Registered Nursing: Educational Pathway Planning

In 2010, The Future of Nursing report issued by the Institute of Medicine advocated for all nurses to achieve higher degrees of learning. Although completion of the nursing program at College of the Canyons will earn you an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN), you’ll want to continue your education to earn at least a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (BSN).

The COC nursing program has coordinated with several universities that allow dual enrollment, meaning you could be working towards a BSN degree at the same time you are in the COC nursing program. After completion of the ADN and successful passing of the NCLEX licensing exam, the BSN can be completed in as little as one year.

Presently, the universities include:

- California State University, Dominguez Hills
- California State University, Los Angeles
- California State University, Northridge
- Concordia University-Irvine
- National University

Resources:


College of the Canyons Nursing Department website: [http://www.canyons.edu/Departments/NURSNG/Pages/default.aspx](http://www.canyons.edu/Departments/NURSNG/Pages/default.aspx)

California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN): [http://www.rn.ca.gov/](http://www.rn.ca.gov/)
### BSN Concurrent Enrollment Options

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<th>School</th>
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<td>Concordia University</td>
<td>$17,000</td>
<td>Enter after 2nd semester. Located in Irvine. They try to minimize campus time. Currently, it is 1 day/week. On occasion a course is offered online. Small class size. Requires faculty recommendation. <a href="http://www.cui.edu/academicprograms/nursing">http://www.cui.edu/academicprograms/nursing</a> <a href="http://www.cui.edu/academicprograms/nursing">Click Here For Flyer</a></td>
<td>Yes-CCNE</td>
<td>Approximately one year**</td>
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<td>CSUN</td>
<td>$17,800</td>
<td>Enter during 1st semester. Offered to COC spring program starts only. Limited number of openings. <strong>Courses are taken simultaneously while in the COC nursing program.</strong> Classes are offered on ground at CSUN campus. Limited to 10 students/admission cycle and selection is done by CSUN. <a href="http://www.csun.edu/~nursing/">http://www.csun.edu/~nursing/</a></td>
<td>Yes-CCNE</td>
<td>Total of 7 semesters 4 of which are while in the COC program.</td>
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<td>CSULA</td>
<td>$20,000</td>
<td>Enter after 2nd semester. Works best for fall program starts. CSULA’s acceptance is academically competitive and requires faculty recommendation. <strong>Summer classes only.</strong> <a href="http://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/nursing">http://www.calstatela.edu/hhs/nursing</a></td>
<td>Yes-CCNE</td>
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<td>CSU Dominguez Hills</td>
<td>$13,000</td>
<td>Can begin to take courses anytime. Most classes offered online. <strong>Summer classes only.</strong> <a href="http://www4.csudh.edu/son/programs/pre-bsn-dual-enrollment/index">http://www4.csudh.edu/son/programs/pre-bsn-dual-enrollment/index</a></td>
<td>Yes-CCNE</td>
<td>Additional 2-3 semesters to finish your BSN once you have completed the Associate Degree.</td>
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<td>National University</td>
<td>$14,000</td>
<td>Enter after 2nd semester with faculty approval. <strong>Courses 4 weeks in length.</strong> Class is offered in a hybrid fashion, online and on ground. Classes will be offered during both winter and summer semesters.</td>
<td>Yes-CCNE</td>
<td>Additional 8 months once you have completed the Associate Degree and pass NCLEX.</td>
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*All costs are approximate (no books or fees are included and may vary based on individuals).

Although financial aid cannot be used for courses taken in these programs, funds obtained through COC scholarships can be used. The scholarship application when available is found at: [https://canyons.academicworks.com/](https://canyons.academicworks.com/). On the application, indicate that your education plans are to transfer. Direct questions about scholarships to Dr. Baker.

**Most programs require licensure before formal acceptance into the BSN program. Since policies vary with institution, it is imperative that you discuss the details with that school’s counselor.

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