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Read the entire guide before you start your application. Information presented in this document is subject to change. It’s paramount to check our website for up-to-date requirements.

The RN-BSN pathway admits twice an academic year. *No late applications are accepted.*

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There is a non-refundable $70 application fee.

Once you complete your Cal State Apply application, California State University, Fullerton (CSUF) will send an email with a Campus-Wide ID (CWID) number. *Please be patient, as it may take a few days for your application to process within our system.* The School of Nursing does not provide your CWID number. This will come from the Office of Admissions. Make sure to check your spam folder. When you receive your CWID, you will need to log into your student portal. Your student portal will allow you to access your application status, create your CSUF email address, and much more.

**Official Transcripts:**

Official transcripts and AP/IB scores must be submitted to the Office of Admissions. *Electronic transcripts are preferred.* If that is not an option, paper transcripts can be submitted to the address below:

**California State University, Fullerton**

**Office of Admissions**

P.O. Box 6900

Fullerton, CA 92834-6900

For more information, visit the [Office of Admissions](#) website or contact them directly.

An applicant will be denied if official transcripts and AP/IB scores are not received by the deadline. Your application cannot be reviewed until all official transcripts and AP/IB scores are received. *Do not confuse this with the University transcript deadline.* You will be held to the timeline below to submit your official transcripts.

**Disclaimer:** Due to the volume of transcripts submitted, we cannot provide confirmation of received transcripts. Nor can we accept AP/IB credit from official transcripts. The scores must be original from CollegeBoard.

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Please make sure that your official transcripts are current. For more information about official transcripts, please visit the [Apply Now](#) page on the School of Nursing website.

*Please visit the School of Nursing’s website for more information.*
Step-By-Step Guide

Visit Cal State Apply (https://www2.calstate.edu/apply) and scroll down to select “transfer,” as shown below.

Disclaimer: If you are a transfer student with 60+ units, acquired an Associate degree, or a bachelor’s degree holder, you must select “transfer” for the RN-BSN pathway.

Please visit the School of Nursing’s website for more information.
Choose the Term from “Select a Term to Apply for”.

**Transfer**

If you’ve studied at another college or university and now want to transfer to the California State University, this is the place to learn what you need to be admitted and to start your application.

- **Select a Term to Apply For**
- **Apply**

See Application Dates & Deadlines
Transfer Student Application Checklist
Cal State Apply Student Application Guide
Cal State Apply Transfer Credit Entry Guide

If you have an account on the Cal State Apply website (this year or last), enter your username and password and click “Sign In”. If you have not yet created an account, click “Create an Account”.

If you created an account with CSU Mentor (previous application system for Cal State Fullerton), you will not be able to use the same username and password. You must create an account through Cal State Apply.

*Please visit the School of Nursing’s website for more information.*
Once you create your account, you will be directed to your “Extended Profile”. If you have no previous bachelor’s degree, you will follow option (A). If you have a bachelor’s or higher degree, you will follow option (B).

1. Degree Goal

* What degree, credential or certificate are you applying for?

Option (A)  First Bachelor’s Degree (Seeking your first bachelor’s degree and have not earned a prior bachelor’s degree)

Option (B)  Second Bachelor’s Degree and Beyond (e.g. Master’s, Teaching Credential, Certificate, Doctoral)

Option (A)

If you only have 60 semester units and/or an associate degree, you must select “First Bachelor’s Degree (Seeking your first bachelor’s degree and have not earned a prior bachelor’s degree).”

You will then need to select “Transferring from a community college …” and “Greater than or equal to 60 units.”

Please visit the School of Nursing’s website for more information.
Option (B)

If you have a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution, you must select “Second Bachelor’s Degree and Beyond”, then “Second Bachelor’s Degree (already earned a bachelor’s degree…)”

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     - Second Bachelor’s Degree and Beyond (e.g. Master’s, Teaching Credential, Certificate, Doctoral)
     - Please select one or more of the following degree goals.
     - Second Bachelor’s Degree (already earned a bachelor’s degree and are seeking another one)
     - Graduate (e.g. Master’s, Doctoral) or Professional’s Degree
     - Teaching and Service Credential Only (e.g. Single or Multiple Subject, Special Education, PPS, Librarian, Admin, CalStateTeach)
     - Certificate

You will need to complete the remaining elements on this page. Please read each question carefully!

2. Returning
   - Are you applying to return to the CSU campus which you previously attended and intend to complete the same degree?
     - Yes
     - No

3. US Military Status
   - Have you ever served in the United States military?

4. International Applicant
   - Do you have or will you require an F1 Visa (student) or J1 Visa (exchange) to study at the California State University (CSU)?
     - No
     - Yes

Once all sections are complete, you will click “Save Changes”.

Please visit the School of Nursing’s website for more information.
You will be directed to the “Add Programs” page. In the search box, you will want to write RN-BSN. Before you select your desired major, make sure that it says CSU Fullerton under Campus Name.

As you can see, you will have two options to select from for the RN-BSN pathway. Please read below for a brief understanding of the formats and you will need to select only one from the CSU Fullerton RN-BSN list:

**Students in the Campus-Based Pathway** will complete nursing courses at the main Fullerton and/or Irvine Campus. There will be one course (NURS 402L) that is offered off-campus. This clinical/lab course will be available to students within the following counties: Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino.

**Students in the Distance-Based Pathway** will complete nursing courses online; however, two classes will be offered offline/in-person. The two clinical/lab courses (NURS 340L and NURS 402L) will be available to students in the following counties: Orange, Riverside, Los Angeles, and San Bernardino.

Once you select the format you would like to complete the program, select “Continue” at the bottom of the screen.

*Please visit the School of Nursing’s website for more information.*
On the next page, you will want to review all that was selected to make sure that all is correct. If all is correct, select ‘Continue To My Application’.

**Quadrant 1: Personal Information**

You will need to complete each section under Personal Information. If your academic records are under more than one name, please be sure to indicate “yes” in the Alternative Name field and list out any other names that may be on your transcripts or other application records.
Quadrant 2: Academic History:

College Attended: Include all colleges you have attended.

GPA Entries: Enter the grade point average (GPA) information for each institution attended as it appears on the transcript from each institution.

Disclaimer: If you attended a college-level institution outside the United States, you are required to include that information on your application and send Cal State Fullerton your original, official transcripts and an evaluation of your coursework that shows the equivalency of the degree.

Regardless of citizenship, all applicants whose native language is not English must submit proof of English proficiency with an acceptable score on the TOEFL, IELTS, or PTE. Please visit the CSU Fullerton Admission website for score requirements. The School of Nursing does not require any additional standardized tests.

Please visit the School of Nursing’s website for more information.
Quadrant 3: Supporting Information

Enter any relevant professional or academic achievements in several categories, or types, in this section. Visit the Applicant Help Center to review the definitions, consider the achievement you earned, and choose the category that you think best fits.

Once you submit your application, you cannot edit previously entered achievements, but you can add new achievements.
Quadrant 4: Program Materials

After you click on the last quadrant “Program Materials”, select the name of the format to which you are applying to open the portion of the application.

This quadrant is for the School of Nursing. Ensure that you include all the required documents and answer each section to help the reviewer of your application. Your application cannot be reviewed until all the areas are responded to, submitted, and official transcripts are received by the School of Nursing.

Read all the information on the Home Page. Then, you will click on “Documents” tab up at the top.

You must complete each tab. Failure to include information can result in your application being denied.

Documents:

Read the instructions that are included on this page. You must include your unofficial transcripts.

Do not select “I Am Not Adding Any Documents” Unofficial transcripts are required to be submitted with your application.

If you have AP credit, you must include the original scores to your application. If you do not have your original scores, you will need to receive a copy from CollegeBoard. Cal State Fullerton cannot use your official transcripts from another institution.

Please visit the School of Nursing’s website for more information.
Questions: Please complete each section. Fill in all areas in this section to complete the last quadrant of the application.

You will be asked if you previously applied to Cal State Fullerton’s RN-BSN pathway. If you did, please provide the term and year in the box below. In addition, you will also want to include the term you were enrolled in if you did get admitted. This only applies if you applied to the RN-BSN pathway only.

If you completed a Jump Start class, you will need to indicate this on your application. If you did not, you will select the first option.

You will also need to include your working status. Make sure to read each question carefully.
The School of Nursing will need to know if you received your California RN license. If you do not have your RN license, please provide an estimate timeframe of when you will receive your license. You are not required to have your license when you apply, but you will need to obtain it at least your first semester of the RN-BSN pathway.

Once all areas of the application have been completed, please click “Save and Continue”. You will then be asked to pay the $70 application fee. The School of Nursing cannot provide any fee waiver code toward your application.

If you have any questions about your application, please email bsn@fullerton.edu.
Frequently Asked Questions

When is the deadline to complete my application for the RN-BSN pathway?

Please refer to the first page of this document or visit the School of Nursing website. You will find the deadlines for both Spring and Fall located in the “Apply Now” tab.

When are official transcripts due? Can I submit them before the application opens?

The deadlines to submit your official transcripts differ from the University deadline. You will want to refer to the first page of this document or the School of Nursing website.

What if I submitted my official transcripts to the School of Nursing? Do I need to provide another set?

Please do not mail official transcripts to the School of Nursing. You will be required to submit another set of official transcripts to the Office of Admissions as the School of Nursing cannot accept official transcripts.

Can the School of Nursing confirm if my official transcripts were received?

Unfortunately, due to the high volume of transcripts received, we cannot provide confirmation.

Am I able to submit electronic transcripts?

Yes, that is the preferred method. Send electronic transcripts to admissions@fullerton.edu.

I am receiving a warning message that says I do not meet the minimum transfer credits. What do I do?

This is because you did not include your transfer credit into the application – make sure to go back and add this information to your application.

I’d like my transcripts to be reviewed before I submit my application, where do I send my transcripts to?

Unfortunately, we cannot review the official transcripts before admission. You will be required to submit your application and submit your official transcripts for the Pre-Enrollment Advisor to review your coursework.

Do I need to submit my AP or IB scores?

Yes, if you have AP or IB scores, the original scores must be submitted along with your transcripts. We cannot use your official transcripts to count AP or IB scores. You must submit the original scores. Your application will not be considered without the scores submitted.

If you have a bachelor’s degree in another field, you will not be required to submit your AP or IB scores.

Please visit the School of Nursing’s website for more information.
Can I be in-progress with a prerequisite?

Prerequisite courses must be completed at least one semester before you start the RN-BSN pathway.

For example, if you apply for the Fall application cycle, your prerequisite courses must be complete by the spring semester of the application period. If you apply for the Spring application, your prerequisite courses must be complete by the summer semester of the application period.

When will the admission decisions be sent?

The Pre-Enrollment Advisor will provide admission decisions through email to your personal and CSUF email address. You will want to make sure that you create your CSUF email address as soon as possible. You will be able to do so once you log into your student portal.

You can refer to the Timeline tab on the School of Nursing for the RN-BSN pathway regarding when decisions are submitted. Please do not email the School of Nursing regarding your status. You will receive an email once all reviews have been completed.

Am I able to defer my admission status?

California State University, Fullerton does not have the option to defer your admission. You must register, enroll, and complete your first semester to continue your enrollment at CSUF.

I am on an F-1 visa, am I eligible to apply to the pathway?

Yes, you are eligible for the Campus-Based Format of the RN-BSN pathway. Due to the F-1 visa, you cannot select the online format.

Can I apply for both the Campus-Based format and the Distance-Based format?

No, you can only apply for one format. You cannot apply for both. You will be accepted to select only one.