CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM (CEP)

NURSING PATHWAY

QUALITY, AFFORDABLE AND, ACCESSIBLE EDUCATION

Santa Ana 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 Santa Ana College (SAC) associate degree, registered nursing students an associate degree/baccalaureate degree concurrent enrollment program (CEP) option in collaboration with California State University Fullerton (CSUF).

The Santa Ana-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 Santa Ana-CSUF CEP provides qualified Santa Ana associate degree nursing (ADN) students with a quality, affordable, 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 Santa Ana-CSUF CEP follow the traditional course of study for all Santa Ana 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 Santa Ana ADN-CEP program in the fall semester will be enrolled in the CSUF pathway. Upon completion of the Santa Ana ADN program, graduates are eligible and required to take the NCLEX-RN licensure examination to continue in the CSU 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 Santa Ana-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.

SAC-CSUF Concurrent Enrollment Program Information

The Santa Ana-CSUF CEP is a 2 ½ year full-time program for qualified participants who are selected from a pool of Santa Ana 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:

> ➢ Attend an Information Session. Information about these workshops can be found on Santa Ana College's <u>nursing program website</u>.
> ➢ Complete the SAC nursing program application. Indicate on the application the Concurrent Enrollment ADN/BSN option with CSUF.

➢ Complete all SAC and CSUF prerequisite and lower division GE requirements *(see Table 1: SAC-CSUF CEP Pre-Nursing Pathway)*.
➢ Meet the overall minimum GPA of 2.5 in all SAC nursing preadmission required courses and an overall GPA of 2.75.
➢ Maintain a 2.5 grade point average in all coursework while enrolled in the CEP program.

Key Information

➢ Students must meet all prerequisite requirements for acceptance into the SAC ADN program (See Table 1).
➢ Additionally, students must complete all indicated SAC and CSU lower division GE requirements before applying to the program (See Table 1).
➢ Application and acceptance into CSU is determined after eligibility for the SAC-CSUF CEP is approved and finalized by SAC.
➢ After completion of the ADN degree, all BSN nursing lecture courses will be online for CSUF.
➢ Students placed into the traditional SAC 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 SAC, students will be required to take NCLEX-RN as soon as possible so that they can be awarded transfer unit credit at the respective CSU through successful passage of NCLEX-RN. Failure to do so may result in the student not completing their BSN degree in the designated timeframe.
➢ 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 their designated CSU campus.

Table 1: SAC-CSUF CEP Pre-Nursing Pathway

Courses	Units
ENG English Composition Course (Area 1A)	3
ENG Critical Thinking & Composition (Area 1B)*	3
Oral Communications (Area 1C)	3
MAT Statistics (Area 2)*	3
ART Arts (Area 3)	3
ENG Humanities (Area 3)	3
HIST U.S. History (Area 4)	3
SOC or PSYC Social or Behavioral Science (Area 4)	3
SOC or PSYC Social or Behavioral Science (Area 4)	4

POLI Constitution & American Ideals (Area 4)**	3
CHEM Chemistry (any chemistry – lab not required)*	4
BIOL Human Anatomy + Lab (Area 5.A, 5.C)	4
BIOL Microbiology + Lab (Area 5.B, Area 5.C)	5
BIOL Human Physiology + Lab (Area 5.A, 5.C)	5
Ethnic Studies (Area 6)**	3
Total Prerequisite Units	52

* Required to apply to CSUF

** Can be completed after admission to CSUF

Advising

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

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Students Who are Admitted to CSUF
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Transfer Credits

CEP students may transfer up to 70 ADN semester units to their home CSU, which include general education units and a maximum of 36 ADN units. NCLEX-RN units can only be awarded after transcript evaluation 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 review 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

Santa Ana College
The most current tuition, fees, and other student costs of attendance at SAC may be accessed on the SAC Student Business Office website.

The SAC 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, SAC-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 SAC nursing program tuition before you receive your CSUF financial aid disbursement. You will need to be prepared to pay your SAC 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 SAC & 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 SAC 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:
- Santa Ana College Student Financial Services website

- CSUF Office of Financial Aid website

Health and Safety Requirements

SAC 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 SAC and CSUF** campuses. Documentation of health and safety compliance requirements must be provided to your SAC and CSUF campus once instructed to do so.

Requests for Accommodations

Students may request accommodations for disabilities through the Disability Students Program & Services (DSPS) at SAC. SAC 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. SAC DSPS will assist students during the concurrent part of the program and will work in conjunction with CSUF. The DSPS office is in the SAC Johnson Student Center on the 1st Floor. For further information regarding services, call (714) 484-7104. Students can also get information on the DSPS website.

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

CEP Students who requested and were granted accommodations through SAC DSPS should notify the CSUF DSS and their CSUF 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 a variety of services and resources in the SAC Student Health & Wellness 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 SAC program. NCLEX–RN units cannot be awarded and noted on the CSU transcript until the student has successfully passed this examination. The Office of Enrollment Services reviews student transcripts and determines the number of NCLEX-RN units that can be awarded during

or prior to the semester of BSN graduation. 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 CSU semester coursework to meet graduation requirements.

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

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

	Course	Course Name	Units
First Semester-FALL			
SAC	NRN 170	Pharmacology 2	2
SAC	NRN 171	Principles of NP & CON	4.5
SAC	NRN 171L	Principles of NP & CON Lab	4.5
CSUF	NURS 340/340L	Health Assessment	3
		Total Units	**14**
Second Semester-SPRING			
SAC	NRN 172	Family Health & Illness	4
SAC	NRN 172L	Family Health & Illness Lab	4.5
CSUF	NURS 345	Pathophysiology	3
		Total Units	**11.5**
Third Semester-FALL			
SAC	NRN 271	Mental Health & Acute Concepts	4
SAC	NRN 271L	Mental Health & Acute Concepts	4.5
CSUF	NURS 310	EBP/Research	3
		Total Units	**11.5**
Fourth Semester-SPRING			
SAC	NRN 272	Complex Concepts	3.5
SAC	NRN 272L	Complex Concepts Lab	4.5
CSUF	NURS 305	Professional Nursing	3
		Total Units	**11**
Graduate from SAC and pass NCLEX-RN			
Summer			
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 2nd Bac	Area 6 or Elective	Ethnic Studies or Elective (possible)	3
		Total Units	11
Graduate from CSUF with BSN			

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

SAC-CSUF Concurrent Enrollment Pathway towards Success

Step 1	Student consults with SAC Nursing Counselor about the course requirements for SAC and CSUF nursing programs.
Step 2	Student applies for the SAC-CSUF CEP application pool.
Step 3	Applicant eligibility is verified by the SAC Nursing Admissions Committee. GE verification is completed.
Step 4	Applicants are ranked according to the SAC enrollment criteria.
Step 5	Applicants selected for placement are notified of status from SAC.
Step 6	Student attends CEP Information Session.
Step 7	Applicants will accept or decline CEP placement.
Step 8	Financial aid forms and applications are completed, if needed.
Step 9	Enrollees attend Initial Orientation Session for SAC.
Step 10	Enrollees attend Extended Orientation and register for courses at SAC and CSUF.
Step 11	Students begin SAC and CSUF coursework.
Step 12	Students graduate from SAC, 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 SAC and CSUF are encouraged to apply.

➢ **Is the traditional ADN option being eliminated?**
No. Starting in Fall 2026, SAC 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 ranked and selected based on the SAC ADN enrollment criteria points described on the Santa Ana College's nursing program website.

➢ **Where does the program take place?**
The SAC nursing courses will be offered on the SAC 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 SAC-CSUF CEP differ from other ADN-BSN partnerships?**
The SAC-CSUF CEP is an innovative partnership that has been established to allow 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 SAC-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 6-months to 1-year after graduating from SAC ADN program. This benefit decreases both time and money requirements for participants.

- **Are the SAC ADN nursing courses the same for CEP and traditional ADN students?**
  Yes, the SAC 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.

- **What if I graduate from SAC and I am unable to transition with my cohort to the designated CSU due to medical or serious extenuating reasons?**
  If you are unable to transition with your cohort to the CSU after graduation from SAC 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 SAC and CSUF CEP coursework to remain in the program.

- **What if I fail or withdraw from the SAC ADN coursework while enrolled in the CEP?**
  A student who fails or withdraws from the SAC ADN coursework will forfeit their position in the CEP program and will be required to reapply to SAC for admission to the ADN program as outlined in the Nursing Student Guidebook.

  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 are eligible to complete the SAC ADN program but would forfeit their CEP position at the CSU. Students would need to reapply to the university's traditional ADN-to-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 SAC-CSUF CEP student, you will enjoy the benefits and services of both institutions in which you are enrolled.

- ➢ **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 rigorous expectations of the CEP program as outlined in the *SAC-CSUF CEP Student Information Packet* and through my attendance at a *CEP Information Session*. I understand that I will be required to abide by and conform to the policies and procedures of both institutions into which I am accepted as a student.

Student Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____