nurse positions in maternity, pediatrics, medical-surgical nursing, gerontology, psychiatric/ mental health, community health and home care nursing. Graduates are eligible for RN licensure upon completion of the program and Public Health Nursing Certification in California upon licensure. BSN graduates practice in a variety of settings including hospitals, community clinics, long term care, home care, and community health agencies. The program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

This program was founded in 2004 as a four-way partnership among the Sequoia Health Care District, Sequoia Hospital, Cañada College, and San Francisco State University. Our goal is to increase nursing enrollment to help address the nursing shortage, specifically the shortage affecting the San Francisco Bay Area and the southern portion of San Mateo County. The program provides an additional forty places each year for students interested in and qualified for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

San Francisco State University provides the curriculum and faculty for the program. Students who successfully complete the program earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from SFSU and are eligible to take the state licensing examination to become a Registered Nurse.

The Sequoia Health Care District provides funding for this program on behalf of its' local taxpayers. Visit their website at [www.sequoiahealthcaredistrict.com](http://www.sequoiahealthcaredistrict.com).

Sequoia Hospital provides most of the clinical placements for students in the program. In addition, the hospital supports students with various scholarship opportunities. Their website address is [www.sequoiahospital.org](http://www.sequoiahospital.org).

Cañada College supplies classroom space, facilities, and staff support. In addition, Cañada College is committed to expanding its preparatory course offerings, focusing specifically on the courses required as prerequisites for admission to the nursing program. To obtain maps of the campus and general information on bookstore hours, library, parking, special events, programs and classes, visit their website at [www.canadacollege.edu](http://www.canadacollege.edu).

For announcements and current information about the Sequoia/SFSU BSN Program, check our website at <http://www.nursing.sfsu.edu>. Class schedules for the satellite program can be found by visiting the College of Extended Learning website at [www.cel.sfsu.edu](http://www.cel.sfsu.edu).

## Notes for Prospective Applicants

An informational session about the School of Nursing and application processes will be offered; once during the fall semester and once during the spring semester. Please check the SFSU SON website for dates, time and locations.

Please note the special criteria for all nursing applicants.

- The School of Nursing reserves the right to make changes in the admissions process or curriculum to accommodate programmatic needs. Students will be advised and assisted in making adjustments to these changes.
- Must be a California resident at least one year.
- Have a minimum cumulative (all college) GPA of 3.0.
- All nursing prerequisites completed with a minimum of a “C” grade. You may repeat prerequisites until you receive a grade of C or better.
  - *Please review the SF State course repeat policy in the SFSU Bulletin.*  
*\*In recent years, students admitted to the major have earned an average prerequisite GPA 3.7 or higher and 2 or more supplemental criteria supported.*
- Have only one of the ten nursing prerequisites in progress during the spring following the date application was submitted.
- Applicants may apply to only one of the programs offered by SFSU SON in a given admission year.
- Submit results of the Test of Essential Academic Skills V (**TEAS V**). A score of “proficient” or higher is required. Results will need to be submitted with the School of Nursing Application. Additional information and practice examinations can be obtained by visiting [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com). Simply enter TEAS in the search box.

Once accepted and admitted to the Sequoia/SFSU BSN program, **prior to** beginning the nursing program.

- Students must meet specific health requirements including immunizations, tuberculosis testing, etc. and updated as needed throughout the course of the program.
- Nursing students must have personal health insurance.
- Background checks are required for all prelicensure students prior to starting clinical assignments.
- Students are required to purchase specified equipment for certain courses.
- Current Basic Cardiac Life Support (BCLS) for health care providers as offered by the American Heart Association is required and must be re-certified every two years.
- A State Board licensure examination preparation program is incorporated throughout the nursing program and required to be purchased for an additional fee.
- Students must have use of an automobile for the community health nursing experience (fourth semester) to be able to travel to clinical sites that may not be served by public transportation.

## Admission Requirements

Eligible applicants for the Sequoia Hospital/SFSU BSN program may be students currently enrolled within the San Francisco State University, undergraduate transfer students, or graduates of a college/university. It is possible for applicants with a bachelor's degree, to obtain a second bachelor's degree in nursing through completion of the satellite BSN program. All applicants must meet SFSU undergraduate admissions requirements; and must meet specific prerequisite courses in order to be eligible for School of Nursing admissions review.

Since Fall 1992, the Nursing Major has been on impaction status (more qualified applicants apply than can be accommodated). This Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program at San Francisco State University admission application period starts on October 1 and ends on November 30 each year. Applicants must submit a BSN admission application to the nursing department. The BSN application may be obtained during the application period from the nursing website at [www.nursing.sfsu.edu](http://www.nursing.sfsu.edu). **Please read and follow the instructions for the application process carefully, as incomplete applications will not be reviewed by the admissions committee.** After the Committee reviews the applications during the spring semester, the student will receive notification of their application status to the nursing major.

**TRANSFER APPLICANTS** must submit an application for admission to undergraduate studies at San Francisco State University **in addition** to the School of Nursing Application for Admission. To obtain an application for admission to undergraduate studies at San Francisco State University, please visit the **CSU mentor** website at [www.csumentor.edu](http://www.csumentor.edu).

## Prerequisite Courses

<u>Prerequisite Course Title</u>	<u>SFSU Course Number</u>
Written Communication	(Please refer to SFSU Bulletin)
Oral Communication	(Please refer to SFSU Bulletin)
Critical Thinking	(Please refer to SFSU Bulletin)
Quantitative Reasoning – Statistics	Math 124 (3 semester units)
Human Anatomy with Lab	BIO 328 (4 semester units)
Human Physiology with Lab	BIO 610/611 (4 semester units)
General Chemistry with Lab	CHEM 101/102 (4 semester units)
General Microbiology with Lab	BIO 210/211 (4 semester units)
Nutrition in Health and Disease	DFM 253 (3 semester units)
General Psychology	PSY 200 (3 semester units)

## Supplemental (Optional) Criteria

In addition to selection by GPA in the prerequisites, supplemental criteria will be considered for admission to the program. The supplemental criteria are **not mandatory**, however, it is to your advantage to document the one(s) that you do qualify for:

- a) Health related work/ volunteer experience. Must be done by providing documents on formal organization stationery.
- b) Live and/or work in Sequoia Health Care District (see Sequoia Health Care District website for specific zip codes included in the district) for at least two years. Must be documented with utility bill, mortgage or rent payment, etc.
- c) Multicultural work/ volunteer (Must be done by providing documents on formal organization's stationery) and/or fluency in a language other than English.
- d) Complete at least half of the required prerequisite classes/ units within the San Mateo Community College District (College of San Mateo, Skyline, or Cañada).

## Letter of Intent

Because both Sequoia Hospital and the Sequoia Healthcare District are partners in this program, applicants are required to submit a Letter of Intent, promising to accept a full-time position at Sequoia Hospital upon graduating from the program if offered. The Letter of Intent is included with the application form for this program. Applicants who are not willing to accept a position at Sequoia Hospital should not apply to this program.

## Accelerated Nursing Curriculum Plan

### Fall (Semester One)

N311 Health Assessment	3
N312 Foundations in Nursing Theory	3
N313 Foundation in Nursing Practicum I	2
N314 Nursing Skills Lab	2
N315 Pharmacology	3
N316 Health Assessment Skills Lab	1
Total: Semester One	14 Semester Units*

### Spring (Semester Two)

N321 Pathophysiology	3
N322 Medical Surgical Nursing Theory	3
N323 Medical Surgical Nursing Practicum II	3
N324 Geriatric Nursing Theory	3
Total: Semester Two	12 Semester Units*

### Summer (Semester Three)

N334 Maternity Nursing Theory	3
N335 Maternity Nursing Practicum III	3
N336 Pediatric Nursing Theory	3
N337 Pediatric Nursing Practicum IV	3
N338 Nursing Research	3
Total: Semester Three	15 Semester Units*

### Fall (Semester Four)

N444 Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nursing Theory	3
N445 Psychiatric/ Mental Health Nursing Practicum V	3
N446 Community/ Public Health Nursing Theory	3
N447 Community/ Public Health Nursing Practicum VI	3
Total: Semester Four	12 Semester Units*

**Spring (Semester Five)**

N556 Nursing Leadership Theory	3
N557 Capstone Practicum VII	3
Total: Semester Five	6 Semester Units*

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***\*A course in Sociology or Anthropology is required for licensure in the State of California.***