



CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM (CEP) NURSING PATHWAY

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**Cypress Community College
California State University of Fullerton**

ADN/BSN Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) Student Information Packet

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Introduction

This Nursing pathway is designed to offer Cypress College (CC) associate degree, registered nursing students an associate degree/baccalaureate degree concurrent enrollment program (CEP) option in collaboration with California State University Fullerton (CSUF).

The Cypress-CSUF CEP was created in response to the Institute of Medicine's goal to increase the number of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree graduates to 80% by 2020 and the call by the National Education Progression in Nursing Collaborative for innovative, seamless education progression models in nursing.

The Cypress-CSUF CEP provides qualified Cypress associate degree nursing (ADN) students an affordable, high-quality, and accessible pathway for completing a BSN degree within six (6) months to one (1) year for full-time students after graduating with their ADN. Students enrolled in the Cypress-CSUF CEP follow the traditional course of study for all Cypress ADN students while also being simultaneously enrolled in required CSUF courses. The CEP curricular pathway is designed to be complementary in nature to the ADN coursework. CSUF courses are offered to students through innovative online or hybrid formatting. However, when a course must be offered using the traditional face-to-face classroom methodology, it will be scheduled on the Cal State Fullerton campus. CEP applicants accepted into the Cypress ADN-CEP program will be enrolled in the CSUF pathway in the fall semester. Upon completion of the Cypress ADN program, graduates are eligible and required to take the NCLEX-RN licensure examination to continue in the CSUF program.

BSN-prepared graduates are highly valued by potential employers because advanced education has been shown to improve patient outcomes and reduce hospital costs. The Cypress-CSU CEP graduates will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to begin their nursing career with a degree that will promote professional knowledge and advancement, while improving the health outcomes of the residents of the tri-county area.

Cypress College - CSUF Concurrent Enrollment Program Information

The Cypress-CSU CEP is a 2 ½ year full-time program for qualified participants who are selected from a pool of Cypress ADN students who have met all CEP program eligibility requirements and have applied for admission to the CEP.

Eligibility

To be considered for participation in the CEP, the following is required:

- Complete the Cypress nursing program application. Indicate on the application the Concurrent Enrollment ADN/BSN option with CSUF.
- Complete all Cypress and CSUF prerequisite and lower division GE requirements (*see Table 1: Cypress-CSUF CEP Pre-Nursing Pathway*).

- Meet the cumulative GPA of 2.75 in all college coursework and nursing pre-requisite courses.
- Maintain a 2.5 grade point average in all coursework while enrolled in the CEP program.
- Submit official transcripts and AP/IB scores, if applicable, to CC and CSUF ADN/CEP.

Key Information

- Students must meet all prerequisite requirements for acceptance into the CC ADN program (See Table 1).
- Additionally, students must complete all indicated CC and CSU lower division GE requirements before applying to the program (See Table 1).
- Application and acceptance into CSUF is determined after eligibility for the CC-CSUF CEP is approved and finalized by CC.
- After completion of the ADN degree, all BSN nursing lecture courses will be online for CSUF
- Students placed into the traditional CC ADN cohort are not eligible to transfer into the CEP program at a later time.
- Once admitted, CEP students must maintain a 2.5 GPA in all coursework.
- After graduation from CC, students will be required to take NCLEX-RN as soon as possible so that they can be awarded unit credit at CSUF for successful passage of NCLEX-RN. Failure to do so may result in the student not completing their BSN degree.
- Students must sign an Acknowledgement of Understanding form that identifies necessary contingencies for continuation in the CEP from enrollment until ADN graduation and subsequent ADN-to-BSN coursework completion at CSUF.

Table 1: CC-CSUF CEP Pre-Nursing Pathway

Courses	Units
English Composition Course (Area 1A)	4
Critical Thinking (Area 1B)*	3
Oral Communication Course (Area 1C)	3
MATH 120C Intro to Prob & Stats (Area 2)*	4
Cypress College GE: C1 Arts (Area 3)	3
Cypress College GE: C2 Humanities (Area 3)	3
PSYC 101C Introduction to Psychology (Area 4)	3
SOCI 101C Introduction to Sociology (Area 4)	3
American History, Institution, & Values (Area 4)**	3
BIOL 220C Microbiology + Lab (Area 5B, 5C)	4
BIOL 231C Human Anatomy + Lab (Area 5A, 5C)	4
BIOL 241C Human Physiology + Lab (Area 5A, 5C)	4

Chemistry (any chemistry – lab not required)*	3
Ethnic Studies (Area 6)**	3
Cypress College GE: Physical Activity	1
Nursing Workshop	1
Total Prerequisite Units	49

* Required to apply to CSUF for CEP

** Can be completed after admission to CSUF-CEP

Advising

Advisors are available for information regarding the CEP. If you have questions on the application and admission process for CEP, please contact Jodie Thomas. Once accepted to the CEP, Ashley, the CSUF nursing advisor will be available to assist CEP admitted students.

Cypress College Nursing Students Interested in CEP
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Students Who are Admitted to CSUF
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Transfer Credits

CEP students may transfer up to 70 Community College semester units to CSUF, which includes general education units. NCLEX-RN units will be awarded after final ADN official transcripts are received and evaluated through the CSU policy governing the process of credit by external exam. In addition, CEP students with additional credits or a degree from a four-year regionally accredited college or university will be awarded transfer unit credit based on an individual evaluation of their record. Awarding of unit credit for NCLEX-RN and baccalaureate coursework or degree is based on the [Systemwide Nursing Policy](#) which outlines the CSU Systemwide Nursing Policy governing baccalaureate nursing degrees pursued in post-baccalaureate standing.

Tuition and Costs

Cypress College

The most current tuition, fees, and other student costs of attendance at CC may be accessed on the [Bursar's Office website](#).

The Cypress College program is \$46 per unit for California residents, not including books, fees, and supplies. Units vary by course, but the average is 3-5 units per course.

Estimated cost, in addition to the tuition, includes parking, health fees, materials fees, books, software, uniforms, clinical supplies, liability insurance, background check/drug test/document tracker and immunizations or titers.

CSUF

CSU Fullerton tuition, fees, and other related costs of attendance may be reviewed on the [Student Business Services](#) website.

CEP students with a *prior baccalaureate* degree must pay ***graduate/post-baccalaureate tuition fees*** per CSU Board of Trustees policy.

Financial Aid

Because federal regulations require that financial aid can only be disbursed through one college or university, CC-CSUF CEP students must apply for financial aid and complete necessary documents through the CSUF campus. The CSUF campus is responsible for distribution of aid to qualified individuals based on federal, state, and institutional guidelines.

The California College Promise Grant (CCPG) financial aid program, formerly called the Board of Governors fee waiver, remains in place and is not affected by the CSUF campus and Community College agreements. This aid is reportable on your financial aid application.

Although the financial aid between the two programs is designed to work seamlessly, this cannot be guaranteed. There may be times when you will be asked to pay your CC nursing program tuition before you receive your CSUF financial aid disbursement. You will need to be prepared to pay your CC nursing program or your CSUF tuition out-of-pocket or by payment plan until your financial aid is awarded by CSUF.

All CEP students must register at both CC & CSUF a minimum of nine (9) and three (3) units respectively before being considered for a full-time financial aid award.

Students with a bachelor's degree are not eligible for grants, but they may request a loan, if eligible.

State University Grants (SUG) are awarded to students when taking six (6) units or more at CSUF.

At any point during the CEP program, if the student is not registered for 12 units minimum per semester, the CSUF Office of Financial Aid will be notified by CC and/or CSUF. The Financial Aid staff will then reassess student eligibility for financial aid and adjust the award as required by federal and university guidelines.

For more information about financial aid:

- Cypress College Student Financial Services website:
<https://www.cypresscollege.edu/financial-aid/>

- CSUF Office of Financial Aid website: <https://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid/>

Health and Safety Requirements

CC and CSUF nursing programs have health and safety requirements that must be met prior to enrolling and participating in any clinical experiences. Healthcare agencies throughout the state require vaccinations, titers, and other healthcare related requirements such as background checks, CPR certification, drug testing, etc. These requirements are subject to change, per healthcare agency contracts with the educational institutions, and students must be compliant with agency requirements prior to and throughout the programs. Students must complete specified background checks, drug screening, immunization coverage and/or titers, and any other health document requirements **for both CC and CSUF** campuses. Documentation of health and safety compliance requirements must be provided to both CC and CSUF campus once instructed to do so.

Requests for Accommodations

Students may request accommodations for disabilities through the Disability Support Services (DSS) at CC. CC provides reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Section 504 and 508 of the Rehabilitation Act, and California's Title V Regulations.

Students can apply for course accommodations on the website. CC DSS will assist students during the concurrent part of the program and will work in conjunction with CSUF. The DSS office is in the Cypress College Complex on the 1st Floor. For further information regarding services, call (714) 484-7104. Students can also get information on the DRC website:

<https://www.cypresscollege.edu/academics/divisions-special-programs/services/disability-support-services-dss/>

Students may request accommodations from [Disability Support Services](#) (DSS) for CSUF courses.

CEP Students who requested and were granted accommodations through CC DRC should notify the CSUF DSS and their faculty of their accommodation status.

Student Health and Psychological Services

Maintaining an optimal level of wellness is absolutely crucial for reaching your highest potential. Students in the CEP have access to services and resources in the CC Student Health and Wellness Center (<https://www.cypresscollege.edu/academics/divisions-special-programs/services/health-center/>), as well as through the CSUF [Counseling and Psychological Services](#) (CAPS) program.

NCLEX-RN

All CEP students should plan on taking NCLEX-RN as soon as possible after graduation from the CC program. NCLEX–RN units cannot be awarded and noted on the CSU transcript until the student has successfully passed this examination. The CSUF Office of the Registrar reviews

student transcripts and awards NCLEX-RN units. If the graduate check comes up deficient in required coursework (e.g. Upper Division GE courses or the graduate writing assessment requirement) or units, the ADN-to-BSN student will need to enroll in additional CSUF semester coursework to meet graduation requirements.

See Tables 2 and 3 below that describe the concurrent pathways for each university.

Table 2: CC-CSUF (Fullerton) CEP Course of Study: Fall Entry

	<u>Course</u>	<u>Course Name</u>	<u>Units</u>
<u>First Semester-FALL</u>			
CC	NURS 191C	Pharmacology I	1
CC	NURS 192C	Fundamentals of Nursing	4.5
CC	NURS 193C	Intro to Med-Surg/Gero Nursing	3.5
CSUF	NURS 340/340L	Health Assessment with Lab	3
		Total Units	12
<u>Second Semester-SPRING</u>			
CC	NURS 195C	Pharmacology II	1
CC	NURS 196C	Med-Surg Nursing I	5
CC	NURS 197C	Maternal/Newborn Nursing	3.5
CSUF	NURS 345	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
		Total Units	12.5
<u>Third Semester-FALL</u>			
CC	NURS 291	Pharmacology III	1
CC	NURS 292C	Med-Surg Nursing II	5
CC	NURS 293C	Mental health Nursing	3.5
CC	NURS 294C	Geriatric Nursing	3
CSUF	NURS 310	EBP/Research	3
		Total Units	15.5
<u>Fourth Semester-SPRING</u>			
CC	NURS 295C	Pharmacology 4	0.5
CC	NURS 296C	Child/Family Nursing	3.5
CC	BYRS 297C	Med-Surg Nursing III	5
CSUF	NURS 305	Professional Nursing	3
		Total Units	12
Graduate from CC and pass NCLEX-RN			
<u>Summer</u>			
CSUF	NURS 452	Leadership	4
CSUF UPPER DIVISION Area 3 Arts - not required for 2nd Bac	Area 3U/Z	Expl in Arts & Humanities Area 3U Arts and Cultural Diversity	3

		Total Units	7
Fifth Semester-FALL			
CSUF	NURS 402/402L	Population Health	3/2
CSUF	NURS 470	Art & Science	3
CSUF UPPER DIVISION Elective or Area 6 - not required for 2 nd Bac	Area 6 or Elective	Ethnic Studies or Elective (possible)	3
		Total Units	11
Graduate from CSUF with BSN			

Total CC Units: 70
Total CSUF Units: 30 (24 NURSING UNITS + 6 GE = 30)
Total NCLEX Credit Units: 20
TOTAL: 120 Semester Units

CC-CSUF Concurrent Enrollment Pathway towards Success

Step 1	Student consults with CC Nursing Counselor about the course requirements for CC-CSUF CEP.
Step 2	Student attends an Information Workshop provided by CC. <i>Optional</i>
Step 3	Student applies for the CC-CSUF CEP application pool.
Step 4	Applicant eligibility is verified by the Health Science Applications Office and Counselor. GE verification is completed.
Step 5	Applicants are ranked according to the CC multi-selection criteria.
Step 6	Applicants selected for placement are notified of status from CC and CSUF. Applicants will accept or decline placement.
Step 7	Student attends a CEP Information Session hosted by CSUF. <i>Optional</i>
Step 8	Financial aid application and course registration is completed .
Step 9	Enrollees attend a Mandatory Program Orientation hosted by CC.
Step 10	Enrollees attend Family Night hosted by CC.
Step 11	Students begin CC and CSUF coursework.
Step 12	Students graduate from CC, earn ADN degree, and take NCLEX-RN.
Step 13	Students graduate from CSUF and earn BSN degree.

Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Participation in the CEP Program

➤ **Who can apply to the Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP)?**

All students who have completed the eligibility requirements for CC and CSUF are encouraged to apply.

➤ **Is the traditional ADN option being eliminated?**

No. Starting in Fall 2026, CC will begin offering one student cohort the option for completing a nursing degree. The traditional ADN option will continue to be offered. Additionally, a second cohort option, the CEP pathway, will be available for students who meet the eligibility requirements. The number in each cohort may vary depending on the applicant pool. Students in each cohort will complete the same ADN courses and participate in equivalent clinical experiences. However, the CEP students will also complete complementary BSN courses at the same time as their ADN courses.

➤ **Can I apply for admission to both the CEP and the traditional ADN nursing cohorts?**

Yes, students may select the CEP pathway option (if eligible) and the traditional ADN program option. Students in either option will be reviewed and selected based on the CC ADN enrollment criteria points as described on the CC website.

➤ **Where does the program take place?**

The CC nursing courses will be offered on the CC campus and at partnering healthcare agencies. The CSUF courses will be offered in a hybrid format on CSUF campus as well as online. If it is necessary for a CSUF course to be offered in a face-to-face format, the course will be held on CSUF campus.

➤ **How does the CC-CSUF CEP differ from other ADN-BSN partnerships?**

The CC-CSUF CEP is an innovative partnership that has been established to allow eligible students to receive financial aid from a participating university, while still being able to benefit from community college grants such as the Promise or Board of Governor's (BOG) waiver.

Also, if a student follows the CC-CSUF CEP pathway as described, the units required to complete the program (120 units) are equal to those of a student completing a traditional BSN program. This allows the students to concurrently complete coursework for both the ADN and BSN programs and complete the BSN requirements within six (6) months to one (1) year after graduating from the CC ADN program. This benefit decreases both time and money requirements for participants.

➤ **Are the CC ADN nursing courses the same for CEP and traditional ADN students?**

Yes, the CC ADN nursing courses are the same for all enrolled students. The difference is that the CEP students will be taking concurrent and complementary CSUF coursework each semester.

➤ **Will I be able to register for any cohort or course in the program?**

No, students will choose prior to admission which program of study they want to pursue. Once students are admitted to the traditional ADN pathway, they may not enter the CEP pathway but may be eligible for other BSN partnership options.

➤ **If I accept a place in the CEP cohort and decide that I would rather be (or need to be) in the traditional cohort, can I switch my spot?**

Yes. You will have to decline your spot within the CEP pathway and may be able to transfer into the traditional ADN pathway, depending on availability of a spot within the cohort.

➤ **What if I graduate from CC and I am unable to transition with my cohort to CSUF due to medical or serious extenuating reasons?**

If you are unable to transition with your cohort to the CSU after graduation from CC for medical or educational reasons, you fill out the medical or leave of absence forms with CSUF. Failure to complete the appropriate forms will result in a loss of good standing with the university. Further, if a student exceeds the timeframe for returning after a leave, he/she/they will have forfeited their right to remain enrolled under the CEP agreement in which they entered the program. If a student later decides to return to the university, the CEP student will need to reapply for admission to the traditional ADN-to-BSN program offered at CSUF and meet all university's admission requirements.

➤ **What grade point average do I have to maintain while completing the CEP coursework?**

You must maintain a 2.5 grade point average in all CC and CSUF CEP coursework to remain in the program.

➤ **What if I fail or withdraw from the CC ADN coursework while enrolled in the CEP?**

A student who fails or withdraws from the CC ADN coursework will forfeit their position in the CEP program and will be required to apply for reentry for CC to the ADN program as outlined in the student handbooks for CC.

Additionally, students would be required to withdraw from the CSUF coursework portion of the CEP program and would not lose the CSUF credits they have successfully completed. After successful completion of the ADN program, students would need to apply for the RN-BSN option offered at CSUF. Students would need to meet all university admission requirements at the time of reapplying to CSUF.

- **What if I fail or withdraw from the CSUF coursework while enrolled in the CEP?**
A student who fails or withdraws from the CSUF coursework while enrolled in the CEP program is eligible to complete the CC ADN program but would forfeit their CEP position at CSUF. Students would need to reapply to the CSUF RN-BSN option after completion of the ADN program. Students who apply for readmission to CSUF would be required to meet all university admission requirements.
- **If I am not accepted into the CEP pathway, am I still eligible for the traditional ADN pathway?**
Yes, students may choose, at the time of application, to select one or both program pathways.
- **So, will I be a Community College or a University student?**
As an admitted and enrolled CC-CSUF CEP student, you will enjoy the benefits and services of both CC and CSUF.
- **What is the course pattern that I will complete in the CEP program pathway?**
The CEP course pattern will differ slightly from the RN-BSN pathway at CSUF.

Acknowledgement of Understanding

I, the undersigned, have read and understand the expectations of the CEP program as outlined in the *CC-CSUF CEP Student Information Packet*. I understand that I will be required to adhere to the policies and procedures of both Cypress College & CSUF as an accepted CEP student.

Student Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____