

School of Health Sciences

Graduate Pathway Plan

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

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PREREQUISITE COURSES:

UOP COURSE ID:	SUBJECT AREAS:
BIO 170	ANATOMY
BIO 180	PHYSIOLOGY
BIO 145	MICROBIOLOGY
MATH 035 OR MATH 037	STATISTICS
HESP 045	NUTRITION
SOC 021, SOC 051, OR SOC 079	SOCIOLOGY
ENG 025 OR WRIT 010	ENGLISH COMPOSITION
COMM 027	ORAL COMMUNICATION
PSYC 031, PSYC 053, OR PSYC 069	PSYCHOLOGY

Four-Year ELMSN Preparation Plan

This four-year plan will strengthen your preparation for and success in the ELMSN program as well as enhance the depth and quality of your Pacific undergraduate experience.

	Academic Program Planning	Make Community Connections	Build Cultural Competence	Gain Career Experience	Post-Graduation Prep
Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Establish a preliminary course plan with your academic advisor. - Learn about Pathway Program support services. - Start building relationships with faculty and staff in your department. - Join at least one high-impact practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Join a health-related student club/ organization. -Visit Pacific Volunteer Center to find volunteer opportunities. - Arrange an informal interview with a health professional in the field of your interest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Join a culturally-engaging campus or community group. -Attend a study abroad info session to learn about study abroad opportunities. - Participate in events sponsored by the Office of DEI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Meet your Career Services Pre-Health advisor. - Take a career assessment test. - Develop your professional resume. -Set up a Handshake account. - Shadow 1-2 health professionals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Learn about ELMSN program admission requirements. - Attend an ELMSN program information session and grad fair to get initial contact with program. -Explore career options for your major. -Set up a LinkedIn account. -Join the ELMSN social media channels.
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Academic plan check-in with your academic advisor. -Discuss research interests and opportunities with your academic advisor. - Join at least one high-impact practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Look for a service-learning course or continue volunteering at a local non-profit organization. -Seek a leadership role in a student club/ organization. - Join an academic or social fraternity/ sorority. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Participate in cross-cultural development experiences on campus and/ or in the local community (cultural holiday observances/ festivals, campus affinity group workshops, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with your Career Services Pre-Health Advisor. -Begin job shadowing/ observation hours. - Get a summer internship or job in the health care field. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend a graduate school fair at Pacific. -Visit ELMSN program facilities and talk with faculty and grad admission staff.
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Academic plan check-in with academic advisor. -Join an undergraduate research project. - Join at least one high-impact practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seek a president/ vice-president-level leadership role in a student club. - Plan club/ community events that align with your personal goals. - Become involved in mentoring in your student club or volunteer organizations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Participate in additional cross-cultural development experiences on campus and/ or in the local community (cultural holiday observances/ festivals, campus affinity group workshops, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meet with your Career Services Pre-Health Advisor. -Attend a nursing profession conference or workshop event. -Continue gaining work experience in the health field. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Connect and network with current ELMSN students. - Pre-select faculty and employer recommenders for your graduate application.
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graduation check with academic advisor. -Continue involvement in at least one high-impact practice. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Connect with the admission counselor for the graduate program you're applying for. -Continue leadership role in your student club/ volunteer organization. -Continue mentoring and helping develop future leaders. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participate in a cultural competency, anti-racism, or DEI training/course. - Participate in events sponsored by the Office of DEI. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Update your resume and participate in Career Center workshops (mock interviews, cover letter writing, etc.) - Continue gaining observation hours and work experience in the health field. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Attend a NursingCAS Application workshop. - Complete your NursingCAS application (work with a graduate admission advisor to assist you). - Attend a Graduate Financial Aid workshop. - Complete an updated FAFSA form.