

# School of Health Sciences

## Graduate Pathway Plan

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### **ENTRY-LEVEL MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (ELMSN)**

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Entry-Level Master of Science in Nursing (ELMSN) program is designed to teach students with an undergraduate degree in a non-nursing field the competencies necessary to serve as a professional nurse clinician. Pacific's ELMSN offers a generalist curriculum, with optional specialty focus in population health, quality and safety, and chronic disease management. Courses are taught on the Sacramento campus, featuring a skills/simulation laboratory, with required off-site clinical rotations. Senior students will also complete a Capstone Project to Advance Evidenced-Based Patient Care, or design a Clinical Improvement Project. Graduates will be prepared to take the NCLEX RN licensing exam and obtain a Public Health Certificate.

#### **STARTING TERMS:**

Fall semester and Spring semester

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINES:**

(Fall term) December 1 (priority deadline); January 31 (final deadline)

(Spring term) July 1 (priority deadline); August 1 (final deadline)

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Verified NursingCAS Application by published application deadline
2. Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 AND a minimum 3.2 GPA in the last 60 units of postsecondary coursework.
3. Satisfactory completion of all prerequisite courses with minimum GPA of 3.2

= **Guaranteed admission interview**

#### **PREREQUISITE COURSES:**

<b>UOP COURSE ID:</b>	<b>SUBJECT AREAS:</b>
BIO 170	ANATOMY
BIO 180	PHYSIOLOGY
BIO 145	MICROBIOLOGY
MATH 035 OR MATH 037	STATISTICS
HESP 045	NUTRITION

**UOP COURSE ID:****SUBJECT AREAS:**

SOC 021, SOC 051, OR SOC 079	SOCIOLOGY
ENG 025	ENGLISH COMPOSITION
COMM 027	ORAL COMMUNICATION
PSYC 031, PSYC 053, OR PSYC 069	PSYCHOLOGY

**GRADUATE PREPARATION PLAN:**

By following this graduate preparation plan, you will strengthen your preparation and chances for success in graduate study as well as enhance the depth and quality of your undergraduate learning experience.

**Year 1:**

1. Establish a career plan with Career Services Advisor
2. Create a LinkedIn account – connect with professional nursing/ health care-related groups/ associations.
3. Attend a Pacific Grad Expo and connect with ELMSN program reps
4. Attend an ELMSN info session
5. Join the Pacific ELMSN social media channels

**Year 2:**

1. Class planning check-in with Faculty Advisor
2. Attend a regional nursing/ health care-related group meeting/ event
3. Join/ create a nursing/ health care-related student organization
4. Do job shadowing with a local health care organization that provides patient care
5. Attend a Pacific ELMSN student event

**Year 3:**

1. Discuss ELMSN pre-requisites with Faculty Advisor
2. Check-in with Career Services to discuss progress towards career goals
3. Attend a regional nursing/ health care-related group meeting/ event
4. Visit the Pacific Volunteer Center to explore local nursing/ health care-related community service opportunities.
5. Attend a Pacific ELMSN student event – connect with an ELMSN Peer Advisor
6. Utilize Handshake and meet with an Employer and Internship Specialist to find a part-time internship with a local nursing/ health care-related organization (full-time during summer)

**Year 4:**

1. Discuss degree progress and graduation with Faculty Advisors
2. Schedule a Career Advising appointment for graduate school application support.
3. Attend a Grad Financial Aid workshop and NursingCAS application workshop
4. Discuss your career goals and interest in attending health professional schools with your professors and set up recommenders for NursingCAS application
5. Attend a regional nursing/ health care-related group meeting/ event
6. Continue nursing/ health care-related internship or job.
7. Attend a Pacific ELMSN student event – connect with an ELMSN Peer Advisor