



## DEGREE OFFERED

*Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree for RNs (RN/BSN Program)*

## CERTIFICATE OFFERED

*Public Health Nurse Certificate* (available from the State of California Board of Registered Nurses after graduation)

## ABOUT THE PROGRAMS

The degree nursing programs at Holy Names University are special. They are student-focused and designed for working adults. RNs seeking a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing are eligible for the Public Health Nurse Certificate will find the Holy Names University programs very attractive because classes sizes are in the evenings and clinical practice element of the program can be completed close to the student's home. All of the programs have accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

## ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Current RN license
- Associate Degree in Nursing or diploma from a hospital program
- Letter of recommendation
- Official transcripts from all universities and colleges attended

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM FOR RNS

The Department of Nursing offers an upper-division major leading to a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing degree for Registered Nurses who are graduates of an Associate Degree program or a hospital based diploma program. The program is designed for adult learners and includes courses in nursing and the liberal arts. All of the courses in nursing and many of the general education and required courses for graduation are offered in the evenings. The courses that require clinical practice can be completed in one day a week in a setting close to the student's home that is approved by the faculty. The courses are offered in an accelerated format (8 classes rather than 16 classes per course) with the ability to take two (or more) courses at the same time in an alternating fashion. Students must fulfill the university General Education requirements (approximately 45 units) in addition to the nursing curriculum. The Registrar will complete and unofficial transcript evaluation upon request to determine the number of units that are transferable. The curriculum builds on the student's previous knowledge and provides a balance of liberal arts and nursing courses. The time needed to complete the BSN is dependent upon the number of credits earned prior to entering the program and the number of courses the student pursues each term.

### Nursing Major Curriculum (31 units)

The upper-division units in the nursing major include the following:

- Nursing 131 – Health Assessment (3)
- Nursing 132 – Theoretical Basis of Professional Nursing Practice (3)

- NURS 141 Nursing Research (3)
- NURS 142(W) Family & Community Health Nursing I (3)
- NURS 142(L) Family & Community Health Nursing I Practicum (3)
- NURS 151 Leadership and Management (3)
- NURS 151(L) Leadership and Management Practicum (2)
- NURS 152 Family and Community Health Nursing II (3)
- NURS 153 Health Care Economics (2)
- NURS 171 Pathophysiology (3)
- NURS 195(W) Senior Seminar (3)

All students in the RN/BSN program must also complete 3 specific upper-division non-nursing courses.

- BIOL 180 Epidemiology (3)
- SOCI 105 Statistics (3)
- One related biological or social science course (3)

Successful completion of the general education requirements, the nursing major requirements, and the 9 units of specific upper-division courses are required for graduation. Students must successfully complete 120 units to graduate.

## PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE CERTIFICATE

This program is for out-of-state Registered Nurses (RNs). To meet the Public Health Nurse Certificate requirements, specific public health content must be completed at a university/college in California accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), or the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), or any other body approved by the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN, June 2000). The following courses meet the requirements for the Public Health Nurse Certificate if taken at Holy Names University.

- NURS 131 Physical Assessment (child and adult)
- NURS 141 Research
- SOCI 105 Statistics
- BIOL 180 Epidemiology, Chronic and Communicable Disease
- NURS 142W, 152 Multi-cultural Nursing
- NURS 142W Environmental Assessment and Intervention
- NURS 142W Child Abuse/Neglect Detection
- NURS 142W, 152 Health Teaching Techniques
- NURS 142L Supervised Practicum on the Individual, Family and Community as it Relates to Public Health Nursing
- NURS 153 Legal-Health Care Financing Issues
- NURS 152 Community Organization
- NURS 171 Pathophysiology - Biochemistry Background

Access to the courses is possible once the student has been accepted as a special status student. After completion of these courses, the student submits a Holy Names University transcript and an application to the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) in Sacramento. A copy of the application can be obtained from the WEB page of the BRN ([www.californiainboardofregisterednursing.org](http://www.californiainboardofregisterednursing.org))

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