Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Applicant Workshop

California Baptist University

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School of Nursing (SoN) Admission Process

1. Acceptance to California Baptist University as an undergraduate Pre-Nursing student www.calbaptist.edu/apply
2. **A complete SON online application packet consists of the following:**
   - ❑ Completed Online Application through www.nursingcas.org
     - Helpful tutorials on YouTube by searching NursingCAS
     - Each section of the online application has an instructions toolbar
     - Although some sections are not required by NursingCAS be sure to follow the Program Specific Requirements
   - ❑ Completed Program Specific Requirements
     - Completed **Conduct Clearance Form** for each institution previously attended **other than CBU.** Upload to the documents section of NursingCAS. You may combine all conduct clearances into one document and upload.
     - CBU students will upload the form with the student portion completed and signed. **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE THIS FORM TO THE STUDENT SERVICES OFFICE. Please get the Release & Waiver form notarized and attach it to the conduct clearance form. The SON will submit the form to Student Services.**
     - Two completed electronic recommendations submitted through NursingCAS
       - Recommendations must be from sources who can personally attest to your potential for scholarly and professional success. We highly recommend one academic recommendation and one work/volunteer recommendation. Personal recommendations are acceptable however family members may not complete recommendations. The first two recommendations received will be used. Others will not be considered.
     - Official PAX-RN test transcript sent directly to CBU via atitesting.com. If you took the exam at CBU then your transcript will be on file and no further action is necessary.
   - ❑ Transcripts with posted grades through fall 2013
     - If work is in-progress during the spring 2014 this must be included on the transcripts and received by NursingCAS by the deadline. If prerequisite completion cannot be determined by transcripts then your application will be considered ineligible and be denied
     - For applicants with work in-progress during the spring 2014 semester, updated transcripts must be received by NursingCAS by May 23, 2014.
     - For more information about CBU transcript requests visit Inside CBU https://insidecbu.calbaptist.edu/ics/Academics/Transcript_Request.jnz
     - Be sure to include the NursingCAS transcript request form in addition to the university form
     - High School transcripts are not required

Application Filing Dates for the fall 2014

Early application deadline: A completed file submitted by 8:59pm Friday, January 24, 2014. Applicants that have a completed file (NursingCAS requirements, program specific requirements & transcripts received) will receive 5 additional non-academic points. Well-qualified early applicants may also be notified and scheduled for an interview prior to those completing applications after Jan. 24, 2014.

Final Deadline: by 8:59 Monday, February 24, 2014

For applicants with work in-progress during the spring 2014 semester: Updated transcripts must be received by NursingCAS by May 23, 2014.

Eligibility

- You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 at the end of the fall 2013 semester, not a projected GPA
- All prerequisites must be completed with a C or above by April 30, 2014 and verified on transcripts

Prerequisite Coursework

Completion of the following prerequisite courses (or their equivalent) with a minimum grade of "C" in each:

- English Composition — 3 semester units
- Intermediate Composition — 3 semester units
- Intermediate Algebra or Statistics* — 3 semester units
- Oral Communications — 3 semester units
- Lifespan Development — 3 semester units
- Microbiology with Lab — 4 semester units
- Fundamentals of Chemistry — 3 semester units
- Organic and Biochemistry with Lab — 4 semester units
- Human Anatomy & Physiology I & II with Lab — 8 semester units

***for the fall 2015 application period and later only STA144 will be accepted**

PAX-RN Exam

- The PAX-RN exam is offered every application period.
- No minimum score is required
- You must be a currently enrolled or accepted pre-nursing CBU student to take the PAX exam at the SoN.
- PAX-RN test results are valid for one year only.
- Go to http://www.jblearning.com/catalog/9780763762711 to purchase the study guide
- Registration for the PAX exam will be online only. **Registration will open December 17, 2013** for those applying to the fall 2014 BSN program. Only eligible applicants should register for the exam. Eligibility is described above. If you register for the exam and do not meet the eligibility requirements for the BSN program, no refund will be issued. It is highly recommended that you view your fall grades and cumulative GPA prior to registering.

Academic Points-Total Possible 155

Science GPA-all attempts	Points
3.5-4.0	25
3.0-3.49	20
2.5-2.99	15
2.01-2.49	10
2.0 and below	5
PAX Exam Verbal	Points
90-100	25
80-89	20
70-79.9	15
60-69.9	10
59 & below	5
PAX Exam Math	Points
90-100	25
80-89	20
70-79.9	15
60-69.9	10
59 & below	5
For each prerequisite C- or below	-5

Cumulative GPA	Points
3.76-4.0	25
3.51-3.75	20
3.26-3.50	15
3.0-3.25	10
2.7-2.99	5
PAX Exam Science	Points
90-100	25
80-89	20
70-79.9	15
60-69.9	10
59 & below	5
PAX Exam Composite	Points
90-100	25
80-89	20
70-79.9	15
60-69.9	10
59 & below	5
Successfully completed Sciences in 2 semesters	5

Non-academic Points

Experience	Points
Patient/Health Related Experience-in addition to certification hours-in a hospital/in-patient setting	5
Certifications-completed/Licensure	Points
MA/HHA/CNA	5
Phlebotomy	5
Psych Tech/EMT/Technical	10
LVN	15
Community Enrichment, ISP/USP	5
Honors and Awards	5
Bilingual	5
1st generation college	5
military experience	5
Application/Essay	Points
Proper punctuation/grammar	5
Grammatical errors	-5

Residency	Points
less than 12	0
12-24	5
25+	10
Character	Points
For each failed chapel	-5
Conduct clearance issue/violation	-5
Recommendations	Points
appropriate	5
in-appropriate	-5
Early application deadline	5

Customer Service
Check your application status online. To view the real-time progress of your file, login to your NursingCAS application and view QUICK STATUS menu. Please do not call or e-mail NursingCAS until you have read the instructions, checked your status online, reviewed your email account for any NursingCAS messages, and read the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) section.

Note: NursingCAS processing may take up to five weeks after your application, transcripts, and payment is received. Your file will be considered if all documents are received by the deadline. Verification does not need to happen prior to the deadline to be considered for the program.

If you still have questions, contact NursingCAS staff. Provide your NursingCAS ID Number and name in all communication. Allow up to 3 business days for NursingCAS to respond to your inquiry. NursingCAS will only discuss an application with the applicant and the applicant's designated NursingCAS programs. **Staff will not discuss an application with a parent, spouse, relative, friend, or employer.**

NursingCAS Customer Service: (617) 612–2880
Hours:
Monday–Thursday (9:00 am–7:00 pm Eastern Time)
Friday (9:00 am–5:00 pm Eastern Time)

Mail documents to:
NursingCAS
P.O. Box 9201
Watertown, MA 02471
E-Mail nursingcasinfo@nursingcas.org.

Interviews/Notification
Not all qualified applicants will be called for an interview. We will be interviewing approximately 90 applicants

Email invitations for the interview/ status of the application will be sent out on an on-going basis no later than **March 21, 2014.**

Interviews for the fall program will begin approximately mid-March.

Final notification letters for those interviewed will be sent after final transcripts are verified approximately the last week of May.

What to expect if you are called for an interview

- Group interview with approximately 10-12 applicants
- Allow 1.5 hr
- Professional dress
- Short, concise answers
- Why do you want to be a nurse

APPROXIMATE PROGRAM COST*	Program Start
TEXTBOOKS: Estimates based on previous semester, new books. **Does not included recommended text, only required. This is only for the first semester books, not the entire program.**	$1500.00
NURSING FEE/SEMESTER LAB SUPPLIES-1ST SEMESTER ONLY	$1400 $80
UNIFORMS (DEPENDS ON Quantity)	$200
NURSING SHOES	$60-$85.00
SIM Chart Info (software used throughout the program) Highly recommended having a laptop/desktop computer	$140.00/yr varies
WRISTWATCH WITH SECOND HAND	Varies
PHYSICAL EXAMINATION/ IMMUNIZATIONS (ANNUAL)	Varies
CPR CERTIFICATION (AS NEEDED)	Varies, $60
Health Records Online Storage BACKGROUND CHECK (ANNUAL)/ DRUG SCREEN (PER RANDOM TEST)	$95

*** In addition to tuition, registration and general fees. This is only an approximation-Costs may vary and change.**

Additionally you must have a valid driver's license, automobile and car insurance for traveling to and from clinical sites. Carpooling is not always possible so you must be able to provide your own transportation.