Pre-Nursing Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program

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Program Scope

The goal of the Pre-Nursing Post-Bac Certificate Program is to guide participants through the entire preparation and application process as competitive applicants to graduate nursing, physician assistant, and similar schools. The Program is suited for students who need to take nursing school prerequisites for the first time or retake such courses in order to be competitive in the admission process for health professional schools. Yearly cohorts of approximately 30 students will take nursing school prerequisite courses in biology, chemistry, mathematics, communication, as well as auxiliary coursework in the form of discussion sections, and a Health Professions Colloquium. Optional preliminary and/or more advanced coursework in biology, chemistry, mathematics, public health, nutrition and/or psychology will be available as needed. The program begins in the early summer and runs continuously for three semesters, and is supervised by a Leadership Team that includes the Program’s Director and Co-Director. The Leadership Team writes a comprehensive Committee Letter that may be submitted with the student’s nursing school application. Federal and/or private loans may be available to students with documented financial need.

Admissions Requirements and Application Process

• Applicants must have graduated from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning with a baccalaureate or higher degree and a GPA of 2.5 or above for their most recent 60-semester units (90 quarter units) of coursework. However, because of the limited number of students that can be accommodated by the Program, applicants with higher GPAs will have an advantage in being admitted.

• Applicants must apply through Cal State Apply, instructions can be found at http://prehealth.sfsu.edu/content/how-to-apply. Official transcripts from all colleges and two letters of recommendation are also required. Admissions decisions are made by the PHPCP and PNPBCP and admission offers are issued by the SF State Division of Graduate Studies. Students whose primary language is not English must earn a minimum score of 550 on the paper version of the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) or a minimum score of 213 on the computer-based version.

Admission Dates

Start Semester          Cal State Apply          Application Deadline
Summer                 February 1 – March 1    March 1
Fall                    October 1 – May 1      May 1
Spring                  August 1 – October 1    October 1

Pre-Nursing Certificate Program – 30 Units

Students will earn the certificate after completing the required Health Professions Colloquium (SCI 695) and 28 units taken from the courses shown in the table below. Note: A maximum of 15 units may be transferred in from courses taken at accredited undergraduate institutions prior to entering the PNPBCP.

First Semester - Summer          Units
MATH 124   Elementary Statistics          3
PSY 431    Developmental Psychology          3
SCI 124    Math Concepts - Elementary Statistics          1
SCI 239    Introduction to Health Professions          2

Second Semester - Fall            Units
CHEM 101   Survey of Chemistry          3
CHEM 102   Survey of Chemistry Laboratory          1
BIOL 328   Human Anatomy          4
DFM 253    Nutrition in Health and Disease          3

Third Semester - Spring          Units
BIOL 212   Principles of Human Physiology          3
BIOL 213   Principles of Human Physiology Laboratory          1
BIOL 210   General Microbiology and Public Health          3
BIOL 211   General Microbiology and Public Health Laboratory          1

Fourth Semester - Summer          Units
SCI 695    Health Professions Colloquium          2

Total Units          30

1 MATH 124 is a 10-week course.

Supplemental Courses

The following courses are not required, but are offered as optional/supplemental courses to be taken at the students’ discretion. In some cases, students may take supplemental courses in place of required courses as appropriate and in consultation with an advisor.
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