

# FRESNO STATE

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Dear School Nurse Credential Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the School Nurse Services Credential Program at California State University, Fresno. We hope you have visited our website which is part of the Fresno State School of Nursing at [www.fresnostate.edu/chhs/nursing/degrees-programs/sn-credential.html](http://www.fresnostate.edu/chhs/nursing/degrees-programs/sn-credential.html).

Preliminary coursework required includes an introductory course in Nursing Research taken at any time in the past. For students without a Public Health Nurse Certificate, 5 units of Community Health including a 90 hour practicum are required.

The Fresno State School Nurse Services Credential Program is divided into 2 Phases. Phase I consists of preliminary courses including Audiometry, Counseling, and Special Education and can be taken online at the convenience of the student at an approved accredited university. Phase II courses consist of the core school nurse theory and practicum courses and are taken as a cohort (once accepted to the program) beginning in June of each year. Applications are accepted in the fall from Oct. 1 through December 1<sup>st</sup> if you plan to come into Phase II the following summer. The School Nurse Services Credential Program application is on our website and there is no application fee. You do NOT apply to the university. You will be notified of your acceptance in February and once accepted registration information will be emailed to you. Be advised that there are no guarantees that you will be accepted after you have completed Phase I.

Most of our students can complete Phase I in one year and Phase II in an additional year. If your preliminary credential will expire before you complete all of the program requirements, you may contact the Fresno State Credential Analyst, Sherri Nakashima. Email her at [sherrin@csufresno.edu](mailto:sherrin@csufresno.edu) for instructions on applying for a one year extension. However, you must be enrolled in this program and making progress before you request an extension. Otherwise, you can apply for an extension through your school district or by following the instructions on the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing website.

If you are an out-of-country candidate your transcripts must be evaluated by a foreign transcript evaluation agency approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing.

Attached you will find information regarding other accredited universities that offer the Phase I courses online. If you choose courses that are not listed, send a course description to the coordinators. You will be notified pending coordinator review if the course is a qualified equivalent.

Be advised that Fresno State is **not** a Master's program and the courses will probably not transfer to a Master's program elsewhere. The cost of courses will be \$341 per unit, effective Summer 2020, through the Division of Continuing and Global Education.

We hope you find this information helpful. We look forward to working with you in the future. Again, please apply during the application window of October 1 through December 1 as soon as you feel Fresno State is the credential program for you. Send your application, official transcripts and supporting documents in one packet. One of your letters of reference must come from a supervisor. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

We are happy to answer your questions by email or arrange a time for a phone conference. We look forward to helping you meet your educational goals!

Sincerely,

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