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PATHWAYS TO NURSING: AN OVERVIEW FOR CA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Goals and Outcomes

- Lay of the land: Status of Nursing today
- Understanding different routes students can take
- Comparative Analysis of UC vs. CSU vs. Private Schools
- Advice for students
- What the life of a Nursing student is like
- Other options for Nursing



PATHWAYS FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN

DIRECT ENTRY

- Automatically admitted into clinicals part of program=avoiding stress of applying into higher division
- VERY COMPETITIVE
- Typically must maintain academic performance to maintain your spot
- Not as many programs out West

PRE-NURSING

- Admitted into lower division coursework=less competitive for incoming freshman
- Must apply into the upper division clinical work, similar to applying to college all over again
- Not guaranteed a spot and must compete with other applicants

PATHWAYS FOR INCOMING FRESHMAN

Associate Degree in Nursing

- 2-3 years
- Pass the NCLEX-RN National Licensing Exam
- Allows student to begin working in field sooner
- Good for students that are not 100% sure they want nursing as career
- Can be harder to move up within the field

**Average Salary in CA
= \$76,731**

**ADN to BSN
Bridge**

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

- 4 years
- Pass the NCLEX-RN National Licensing Exam
- Extensive clinical practicums
- Allows for more advanced nursing roles, including nurse practitioner, nurse midwife or clinical nurse leader – all of which require an MSN
- Trend toward the BSN as the standard Pre-Licensing degree

**Average Salary in CA
= \$94,300**

UC NURSING PROGRAMS

- **VERY COMPETITIVE**
 - UCI 3.6% admit rate, UCLA 2% admit rate
 - Both schools only look at the supplemental applications
- **Supplemental application in addition to UC application**
 - Letters of recommendation, more details regarding medical experience, additional essay to complete
 - Important to demonstrate knowledge of the profession



CAL STATE NURSING PROGRAMS

- **Solely based on the grades and test scores**
 - What is the applicant's Academic Index?
 - Focus is on test scores and academic record
- **Blend of Direct Entry and Pre-Nursing programs**
 - Direct Entry Cal States: CS Fullerton, San Diego State
 - Pre Nursing Cal States: CSU Chico, CSU Bakersfield, CSU Channel Islands, CSU East Bay, Fresno State, CSU Long Beach, Cal State LA, Sacramento State, CSU San Bernardino, SF State, San Jose State, CSU San Marcos, Sonoma State, CSU Stanislaus
 - Monterey Bay & Northridge does pre nursing at local CC then student transfers to CSUMB/CSUN for clinicals/upper division work



PRIVATE CALIFORNIA NURSING PROGRAMS



- **Common Traits of Private Schools in CA**
 - Smaller class sizes and environment
 - Highly interactive classes/personalized education
 - Easier to attain 4 yr. graduation rate
- **Direct Entry: University of San Francisco, Dominican University, Point Loma Nazarene University, Azusa Pacific University**
- **Pre-Nursing Programs: Mount Saint Mary's University, Biola University, California Baptist University**
- **Example: University of San Francisco**

TIPS FOR PREPARING TO APPLY

- **Do your research**
- **Classes to consider taking to stand out**
 - 4 years science (Biology, Chemistry and Physics)
 - 4 years math
 - ROP or other medical exploration classes
 - Challenging coursework (honors, AP or IB)
- **Experience in the medical field**



HELPFUL QUESTIONS FOR STUDENTS TO ASK

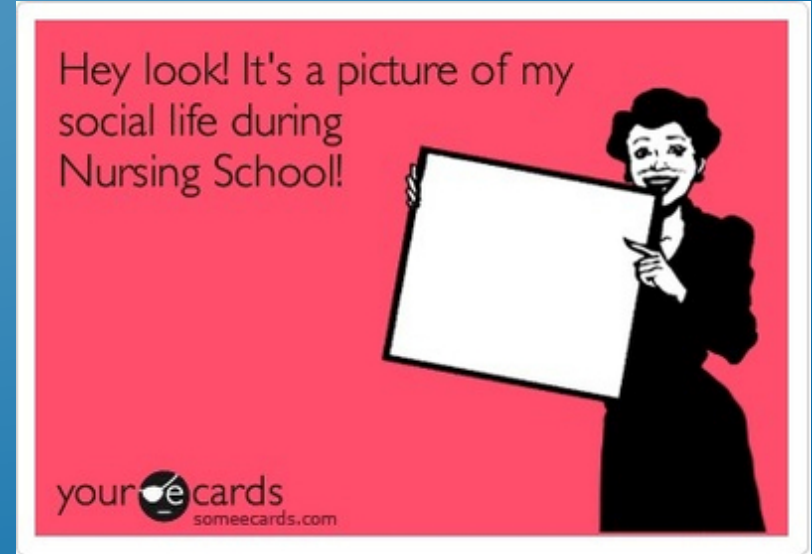
NURSING SCHOOL

**FIRST DAY
VS
LAST DAY**

- Average Academic Profile for Nursing Program
- Direct Entry vs. Pre-Nursing
- Clinical Experiences
- Admission process for Nursing
- Pass score on the NCLEX exam

SO YOU'RE IN! HERE'S WHAT YOU SIGNED UP FOR

- **GPA and other requirements to stay in program**
- **Social life**
- **Test heavy profession**
- **What does this profession entail?**



OTHER PATHWAYS TO CONSIDER

- **Out of State programs**
- **Transfer Route**
 - **Good route for students that aren't as competitive as a first-year student or still need to explore nursing field before committing.**
- **Master's Programs for Non-BSN students**

Nursing Programs by Region/Type in US			
	ADN	BSN	MSN
Midwest	269	209	146
North Atlantic	161	147	132
South	481	246	156
West	236	94	70

QUESTIONS?

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