Advance to the next level in your career by obtaining your bachelor’s degree in nursing. Many hospitals are now requiring that nurses have a bachelor’s degree, and an estimated half a million new nursing jobs will be added over the next five years.

The HNU program is designed for registered nurses who are graduates of an associate degree program or a hospital-based diploma program.

This program accommodates the demands on full-time registered nurses by offering evening classes and the convenience of completing the clinical practice element close to the student’s home.

The courses are available in an accelerated format (seven to eight class sessions rather than 16 per term). Dependent on the course load, the major coursework could be completed in 18 months.

The RN–MSN option is also available beginning spring 2014. For details on prerequisites for this program, contact the nursing department.

DEGREE
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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

HIGHLIGHTS
- Classes meet on campus and through distance learning.
- Clinical placements are available year-round.
- Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), and approved by the Board of Registered Nursing.

EDUCATIONAL PATHS at HNU
Students can prepare for a Master of Science in Nursing with the option to concentrate in one of the following areas:
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Nurse Educator
- Nursing Administration/Management

Students can also prepare for a dual Master of Science in Nursing and Master of Business Administration (MSN/MBA).

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES
The BSN prepares the generalist nurse for a variety of roles, such as:
- General and Surgical Nursing
- Emergency Care
- Home Health
- Outpatient Nursing
- Mental Health Nursing
- Specialty Care
- Women’s Health

“Welcome to Holy Names University Department of Nursing where we are on a journey toward excellence. This is a great opportune time to join the nursing profession or to advance your career. Holy Names University has achieved a reputation for its quality and innovative nursing programs, which are current with the evolving field of nursing and healthcare. Holy Names University’s nursing graduates have made significant contributions to our nursing profession at the local and state level. I invite you to come with on this journey toward making a difference in healthcare.”

Edith Jenkins Weintraub, EdD
CHAIR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF NURSING
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Current California RN license or an interim permit
- Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) or a diploma from a hospital school of nursing
- Official transcripts of all college or university coursework
- One letter of recommendation
- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) with a score of 550 (paper-based), 213 (computer based) or 79 (internet based) or higher if English is a second language

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 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 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 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.

The courses are offered in an accelerated format (seven classes rather than 16 classes per course) with the ability to take two (or more) courses at the same time in an alternating fashion.

NURSING MAJOR CURRICULUM (31 UNITS)

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

NURS 131  Health Assessment (2)
NURS 131(L) Health Assessment (1)
NURS 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)
PSYCN063  Statistics (3)
SOCI 156  Sociology of Health Care and Health Policy (3)

One related biological or social science course (3)

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE CERTIFICATE

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  Health Assessment
NURS 141  Research
SOCI 105  Statistics
BIOL 180  Epidemiology, Chronic and Communicable Disease
NURS 142W  Environmental Assessment and Intervention/ Child Abuse/ Neglect Detection
NURS 142L  Supervised Practicum on the Individual, Family and Community as it Relates to Public Health Nursing
NURS 152  Community Organization/Health Teaching Techniques
NURS 153  Legal-Health Care Financing Issues
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.californiaboardofregisterednursing.org)

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