University General Catalog

Academic Year 2027-2028

Professional and Undergraduate Programs

College of Dental Medicine
College of Medicine
College of Pharmacy
College of Psychology
College of Graduate Studies
College of Health Sciences



CNU GENERAL INFORMATION

Name, Address, and Website

California Northstate University
9700 West Taron Drive
Elk Grove, CA 95757
Main Campus Telephone: 916-686-7400
Website: http://www.cnsu.edu
Telephone numbers for CNU colleges, offices, and departments are provided on page 255 of this catalog.

Catalog and School Performance Fact Sheet

The University General Catalog ("Catalog") provides important information on CNU's educational programs, policies, procedures, and student services. *As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this catalog prior to signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you prior to signing an enrollment agreement.*

This institution is required to have you sign and date the information included in the School Performance Fact Sheet relating to completion rates, placement rates, license examination passage rates, salaries or wages, and the most recent three-year cohort default rate, if applicable, prior to signing the Student Enrollment Agreement. By signing the Enrollment Agreement, the student is acknowledging that the catalog, disclosures, and information located on the website have been made available to the student to read and review.

This Catalog covers the 2026 to 2027 academic year.

Catalog Availability and Modification Policy

The University General Catalog is available to members of CNU community and prospective students at www.cnsu.edu. A link to the Catalog is provided under the "About" heading near the top of the homepage. The catalog is updated annually during the summer break and if necessary due to a significant change in law or University or College policy. The catalog is subject to change without notice. Significant changes that occur between Catalog publications will be published in a supplement. The supplement is available on the CNU website.

Catalog Questions

Students with questions related to this catalog should contact the CNU Office of the Registrar. *Any questions a student may have regarding this catalog that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at:*

1747 North Market Blvd., Suite 225
Sacramento, CA 95834
or
P.O. Box 980818
West Sacramento, CA 95798-0818
Website: www.bppe.ca.gov
Tel: (888)-370-7589; Fax: (916)-263-1897

A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling (888)-370-7589 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's internet site at www.bppe.ca.gov.

The Office of Student Assistance and Relief is available to support prospective students, current students, or past students of private postsecondary educational institutions in making informed decisions, understanding their rights, and navigating available services and relief options. The office may be reached by calling (888)-370-7589 or by visiting www.bppe.ca.gov.

Notice Concerning Transferability of Credits and Credentials Earned at our Institution

The transferability of credits you earn at California Northstate University is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the degree and diploma you earn in your program is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the credits, degree, or diploma that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending California Northstate University to determine if your credits, degree, and diploma will transfer.

Solvency Statement

In accordance with the requirements of California Education Code Section 94909(a)(12),
California Northstate University (CNU) confirms that:

- CNU does not have a pending petition in bankruptcy;
- CNU is not operating as a debtor in possession;
- CNU has not filed a petition in bankruptcy within the preceding five years or beforehand;
- CNU has not had a petition in bankruptcy filed against it within the preceding five years or beforehand that resulted in reorganization under Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. Sec. 1101 et seq.).



Elk Grove Campus
9700 West Taron Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757
Tel: 916-686-7000

College of Medicine
Doctor of Medicine (MD)
College of Pharmacy
Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
College of Graduate Studies
Doctor of Philosophy in Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences (PhD)
Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences (MPS)



Rancho Cordova Campus
2910 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
Tel: 916-686-7300

College of Health Sciences
Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences (BS)
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
Pre-Medical Post-Baccalaureate non-degree program

College of Psychology
Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)

College of Graduate Studies
Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA)



Sacramento Campus
2210 Broadway, Sacramento, CA 95818
Tel: 916-686-8914

College of Dental Medicine
Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD)

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY

California Northstate University (CNU) is a mission-driven, for-profit, private institution which was founded in 2006 by a visionary group of pharmacists, physicians, and other healthcare professionals in Northern California who were concerned about the shortage of healthcare providers and the relative lack of educational opportunities for students in health sciences in the local area.

California Northstate University consists of six colleges, each offering unique programs of study at the following degree levels:

College of Pharmacy (COP)
Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD)
College of Medicine (COM)
Doctor of Medicine (MD)
College of Psychology (CPSY)
Doctor of Psychology (PsyD)
College of Graduate Studies (CGS)
Doctor of Pharmaceutical Sciences (DPS)
Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences (MPS)
Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA)
College of Dental Medicine (CDM)
Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD)
College of Health Sciences (CHS)
Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences (BMS)
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
Pre-Medical Post-Baccalaureate non-degree program

CNU established its first program, the College of Pharmacy (COP), in the fall of 2006 and graduated its first class in 2012. CNUCOP is based on the principles of educational excellence, evidence-based healthcare, and innovative pedagogies. Building on the success of the College of Pharmacy, the College of Medicine, offering the MD degree, accepted its first class in fall of 2015. CNU's MD program utilizes a unique integrated, system-based curriculum combined with longitudinal small group active-learning pedagogy that reinforces not only academics, but our values of service, scholarship, and social accountability. The strength of our curriculum is evident in our students routinely scoring in the top quartile of the United States Medical Licensing Examination and our high residency match rates.

An undergraduate Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences was added in 2015. This fulfilled the institutional vision of undergraduate degree focusing on healthcare and healthcare delivery. This unique program fully prepares graduates for doctoral programs in the scientific fields of Pharmacy, Medicine, Dentistry, and related medical programs. By completing the curriculum and embedded experiences, students can meet the requirements for admission to most health professions programs. In 2025, CHS added a new program and degree—the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Designed to meet the evolving needs of the healthcare industry, CNU's nursing program offers an integrated learning environment with hands-on clinical experience using our state-of-the-art simulation center.

The Doctor of Psychology program was founded in 2017 to address the overwhelming need--in California and beyond--for mental health professionals. The PsyD program provides the knowledge and training necessary for students to diagnose and treat behavioral conditions in diverse and varied populations. Their Practitioner/Scholar model prepares students for entry into the profession by requiring both practical clinical experience and guided research opportunities.

In 2018 the College of Graduate Studies (CGS) began with the Master's in Pharmaceutical Sciences program (MPS). The establishment of a graduate, research-focused program in biomedical sciences created an opportunity for CNU to expand its range of scholarly activities, providing development opportunities for existing faculty from other colleges to contribute their expertise. The program further prepares a new workforce for the fast-evolving healthcare sector, specifically in the areas of pharmaceutical discovery and development. CGS expanded in 2020 with a Master's in Healthcare Administration (MHA) Presently, the Sacramento region is underserved in this area as no other comparable programs exist in an in-person modality and in-person and online hybrid program. Moreover, the MHA provides an additional inter-professional education opportunity for CNU students.

In 2019, CNU added the dental medicine (DMD) program and enrolled its first class in January 2022. This program provides a venue for integrating oral health into human health science education and practice. Dental medicine assists the other health professional programs in developing oral health as integral to primary care medicine, pharmacy practice, and behavioral health. In addition, it expands the university's capacity to pursue integrated research opportunities.

Finally, CNU is currently in the initial stages of developing a teaching hospital, which will be in the Natomas area of Sacramento. The hospital is designed as a 250-bed facility covering 475,000 square feet. It will serve the Greater Sacramento community while training future generations of students and delivering state-of-the-art medical care.

California Northstate University is in the metropolitan area of Sacramento, the state capital of California. It has campuses in Elk

Grove, Sacramento, and Rancho Cordova. The Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Medicine, and Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences programs are offered at the Elk Grove campus. The Doctor of Psychology, Master of Healthcare Administration, Bachelor of Biomedical Sciences, Bachelor of Science in Nursing, and Pre-Medical Post-Baccalaureate programs are offered at the Rancho Cordova campus. The Doctor of Dental Medicine program is at the Sacramento campus.

Addresses of the Programs

Elk Grove

9700 West Taron Dr.

Elk Grove, CA 95757

Rancho Cordova

2910 Prospect Park Dr.

Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Sacramento

2200 X St.

Sacramento, CA 95818

Mission & Vision
University Mission: To Advance the Science and Art of Healthcare.
Our Vision: To provide innovative education and healthcare delivery systems.
Our Values:

- **W**orking as a team
- **E**mbracing diversity and workplace excellence
- **C**aring about our students, our staff, our faculty, and our profession
- **A**dvancing our university, our goals, and our discipline
- **R**esponding to challenges that may impede Mission
- **E**nhancing communication and partnership

Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs)
Students are expected to master the Institutional Learning Outcomes (ILOs; learning outcomes expected of every student at California Northstate University). While the approach and specific outcomes vary in each program, all program and course learning outcomes are derived from these six fundamental institutional outcomes. At graduation, the student will have mastered:

1. Critical thinking. Exercise reasoned judgement to assess technical information and make well-informed decisions using evidence-based approaches.
2. Written communication. Demonstrate the ability to write coherent, supported, and logically structured prose.
3. Oral communication. Demonstrates oral communication skills.
4. Professionalism. Interact with respect, empathy, diplomacy, and cultural competence.
5. Quantitative reasoning. Demonstrate ability to use mathematics and statistics in problem solving.
6. Information literacy. Identify and search relevant libraries of information and databases; synthesize information obtained from primary literature using properly referenced citations.

CNU Degree Programs

Pharmacy (PharmD)
SOC: 29-1051
CIP: 51.2001

A program that prepares individuals for the independent or employed practice of preparing and dispensing drugs and medications in consultation with prescribing physicians and other health care professionals, and for managing pharmacy practices and counseling patients. Includes instruction in mathematics, physics, chemistry, biochemistry, anatomy, physiology, pharmacology, pharmaceutical chemistry, pharmacognosy, pharmacy practice, pharmacy administration, applicable regulations, and professional standards and ethics.

Dentistry (DMD)
SOC: 29-1021
CIP: 51.0401

A program that prepares individuals for the independent professional practice of dentistry/dental medicine, encompassing the

evaluation, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of diseases, disorders, and conditions of the oral cavity, maxillofacial area, and adjacent structures and their impact on the human body and health. Includes instruction in the basic biomedical sciences, occlusion, dental health and prevention, oral pathology, cariology, operative dentistry, oral radiology, principles of the various dental specialties, pain management, oral medicine, clinic and health care management, patient counseling, and professional standards and ethics

Medicine (MD)
SOC: 29-1210
CIP: 51.1201

A program that prepares individuals for the independent professional practice of medicine, involving the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of illnesses, injuries, and other disorders of the human body. Includes instruction in the basic medical sciences, clinical medicine, examination and diagnosis, patient communications, medical ethics and law, professional standards, and rotations in specialties such as internal medicine, surgery, pediatrics, obstetrics and gynecology, orthopedics, neurology, ophthalmology, radiology, clinical pathology, anesthesiology, family medicine, and psychiatry.

Clinical Psychology (PsyD)
SOC: 19-3030
CIP: 42.2801

A program that prepares individuals for the independent professional practice of clinical psychology, involving the analysis, diagnosis, and clinical treatment of psychological disorders and behavioral pathologies. Includes instruction in clinical assessment and diagnosis, personality appraisal, psychopathology, clinical psychopharmacology, behavior modification, therapeutic intervention skills, patient interviewing, personalized and group therapy, child and adolescent therapy, cognitive and behavioral therapy, supervised clinical practice, ethical standards, and applicable regulations.

Pharmaceutical Sciences (MPS)
SOC : 19-2042
CIP: 51.2010

A program that focuses on the biomedical sciences that underlie drug discovery & development and that prepares individuals for further study and/or careers in pharmaceutical science and research, pharmaceutical administration and biotechnology, drug manufacturing, regulatory affairs, and related fields. Includes instruction in biology, medicinal chemistry, biostatistics, pharmaceutics, immunology, clinical biochemistry, pharmacology and toxicology, dosage formulation, manufacturing, quality assurance, and regulations.

Health/Health Care Administration/Management (MHA)
SOC: 11-9111
CIP: 51.0701

A program that prepares individuals to develop, plan, and manage health care operations and services within health care facilities and across health care systems.

Health Professions and Related Clinical Sciences, Other (BS)
SOC: 29-0000
CIP: 51.9999

Any instructional program in the health professions and related clinical sciences.

Nursing (BS)
SOC: 29-1141
CIP: 513801

A program that prepares individuals to provide care of sick, disabled, or infirmed individuals and promotes general health.

Accreditation Information

WSCUC WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)

California Northstate University is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) and our good standing was reaffirmed through 2033. WSCUC address is 985 Atlantic Avenue, #100, Alameda, CA 94501, Tel: 510-748-9001.

Accreditation by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities represents the Commission's judgment that an institution is satisfactorily achieving its mission and educational purposes and that it meets or exceeds the Commission's standards of quality, integrity, and effectiveness.

The Commission values information provided by students, employees, and others in determining whether an institution's

performance is consistent with the Standards of Accreditation and Commission policies and procedures.

The Commission has two established means for receiving comments from students, employees and members of the public about its member institutions:

1. complaints
2. third-party comments

As a general rule, complaints are written by employees and students who have grievances that draw into question the member institution's adherence to one or more Commission Accreditation Standards or Policies. Third-party comments are usually more general comments of a substantive nature about a member institution.

Individuals should review the Policy on Complaints and Third-Party Comments Policy at the WASC website to ascertain the appropriate means to communicate comments and complaints.

California Northstate University encourages students to first seek internal resolution to any conflict.

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE)
California Northstate University is a privately owned institution. Approval to operate as a degree-granting college in California was obtained from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) on April 15, 2007. Approval to operate means compliance with state standards as set forth in the California Education Code and Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations. Nothing in this General Catalog is intended to imply that BPPE endorses programs, or that BPPE approval means the institution exceeds minimum state standards.

A complaint may be filed by completing the BPPE Complaint Form available from the BPPE website, https://www.bppe.ca.gov/enforcement/complaint.shtml, or calling the Bureau's Enforcement Section at the following address and telephone number: Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, 1747 North Market Blvd, Suite 225, Sacramento, CA 95834, Tel: 916-574-8900, FAX: 916-263-1897.

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Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)
California Northstate University's Doctor of Pharmacy program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education, 135 South LaSalle Street, Suite 4100, Chicago, IL 60503, Tel: 312-664-3575; FAX 312-664-4652, website www.acpe-accedit.org

ACPE accredited colleges of pharmacy have an obligation to respond to any written complaints by students lodged against the University, or the pharmacy program that are related to the standards and the policies and procedures of ACPE.

CNUCOP encourages students to first seek internal resolution to any conflict. Complaints may also be made directly to the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions. The written complaints will be kept on file and made available for inspection at onsite ACPE evaluations. Any student who wishes to file a complaint related to ACPE standards and polices should first visit the ACPE website at http://www.acpe.org to access the accreditation standards and policies. If the complaint is found to be related to one or more of the ACPE standards or policies listed and has not been resolved by the College/University the student may file a complaint directly to ACPE, http://www.acpe-accredit.org/complaints/

Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)

The College of Medicine has received full accreditation from the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).

For more information about our accreditation progress please visit https://medicine.cnsu.edu/about/accreditation-licensing.php.[1]

For further information on LCME: Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME), Association of American Medical Colleges, 2450 N Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20037 Tel: 202-828-0596, http://www.lcme.org/

The Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) is required by the U.S. Secretary of Education to require its medical programs to record and handle student complaints regarding a school's adherence to the LCME Standards. LCME must demonstrate a link between its review of complaints and its evaluation of a program in the accreditation process. Therefore, in order to demonstrate compliance with the U.S. Department of Education Criteria for Recognition, and with the prior review and advice of Department of Education personnel, LCME requires medical schools to provide an opportunity for medical students to provide comments and/or complaints about the school's adherence to LCME's Standards.

The colleges and schools of medicine accredited by LCME have an obligation to respond to any written complaints by students lodged against the college or school of medicine, or the medical program that are related to the standards and the policies and procedures of LCME.

Any student who wishes to file a complaint may visit the LCME website (www.lcme.org) to access the standards and the

procedures for filing a complaint directly to LCME. Complaints may also be made directly to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs, Admissions and Outreach. The written complaints are kept on file and made available for inspection at onsite evaluations.

California Northstate University College of Medicine encourages students to first seek internal resolution to any conflict.

American Psychological Association (APA)
The College of Psychology has full accreditation with the American Psychological Association (APA) with our next visit happening in 2034.

Complaints are to be directed to the Commission on Accreditation (CoA). Please visit the APA website for information related to filing a complaint: http://www.apa.org/ed/accreditation/about/other-questions.aspx.

California Northstate University College of Psychology encourages students to follow the APA ethics code and address conflicts at the lowest level possible.

Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA)
California Northstate College of Dental Medicine is accredited by the Commission on Dental Education (CODA) and has been granted the accreditation status of approval with reporting requirements. The next accreditation cycle will be in 2032. The Commission on Dental Accreditation can be contacted at (312) 440-4653 or at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. The Commission's web address is: https://coda.ada.org/en.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation will review complaints that relate to a program's compliance with the accreditation standards. The Commission is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dental and dental-related education programs but does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeal for treatment received by patients or individuals in matters of admission, appointment, promotion or dismissal of faculty, staff or students.

A copy of the appropriate accreditation standards and/or the Commission's policy and procedure for submission of complaints may be obtained by contacting the Commission at 211 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611-2678 or by calling 1-800-621-8099 extension 4653.

California Northstate University College of Dental Medicine encourages students to first seek internal resolution to any conflict.

Student Services

Maternity/Childbirth/Adoption Accommodations

This policy is intended to provide an accommodation for the temporary academic disruption that pregnancy, childbirth, adoption, and the care of a newborn may place on the student. It is designed to make it possible for the student to maintain the "enrolled student status", and to facilitate return to full participation in classwork, and, where applicable, research, and clinical/experiential training in a seamless manner.

All matriculated/registered students anticipating or experiencing a birth or adoption, are eligible to receive the following:

- An excused absence per college policy
- A leave of absence* for an academic accommodation around the time of the birth, during which the student may postpone course assignments, examinations, and other academic requirements. Students requesting this accommodation may be placed into an extended program. Students considering this alternative must discuss the maximum allowable completion time with their academic advisor, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions
- Access to CNU facilities, student services, and the CNU student health insurance plan
- Parking accommodations

*Students may opt to use a leave of absence in lieu of the benefits provided by the accommodation policy. The leave of absence considerations may vary based on a number of life/situation factors. The factors may include the state in their academic career, the timing of the birth or adoption, and the level of assistance the student will receive from others in caring for the child. The student may find it more advantageous or feasible to take one or more semesters of a leave of absence. This may especially be the case for healthcare professional students due to the highly structured and sequential curriculum.

Email Accounts & Services

All students are assigned a unique campus email address for use during enrollment in the program. Email accounts will be provided and tested at the new student orientation prior to the start of the first semester. The IT department offers assistance to students who experience problems with their account during normal business hours.

Information Technology Services

The Information Technology Department provides desktop and mobile support, including assistance with applications such as CANVAS, Outlook, and the school portal (CAMS), for all faculty, staff, and students. A brief introductory session on CANVAS, our learning management system, is offered to new students during orientation. CANVAS is the educational platform used by the University/College to manage course information, grades, and assignments, supporting students from admission through to alumni status.

Library/Learning Resources

LIBRARY FACILITIES

The Learning Resource Center is available for students, faculty, staff, preceptors, as well as local pharmacists. The center includes 8000 square feet of space devoted to student study space and the following resources:

Library Facility and Collection Classroom Resources

Public Computers CNUCOP Electronic Library

Electronic Catalog Interlibrary Loan Program

LIBRARY HOURS

The library facility is a significant part of the Learning Resources Center. It houses the library collection and provides space for individual and group study. It is open whenever the building is open. The building hours when the school is not in session, including holidays and spring break, will vary.

There is a librarian available at either the Elk Grove and the Rancho Cordova campuses. Their staffing hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Elk Grove campus) and Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Rancho Cordova campus). Librarians may occasionally be unavailable to due to other commitments.

LIBRARY STAFF

The Learning Resource Center is managed and operated by a full-time health sciences librarian. The health sciences librarian provides training and consultation to students and faculty on how to access good information and efficiently use electronic resources.

LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAMS

The Library Resource Center provides both students and faculty with support as well as sufficient research references. The following programs are offered to educate students and faculty on the availability of resources and the process of their uses:.

Electronic Learning Resources

The Resource Center maintains an Electronic Learning Resources System. Its purpose is to provide library and learning resources to students, faculty, and staff, and serve as an entry point for all users to meet their academic and research needs.

Library Computer System

A designated area of the learning resource center is dedicated as a computer lab. The computers are available to students, where they can access the electronic resources as well as electronic library materials. Additionally, the lab provides students with general PC software, access to the Internet, and the ability to print desired materials.

Library Collection

The library subscribes to over 10,000 scholarly electronic journals, over 250,000 electronic books and keeps approximately 1300 books in print.

Interlibrary Loan Program

With the large number of University/Colleges and universities in the Sacramento Valley, the Library has affiliation agreements with the libraries at other institutions. Interlibrary loan requests may be made for material not available in our collection. Request forms are available online or you may see the librarian for details.

Mental Health Counseling

California Northstate University recognizes that students will begin their respective programs with various levels of academic ability and psychological robustness. Some students may experience trying personal circumstances outside the curriculum that may impact their ability to perform at an optimum level of academic performance. To assist students in times of need, three counseling services are available and include TimelyCare, mental health services provided by private insurance, and CNU's College of Psychology clinic. TimelyCare, a virtual mental health and well-being platform, provides free, 24-7 counseling services to CNU students. Students can visit timelycare.com/cnsu for more detailed information. Also, since all CNU students are required to have personal health insurance coverage, mental health services are available through your personal insurance as well. CNU's College of Psychology also provides a free, confidential, mental health clinic to CNU students. The clinic offers

both live and virtual services and is located in Rancho Cordova. Services are provided by psychology doctoral students, and there is no limit to the number of sessions that a student can receive. To schedule an appointment, please call 916-378-3581.

Tutoring- Academic Referral

Students experiencing difficulty in any course(s) are urged to seek the help and assistance of the course coordinator or their academic advisor before the problem becomes unmanageable. If academic problems arise, school-funded tutoring services are available through the OSAA. Students requiring tutor assistance for a specific course must be referred for the service by the course coordinator, the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, their academic advisor, or other faculty for the course. Academic referral tutoring is limited to the number of available peer tutors and availability of funding. Individual or group tutoring may be offered, depending upon tutor availability.

Tutoring- Preemptive

Additional academic support may be provided through the Office of Student Affairs in the form of preemptive tutoring. Preemptive tutoring may be available to students based on tutor availability, budget, and past academic performance in the program. Students experiencing academic difficulty are encouraged to reach-out to the course coordinator and instructors for assistance, during which time the appropriateness of preemptive tutoring will be discussed. The course coordinator, in conjunction with the Office of Student Affairs, will work together to determine if preemptive tutoring can be provided.

Tutoring- CSI

Additional tutoring is offered free of charge as part of the CSI (Classroom Supplemental Instruction) Tutoring program. The CSI student peer instructors work closely with course coordinators to prepare for the CSI sessions and often provide additional material recommended by the faculty. There is no cost for this service and attendance is open to all students.

Additional Information required by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education

California Northstate University's Facilities and Equipment

California Northstate University has facilities at 9700 West Taron Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757 (College of Medicine, College of Pharmacy, College of Graduate Studies); 2910 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 (College of health Sciences, College of Psychology) and 2200 X Street, Sacramento, CA 95818 (College of Dental Medicine). Each College has sufficient facilities and necessary equipment to support the achievement of the educational objectives of all of the courses and educational programs in which students are enrolled. The equipment used for instruction or provided to the student is comparable in model type or features to equipment generally used in those occupations or job titles at the time the instruction is offered. The equipment used for instruction or provided to a student is not obsolete and is sufficient for instructional purposes to assure that a student acquires the necessary level of education, training, skill, and experience to obtain employment in the field of training and to perform the tasks associated with the occupation or job title to which the educational program was represented to lead. The facilities and equipment may included, but are not limited to, classrooms, laboratory space, and practical training space. For specific details, please contact the specific college.

California Northstate University also has a library. For hours, staff, and policies, please see https://www.cnsus.edu/library.

The Faculty at California Northstate University

In accordance with California Code of Regulation, Title 5, Section 71720, California Northstate University's faculty are qualified to provide the instruction, student advisement, and learning outcomes evaluation necessary for the institution to document its achievement of its stated mission and objectives, and for students to achieve the specific learning objectives of each course offered. For specific details and profiles of each faculty member, please refer to each College's webpage at https://www.cnsu.edu.

Financial Aid and Loans

California Northstate University does not accept or otherwise participate in any federal direct student loan program (Title IV) funding, any federal veterans' benefits program (Title 38) funding, or any other government student loan program funding. California Northstate University does not participate in any state-administered financial aid program that requires an institutional agreement, certification, or disbursement role. For more information, please see https://www.cnsu.edu/financial-aid.

If a student obtains a loan to pay for an educational program, the student will have to repay the full amount of the loan plus interest, less the amount of any refund. If the student has received federal student financial aid funds, the student is entitled to a refund of the moneys not paid from federal student financial aid program funds. California Northstate University does not participate in Title IV programs.

Eligibility for student financial aid awards is determined based on enrollment status, satisfactory academic progress, and cost of attendance. Our programs define full-time enrollment at 12 semester credits, and half-time enrollment at 6 semester credits. A student must complete a minimum of 12 semester credits each academic year to be eligible to advance

to the next grade level for purposes of student financial aid eligibility.

A student must be enrolled at least half-time each semester term to attain and/or maintain eligibility for student financial aid. A student enrolled less than half-time in a semester term will not be considered eligible for a student financial aid award in that term.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements are used to ensure a student progresses through his/her program at a pace necessary to successfully complete the program with progression limits. A student must meet all SAP requirements to remain eligible for student financial aid. For details about SAP, see the CNU General Catalog.

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. California Northstate University utilizes the consumer expenditure survey data published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to project the costs associated with other educationally related expenses (e.g. room and board, transportation, etc.). The cost of attendance is the cornerstone of establishing a student's financial need, as it sets a limit on the total aid a student may receive for a given period of enrollment.

Housing

California Northstate University does not have dormitories. As of the printing of this Catalog, rental prices in the greater metropolitan area range between $1,500 to $4,000 per month.

Retention of Student Records

California Northstate University retains student records in accordance with California Education Code 94900 and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 71920.

Distance Education

California Northstate University does not have any full-time distance education programs.

Student Tuition Recovery Fund

The State of California established the student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, and suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition. You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program.

It is important that you keep copies of your enrollment agreement, financial aid documents, receipts, or any other information that documents the amount paid to the school. Questions regarding the STRF may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, 1747 North Market Blvd., Suite 225, Sacramento, California, 95834, (916) 574-8900 or (888) 370-7589.

To be eligible for STRF, you must be a California resident or enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid or deemed to have paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following:

- The institution, a location of the institution, or an educational program offered by the institution was closed or discontinued, and you did not choose to participate in a teach out plan approved by the Bureau or did not complete a chosen teach-out plan approved by the Bureau.
- You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution within the 120 day period before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, or were enrolled in an educational program within the 120 day period before the program was discontinued.
- You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution more than 120 days before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, in an educational program offered by the institution as to which the Bureau determined there was a significant decline in the quality or value of the program more than 120 days before closure.
- The institution has been ordered to pay a refund by the Bureau but has failed to do so.
- The institution has failed to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federal student loan program as required by law, or has failed to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the institution in excess of tuition and other

costs.

- You have been awarded restitution, a refund, or other monetary award by an arbitrator or court, based on a violation of this chapter by an institution or representative of an institution, but have been unable to collect the award from the institution.
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However, no claim can be paid to any student without a social security number or a taxpayer identification number.

As of April 1, 2024, and applicable to the last update of this catalog, the STRF Assessment Fee is zero dollars. For more information, https://bppe.ca.gov/lawsregs/strf.shtml

Request a Catalog

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COLLEGE OF DENTAL MEDICINE

Mission Statement

To advance the science and art of healthcare through education, service, research, personal wellness, and social accountability.

Educational Philosophy

The foundation of the College of Dental Medicine curriculum is that this is a humanistic environment in which a deep level of learning takes place, preparing students to be competent practitioners at graduation. Creating this environment requires a deep level of mutual respect between learners, staff, faculty, and patients. Learning to contribute to this environment begins in the first week with a strong emphasis on respectful communication skills. Ethics and professionalism are reviewed, role-modeled, emphasized and reflected upon throughout the program with weekly guided questions. Self-directed, lifelong learning is a strong focus.

Clinical care takes place in a comprehensive care clinical model, which focuses on both the patient and learner journeys. Learners will engage in the provision of care in community-based clinics, serving populations in need, in their final year of the program. This is a rich experience where all prior learning is utilized in this service to the community. Graduates of the four-year program will be competent and independent practitioners who have the skills to improve the health of the local communities.

Detailed course descriptions are accessible to students online and in the syllabi provided prior to the start of each course.

Program Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) for the College of Dental Medicine are identified by six pillars:

1. Patient Centered Care
2. Ethics and Professionalism
3. Communication and Interpersonal Skills
4. Evidence Based Care
5. Critical Thinking
6. Practice Management and Oral Health Delivery

The PLO's specify the knowledge, skills, attitudes, values, and behaviors students will be able to demonstrate upon successful completion of the DMD program of study.

College of Dental Medicine Program Competencies

The Program Competency Statements of the College of Dental Medicine are mapped to the CODA Standards and align with the PLO's. Course Learning Outcomes are mapped to the CDM program competency statements and CODA Standards. The course

learning objectives are found listed in every course syllabus.

The CDM faculty certify student as ready for graduation who is able to perform:

1. Patient Centered Care
    a. Delivers safe, effective, compassionate, and efficient patient centered care, within the scope of a general dentist, to a diverse patient pool.
    b. Demonstrates the ability to manage patient healthcare needs using human, financial, technological, and physical resources.
    c. Demonstrates prevention, intervention, and educational strategies for individuals, and participation in activities to manage chronic disease and improve oral health and wellness.
    d. Demonstrates technical and procedural skills that are safe and effective preserving and restoring hard and soft tissue to support health, function, and esthetics.
2. Ethics and Professionalism
    a. Demonstrates behaviors and values that are consistent with the trust given to the profession by patients, other healthcare providers, and society.
    b. Demonstrates the ability to represent the patient's best interests in the delivery of oral health care.
3. Communication and Interpersonal Skills
    a. Demonstrates the ability to educate patients through effectively communicating information and assessing learning.
    b. Demonstrates patient interaction addressing the patient's concerns and desires, historical and social context, and clinical conditions in an empathetic and culturally humble fashion.
    c. Communicates and collaborates with the interprofessional healthcare team to promote oral and systemic health.
4. Evidence Based Care
    a. Integrate patient information, assessments, evidence-based scientific knowledge, and other factors to make and carry out appropriate care recommendations.
5. Critical Thinking
    a. Demonstrates critical thinking and problem solving applying foundational sciences and the best available evidence to decision making.
    b. Demonstrates the ability to assess and use outcomes information to improve performance in patient centered care.
6. Practice Management and Oral Health Delivery
    a. Applies legal and regulatory concepts related to the provision of oral healthcare services.
    b. Demonstrates the principles of practice management, systems-based practice, and interdisciplinary collaboration in providing patient care.
    c. Demonstrates an understanding of evolving health care systems and structures.

Admission to the DMD Program

California Northstate University (CNU) considers diversity an integral part of the entire academic enterprise.

Blending of different life and cultural experiences is of prime importance in the hiring of staff, faculty, and administrators, and in the selection of students and the education of future healthcare providers.

Mission of the Admissions Committee:

To assure increased access to high-quality oral health care in the United States, the Admissions Committee will strive to increase the selection and enrollment of dental students who will be highly qualified, diverse, and sensitive to the oral health needs of the Northern California population. A holistic review looking into the applicant as a whole person including metrics, experiences and attributes will take place. CNUCDM strives to identify applicants whose personality is in alignment with the vision, mission and values of the university and to determine who is potentially suitable to represent CNU in the dental profession.

While grades and DAT scores are important, evaluation of motivation, communication skills, cultural humility, emotional maturity, and not the least, ethical standards, are of equal importance. Each applicant will be evaluated on his/her own merit during the interview process. The applicant's personal "road traveled" will be explored for life experiences, potential for service to underserved communities, and other attributes that indicate a high level of likelihood of successful completion of the Dental Medicine program and contributing to the oral health needs of the communities they will serve.

Requirements

1. According to the United States Department of Education guidelines, all applicants deemed eligible to be admitted as regular students into the College of Dental Medicine must be: a) Persons who have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent, or Persons beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the State of CA, i.e. at least 18 years of age and pass a test that demonstrates the student's ability to benefit (ATB) from the educational program in which the student is enrolled.
2. At a minimum, applicants must report both a science and a cumulative GPA over 2.80 (although 3.20 or higher will generally be competitively necessary) on a 4.00 scale, and a plan leading to a bachelor's degree prior to matriculation. Minimum science and cumulative GPAs of 2.80 on a 4.00 scale are required to receive a supplemental application.
3. To be competitive, applicants should complete a bachelor's degree at an accredited North American college or university, or equivalent foreign institution prior to matriculation. Applicants participating in special affiliated programs with the College, such as the Pre-Health Pathways program at CNU's College of Health Sciences, and other exceptions to this policy will be considered on an individual basis.
4. All prerequisite coursework taken from non-US institutions (including Canada) must be submitted to the World Education Services (WES), Inc. for an evaluation of coursework. WES evaluations should be sent directly to CDMAdmissions@cnsu.edu.
5. Applicants must complete the following prerequisite courses:

- Human Anatomy: 1 semester/ 1 quarter

- Biology with lab: 2 semesters/3 quarters
- General Chemistry with lab: 2 semesters/3 quarters
- Organic Chemistry with lab: 2 semesters/3 quarters
- Physics: 2 semesters/3 quarters
- Biochemistry: 1 semester/1 quarter
- English: 2 semesters/3 quarters

*Highly recommended courses include, but are not limited to: Statistics, Human Anatomy Lab, Microbiology, Physiology, Immunology, Social Sciences, Behavior Sciences and Foreign Languages.

6. Applicants should submit competitive scores on the Dental Aptitude Test (DAT). An Academic Average score of 18 (380) or higher and a Perceptual Ability score of 17 or higher is desired. The DAT must have been taken no more than three years prior to application.
7. Three letters of recommendation are required from people who can speak to the applicant's character and life experience. Letters written by immediate family members will not be accepted. The Office of Admissions does not accept letters submitted directly by students nor their evaluators.
8. Application to CNU CDM should be submitted via AADSAS.
9. Applicants must participate in the CASPer test. The CASPer test evaluates applicants in ten key skills that have been associated with ability to succeed in an academic environment. Those are: collaboration, communication, motivation, problem solving, professionalism, equity, empathy, resilience, ethics, and self-awareness.
10. Applicants must demonstrate a sincere understanding of, and interest in, the humanitarian ethos of health care and particularly dental medicine.
11. Applicants should reflect a people and service orientation through community service or extracurricular activities.
12. Applicants should reflect proper motivation for and commitment to health care as demonstrated by previous salaried work, volunteer work, or other life experiences.
13. Applicants must possess the oral and written communication skills necessary to interact with patients and colleagues.
14. Applicants must pass a criminal background check.

Following the principals of holistic review process, the admissions process will consider a variety of factors in addition to an applicant's academic standing, including but not limited to applicant's experiences and attributes as well as the value the applicant will contribute to learning, practice, and teaching.

Application Process

Interview and Selection Process

To be considered for an interview, applicants must meet the admissions requirements listed previously. They must also submit all the materials necessary to complete their file. Applications that do not meet minimum criteria for GPAs and/or DAT scores are rejected. After the College's Admissions Committee receives the files of eligible applicants, they review the files to determine whether applicants merit an interview based on established criteria.

When applicants accept an interview, they are interviewed by an interview team consisting of at least one Admissions Committee member. Team members evaluate applicants based on a standardized form assessing whether the applicant is in alignment with the mission and vision of CDM. The Committee may recommend to admit, to deny, or to place the applicant on the alternate list for admission. Recommendations are then forwarded to the Dean for final approval. The Dean along with the Associate Dean of Admissions, notify applicants of their admissions status on December 15th of the year prior to matriculation.

The interview process typically begins in August or September and ends in March or April.

Each year, the Admissions Committee will meet to review the past year's activities and establish minimum threshold standards for GPAs and DAT scores for applications in the coming year. The Committee reviews the ranking formula and makes adjustments as required.

The Dean of Admissions in consultation with the University's Director of Admissions set the policy for the admissions process within the guidelines of the University. There are a variety of options for other administration members and faculty members to participate in modification of the admissions criteria and procedures. The annual review meeting of the Admissions Committee is open to anyone offering input to the process (including students, faculty, administration, and staff).

Additionally, admissions criteria and procedures are agenda items at each annual faculty retreat, which affords all attendees the opportunity for constructive input. Anyone offering input or feedback on criteria and procedures is also invited to send comments to the Admissions Committee Chair at any time. This option is communicated regularly at faculty and staff meetings. [All changes and notifications are continuously updated as needed and posted to the ADEA web site and to the CNU College of Dental Medicine web site under Admissions.]

In general, students who do not meet the program's admission criteria are not admitted to the dental degree program. The CNUCDM Student Performance Committee refers data on student performance and attrition rates to the CNUCDM Admissions Committee. The Admissions Committee actively monitors student progress and correlates student performance with admissions criteria. As progress is evaluated and students with academic problems are identified, they are directed to appropriate support services for help. The Admissions Committee members assess whether admissions criteria need to be modified based on student performance and attrition rate data. The CNU Catalog states: "CNU provides equality of opportunity in its educational programs for all persons, maintains nondiscriminatory admission policies, and considers for admission all qualified students regardless of race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, national or ethnic origin, citizenship status, disability, status as a veteran, age, or marital status." Policies that address students with disabilities who are protected

under Section 504 of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 are described in the Student Handbook.

Technical Standards

Candidates for admission must also have abilities and skills in five areas: I) Observation; II) Communication; III) Motor; IV) Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative; and V) Behavioral and Social. Technological compensation can be made for some limitation in certain of these areas, but candidates should be able to perform in a reasonably independent manner (Exhibit 2-4 – Technical Standards).

I. Observation: The candidate must be able to accurately make observations at a distance and close at hand. Observation necessitates the functional use of the sense of vision and somatic sensation and is enhanced by the functional use of all the other senses.

II. Communication: The candidate must be able to communicate effectively, efficiently, and sensitively in both oral and written form and be able to perceive nonverbal communication.

III. Motor: The candidate must be able to coordinate both gross and fine muscular movements, maintain equilibrium, and have functional use of the senses of touch and vision. The candidate must possess sufficient postural control, neuromuscular control, and eye-to-hand coordination to perform profession-specific skills and tasks.

IV. Conceptual, Integrative, and Quantitative Abilities: The candidate must be able to problem solve, measure, calculate, reason, analyze, record, and synthesize large amounts of information in a timely manner. The candidate must be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and understand spatial relationships.

V. Behavioral and Social Attributes: The candidate must possess the emotional health required for full utilization of his/her intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment, the consistent, prompt completion of all responsibilities, and the development of mature, sensitive, and effective relationships. The candidate must be able to tolerate physically, mentally, and emotionally taxing workloads and to function effectively under stress. The candidate must be able to adapt to changing environments, to display flexibility, and to learn to function in the face of uncertainties. Compassion, integrity, concern for others, effective interpersonal skills, willingness, and ability to function as an effective team player, and interest and motivation to learn are all personal qualities required during the educational process.

Transferring from Other Institutions

CNUCDM does not award credits for prior experiential learning as it does not admit transfer students from other dental programs nor does it accept advanced standing students. In addition, the Doctor of Dental Medicine program does not have any articulation or transfer agreements with any other college or university.

Notice Concerning Transferability of Credits and Credentials Earned at California Northstate University

The transferability of credits you earn at California Northstate University is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the units and degrees you earn in the College of Dental Medicine is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the units and degrees that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all your coursework at that institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution

to which you may seek to transfer after attending California Northstate University to determine if your units and degrees will transfer.

International Applicants

All coursework and instruction will be in English. CNUCDM accepts applications from graduates of foreign institutions provided they hold either US citizenship or US Permanent Resident status at the time of application. The college does not offer help to applicants in order to obtain their visas/ citizenship or US permanent Status. CNUCDM accepts applications from international students provided they meet the same prerequisite requirements as U.S applicants. All prerequisite coursework taken from non- US institutions (including Canada) must be submitted to the World Education Services (WES), Inc. or Education Credential Evaluators (ECE) for an evaluation of coursework. WES/ECE evaluations should be sent directly to CDM. Admissions. CNUCDM does not accept students with advanced standing from international programs.

Applicants who receive their degree from a non-English speaking country or have not completed at least two years and at least 44 semester units (61 quarter units) at a US college or university may be required to submit scores from the TOEFL Examination. This will not apply, if an additional degree is obtained at a U.S. institution. If there is a question about the level of English proficiency, you may be requested to submit scores from the TOEFL Examination (minimum TOEFL score: CBT 213). This is because instruction is held only in English language. No instruction in ESL is provided.

Student Enrollment Agreement

The Student Enrollment Agreement must be completed and submitted to the college in order to show intent to enroll in the program. The Student Enrollment Agreement is a legally binding contract when it is signed by the incoming student and accepted by the institution.

By signing the Enrollment Agreement, the student acknowledges that the catalog, disclosures, and information located on the website have been made available to the student to read and review.
Any questions or concerns regarding the Student Enrollment Agreement should be directed to the college or university department.

Any questions a student may have regarding this catalog that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at P.O. Box 980818, West Sacramento, CA 95834, bppe.ca.gov, (916) 574-8900.

BPPE's The Office of Student Assistance and Relief is available to support prospective students, current students, or past students of private postsecondary educational institutions in making informed decisions, understanding their rights, and navigating available services and relief options. The office may be reached by calling (888) 370-7589, option #5 or by visiting osar.bppe.ca.gov..

Catalog, Performance Fact Sheet, and Website

As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this catalog before signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you before signing an enrollment agreement. They are also strongly urged to review the Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook. The Catalog

contains important information and policies regarding this institution. The Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook contains important information about what is expected of students and due process procedures for conduct violations. The SPFS contains important performance data for the institution.

Student's Right to Cancel, Withdraw, and Refund

You have the right to cancel the Student Enrollment Agreement until 12:01 AM on the first calendar day after the first classroom instruction session attended, or until 12:01 AM on the seventh calendar day after you have signed the Enrollment Agreement, whichever is later.

Cancellation shall occur when you give written notice of cancellation to the Admission Office at the University's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement. You can do this by hand delivery, email, facsimile, or mail. Written notice of cancellation sent by hand delivery, email, or facsimile is effective upon receipt by the University. Written notice of cancellation sent by mail is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed with postage prepaid.

Tuition & Fees

All tuition, fees, expenses, and policies listed in this publication are effective as of January 2024 and are subject to change without notice by California Northstate University. In the tables below, D1, D2, D3, D4 indicate the student's year in the program (e.g. D1 is a first-year student; D2 is a second-year student, etc.). Tuition is charged on a full-time, semester basis. Generally, tuition and fees are charged to a student's account ten (10) days prior to the start of each semester term. The above assumes that a student will attend each term on a full-time basis, which allows for a student to graduate after successfully completing four (4) years of coursework consisting of a minimum of 240 semester credit hours. Out of state students are not charged additional fees or charges associated with vouching for student status. Payment deadlines, loan obligations, refund calculations due to cancellation and withdrawal, and the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) disclosures are located in FINANCIAL SERVICES & DISCLOSURES. This section contains a list of the total charges for a period of attendance and an estimated schedule of total charges for the entire educational program.

The State of California established the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at a qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, and suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition. You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program.

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Tuition and Fees for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

Tuition & Fees	**YEAR 1 - DM1**	**YEAR 2 - DM2**	**YEAR 3 - DM3**	**YEAR 4 - DM4**
Tuition	$97,072	$100,955	$104,993	$109,193
Student Association/Support Fee	$500	$500	$500	$500
Student Disability/liability Coverage Fee	$94	$94	$94	$94
Technology Fee	$700	$700	$700	$700
Health Insurance (pass through fee)[1]	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708
Background Check Fee	$0	$0	$75	$0
CPR Fee	$75	$0	$75	$0
Student Tuition Recovery Fee (STRF)[6]	$0	$0	$0	$0
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$250	$0	$0	$0
Dental Kit (pass through fee)[2]	$5,500	$6,500	$4,500	$5,000
Education Software (pass through fee)	$236	$135	$479	$775
Books (Vital Source) (pass through fee)	$1,190	$775	$775	$775
Use Fee (rental fee for instruments & expendable supplies & Sim Lab, etc.)	$8,906	$9,405	$10,820	$14,160
Optical Loupes (pass through fee)	$1,600	$0	$0	$0
Orientation Fee & White Coat Ceremony	$150	$0	$0	$0
Graduation Fee	$0	$0	$0	$300
Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year	$120,981	$123,772	$127,719	$136,205

Total estimated tuition & fees for the entire program is $508,677.

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs per Year[3]	**YEAR 1 - DM1**	**YEAR 2 - DM2**	**YEAR 3 - DM3**	**YEAR 4 - DM4**
Room and Board[4] (based on 12 months)	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696
Transportation[4] (based on 12 months)	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000
Laptop	$1,100	$0	$0	$0
INDBE	$0	$0	$845	$0
ADEX Licensure Exam	$0	$0	$0	$2,795
Total Estimated Costs per Year[5]	$146,777	$148,468	$153,260	$163,696

[1] Estimated and will vary based on number of insured

[2] Estimated amounts

[3] Costs and expenses a student may incur as part of the participation in the applicable year of the Dental Medicine program, whether or not paid directly to CNUCDM. These expenses include estimated out-of-pocket cost of living expenses for the year.

[4] Estimated amount of student's individual housing, transportation, and food costs, not operated or charged by CNUCDM.

[5] Includes tuition, fees, and other estimated educationally related costs.

[6] Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

Housing Services

CNUCDM does not help the students finding housing. Information is shared as made available.

Placement Services

CNUCDM at this time does not offer placement services.

Job Classification per United States Department of Labor's Standard Occupation Codes

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General Policies

Orientation and Registration

First year orientation is mandatory for all new students. The Office of Student Affairs and Admissions must be notified of any absence due to illness or emergency if a student is not able to attend the scheduled orientation. The student will be required to provide documentation for the absence and complete a make-up orientation within the first week of school in addition to attending scheduled classes and maintaining course requirements. Registration for classes requires:

1. All admission contingencies be fulfilled.
2. Admission contingencies include proof of medical insurance coverage and any other institutional requirements.
3. Students may enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan to satisfy the insurance requirement.
4. Financial aid clearance from the Financial Aid Office.
5. Completion of all new student paperwork.

New students must submit the Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form to the Office of the Registrar by the end of Orientation. To make up dates, a new form must be submitted to the Registrar. The Office of the Registrar requires submission of the Authorization to Release Student Records if a student desires to grant a personal third-party (such as a parent, spouse, etc.) access to his/her student record. Please refer to the Directory Information and Access to Student Records section of this catalog for more information. New students should

review their local, home, and billing contact information via the Student Portal and update as needed. It is the student's responsibility to maintain valid contact information throughout their enrollment at CNU. Instructions for accessing the Student Portal are sent by the CNU IT department to the student's CNU email address.

Registration is conducted by the Registrar prior to the start of each term for new and continuing students. Students with business, financial, or other registration holds on their account will not be registered until the Registrar is notified that the hold has been cleared. Students who are incompliant with institutional requirements, or who have a hold on their student account at the time of registration, are required to satisfy the requirement.

Financial Aid

Eligibility for student financial aid awards is determined based on enrollment status, satisfactory academic progress, and cost of attendance. Our programs define full-time enrollment at 12 semester credits, and half-time enrollment at 6 semester credits. A student must complete a minimum of 12 semester credits each academic year to be eligible to advance to the next grade level for purposes of student financial aid eligibility.

A student must be enrolled at least half-time each semester term to attain and/or maintain eligibility for student financial aid. A student enrolled less than half-time in a semester term will not be considered eligible for a student financial aid award in that term.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements are used to ensure a student progresses through his/her program at a pace necessary to successfully complete the program with progression limits. A student must meet all SAP requirements to remain eligible for student financial aid. For details about SAP, see the CNU General Catalog.

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. California Northstate University utilizes the consumer expenditure survey data published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to project the costs associated with other educationally related expenses (e.g. room and board, transportation, etc.). The cost of attendance is the cornerstone of establishing a student's financial need, as it sets a limit on the total aid a student may receive for a given period of enrollment.

For more detail, see https://www.cnsu.edu/financial-aid/cdm.

Licensure

Acceptance to CNUCDM does not guarantee dental licensure in any jurisdiction. Successful completion of the College of Dental Medicine program meets the academic requirements for dental licensure in the State of California and in all states and jurisdictions for which graduation from a CODA accepted program is required. Complete registration instructions, requirements and all relevant forms for licensure can be found at the Dental Board of California website: How to Become a Licensed Dentist - Dental Board of California

Dental Board of California – Licensing Requirements

Application for Licensure Based on Passing the ADEX Examination – Licensure by ADEX

Application for licensure based on completion of a clinical examination and graduation from a dental school that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or approved by the Dental Board of California (Board).

Authority: Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 1632(c)(2) and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 16, section 1028.

Updates: Dental Board of California Acceptance of WREB and ADEX Manikin-Based Examinations

Application Requirements

Before applying to the Board for a dentist license, all applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Submit a completed application online through BreEZe or by mail using a paper application.

The paper application can be found at the following link Application for Licensure to Practice Dentistry (ADEX). It should be mailed along with a check or money order made payable to the Dental Board of California to the following address:

- Dental Board of California
  2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550
  Sacramento, CA 95815
- Pay a non-refundable application processing fee of $400.00.
- Provide a color passport-style photo. Please ensure the photo is clear with a plain background and the applicant's entire profile is visible. The photo should be included with the initial application, or it can be emailed to the Board for processing.
- Submit proof of having graduated from a dental school approved by the Board or CODA. One of the following documents must be submitted either electronically directly from the school or by mail with an original signature and university seal:
  - A letter signed by the Dean of the dental school certifying that the applicant has graduated, completed all clinical and didactic requirements, and been awarded the degree; or
  - A completed Certification of Dean of Dental College Granting Degree form, which can also be found on page 6 of the application.
- Submit proof of having passed the National Board Written Examination of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.

NOTE: Applicants can contact the American Dental Association (ADA) to have their scores made electronically available to the Board.

- Submit proof of having passed the following sections of the ADEX examination within five (5) years preceding the date of the application:
  - Diagnostic Skills Examination / Objective Structured Clinical Examination (DSE OSCE) (computer based).
  - Prosthodontic (manikin based).
  - Endodontic (manikin based).
  - Restorative (live patient or manikin based using CompeDont tooth).
  - Periodontal Scaling (live patient, or manikin based using CompeDont tooth).
    ***As of June 24, 2020, the Board has determined that the ADEX DSE OSCE will satisfy the required periodontal portion of the examination.**

***Pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) 1633, the regulation states that remediation is required if an applicant has failed any portion(s) of the ADEX examination 3 times. The required remediation must be 50 units and completed at an acceptable dental school for the subject(s) in which the applicant failed in the applicant's last unsuccessful examination. The applicant must then have the school complete and sign the CERTIFICATION OF SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF REMEDIAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR RE-EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY form.**

NOTE: Applicants can contact the CDCA-WREB-CITA to have their scores made electronically available to the Board.

- Submit classifiable sets of fingerprints. (Click link for more instructions)
    - For Live Scan service **(only available in California)** once you have submitted this application, Board staff will review and send you the Live Scan forms via email with instructions.
    - Applicants located outside of California must use hard cards provided by the Board or Standard FBI fingerprint cards. If submitting hard cards, the applicant must pay a non-refundable processing fee of $49 at the time of application submission or mailed to the Board along with the hard cards with a check or money order made payable to the Dental Board of California. You can send a message to the Board to request a set of fingerprint hard cards.
- Submit a completed Out of State/Country Licensure Certification form (only for those who are licensed in another state or country). The Board will accept an electronic copy only if emailed directly from the licensing agency.
- Submit a completed application for the Law and Ethics Examination with the required non-refundable application processing fee of $125, and then provide satisfactory evidence of having passed the Law and Ethics Examination.

NOTE: This examination can be taken up to one year prior to graduation from dental school.

The Board permits candidates to take the Law and Ethics Examination pending fingerprint clearance; however, a dental license will not be issued until the clearance has been received from the appropriate agencies.

Application for Licensure Based on Completion of a Residency Program Licensure by Residency

Application for licensure based on completion of a General Practice Residency or Advanced Education in General Dentistry Program that is accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation (CODA) or a national accrediting body approved by the Dental Board of California (Board) pursuant to Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 1634.1.

Application Requirements

Before applying to the Board for a dentist license, all applicants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Submit a completed application online through BreEZe or by mail using a paper application.

The paper application can be found at the following link: Licensure by Residency. It should be mailed along with a check or money order made payable to the Dental Board of California to the following address:

- Dental Board of California
  2005 Evergreen Street, Suite 1550

Sacramento, CA 95815

- Pay a non-refundable application processing fee of $800.00.
- Provide a color passport-style photo. Please ensure the photo is clear with a plain background and the applicant's entire profile is visible. The photo should be included with the initial application, or it can be emailed to the Board for processing.
- Submit proof of having graduated from a dental school approved by the Board or CODA. One of the following documents must be submitted either electronically directly from the school or by mail with an original signature and university seal:
    - A letter signed by the Dean of the dental school certifying that the applicant has graduated, completed all clinical and didactic requirements, and been awarded the degree; or
    - A completed Certification of Dean of Dental College Granting Degree form, which can also be found on page 6 of the application.
- Submit proof of having passed the National Board Written Examination of the Joint Commission on National Dental Examinations.

NOTE: Applicants can contact the American Dental Association (ADA) to have their scores made electronically available to the Board.

- Submit proof of having completed a clinically based advanced education in general dentistry program or an advanced education program in general practice residency. The program or residency must be, at minimum, one year in duration and accredited by either CODA or a national accrediting body approved by the Board. A Certification of Clinical Residency Completion form is to be filled out upon successful completion of the program and to include an educational seal. Completion of the program shall be within two years prior to the date of their application for a license. The form shall be completed by the current program director.

NOTE: Some residency programs do not have an educational seal. In this case, applicants will need to request a signed letter from the program director stating that the program does not have an educational seal available.

- Submit proof that the applicant has not failed a state, regional, or national examination for licensure to practice dentistry within five years prior to the date of the application. If the applicant subsequently passed the examination for licensure, the prior failure shall not make the applicant ineligible. Acceptable proof is as follows:
    - Complete and submit the Certification of Non-Failure of Licensure form. This can be emailed to the Board for processing. This form is required even if you have never taken the WREB or ADEX examination or a state, regional, or national exam for licensure.
    - An Individual Performance Report (WREB) or a Cumulative Score Report (ADEX) that shows no failures. This should be requested by the agency that administers the examination and can be emailed directly to the Board.
- Submit classifiable sets of fingerprints. (Click link for more information)
    - For Live Scan service **(only available in California)** once you have submitted this application, Board staff will review and send you the Live Scan forms via email with instructions.

- Applicants located outside of California must use hard cards provided by the Board or Standard FBI fingerprint cards. If submitting hard cards, the applicant must pay a non-refundable processing fee of $49 at the time of application submission or mailed to the Board along with the hard cards with a check or money order made payable to the Dental Board of California. You can send a message to the Board to request a set of fingerprint hard cards.

- Submit a completed Out of State/Country Licensure Certification form (only for those who are licensed in another state or country). The Board will accept an electronic copy only if emailed directly from the licensing agency.
- Submit a completed application for the Law and Ethics Examination with the required non-refundable application processing fee of $125, and then provide satisfactory evidence of having passed the Law and Ethics Examination.

NOTE: This examination can be taken up to one year prior to graduation from dental school.

Where Instruction Will Be Provided

In-person class instruction sessions are conducted at the University campus located at 2200 X Street, Sacramento California, 95818. Occasionally 9650 West Taron Drive, Elk Grove, California 95757, may be used for instruction purposes. Clinical training rotations and service-learning activities are conducted at 2201 Broadway St, Sacramento, California, 95818 and 2400 Maritime Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95758. Additional rotations take place at assigned professional clinical locations and community sites as established by agreement among the College, the professional preceptor or community partner, and the student. Current sites include:

La Clinica
415 Georgia St, Vallejo, CA 94590

Peach Tree Health
1275 Tharp Rd, Yuba City, CA 95993

Sacramento Native American Health (SNAHC)
3800 Florin Rd, Sacramento, CA 95823

WellSpace Heath (multiple locations)
3415 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95817
3535 65th St building c, Sacramento, CA 95820
10423 Old Placerville Rd #100, Sacramento, CA 95827

Ampla Health (accepting students in March 2026)
1000 Sutter St, Yuba City, CA 95991

Instruction/Course Delivery

A continuous series of didactic, small group learning, simulation laboratory, and clinical courses in human systems, odontology, oral and maxillofacial studies, and behavioral and social sciences are delivered over 12 trimesters.

Policy on Stress & Fatigue Management

Responsibility of the Supervising Faculty – Classroom

In the classroom setting, if a faculty recognizes a student is demonstrating evidence for excess fatigue and/or stress, the faculty should notify the student's Advisor, who, in turn, should discuss the possible reasons and opportunities for support with the student.
The Advisor may recommend that the student meets with the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions to identify available support.

Responsibility of the Supervising Faculty – Clinical Setting

If a student in a clinical setting demonstrates evidence of excessive fatigue and/or stress, faculty supervising the student should immediately release the student from further clinical duties and responsibilities.

If the student exhibits signs of excessive fatigue, the supervising faculty should advise the student to rest for at least a 30-minute period before operating a motorized vehicle. The student may also call someone to provide transportation back home.
A student who is released from further clinical duties due to stress or fatigue cannot resume clinical duties without permission from the Student Performance Committee.

Student Responsibility

Students who perceive they are manifesting excess fatigue and/or stress have the professional responsibility to immediately notify their attending faculty and Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admission without fear of appraisal.
Students who recognize a peer student exhibiting excess fatigue and/or stress must immediately report their observations and concerns to the attending/presenting faculty and the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admission.

Student Mistreatment Policy

CNUCDM is committed to assuring a safe and supportive learning environment that reflects the institution's values of professionalism, respect for individual rights, and appreciation of diversity, altruism, compassion, and integrity.
Mistreatment of dental students is prohibited.
Examples of Mistreatment

CNUCDM defines mistreatment as behavior that is inconsistent with the values of the university and that unreasonably interferes with the learning process. When assessing behavior that might represent mistreatment, students are expected to consider the conditions, circumstances, and environment surrounding such behavior.

Examples of mistreatment include, but are not limited to:

-Verbally abusing, belittling, humiliating or bullying a student.

-Intentionally singling out a student for arbitrary treatment that could be perceived as punitive rather than corrective.
-Unwarranted exclusion from reasonable learning opportunities.

-Assignment of duties as punishment rather than education.

-Pressuring students to exceed established restrictions on work hours.

-Exploitation of students in any manner, e.g. performing personal errands.

-Directing students to perform an unreasonable number of non-educational “routine procedures” on patients not assigned to them or where performing them interferes with a student’s attendance at
educational activities, e.g. rounds, teaching sessions, lectures, etc.

-Pressuring a student to perform dental procedures for which the student is insufficiently trained (i.e. putting a student in a role that compromises the care of patients)

-Threatening a lower or failing grade/evaluation to a student for inappropriate reasons

-Committing an act of physical abuse or violence of any kind, e.g. throwing objects, aggressive

violation of personal space making unwelcome sexual comments, jokes, or taunting remarks about a person.

Reporting Concerns of Mistreatment

Dental students who themselves experience or observe other students experiencing possible mistreatment are encouraged first to discuss it with someone in a position to understand the context and address the necessary action(s). Such individuals include the student's Advisor, Team Group Leaders, the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions, or Course Director.

The individual considering a formal report of mistreatment may attempt to resolve the matter directly with the alleged offender, although he/she is not required to do so.
The options for filing a formal mistreatment report include:

-File a formal report with the Associate Dean of Student Affairs or Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation.
-File an Anonymous Report on the CNUCDM website.

-Anonymous Reports filed on the CNUCDM website are sent to the Department of Student Affairs and Admissions.

Dental students desiring anonymity should be made aware that doing so may interfere with the university's

ability to investigate the concern and their ability to receive information about the follow-up investigation.

No Retaliation

CNUCDM does not tolerate retaliation against individuals who report hateful, dishonest, illegal, unethical, unprofessional, or otherwise inappropriate acts that constitute student mistreatment. Every effort is made to respond to concerns of mistreatment in a professional manner to minimize the risk of retaliation. Individuals who believe they are experiencing retaliation are strongly encouraged to contact the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and or Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and Accreditation. Alleged retaliation will be subject to investigation and may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion.

Academic Policies and Procedures
Academic Calendar

The Academic Calendar is posted at the end of this document. Students will be engaged in a 172-week curriculum, or its academic equivalent, culminating in a DMD degree.

Credit Hour Policy

For each course, the following credit hour assignments are used:

· 1 credit hour for every 15 lecture hours.

· 1 credit hour for every 15 simulation laboratory hours.

· 1 credit hour for every 30 clinical or clinical rotation hours.

Grading Convention

H =	Honors	96-100%
P =	Pass	75 - < 96%
Y =	No Pass, Not Yet remediated	< 75%
F =	Fail	<75%
I =	Incomplete Provisional Grade	N/A
W =	Official Course Withdrawal	N/A

Each course is graded independently; there is no cumulative grading. Utilizing a competency-based grading system, all students must reach a threshold for clinical competency in knowledge and skill set at 75%. A score of 75% represents a passing grade. Structured remediation activities for each didactic course ensure a higher level of knowledge for students who have yet to reach the 75% threshold, who are awarded a "Y" during the remediation period. Students earning below 75% post-remediation receive an F requiring repeat of the course or further academic action. Students earning 96-100% will earn Honors. Clinical courses will be graded Pass/Fail.

Narrative

Where possible (e.g. small group activities), all grades should be accompanied by a narrative which is

reviewed by the Student Performance Committee, but not forwarded to the Registrar's Office.

Grade Appeal

The purpose of this policy is to provide an academic system for the students at CNUCDM to contest alleged academic injustice relating to a final course grade, clerkship grade, or evaluation of a professional activity.

Change to the final grade will occur only when there is evidence of arbitrary or incorrect academic evaluation.

The grade appeal process requires a student to present clear evidence that the assignment of a grade was based on factors other than the academic judgment of the faculty member. Grade appeals must be based on problems of process and not on difference in judgement or opinion concerning academic performance. The students take responsibility to demonstrate that one or more of the following occurred:

-The student believes that the grade was based on prejudice, discrimination, arbitrary or other reasons not related to

academic performance.

The grading decision was based upon standards unreasonably different from those which are applied to other students in the same course.
-Mathematical/ clerical error

A student may file an appeal if there is disagreement with a final course grade, using the Course Grade Appeal form. The steps are as follows:

1. Within 3 business days of the grade being posted in Canvas, the student must submit a Course Grade Appeal form, with sections I and II completed, to the Assistant Dean for Curriculum.
2. Within 5 business days, the Assistant Dean for Curriculum will review the appeal and will forward this to the Student Performance Committee. The Student Performance Committee will complete section III of the Course Grade Appeal form.
3. If the appeal is approved, the **Director of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment** will forward one copy of the completed Course Grade Appeal form to the student, and a second copy to the Registrar's Office, accompanied by a completed Grade Change form.
4. If the appeal is denied and the student does not appeal the outcome, the process ends.
5. If the appeal is denied by the Student Performance Committee, and the student wishes to appeal this result, within 3 business days the student must complete section IV of the form and submit this to the Dean.
6. The Dean will render a decision within 5 business days of receipt of the formal appeal. The final Course

Grade Appeal form will be submitted to the Registrar's Office.

Graduation Requirements

Students at CNUCDM are approved to receive the Doctor of Dental Medicine degree by CDM Faculty and the Board of Trustees (BOT). Failure to meet these requirements will result in a review by the Student Performance Committee. Students must meet the following requirements:

1. Maximum of six years to complete the DMD is allowed without extenuating circumstances based upon the competency assessment model of clinical education
2. Students must complete a minimum of 240 credit hours in the dental program, including all didactic, laboratory and clinical experiential courses and successful completion of all assessment of clinical experience requirements.
3. Students must pass the INBDE Mock examination prior to graduating.
4. Students take the Mock ADEX clinical exam in their final year.
5. Students must attain the knowledge and skills, and develop capacity and behaviors required of a competent general dentist, as defined in the CDM documents.
6. Students must attain a level of clinical judgment which warrants entrustment by the Faculty as required for entry to residency or practice.
7. Students must demonstrate a sense of responsibility and social accountability to patients and the

community.

8. Students must comply with the College's standards of conduct, professionalism, and academic integrity.
9. Students must comply with the laws of the United States; the laws of the State of California; local city, county, and municipal ordinances; the policies, rules and regulations of the California Northstate University and the CDM.
10. All academic requirements must be completed at least 10 days before the date of graduation. Failure to comply may lead to delayed graduation.
11. Only students in good academic standing are eligible for graduation. Students must have satisfied all conditions for resolution of probation before graduation.

Catalog Rights

CNU CDM occasionally modifies graduation requirements. If the student has been in continuous attendance, they may choose to meet the CNU CDM campus graduation requirements in the CNU CDM general catalog that was in effect in any of the three following instances:

1. At the time you began continuous attendance at CNU CDM, or
2. At the time you graduate from CNU CDM.

By maintaining continuous attendance and selecting option (1) or (2), a student can be assured that their CNU CDM graduation requirements will not change. A student having the right to choose one of these options is called "catalog rights."

Commencement

Every student is strongly encouraged to attend commencement and required to wear traditional academic regalia consisting of cap, gown, and academic hood. Hoods are conferred upon the graduates at commencement by faculty. The hood is lined with the California Northstate University colors of blue and gold and the velvet is adorned with Violet, denoting Doctor of Dental Medicine.

The College plans to recognize academic excellence through eligibility for Omicron Kappa Upsilon (OKU), the national honor society for dental medicine. Under this proposed model, approximately 11% of students from the top 20% of the class would be considered for membership. Once the OKU CNUCDM chapter is formed it will submit nominated students to the Student Performance Committee for consideration. Approved students would be designated to wear a hood shawl signifying OKU membership.

Any commencement ornamentation would be limited to recognized College organizations and would be subject to advance approval by the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admission.

Exams

The leadership team at CNUCDM, the staff and all faculty are strongly supportive of students completing their course

work in the time allocated and graduating on time. The Office of Student Affairs has an open-door policy and is the umbrella for mentorship: Learners will be assigned Advisors throughout the program who will closely support the students during their tenure within CDM.

1. Exam, Midterm and Final Assessments

Exam, midterm and final assessment dates are set in advance of the course starting. These dates must not be moved without the advance and formal approval of the Assistant Dean for Curriculum. These exams contribute to the final course grades, as outlined by the Course Director in the individual Course Syllabus (see Canvas).

2. Assessment of Clinical Encounter and Clinical OSCE's

These assessments provide the benchmarks toward competency and graduation. Failure to show progression to meet the expectations of a graduate and independence in addition to passing clinical OSCE's may result in a delay to graduation or dismissal. All work must be completed prior to graduation. Students meet periodically with their team lead to review progress. Thresholds, practice readiness and OSCE's are listed with the clinical syllabi and Clinical Assessment Guide.

3. Mock Integrated National Board of Dentistry Examination (INBDE)

The mock INBDE must be taken and passed as part of the Board Review course.

The INDBE is an important national examination, and CDM is committed to taking steps to encourage all learners to pass and excel in this national examination.

4. Mock ADEX Examinations

Mock ADEX examination is provided for learners in their fourth year. Students can only challenge the mock examination at the scheduled time.

5. Academic Progression Policy

Academic Progression of each student is reviewed three times each academic year by the Student Performance Committee. Information is obtained from assessments, completion of course work, and any applicable professionalism reports.

Consequences of Fail Grades and Fail Remediations:

1. Any course failed with a score of <75% must be remediated; until the remediation is successfully completed, the student is assigned a grade of "Y".
2. If the remediation is passed, with a 75% or greater score, the student is assigned a "P" grade.
3. If the remediation is failed, a grade of "F" is assigned, and the student progression will need to be evaluated by the Student Performance Committee (SPC) who will decide if the student will be permitted to re-take the academic year.
4. If the student fails more than one course in an academic year, and fails at least one of the remediation examinations, the Student Performance Committee will decide if the student will be dismissed.

5. If more than one course in a term requires remediation SPC will review the circumstances and decide if more than one remediation will be permitted in a single term.
6. There is a limit on the length of the program of 6 years.
7. Students receiving a professional misconduct report will not receive an honors grade. Repeating a Course or Courses

The SPC may determine that a student must repeat a year in the following circumstances: Multiple failed courses, failed remediation, & professionalism misconduct.

Student Performance Committee (SPC)

The purpose of Student Performance Committee is to review the academic performance of students in the California Northstate College of Dental Medicine and to keep the students informed of their progress. This committee will make the final decision on academic probation, course repetition, and academic year repetition. There will be separate Student Performance Committees (SPC) for each graduating class, SPC1-4. Each Committee consists of:Chair: Voted by the members of the Committee Members: DS1-DS4 Course Directors from their respective program year. Non-Voting: Associate Deans for Clinical Affairs, Student Affairs and the Assistant Dean of Curriculum. Staff support is provided by the Director of Curriculum Instruction and Assessment.
Quorum: A quorum is three Course Directors or their alternates.

SPC meetings will take place the week immediately following final examinations, three times per academic year. The performance of all students for that academic year will be reviewed at each meeting.

Academic Alert

Students who are performing below 75% across course activities by mid-term will be identified and informed that they are on academic alert.

Academic Warning

Students will receive an academic warning if they receive a failing grade in any course prior to remediation. Academic Warning will be removed once the student successfully completes the course remediation.

Academic Probation

A student may be placed on academic probation if**:**

- A student achieves a grade of less than 75%, and the student subsequently receives a score of less than 75% on their remediation examination and is assigned an F grade.
- A student fails to complete a course.
- A student receives a single egregious, or multiple less serious, professionalism misconduct report/s. Academic probation may be proposed by the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions. If there is a serious professionalism issue, this may be by emergency meeting depending on the level of misconduct. Appeal against Academic Probation can be made using the Complaint and Grievance process. Academic Probation may result in the need for a student to retake courses and/or to extend the length of time they are in the DMD program.

Academic Suspension

A student may be placed on academic suspension if the terms required to resolve Academic Probation are not successfully met. In these cases, the student must meet with the Student Performance Committee where several options will be addressed, including the possibility of dismissal from the College of Dental Medicine.

Professional Misconduct

A student who has been identified as potentially causing harm to a patient, themselves or others, may be placed on immediate clinic and class suspension: This temporary decision is made by the Associate Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions, pending review by the SPC. The Dean or their designee will determine the remediation plan for a student who has received a professional misconduct report.

Dismissal

After careful and holistic review of the student, where the final decision has been made to dismiss a student a notification of dismissal from the Chair of the relevant SPC will be sent to the student and copied to the Dean. The SPC may determine that a student must be dismissed from the program for reasons that include:

- A significant and egregious professional lapse
- Multiple instances of less serious, but repeated professional lapses
- The total length of the program extending to more than 6 years
- Failing to meet any terms of remediation or academic probation
- Failing the same course and associated remediations twice.
- Failing to attend classes/clinics without an approved leave of absence.

Appeal of Dismissal

A dismissal can only be appealed one (1) time. Students who have been dismissed from the college may appeal the decision with the Dean of the College within ten (10) business days of the notification. The Dean of the College will render a decision in writing within three (3) business days of the receipt of the formal appeal. The Dean's decision is final.

Attendance Policy

Students are required to attend class unless otherwise stated by the course director or in the syllabus. Students are required to attend all mandatory laboratory and clinical sessions and seminars as well as other classes or sessions declared as mandatory by the Course Director, or Assistant Dean for Curriculum and/or Office of Student Affairs and Admissions. All summative examinations are considered mandatory and may only be rescheduled due to an approved excused absence.

Excused Absence Policy

The College of Dental Medicine expects students to attend and participate in all classes, simulation and clinical sessions.

Missed coursework has the potential to disrupt individual and team learning, invalidate assessment of learning outcomes, create unfair advantages, and divert faculty and student resources away from teaching and learning. However, occasionally an absence from coursework will be unavoidable.

Excused absences are not counted against any attendance requirements and do not relieve students from their responsibilities for completing any course work, assignment, or assessment/evaluation assigned or due during their absence. Every student is allowed maximum 10 days per academic year that they can use in their discretion (ie sick time, religious purposes, jury duty, travel complications, weddings etc). To avoid chronic absenteeism, a maximum of 4 excused absence days per term may be granted to a student provided that the total days do not exceed 10. For extended periods of absence student should consider a leave of absence. It is the responsibility of the student to review the LOA policy.

To protect confidentiality of students, all formally excused absence requests must be initiated in writing and submitted through the Office of Student Affairs.
Official forms and directions for submitting a Request for Excused Absence are available on the college website and/or from the Office of Student Affairs.

Special circumstances may be eligible for an excused absence but must be approved by the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions at their discretion. Please refer to the Absence Form and Policy for instructions.

Unexcused absences may result in a Professional Concern report and can impact academic progress. Requests for absences from clinical activities must comply with the excused absences limitations for each clerkship or clinical rotation.

Professional Meetings

A goal of CNUCDM is to graduate competent dentists who will improve health care to a diverse population through dental expertise. CNUCDM appreciates the value and encourages the participation of all its students in professional organizations. The College recognizes that attendance at professional meetings is beneficial but may also interfere with the students' pursuit of academic excellence. Students desiring to attend professional meetings must obtain a written approval at least three weeks prior to the meeting from the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions. Any student on academic probation will not be allowed to attend.

Leave of Absence

CNUCDM grants approved leaves of absence (LOA) to dental students for academic purposes, or for other

personal or professional reasons. It is the responsibility of the student to review the LOA policy. Students should consult with their Advisor in addition to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions prior to any planned LOA to ensure that the procedural requirements for a LOA are correctly followed. It is ultimately the responsibility of the student to fully comprehend the potential financial and professional implications of a LOA.

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that a LOA request form is submitted in a timely manner. Non-attendance does not constitute notification of intent to apply for LOA status. It is the responsibility of the student to continue coursework (barring an emergency) until the LOA is approved.
To request a LOA , students should first contact the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions. The Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions will review the academic standing of the student in determining whether a LOA will be granted. The LOA request must also be signed by the Manager of Financial Aid and Business Office prior to being submitted to the Office of the Registrar. Leave of Absences are only official until after being processed by the Registrar. LOA forms can be found on the CNUCDM website and in the CNUCDM Student Handbook. All requests for planned absences must be submitted to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions at least two months prior to the planned absence.

A LOA is approved for a specific period of time, not to last more than one calendar year. Due to the integrated curriculum at CNUCDM, a LOA causing a student to miss more than one course during the first two years of instruction will result in the student needing to repeat the entire year. Likewise, a single clinical rotation missed due to a LOA may result in the student repeating that year. In general, a student is eligible for one LOA request during their tenure at CNUCDM. Requests for a second LOA are highly discouraged and unlikely to be approved due to the disruption it would cause to the student's chances of progression through the curriculum. Students considering leaves of absence should consider the fact that an LOA can have a significant financial impact, and that the timing of the leave is therefore critical. A student may not receive a full refund of tuition if a LOA is submitted after the first day of instruction. A leave may affect financial aid, health insurance and malpractice insurance coverage. The Leave of Absence Form can be found on CNU's website.

Return from Leave of Absence

A student may submit an Intent to Return if they have been on Leave of Absence (LOA) The Office of the Student Affairs will contact a student on LOA approximately 90 days before the LOA expires . The student will receive a request of intent, readmission form and readmission procedures. The student has 30 days to reply to the Office of Student Affairs with their intent to return to the College or officially withdraw. If a student intends to return, they must complete and return the Intent to Return Form within 30 days. They must also meet with the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions at least 30 days prior to the first day of class to review and sign a Readmission Contract. This contract outlines the courses that are required for the remainder of the student's educational career at CNUCDM.

Withdrawal from the College/University

Students may voluntarily withdraw from the University/College at any time during the academic semester. The student will earn a "W" grade for a course(s) that is (are) not complete at the time the withdrawal is initiated. Informing CNUCDM, your academic advisor or instructor does not constitute official withdrawal from the program.

All withdrawals must be processed by the Office of the Registrar. Students must submit a completed Official University/College Withdrawal form to the Office of the Registrar. The form is available online at http://www.cnsu.edu/office-of-the-registrar/registrar-services and in the Office of the Registrar.
A student must meet with and receive signatures from the following departments before the form can be filed with the Office of the Registrar: Office of Academic Affairs, Business Office, Financial Aid, the Dean, and Office of the Registrar.

A student who officially withdraws from the University/College is able to apply for readmission.

Readmission to the College/University

If a student has failed to return from leave of absences, dismissed, or withdrawn from the University, the student may reapply to the College. If accepted, the student may be required to return as a first-year student.

Complaint and Grievance Policy

The following serves as a summary of the Complaint/Grievance Policies. A grievance is defined as a matter not falling under the progression policy for academic or non-academic due process. CNUCDM is committed to a policy of fair treatment of its learners in their relationships with the administration, faculty, staff and fellow students. Should a student wish to submit a complaint or grievance, the student should file a written complaint using the appropriate form.

Academic Grievance

To file an academic grievance, follow the steps outlined in the Complaint and Grievance Policy.

Non-Academic Grievance

The Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions will handle the complaint in accordance with the policies of CNUCDM, review the facts surrounding the issue, and address the complaint in a timely fashion. A record of the student complaints is kept on file in the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions' office. All aspects of student complaints shall be treated as confidential.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish a non-academic student complaint/grievance procedure.

Scope/Coverage

This policy applies to all current students of California Northstate University College of Dental Medicine.

Policy Statement

California Northstate University College of Dental Medicine is committed to a policy of fair treatment of its students in their relationships with the administration, faculty, staff and fellow students.

Procedure

1. The student shall file a written complaint using the Student Complaint/Grievance Form within fourteen (14) days of the occurrence.
2. The completed Student Complaint/Grievance Form should be submitted to any member of the CNU Office of Student Affairs in a sealed envelope.
3. The Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions will handle the complaint in accordance with the policies of the California Northstate University College of Dental Medicine, will review the facts surrounding the issue and will attempt to resolve the complaint.
4. The complaint will be answered in writing by the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the complaint, excluding holidays/university breaks.
5. If the complaint relates to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions, the matter will be handled by the Dean following the same procedure.
6. Students may appeal decisions by filing an appeal with the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions within five (5) days of receipt of written recommendation provided by the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions.
7. In the case of an appeal, the matter will be referred to an ad hoc committee, formed on a case-by-case basis, and appointed by the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions. The committee will be composed of three to five CNU faculty and staff, one of whom must have legal expertise. Investigations will be completed within fifteen (15) business days of the formation of the ad hoc committee.
8. At the conclusion of the investigation, a report shall be provided to the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions in stating the findings and Recommendations.
9. The appeal will be answered in writing by the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions within seven (7) business days from the conclusion of the investigation.
10. Students may appeal decisions of the ad hoc committee by filing an appeal with the Dean within five (5) days of receipt of written recommendation provided by the Associate of Student Affairs and Admissions.
11. The Dean will provide a written final decision to the complainant within fifteen (15) business days from the receipt of the request. The Dean's decision is final.

    A record of the student complaints is kept on file in the Associate Dean of Student Affairs office. All aspects of student complaints shall be treated as confidential.

Student Grievance to the Commission on Dental Accreditation

The Commission on Dental Accreditation will review complaints that relate to a program's compliance with the accreditation standards. The Commission is interested in the sustained quality and continued improvement of dental and dental-related education programs but does not intervene on behalf of individuals or act as a court of appeal for treatment received by patients or individuals in matters of admission, appointment, promotion or dismissal of faculty, staff or students.

BPPE Complaint

A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling (916) 574-8900 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's internet website https://www.bppe.ca.gov/enforcement/complaint.shtml.

CDM Course Descriptions

Behavioral and Social Sciences (BSS)

BSS 501 Orientation (1.5 cr)

In this course students will be introduced to CNU and CDM Student Services. Areas covered include Information Technology (IT and LMS), Registrar's Office (FERPA and HIPAA), Business Office (financial responsibility, student health insurance), library and facilities, career overview (Health Services Collegiate Programs, job pathways), Mental Health Services, overview of the CDM Student Handbook (policies and procedures), Honor Code review, mandatory training (alcohol, drug and sexual violence prevention), curriculum overview, and preview of dental organizations.

BSS 511 Managing Student Life (1.5 cr)

Resilience and sustainability as a student and future health professional will be presented. Managing student debt, stress management, effects of social media, interpersonal relationships, and ethics in student practice will be discussed. The problems of drug and alcohol abuse will be shown. Respect in the University including cultural, gender, and sexual conduct issues will be presented. Students will be made aware of resources to promote student well-being.

BSS 521 Introduction to Health Systems (1.5cr)

This course will provide students with an understanding of health systems in the Untied States and other countries that are influencing the evolution of the oral health industry. It will present an overview of the major trends and forces shaping the oral health industry and the direction that dental care and dental practice is likely to take in the next several decades.

BSS 633 Foundations of Ethics and Professionalism (1.5 cr) (E)

Foundations of ethics and professionalism in dentistry will introduce concepts of dental ethics and professionalism with an emphasis on ethical dilemma decision making models, healthcare communication skills and practices consistent with accepted professional values. This course will also explore laws and standards that affect decision-making in oral health care settings such as mandated reporting.

BSS 701 Dental Public Health (2 cr) (E)

This course introduces the fundamentals of public health dentistry and the importance of dentistry at the community level. Students will develop their understanding of Dental Public Health (DPH) by engaging with the concepts of social

determinants of health, epidemiology and research design in DPH, oral health education and the population, and DPH policy and advocacy. Students will also be introduced and orientated to the Community Rotations Program during this course.

BSS 721 Practice Management 1 (2 cr)

Addressing issues of student debt, career path, and modes of practice will be presented. Operating a dental practice via solo or group practice model and in health systems-based practice will be discussed. Issues including human resources management, the actions of the care team in practice and financial responsibility and accounting will be presented. The Dental Practice Act of California will be covered in comprehensive review of the laws and regulations governing the practice of dentistry in California, covering licensing, scope of practice, and professional ethics.

BSS 822 Practice Management 2 (2 cr) (E)

The simulation of dental practices in various models will be developed by students in groups including addressing issues of hiring, overhead, interaction with vendors, staff development, marketing, accounting and all operations in dental practice. The regulatory environment for pricing, dental insurance, health insurance will be reviewed as well as all aspects of the operation of dental practices.

BSS 831 Artificial Intelligence in Dentistry (2 cr) (E)

This course aims to provide students with a comprehensive understanding of Artificial Intelligence (AI) principles and their transformative applications in dentistry. By the end of this course students will be able to navigate the evolving landscape of healthcare technology by seamlessly integrating foundational dental knowledge with advanced AI techniques. Through a blend of lectures and hands-on projects students will develop the necessary skills to thrive in a future where AI is integral to diagnosis and patient care

BSS 861 Clinical Clerkship: Community-Based Education 1 (4 cr)

Affiliated health systems-based practices will accept CNU dental students into their care teams where senior students will provide clinical care under the supervision of Volunteer Community-Based Faculty in those sites. The purpose of the course is to provide community engagement with the constituencies served, to gain experience in community-based clinical care, and to interact with the interprofessional and interprofessional care team.

BSS 862 Clinical Clerkship: Community-Based Education 2 (6.5 cr)

Affiliated health systems-based practices will accept CNU students into their care teams where senior students will provide clinical care under the supervision of Volunteer Community-Based Faculty in those sites. The purpose of the course is to provide community engagement with the constituencies served, to gain experience in community based clinical care and to interact with the interprofessional and intra-professional care team.

BSS 864 Clinical Clerkship: Community-Based Education (7.5 cr)

Affiliated health systems-based practices will accept CNU students into their care teams where senior students will provide clinical care under the supervision of Volunteer Community-Based Faculty in those sites. The purpose of the course is to provide community engagement with the constituencies served, to gain experience in community based clinical care and to interact with the interprofessional and intra-professional care team.

BSS 871 Dental Public Health Practicum (2 cr) (E)

This course builds on the fundamentals of public health dentistry and the importance of population oral health. Students will participate in experiential learning focused on current public health policy and community-based activities. Students will apply these concepts in a service-learning project by developing, implementing, and evaluating a dental health program in a community setting. By the end of this course, students will have gained practical experience in addressing oral health disparities and inequities in access to care.

BSS 872 Senior Elective Clinical Clerkship (2 cr)

D4 students will select from additional clerkships available at clinical sites either discipline-based or comprehensive care in odontology, oral and maxillofacial studies or human studies. Examples include comprehensive care at a remote clinic (odontology), dental specialty clerkship in oral maxillofacial surgery (OMFS), clerkship in internal medicine (Human Studies), or population health study abroad or in the United States (BSS).

Human Systems (HS)

HS 501 Foundations of Medical Science (2.5 cr) (E)

Foundation of medical sciences is an introductory course that provides students with essential foundational knowledge in multiple disciplines including cell biology embryology, histology, genetics, biochemistry and epidemiology. Upon completion, all students will have a robust basic science knowledge essential for success in subsequent courses.

HS 511 Student Portfolio (1 cr) (E)

Students will engage in guided reflections: noticing, interpreting, responding, and reflecting, and will learn to improve decision-making skills and develop as clinicians. In the Fall trimester of the first year, students receive a rationale for this process, as well as guidance in the portfolio process (in the course “BSS 511-Managing Student Life”). At the end of each trimester, students will provide an overall reflection on the trimester and will set goals for the next trimester.

HS 512 Student Portfolio (1 cr) (E)

Students will engage in guided reflections: noticing, interpreting, responding, and reflecting, and will learn to improve decision-making skills and develop as clinicians. At the end of each trimester, students will provide an overall reflection on the trimester and will set goals for the next trimester. This course will encourage and support the development of ethics and professionalism, self-reflection and self-assessment, and concrete evidence of achievement of benchmarks towards competency.

HS 513 Student Portfolio (1 cr) (E)

Students will engage in guided reflections: noticing, interpreting, responding, and reflecting, and will learn to improve decision-making skills and develop as clinicians. At the end of each trimester, students will provide an overall reflection on the trimester and will set goals for the next trimester. This course will encourage and support the development of ethics and professionalism, self-reflection and self-assessment, and concrete evidence of achievement of benchmarks towards competency.

HS 521 Grand Rounds (1 cr) (E)

This course offers students an integrative review of foundational sciences and previously covered didactic material, emphasizing their connection to real-world scenarios and clinical practice. Through case presentations led by students, guest speakers, and faculty, participants will actively engage in discussion and analysis, applying core concepts to practical clinical situations in every session.

HS 522 Grand Rounds (1 cr) (E)

This course offers students an integrative review of foundational sciences and previously covered didactic material, emphasizing their connection to real-world scenarios and clinical practice. Through case presentations led by students, guest speakers, and faculty, participants will actively engage in discussion and analysis, applying core concepts to practical clinical situations in every session.

HS 523 Grand Rounds (1 cr) (E)

This course offers students an integrative review of foundational sciences and previously covered didactic material, emphasizing their connection to real-world scenarios and clinical practice. Through case presentations led by students, guest speakers, and faculty, participants will actively engage in discussion and analysis, applying core concepts to practical clinical situations in every session.

HS 532 Evidence Based Dentistry (2cr)

This course introduces students to the fundamental concepts and skills needed to interpret and critique professional literature. Study areas include types of research, research methods and design, and statistical analysis. The course includes an introduction of evidence-based practices that will support clinical decision making in comprehensive patient care and will provide core skills in scientific inquiry, research methodology, and appraisal of scientific evidence.

HS 582 Pharmacology 1 (3 cr)

Pharmacology 1 introduces core principles of pharmacology, including pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics and pharmacogenetics. Then the course covers pharmacotherapy for different organ systems including the central nervous system, cardiovascular, pulmonary, renal, and gastrointestinal systems. For the endocrine system, the course covers management strategies for hyperglycemia and hypoglycemia. Instruction is delivered parallel with the integrated biomedical sciences curriculum, aligning pharmacology with physiology and pathophysiology of each organ system. By the end of the course, students should be able to classify major medications into appropriate therapeutic categories and improved judgment for health risk assessment.

HS 611 Student Portfolio (1 cr) (E)

Students will engage in guided reflections: noticing, interpreting, responding, and reflecting, and will learn to improve decision-making skills and develop as clinicians. At the end of each trimester, students will provide an overall reflection on the trimester and will set goals for the next semester. This course will encourage and support the development of ethics and professionalism, self-reflection and self-assessment, and concrete evidence of achievement of benchmarks towards competency.

HS 612 Student Portfolio (1 cr) (E)

Students will engage in guided reflections: noticing, interpreting, responding, and reflecting, and will learn to improve decision-making skills and develop as clinicians. At the end of each trimester, students will provide an overall reflection on the trimester and will set goals for the next semester. This course will encourage and support the development of ethics and professionalism, self-reflection and self-assessment, and concrete evidence of achievement of benchmarks towards competency.

HS 613 Student Portfolio (1 cr) (E)

Students will engage in guided reflections: noticing, interpreting, responding, and reflecting, and will learn to improve decision-making skills and develop as clinicians. At the end of each trimester, students will provide an overall reflection on the trimester and will set goals for the next semester. This course will encourage and support the development of ethics and professionalism, self-reflection and self-assessment, and concrete evidence of achievement of benchmarks towards competency.

HS 621 Grand Rounds (1 cr) (E)

This course offers students an integrative review of foundational sciences and previously covered didactic material, emphasizing their connection to real-world scenarios and clinical practice. Through case presentations led by students, guest speakers, and faculty, participants will actively engage in discussion and analysis, applying core concepts to practical clinical situations in every session.

HS 622 Grand Rounds (1 cr) (E)

This course offers students an integrative review of foundational sciences and previously covered didactic material, emphasizing their connection to real-world scenarios and clinical practice. Through case presentations led by students, guest speakers, and faculty, participants will actively engage in discussion and analysis, applying core concepts to practical clinical situations in every session.

HS 623 Grand Rounds (1 cr) (E)

This course offers students an integrative review of foundational sciences and previously covered didactic material, emphasizing their connection to real-world scenarios and clinical practice. Through case presentations led by students, guest speakers, and faculty, participants will actively engage in discussion and analysis, applying core concepts to practical clinical situations in every session.

HS 652 Special Needs (2 cr) (E)

This course integrates basic disease processes, epidemiology, demographics, treatment planning, and principles of providing dental treatment for individuals with a wide variety of conditions including medical and developmental disabilities, psychological problems, including phobias, and problems associated with aging.

HS 682 Pharmacology 2 (3 cr)

Clinical Pharmacology will address the main pharmacologic groups prescribed by dentists. This course will cover anti-infective agents that include antibiotics, antifungals, antivirals; central analgesics (opioids) and sedatives as well as nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents, and corticosteroids. Rules and regulations of safe prescribing will be taught along each of the above-mentioned topics. Upon completion, students should have a good understanding for effective prescribing rules, identify indications, drug-drug interactions, and adverse effects for various drug groups.

HS 711 Student Portfolio (1 cr) (E)

Students will engage in guided reflections: noticing, interpreting, responding, and reflecting, and will learn to improve decision-making skills and develop as clinicians. At the end of each trimester, students will provide an overall reflection on the trimester and will set goals for the next semester. This course will encourage and support the development of ethics and professionalism, self-reflection and self-assessment, and concrete evidence of achievement of benchmarks towards competency.

HS 712 Student Portfolio (1 cr) (E)

Students will engage in guided reflections: noticing, interpreting, responding, and reflecting, and will learn to improve decision-making skills and develop as clinicians. At the end of each trimester, students will provide an overall reflection on the trimester and will set goals for the next semester. This course will encourage and support the development of ethics and professionalism, self-reflection and self-assessment, and concrete evidence of achievement of benchmarks towards competency.

HS 713 Student Portfolio (1 cr) (E)

Students will engage in guided reflections: noticing, interpreting, responding, and reflecting, and will learn to improve decision-making skills and develop as clinicians. At the end of each trimester, students will provide an overall reflection on the trimester and will set goals for the next semester. This course will encourage and support the development of ethics and professionalism, self-reflection and self-assessment, and concrete evidence of achievement of benchmarks towards competency.

HS 721 Grand Rounds (1 cr) (E)

This course offers students an integrative review of foundational sciences and previously covered didactic material, emphasizing their connection to real-world scenarios and clinical practice. Through case presentations led by students, guest speakers, and faculty, participants will actively engage in discussion and analysis, applying core concepts to practical clinical situations in every session.

HS 722 Grand Rounds (1 cr) (E)

This course offers students an integrative review of foundational sciences and previously covered didactic material, emphasizing their connection to real-world scenarios and clinical practice. Through case presentations led by students, guest speakers, and faculty, participants will actively engage in discussion and analysis, applying core concepts to practical clinical situations in every session.

HS 723 Grand Rounds (1 cr) (E)

This course offers students an integrative review of foundational sciences and previously covered didactic material, emphasizing their connection to real-world scenarios and clinical practice. Through case presentations led by students, guest speakers, and faculty, participants will actively engage in discussion and analysis, applying core concepts to practical clinical situations in every session.

HS 731 Board Review (2 cr) (E)

The course provides a review of the dental curriculum in preparation for the Integrated National Board Dental Examination (INBDE). Coursework includes study and testing strategies, as well as a comprehensive review of dental courses completed throughout the program. This course culminates in a mock INBDE experience intended to inform students of the testing conditions of the license examination.

HS 743 Interdisciplinary Interprofessional Seminar (2 cr) (E)

This course highlights the principles and practices of interdisciplinary and/or interprofessional collaboration within dental medicine and the broader healthcare team. Students will critically appraise scientific literature to support evidence based decision-making for clinical cases. Emphasis is placed on applying skills in written and oral case reporting, including the preparation of comprehensive case analyses for presentation and discussion. Students will explore the roles and

contributions of various healthcare disciplines, gaining experience in communicating and coordinating within an interdisciplinary and/or interprofessional team to enhance patient care.

HS 811 Student Portfolio (1 cr) (E)

Students will engage in guided reflections: noticing, interpreting, responding, and reflecting, and will learn to improve decision-making skills and develop as clinicians. At the end of each semester, students will provide an overall reflection on the trimester and will set goals for the next trimester. This course will encourage and support the development of ethics and professionalism, self-reflection and self-assessment, and concrete evidence of achievement of benchmarks towards competency.

HS 812 Student Portfolio (1 cr) (E)

Students will engage in guided reflections: noticing, interpreting, responding, and reflecting, and will learn to improve decision-making skills and develop as clinicians. At the end of each trimester, students will provide an overall reflection on the trimester and will set goals for the next semester.

This course will encourage and support the development of ethics and professionalism, self-reflection and self-assessment, and concrete evidence of achievement of benchmarks towards competency.

HS 813 Student Portfolio (1 cr) (E)

Students will engage in guided reflections: noticing, interpreting, responding, and reflecting, and will learn to improve decision-making skills and develop as clinicians. At the end of each trimester, students will provide an overall reflection on the trimester and will set goals for after graduation. This course will encourage and support the development of ethics and professionalism, self-reflection and self-assessment, and concrete evidence of achievement of benchmarks towards competency.

HS 821 Grand Rounds (1 cr) (E)

This course offers students an advanced, integrative review of foundational sciences and previously covered didactic material, emphasizing their application to real-world scenarios and clinical practice. Through presentations, the students will synthesize and apply prior knowledge to support clinical reasoning, decision-making, and problem-solving while developing leadership, communication, and clinical reasoning skills. Students will take an active leadership role in small groups and case-based learning activities, with a strong emphasis on student-led case presentations.

HS 822 Grand Rounds (1 cr) (E)

This course offers students an advanced, integrative review of foundational sciences and previously covered didactic material, emphasizing their application to real-world scenarios and clinical practice. Through presentations, the students will synthesize and apply prior knowledge to support clinical reasoning, decision-making, and problem-solving while developing leadership, communication, and clinical reasoning skills. Students will take an active leadership role in small groups and case-based learning activities, with a strong emphasis on student-led case presentations.

HS 823 Grand Rounds (1 cr) (E)

This course offers students an advanced, integrative review of foundational sciences and previously covered didactic material, emphasizing their application to real-world scenarios and clinical practice. Through presentations, the students will synthesize and apply prior knowledge to support clinical reasoning, decision-making, and problem-solving while developing leadership, communication, and clinical reasoning skills. Students will take an active leadership role in small

groups and case-based learning activities, with a strong emphasis on student-led case presentations.

HS 843 Evidence Led Treatment Planning in Dentistry (1 cr) (E)

This course focuses on the application of evidenceled principles to dental treatment planning. Students will refine the skills necessary to integrate current scientific evidence, clinical expertise, and patientcentered considerations when formulating comprehensive treatment plans. Emphasis is placed on critical appraisal of dental literature, risk assessment, diagnosis, and the justification of treatment decisions based on best available evidence. Through casebased learning and analysis, students will evaluate treatment alternatives, prioritize care, and design sequenced, ethical, and defensible treatment plans that support optimal patient outcomes.

Odontology (ODON)

ODON 501 Clinical Foundations (5.5 cr)

This course introduces students to the general dentistry clinical process of care, including principles underlying the phases of patient assessment, problem identification, preventive education, record keeping and interprofessional communication. Topics include infection control, medical history intake, vital signs, ergonomics, caries risk assessment and CAMBRA, examination and charting of extraoral and intraoral findings, and oral hygiene instruction. The student will apply the principles taught in this course through clinical simulations with student partners.
Successful completion of this course is a prerequisite to matriculation into year 2.

ODON 502 – Periodontal Instrumentation (2 cr)

This course introduces students to the fundamental theory and practice of basic periodontal instrumentation. Emphasis is placed on understanding ergonomics, instrument design, and principles of instrumentation. Through hands-on laboratory sessions, students will apply these concepts to develop essential psychomotor skills, improve manual dexterity, and build confidence in performing foundational periodontal instrumentation procedures. By the end of the course, students will demonstrate through skill assessments basic instrumentation techniques necessary for safe and effective clinical practice.

ODON 504 – Foundations of Comprehensive Care (4 cr.)

Students continue to develop their patient care skills, integrating their knowledge, skills, and values from previous terms. As a clinical preparation course, students will follow standards of care driven by electronic health record workflows and provide direct clinic patient care to their classmate patients.
Successful completion of this course is a prerequisite to matriculation into ODON 673.

ODON 511 Operative Dentistry 1 (7.5 cr)

This introductory course will provide foundational knowledge of operative dentistry in an integrated manner. Students will apply basic concepts from other courses such as cariology, radiology, dental anatomy, and dental materials to develop this foundation. Students will also learn proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), ergonomics, proper use of a fulcrum, use of a dental handpiece, application of rubber dam materials, cavity design preparation, and restoration techniques. Students will learn beginning operative skills to prepare themselves for the next course, ODON 512.

ODON 512 Operative Dentistry 2 (7.5 cr) (E)

This course builds on the foundational knowledge and skills attained in ODON 511. The course will delve into the diagnosis and treatment planning of anterior and posterior approximal carious lesions and the techniques to restore both.

This course will also discuss shade selection, bleaching, removal of decay and management of the pulp. Students will continue to improve their skills and operative knowledge. Focus on correct PPE use, ergonomics and the use of a proper fulcrum will continue in each session.

ODON 513 Operative Dentistry 3 (7.5 cr) (E)

This course builds on the foundational knowledge and skills attained in ODON 511 and 512. This course will delve into complex dental restorations, quadrant dentistry, as well as management of
indirect intracorneal restorations. This course will prepare the students for the fixed prosthetics course. Students will continue to improve their skills and operative knowledge. Focus on correct PPE use, ergonomics, and the use of a proper fulcrum will continue in each session.

ODON 521 Dental Anatomy (4 cr)

The three-dimensional anatomy of the teeth is presented enabling students to identify teeth from photographs, models, and descriptions. Concepts of occlusion are covered. Students will have the opportunity to recreate dental anatomy and gain the necessary hand skills and knowledge for future courses.

ODON 522 Dental Materials (2 cr)

This course explores the fundamental principles of dental materials used in clinical practice. Topics include the physical and chemical properties of materials, criteria for appropriate material selection, and considerations related to biocompatibility. Emphasis is placed on safety standards, handling procedures, and the factors that influence the performance and longevity of dental materials. Students will gain foundational knowledge essential for informed decision-making in both preclinical and clinical settings.

ODON 532 Introduction to Orthodontics (2 cr)

The introduction to Orthodontics course provides students with an overview of orthodontics, including when to refer to an orthodontic specialist. Simple tooth movement and basic orthodontic concepts are covered.
Additionally, this course introduces clear aligner therapy.

ODON 541.1 Cariology (2 cr)

This course introduces the dental student to the etiology, classification, and progression of dental carries. Carries management protocols will be covered. Students will be able to identify, classify, and describe the progression of caries lesions in preparation for treating patients. Students will continue to develop their skills in communication and patient management via motivational interviewing. By the end of this course, students will have a basic understanding of how to diagnose and manage dental caries, including writing appropriate prescriptions based on caries risk.

ODON 611 Fixed Tooth Replacement: Tooth-Supported (7.5 cr)

The course will focus on fixed indirect full coverage restorations, covering proper preparation techniques, crown materials, impression techniques, scanning, laboratory process and communication. Students will practice skills in restoring esthetics for porcelain crowns or ceramic veneers. Students will be introduced to presenting a patient's medical history in reference to daily care and how to clinically chart daily care.

ODON 612 Fixed Tooth Replacement: Tooth-Supported (7.5 cr) (E)

This course is a continuation of ODON 611 and will focus on restoration of partial edentulism through use of fixed

dental prostheses. This course will cover proper preparation and restoration techniques, concepts of path of draw, pontic design, and FPD treatment planning. Students will practice lab procedures for generating stone models, completing diagnostic wax-ups, mounting cases on articulators and fabricating indirect provisional restorations for fixed dental prostheses. Furthermore, students will practice presenting medical histories of simulated patients in reference to daily care and clinically chart daily care.

ODON 621 Periodontology 1 (3 cr)

The student will be prepared to assess and diagnose periodontal health and disease as part of a comprehensive treatment planning process, including the prognosis of the dentition and learn how to obtain informed consent. The student will also learn how to prevent disease, provide periodontal therapy, recognize oral mucosal and osseous disorders, and identify severe/complex periodontal disease and refer the patient to a specialist for an overall treatment strategy.

ODON 623 Periodontology 2 (2.5) (E)

The student will develop an understanding in treatment planning for advanced periodontal disease and gain knowledge in periodontal surgical therapy techniques.

ODON 642 Endodontics (5.5 cr)

This course will consist of lectures, small group discussions, demonstrations, and laboratory procedures. The course design is to develop basic biological and mechanical concepts for successful endodontic treatment. The lectures will present all phases of endodontic knowledge that will form the foundation for future development in advanced endodontic courses and clinical care. The simulation laboratory experience will provide experience in performing endodontic treatment on numerous plastic or natural teeth mounted in blocks, and a simulation cavity format using mannequins with typodonts.

ODON 651 Tooth Replacement: Complete Dentures (7.5 cr)

Students will learn the components and concepts underlying treatment planning for complete dentures. Students will learn the steps, anatomy and materials involved in the process of fabricating complete dentures and practice skills associated, including taking records, mounting casts, and setting teeth. Students will learn the concepts underlying treatment planning for immediate complete dentures, implant overdentures, denture relines and repairs, and diagnostic photography.

ODON 652 Tooth Replacement: Removable Partial Dentures (7.5 cr)

Students will obtain knowledge of the RPD components, biomechanics and design, proper use of surveyor and concepts underlying treatment plan. Students will obtain the knowledge and skill of the different materials and techniques utilized in the process of fabricating removable partial dentures including the evaluation of remaining anatomy and impact in outcome. Practice clinical skills associated with evaluating abutment teeth and modifications needed prior making final impression will be developed.

ODON 653 Implant Dentistry (4 cr)

Students will be introduced to single and multiple tooth replacement with implants. They will gain basic understanding of implant systems, treatment planning and surgical and restorative considerations for edentulous

areas. Students will gain hands-on experience with placing implants into artificial models, practice making final impressions, learn provisionalization techniques and deliver single unit implant crowns on models. Students will be introduced to treatment planning for multi-unit fixed and removable implant-supported prostheses.

ODON 661 Foundations of Orthodontics (6 cr)

This course builds on the foundational principles of orthodontics and focuses on orthodontic diagnosis, treatment planning, and clinical application. Students will review dentofacial abnormalities, concepts of craniofacial growth and development, and etiology of orthodontic problems. The course introduces the principles of biomechanics in orthodontic tooth movement and various treatment modalities, including removable orthodontic appliances and clear aligner therapy. The concept of orthodontic retention and the importance of maintaining treatment outcomes after active treatment are also discussed. Students will strengthen their understanding through hands-on simulation laboratory activities. These include basic wire-bending techniques, fabrication of Essix retainers, construction of removable orthodontic appliances, and an introduction to clear aligner techniques.

ODON 663 Oral Diagnosis and Treatment Planning (7.5 cr)

This course is designed to familiarize the students with all the clinical steps necessary to diagnose disease and develop a sequence and treatment plan for simulated patients. Students will then apply this knowledge to simulated patients which will require diagnosis, treatment planning and performing treatment on a simulated patient.

ODON 670 Periodontal Clinical Assessment (4 cr)

This course emphasizes comprehensive data collection of assessments including periodontal, caries, and risk assessments. In addition, the course includes instruction and hands-on practice in taking diagnostic impressions for study models and capturing clinical orofacial photographs for assessment, documentation, and treatment planning purposes. Upon completion, students will be prepared to perform comprehensive dental clinical assessments that support safe, effective, and patient-centered care.

ODON 673 Comprehensive Care Family Dentistry (4 cr)

In this course, students begin their transition to provide comprehensive general dentistry to adults with diverse ethnic, linguistic, socioeconomic backgrounds, and patient-specific oral health needs. Patients may be healthy or have complex chronic medical conditions. Students will participate by supporting their upper-class persons through four-handed dentistry, developing awareness of clinic policies and procedures, contributing to the diagnosis, and providing preventive care in a care team-based delivery model.

ODON 781 Comprehensive Care Family Dentistry (17 cr)

In this course, students begin to provide comprehensive general dentistry to adults with diverse ethnic, linguistic, socioeconomic backgrounds, and patient-specific unique oral health needs. Patients may be healthy or have complex chronic medical conditions. Students will participate in case presentations, conduct oral evaluations, derive diagnoses, formulate comprehensive treatment plans, and perform general dentistry in a care team-based delivery model.

ODON 782 Comprehensive Care Family Dentistry (17 cr)

In this course, students will focus on developing their family of patients in conjunction with other members of their care team as lead by the faculty team leader as they provide comprehensive general dentistry to adults with diverse ethnic,

linguistic, socioeconomic backgrounds, and patient-specific unique oral health needs.
Students will continue to participate in case presentations, conduct oral evaluations, derive diagnoses, formulate comprehensive treatment plans, and perform general dentistry in a care team-based delivery model. There will be emphasis on diagnosis and treatment planning, completion of initial urgent procedures, and further develop the completion of Phase 1 therapy, disease control mitigation of risk, and initiation of preventive care in the patient family.

ODON 783 Comprehensive Care Family Dentistry (17 cr)

In this course, students continue to provide comprehensive general dentistry to adults with diverse ethnic, linguistic, socioeconomic backgrounds, and patient-specific unique oral health needs in a care team-based model. Patients may be healthy or have complex chronic medical conditions. Students will continue to participate in case presentations, conduct oral evaluations, derive diagnoses, formulate comprehensive treatment plans, and perform general dentistry in a care team-based delivery model. By the end of the course, students are expected to demonstrate a high-level independence for addressing the patients with simple oral health needs.

ODON 881 Comprehensive Care Family Dentistry (9.5 cr)

In this course, students continue to provide comprehensive general dentistry to adults with diverse ethnic, linguistic, socioeconomic backgrounds, and patient-specific unique oral health needs in a care team-based model. There will be emphasis on daily clinical activities of a practicing dentist including all intake, comprehensive care, case management issue extant under the leadership of the team leader and working with patients with moderate to high complexity of oral health needs.

ODON 882 Comprehensive Care Family Dentistry (17 cr)

In this course, students continue to provide comprehensive general dentistry to adults with diverse ethnic, linguistic, socioeconomic backgrounds, and patient-specific unique oral health needs in a care team-based model. There will be continued emphasis on daily clinical activities of a practicing dentist including all intake, comprehensive care, case management issue extant under the leadership of the team leader and working with patients with moderate to high complexity of oral health needs.

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In this course, students continue to provide comprehensive general dentistry to adults with diverse ethnic, linguistic, socioeconomic backgrounds, and patient-specific unique oral health needs in a care team-based model. There will be continued emphasis on daily clinical activities of a practicing dentist including all intake, comprehensive care, case management issue extant under the leadership of the team leader and working with patients with moderate to high complexity of oral health needs Oral and Maxillofacial Studies (OMFS).

OMFS 512 Integrated Biomedical and Clinical Sciences 1 (7cr)

This is an introductory foundational course that integrates physiology, pathophysiology and dental implications across major body systems to understand clinical relevance. Neurology section introduces basic anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology of the central and peripheral nervous systems. Cardiovascular system covers cardiac development, core principles in physiology and alteration in cardiovascular function in children and adults. The pulmonary, gastrointestinal and urinary systems modules address the system development, main physiologic mechanisms and common pathophysiological conditions. Hematology covers blood transfusion principles, oxygen transport mechanisms, hemostasis, and thrombosis as it applies to dentistry. Throughout the course, the dental significance of systemic diseases

is presented as correlating to common diseases encountered in dental practice. This section is designed to help students develop skills for risk assessment, treatment planning, and clinical decision-making in dental practice.

OMFS 513 Integrated Biomedical and Clinical Sciences 2 (8.5cr)

This course continues the major organ systems by covering the physiology and pathophysiology of the musculoskeletal and endocrine systems. Dental implications for common pathophysiological conditions are addressed. Next, the course continues to study the connection between biomedical sciences and their impact on systemic disease through introducing core concepts in microbiology, immunology, and cancer biology. The clinical component covers the impact of disease transmission in clinical practices, autoimmune disorders, and clinical manifestations of head and neck cancer. Students are expected to apply knowledge gained in the previous integrated biomedical and clinical science course. Clinical case—based session integrates the didactic content with clinical reasoning, risk assessment and social/behavioral determinants of oral health to support comprehensive patient care.

OMFS 532 Medical Emergencies (1.5 cr)

In this introductory course, prevention and management of medical emergencies in the dental office will be addressed and their clinical significance reviewed. Prevention of a medical emergency will be covered by learning how to identify key areas in the patient's medical history that will assist with classifying a patient's health risk assessment to determine potential risks prior to starting treatment. Management of a medical emergency will be covered by recognizing the symptoms for early detection, and how to safely aid a person towards a successful recovery utilizing basic life support skills, medications, and emergency kit supplies

OMFS 553 Oral Radiology (3 cr)

This course offers a comprehensive overview of dental radiography, encompassing the phsyics of x-ray production, radiation biology, and safe operating procedures. Students will explore intraoral and panoramic imaging techniques, including digital sensors and image principles. Through hands-on training with a Dexter Simulator, students will acquire practical skills in image acquisition and normal anatomy. Upon completion, student will have a solid understanding of foundation, imaging and practical skills necessary for acquiring intraoral radiographs.

OMFS 562 Growth and Development (2 cr)

This course introduces students to the foundational concepts of craniofacial growth and tooth development. Emphasis is placed on understanding normal developmental processes, the factors that influence growth patterns, and the mechanisms that shape craniofacial structures. Students will also examine how diseases, developmental disturbances, and congenital conditions impact anatomy and function. By the end of the course, students will have a comprehensive understanding of craniofacial and dental development.

OMFS 571 Clinical Anatomy (6 cr)

Through regional and systemic approaches, this course provides a detailed study of human structure and function, emphasizing its clinical relevance to general dentistry. Students will gain a strong understanding of anatomical terminology and apply their knowledge to clinical cases and virtual dissections.

OMFS 655 Pain and Anxiety Management (2.5 cr) (E)

In this course, students will apply their knowledge of anatomy, pain management and pharmacology to clinical practice. Medical risk assessment, behavioral science, and interprofessional relationships will be reinforced and expanded. Students

will learn when and how to use nitrous oxide sedation in order to treat anxious or phobic patients.

OMFS 656 Local Anesthesia (3.5 cr)

Students will integrate and apply knowledge from biological medical sciences, clinical anatomy, pharmacology and neuroanatomy. Students will evaluate patients for local anesthesia, including informed consent. Local anesthesia techniques are practiced in a simulation laboratory. Students will provide local anesthesia to their peers in a clinical setting.

OMFS 661 Diagnostic Oral Radiology and Pathology (3cr)

This is a foundational course designed to equip dental students with the essential knowledge and skills to diagnose diseases of the oral and maxillofacial region. This course integrates the principles of radiographic imaging (including intraoral, extraoral, and advanced techniques) with etiology, pathogenesis, clinical features, and histopathology characteristics of oral and maxillofacial pathology. Emphasis will be placed on the interpretation of radiographic findings, correlation of these findings with pathological entities, and the development of differential diagnoses. Students will learn to critically evaluate radiographic and clinical information to arrive at accurate diagnoses and contribute to appropriate patient management. Through case-based learning and image analysis, students will gain the skills necessary to formulate differential diagnoses and contribute effectively to treatment planning in a clinical setting.

OMFS 662: Oral Pathology of Soft Tissues (2 cr)

In this course, students will focus on the diagnosis of variations of normal, pathologic conditions, and associated syndrome of the soft tissues of the orofacial complex. Utilizing small group learning and crafted clinical cases, students will create differential diagnoses, review risks factors, and management of conditions of the soft tissues. Skill sets involving patient interviewing and clinical interpretation will be key components practiced during the clinical exercises. Students must apply previous knowledge obtained in oral pathology, growth and development, and biomedical/clinical sciences courses.

OMFS 711 Principles of Oral Surgery (3 cr)

The principles of aseptic technique, flap design, surgical access, surgical hemostasis, infection prevention, and wound healing are presented. Technique for the removal of erupted and non- erupted teeth, both surgically and via forceps and elevator is presented. Periprosthetic surgical technique and minor soft tissue surgery including biopsy is presented.

OMFS 721 Pediatric Dentistry (2 cr)

Students will be introduced to pediatric dental care and the differences between adult and pediatric treatment will be highlighted. Child development and child management in the clinical setting will be developed from a holistic and family-based perspective. Major diseases in growth and development of the oral cavity will be elucidated. The development of the deciduous and mixed dentition along with craniofacial development is reviewed. Caries diagnosis, treatment and prevention in the deciduous dentition is shown. Considerations for public health and policy concerns discussed. Common pediatric dental procedures practiced in simulation exercises.

OMFS 731 Clinical Clerkship: Pediatric Dentistry (2 cr) (E)

The student will engage in clinical experiences in the pediatric dentistry clinic as a member of the care team, treating patients under the supervision of pediatric dentistry faculty. Consultation on pediatric patients referred for oral conditions via pediatric medicine will occur.

OMFS 741 Orofacial Pain Diagnosis and Management (2 cr) (E)

This is a predoctoral course in orofacial pain with an emphasis on temporomandibular disorders (TMDs). This course will allow students to acquire knowledge of basic mechanisms of TMDs and other orofacial pain disorders. Students will demonstrate how to conduct a proper orofacial pain examination, diagnosis, and treatment plan. They will be expected to identify prevention and risk assessment strategies and to implement management of TMDs at the level of a general dentist and refer as necessary.

OMFS 743 Interdisciplinary Interprofessional Seminar (2 cr) (E)

This course is designed to introduce and promote the concept of interdisciplinary/interprofessional collaboration. Students will appraise literature for evidence-based care to support a clinical case. Students will prepare a written case report. Students will learn to prepare a clinical case for presentation, discussion, and the education of the entire health care team. Students will engage in case presentations connecting all disciplines within dental medicine and the healthcare team.

OMFS 772 Advanced Topics in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (2 cr) (E)

Understanding of major conditions of the oral and maxillofacial region requiring surgical intervention is presented. This includes diagnostic features, techniques for corrective surgery and outcome assessment. Categories include the treatment of facial trauma, ablative tumor surgery of the head and neck, cleft lip and palate surgery, craniofacial surgery, orthognathic surgery, reconstructive surgery of the jaws and face, and surgical treatment of temporomandibular disorders.

OMFS 773 Clinical Clerkship: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (2 cr) (E)

The students will enter the oral and maxillofacial surgery care team for this clerkship including the care of patients for dentoalveolar surgery, major maxillofacial surgery and complex conditions of the head and neck. Clinical experience in ambulatory oral surgery and anesthesia and assisting for maxillofacial surgery in the operating room including emergency and trauma care occurs. Participation in hospital rounds and conferences occurs

OMFS 882 Clinical Clerkship: Orthodontics (1 cr) (E)

Students will enter the orthodontic care team providing diagnostic and treatment services for patients undergoing orthodontic care under the auspices of orthodontic faculty in College of Dental Medicine clinics.

OMFS 841 Interdisciplinary Interprofessional Seminar (2 cr) (E)

This course is the second in a series designed to promote the concept of interdisciplinary/interprofessional collaboration. Students will continue to appraise literature for evidence-based care supporting clinical cases. Students will refine the case reports and presentations they started in the last trimester connecting all disciplines within dental medicine and the healthcare team.

OMFS 842 Interdisciplinary Interprofessional Seminar (2 cr) (E)

This course is the third in a series designed to continue to promote the concept of Interdisciplinary/Interprofessional collaboration. Students will engage in advanced clinical case presentations and connect all disciplines within dental medicine and healthcare. Students will review evidence-based care with

supporting research. Students will prepare NEW written clinical case reports. Students will prepare their clinical cases for presentation, discussion, and the education of the entire dental school student body.

OMFS 843 Interdisciplinary Interprofessional Seminar (2 cr) (E)

This course is the final in a series designed to **continue** to promote the concept of Interdisciplinary/Intraprofessional collaboration. Students will engage in advanced clinical case presentations and connect all disciplines within dental medicine and healthcare. Students will review evidence-based care with supporting research. Students will prepare their final clinical cases for presentation, discussion, and the education of the entire dental school student body. Guest speakers may be invited for special presentations.

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COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission: To advance the science and art of healthcare through education, service, research, personal wellness, and social accountability.

Education: To provide the environment for its graduates to become life-long learners in the field of medicine.

Scholarship: To identify leaders in basic science, translational, clinical, and educational research, development of educational materials and processes, and thought leadership in science and education to foster a scholarly environment for the medical school.

Service: To assist in serving the underserved in the community as a critical function of the medical school.

Social Accountability: To stress community service, community health, access to health care, global health, global health education, health care policy and advocacy, and diversity as essential elements of the medical school.

Vision: To develop a community-based medical school that delivers innovative programs in education, research, and patient care.

Values: The core values of California Northstate University College of Medicine are:

1. Excellence in Medical Care
2. Professionalism
3. Ethics
4. Compassion
5. Social Accountability
6. Innovation

Educational Philosophy

The California Northstate University College of Medicine (CNUCOM) curriculum is designed to help students become physicians who are self-directed and lifelong learners. The four (4) year curriculum is designed to facilitate and optimize student learning in a progressive and integrated manner both in didactic and experiential courses. CNUCOM recognizes the need to implement varied educational styles for students to become competent self-directed, life-long learners.

The curriculum is a clinical presentation-based, integrated curriculum. In the Phase A curriculum (Years 1 & 2), Clinical presentations frame the introductory material at the beginning of each week and are based on chief complaints. The remaining week integrates the basic sciences so students can more easily acquire and use this knowledge as applied to Clinical Cases. The Medical Skills course runs concurrently with the systems-based courses and is designed to integrate doctoring skills each week to reinforce and enhance the information being taught in the classroom and small group sessions. The Colloquium is a biweekly course designed to foster professionalism, ethics, and global health knowledge and behaviors throughout the Phase A curriculum. The required clerkships and electives in Phase B, carry the clinical presentation curriculum through to completion.

Educational Program Objectives (EPO)

General Competencies

Educational Program Objective	Description	Assessment
PC1.1: Clinical History Taking	Gather essential and accurate information with the use of laboratory data, imaging, and other tests	1, 2, 4, 5
PC1.2: Patient Examination	Perform or assist in all medical, diagnostic, and surgical procedures Interpret laboratory data, imaging studies, and other tests required for the area of practice	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
PC1.3: Medical Notes	Communicate effectively with colleagues via written medical records Maintain comprehensive, timely, and legible medical records (4.5)	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
PC1.4: Oral Presentations	Communicate effectively with colleagues Work effectively with others as a member or leader of a health care team or other professional group	1, 4, 5
PC1.5: Medical Skills	Perform or assist in medical, diagnostic, and surgical procedures Organize and prioritize responsibilities to provide care that is safe, effective, and efficient Perform administrative and practice management responsibilities commensurate with one's role, abilities, and qualifications	1, 2, 4, 5
PC1.6: Patient Care Teams	Develop and carry out patient management plans (1.6) Provide appropriate referral of patients including ensuring continuity of care Work effectively in various health care delivery settings and systems	1, 2, 5,

PC1.7: Patient Management	Organize and prioritize responsibilities to provide care that is safe, effective, and efficient (1.3) Make informed decisions about diagnostic and therapeutic interventions Develop and carry out patient management plans (1.6) Provide counseling and education to patients and their families to facilitate engagement in care, support shared decision-making, and integrate nutritional considerations into health care (1.7).	1, 2, 4, 5
PC1.8: Cost Effective Comparison in Treatment	Make informed decisions about diagnostic and therapeutic interventions based on patient information and preferences, up-to-date scientific evidence, and clinical judgment (1.5) Incorporate considerations of cost awareness and risk-benefit analysis in patient and/or population-based care (6.3)	1, 2, 5

Upon successful completion of CNUCOM Doctor of Medicine program, students will be able to demonstrate the following General Competencies:

1. Patient Care. Demonstrate ability to provide evidence-based care that is compassionate, respectful of patients' differences, values, and preferences. Demonstrate the ability to listen, clearly inform, communicate, and educate patients for the promotion of health and the treatment of illness; advocate for disease prevention, wellness and the promotion of healthy lifestyles including a focus on population health. Demonstrate ability to accurately evaluate relevant social and clinical information in the context of the patient's visit.

2. Medical and Scientific Knowledge. Demonstrate knowledge about established and evolving biomedical and clinical sciences. Demonstrate ability to apply this knowledge to the practice of medicine. Demonstrate ability to appraise and assimilate scientific evidence into their own ongoing learning, research, and patient care.

3. Communication and Interpersonal Skills.

Demonstrate compassionate and effective interpersonal communication skills toward patients and families. Demonstrate ability to articulate information (written and oral) in an organized and clear manner to educate and inform patients, families, and colleagues.

4. Professionalism. Demonstrate a commitment to the highest standards of professional responsibility and adhere to ethical principles. Students should display the personal attributes of compassion, honesty, integrity, and cultural empathy in all interactions with patients, families, and the medical community.

5. Healthcare Systems. Demonstrate knowledge of and responsibility to the larger context of health care (social, behavioral, economic factors). Demonstrate the ability to effectively call on system resources to provide optimal care.

6. Reflective Practice and Personal Development. Demonstrate ability to reflect upon their experiences with the goal of continual improvement. Demonstrate habits of analyzing experiences that affect their well- being and their relationships with groups and individuals. Demonstrate self-motivation and awareness of and responsiveness to their own limitations.

Specifically, the Educational Program Objectives are:

1) PATIENT CARE [PC]

Scope: Students must be able to provide evidence-based care that is compassionate, respectful of patients' differences, values, and preferences. They should demonstrate the ability to listen, clearly inform, communicate and educate patients for the promotion of health and the treatment of illness; they must advocate for disease prevention, wellness and the promotion of healthy lifestyles including a focus on population health. They must be able to accurately evaluate relevant social and clinical information in the context of the patient's visit.

Assessment methods to evaluate the achievement of the "Patient Care" competency:

- 1. Faculty feedback in pre-clerkship settings including Clinical Cases Sessions, The Colloquium, Clinical Case Based Learning (SDL) and Medical Skills courses.
- 2. Faculty and resident direct observation and evaluations during clinical clerkships.
- 3. Patient case logs.
- 4. Objective Structured Clinical Exam (OSCE).
- 5. Medical Skills: Standardized patient, simulation exercises
- 6. USMLE Step 1 and 2 Exam

2) MEDICAL AND SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE [MSK]

Scope: Students must demonstrate knowledge of established and evolving biomedical and clinical sciences and understand how/when to apply this knowledge to their practice of medicine. The students must demonstrate their ability to appraise and assimilate scientific evidence into their own ongoing learning, research, and patient care as part of a life-long medical education process.

Spectrum of assessment methods to evaluate the achievement of the "Medical & Scientific Knowledge" competency:

- 1. Written examinations (both individual and team-based) in basic science courses and clinical clerkships
- 2. NBME shelf exams
- 3. Faculty feedback in pre-clerkship settings including small groups, Clinical Cases sessions, Clinical Case Based Learning (SDL), The Colloquium, and Medical Skills courses
- 4. Self-Directed Student Scholarly Project
- 5. Faculty and resident evaluations during clinical clerkships
- 6. Written and oral case presentations
- 7. Medical Skills Lab: Standardized patient, simulation exercises
- 8. Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
- 9. USMLE Step 1 and Step 2

Educational Program Objective	Description	Assessment

MSK2.1: Knowledge of Medical Practices	Interpret laboratory data, imaging studies, and other tests required for the area of practice (1.4) Make informed decisions about diagnostic and therapeutic interventions based on patient information and preferences, up-to-date scientific evidence, and clinical judgment (1.5)	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
MSK2.2: Problem Solving & Diagnosis	Make informed decisions about diagnostic and therapeutic interventions based on patient information and preferences, up-to-date scientific evidence, and clinical judgment (1.5) Develop and carry out patient management plans (1.6) Demonstrate an investigatory and analytic approach to clinical situations (2.1)	1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9
MSK2.3: Medical Treatment	Develop and carry out patient management plans (1.6) Demonstrate an investigatory and analytic approach to clinical situations (2.1) Incorporate considerations of cost awareness and risk-benefit analysis in patient and/or population-	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

	based care (6.3)	
MSK2.4: Life-Long Learning	Demonstrate an investigatory and analytic approach to clinical situations (2.1) Apply established and emerging principles of clinical sciences to diagnostic and therapeutic decision-making, clinical problem-solving, and other aspects of evidence-based health care (2.3) Contribute to the creation, dissemination, application, and translation of new health care knowledge and practices (2.6) Set learning and improvement goals (3.2)	3, 4, 5, 6,
MSK2.5: Research or Knowledge Expansion	Contribute to the creation, dissemination, application, and translation of new health care knowledge and practices (2.6)	4, 5, 6, 8

3) COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS [C]

Scope: Students must demonstrate compassionate and effective interpersonal communication skills with the healthcare team, patients, families, and the community to deliver effective medical care and promote shared decision making. Students must be able to articulate information and ideas (written and oral) in an organized and clear manner to educate or inform patients, families, colleagues, and community.

Spectrum of assessment methods to evaluate the achievement of "Communication & Interpersonal Skills" competency:

- 1. Faculty feedback in pre-clerkship settings including Clinical Cases Sessions, The Colloquium, Clinical Case Based Learning (SDL), and Medical Skills courses.
- 2. Faculty and resident direct observation and evaluations during clinical clerkships
- 3. Presentation of written and oral clinical information
- 4. Standardized patient evaluations, simulation and inter-professional exercises
- 5. Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)

Educational Program Objective	Description	Assessment
C3.1: Communication with Medical Team	Communicate and work effectively with colleagues and other health professionals, and health related agencies (4.2) Establish and maintain a climate of mutual respect, dignity, diversity, ethical integrity, and trust (7.1)	1, 3, 4, 5
C3.2: Communication with patient, family members and community	Communicate effectively with patients, families, and the public across a broad range of socioeconomic and cultural backgrounds Demonstrate sensitivity, honesty, and compassion in difficult conversations, including those about death, end of life, adverse events, bad news, disclosure of errors, and other sensitive topics Educate and counsel patients, family, members and the community	2, 1, 3, 4, 5

4) PROFESSIONALISM [P]

Scope: Students must demonstrate a commitment to the highest standards of professional responsibility and adherence to ethical principles. Students must display the personal attributes of compassion, honesty, integrity, and cultural competence in all interactions with patients, families, and the medical community.

Spectrum of assessment methods to evaluate the achievement of the "Professionalism" competency:

- 1. Faculty feedback in pre-clerkship settings including Clinical Cases Sessions, The Colloquium, Clinical Case Based Learning (CCBL) and Medical Skills courses.
- 2. Faculty and resident direct observation and evaluations during clinical clerkships
- 3. Completion of HIPAA training
- 4. Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
- 5. Praise/concern professionalism incident reports

Educational Program Objective	Description	Assessment
P4.1: Ethical Behavior	Demonstrate integrity, sensitivity, honesty, and compassion in difficult conversations, Demonstrate insight and understanding about emotions and human responses to emotions	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
P4.2: Ethical Responsibility	Make informed decisions about diagnostic and therapeutic interventions based on patient information and preferences, up-to-date scientific evidence, and clinical judgment (1.5) Demonstrate compassion, integrity, and respect for others (5.1)	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
P4.3: Ethical Principles and Boundaries	Demonstrate respect for patient privacy and autonomy (5.3) Demonstrate sensitivity and responsiveness to a diverse patient population, including but not limited to diversity in gender, age, culture, race, religion, disabilities, and sexual orientation (5.5) Identify the strengths and areas of improvement in one's own role to appropriately assess and address the health care needs of the patients	1, 2, 3, 4, 5
P4.4: Professional Relationships	Work with other health professionals to establish and maintain a climate of mutual respect, dignity, diversity, ethical integrity, and trust (7.1)	1, 2, 4, 5

	Demonstrate trustworthiness that makes colleagues feel secure when one is responsible for the care of patients (8.5)	

5) HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS [HC]

Scope: Students must demonstrate knowledge of the larger context of health care (social, behavioral, economic factors) and the ability to effectively call on system resources to provide care that is of optimal value to the health of the individual and of the community.

Spectrum of assessment methods to evaluate the achievement of the "Healthcare Systems" competency:

- 1. Faculty feedback in pre-clerkship settings including Clinical Cases Sessions, The Colloquium, Clinical Case Based Learning (SDL) and Medical Skills courses.
- 2. Faculty and resident direct observations and evaluations during clinical clerkships

Educational Program Objective	Description	Assessment
HC5.1: Healthcare Delivery Systems	Use information technology to optimize learning (3.7) Incorporate considerations of cost awareness and risk-benefit analysis in patient and/or population-based care (6.3)	1, 2
HC5.2: Delivery Systems **Improvement**	Identify strengths, deficiencies and limits in one's knowledge and expertise (3.1) Systematically analyze practice using quality improvement methods, and implement changes with the goal of practice improvement (3.4) Continually identify, analyze, and implement new knowledge, guidelines, standards, technologies, products, or services that have been demonstrated to improve outcomes	2

	(3.10)	

6) REFLECTIVE PRACTICE AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT [RP]

Scope: Students must demonstrate habits of self-assessment that result in the identification of learning needs, leading to the integration and synthesis of new learning. Students must also demonstrate habits of analyzing experiences that affect their well-being, productive relationships with groups and individuals, and self-motivation and limitations.

Spectrum of assessment methods to evaluate the achievement of the "Reflective Practice and Personal Development competency:

- 1. Self-assessment writing
- 2. Evaluation by team members and peers in small group activities/clinical teams
- 3. Faculty feedback in pre-clerkship settings including Clinical Cases Sessions, The Colloquium, Clinical Case Based Learning (SDL), and Medical Skills courses.
- 4. Faculty and resident evaluations and feedback during clinical clerkships

Educational Program Objective	Description	Assessment
RP6.1: Personal Assessment	Identify strengths, deficiencies and limits in one's knowledge and expertise (3.1) Incorporate feedback into daily practice (3.5) Develop the ability to use self-awareness of knowledge, skills, and emotional limitations to engage in appropriate help-seeking behaviors (8.1)	1, 2, 3
RP6.2: Time Management	Set learning and improvement goals (3.2) Exhibit adaptability and maturity in adjusting to change	2, 3, 4
RP6.3: Stress/Wellness Management	Identify strengths, deficiencies and limits in one's knowledge and expertise (3.1) Demonstrate healthy coping mechanisms to respond to stress (8.2)	2, 4
RP6.4: Conflict Resolution	Counsel and educate patients and their families to empower them to participate in	2, 3, 4

	their care and enable shared decision making (1.7) Manage conflict between personal and professional responsibilities (8.3)	

Co-Curricular Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of CNUCOM Doctor of Medicine program, students will be able to demonstrate the following co-curricular learning outcomes:

1. Social Awareness and Cultural Sensitivity.

Demonstrate awareness of and responsiveness to social and cultural differences by adapting behaviors appropriately and using effective interpersonal skills.

2. Professionalism and Advocacy.

Demonstrate professional behavior and effective interactions with other healthcare professionals, community members, and/or patients and advocate for initiatives to improve patient care, health outcomes, and the profession of pharmacy.

3. Self-Awareness and Learning.

Demonstrate self- awareness through reflection and the development of appropriate plans for self-directed learning and development.

4. Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Demonstrate innovation and creativity to develop novel strategies to accomplish professional goals, or students demonstrate an understanding for how innovation and creativity influence the development of novel strategies to accomplish professional goals.

5. Public Health and Education.

Apply skills learned in the classroom to create and effectively deliver public health initiatives and health-related education to the community.

6. Service and Leadership.

Demonstrate the ability to lead and work collaboratively with others to accomplish a shared goal that improves healthcare.

Admission to the MD Program

Applications to the California Northstate University College of Medicine (CNUCOM) are submitted through the American Medical College Application Service (AMCAS), which is administered by the American Association of Medical Colleges (AAMC), at www.aamc.org/amcas.

Applicant Requirements (must be completed before the primary application deadline)

1. Applicants are required to have:
    a. A baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited, four-year institution within the United States; or a similar degree from a non-U.S. equivalent institution is acceptable.
    b. United State citizenship or legal resident status with a green card (permanent resident card).
2. Required courses (note: International baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced Placement (AP) credits may be considered if they

are accepted by the undergraduate program):
   a. Two semesters, three quarters, or one year of college level English
3. Required courses (IB and/or AP credits are NOT accepted for the following):
   a. Two semesters, three quarters, or one year of biology with laboratory
   b. Two semesters, two quarters, or minimum eight units of inorganic (general) chemistry with laboratory
   c. Two semesters, two quarters, or minimum eight units of organic chemistry with laboratory
   d. Two semesters, three quarters, or one year of physics
   e. Two semesters, three quarters, or one year of college level math (statistics or calculus preferred)
   f. One semester, one quarter, or three units of biochemistry
4. Recommended courses:
   a. Social sciences (i.e., sociology, psychology, economics, anthropology, etc.)
   b. Behavioral science
   c. Foreign language
   d. Anatomy
   e. Physiology
   f. Microbiology
   g. Immunology
   h. Music
5. Preferred Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and GPA: MCAT 511 or higher, GPA 3.50 or greater
6. Minimum MCAT and GPA accepted: MCAT 497, GPA 2.80

All required pre-requisite coursework listed above must be completed before the primary application deadline, and all pre requisite coursework must be completed within nine years. CNUCOM accepts MCAT scores that are no more than three years old; for the 2026-27 application cycle, only MCAT scores achieved on or after January 1, 2023 will be accepted.

All coursework and instruction will be in English. Applicants are required to meet the College of Medicine Technical Standards for admission to the College (see below). If there is a question about the level of English proficiency of an applicant whose first language is not English, and the applicant is otherwise qualified for admission, the respective committee may require that the student submit scores from the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) examination and the Test of Spoken English (TSE).

All applicants deemed eligible to be admitted as regular students into College of Medicine must:
1. Have a high school diploma, or its recognized equivalent, or
2. Be beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the state of California (at least 18 years of age) and pass a U.S. Department of Education-approved Ability to Benefit (ATB) test (that assesses reading, writing, and math skills).

Foreign Graduates/Coursework

CNUCOM accepts applications from graduates of foreign institutions provided they hold either U.S. citizenship or U.S. permanent resident status at the time of application. Foreign residents with F1 status should not apply. In addition, CNU will not accept foreign transcripts prior to being accepted. Transcripts and coursework from foreign institutions must be evaluated by WES, ECE, or IERF. Evaluations must be sent directly to AMCAS and must include semester units and letter grades for each course, as well as a cumulative GPA and, if possible, a science GPA. If accepted, you must provide an official copy of your transcript directly to the Office of Admission. If a copy of your official transcript is not received prior to the start of school, the offer of admission will be revoked, and the seat will be offered to another candidate. Foreign visa services are not provided.

Applicants who receive their degree from a non-English speaking country may be requested to submit scores from the TOEFL Examination or the TSE. This will not apply if an additional degree is obtained at a U.S. institution.

If there is a question about a candidate's level of English proficiency, they may be requested to submit scores from the

TOEFL Computer-Based Test (CBT) (minimum score of 213) or the TSE (minimum score of 50).

Foreign students who do not have a bachelor's degree from a U.S. institution must complete one year of English composition, and the public speaking, economics, and psychology prerequisite courses at a U.S. college.

Application Process

1. AMCAS Application
   a. Applications are managed through the online AMCAS (American Medical College Application Service) portal.
   b. There is a non-refundable fee for the application.
   c. The AMCAS application deadline for the 2026-27 admissions cycle is December 15, 2026.
2. Official Transcripts
   a. An applicant must request that a set of official transcripts be forwarded directly to AMCAS by the registrar of each institution the applicant has attended.
   b. Official transcripts must be received by the primary application deadline.
3. Letters of Recommendation
   a. Applicants are required to submit a minimum of three and a maximum of four letters of recommendation.
   b. Two of these letters must be from a science professor teaching the BCPM (biology, chemistry, physics, and math) course (required).
   c. One letter may be from another person, such as a research advisor, non-science professor, community leader, employer superior, etc.(required).
   d. Submit all letters of recommendation to the AMCAS letter service only. Letters dated prior to January 1, 2023 will not be accepted. If you have been out of school for more than 5 years, you may provide additional letters from the other category in lieu of the BCPM course letters.
4. Supplemental Application
   a. Upon receipt of the AMCAS application packet, the material will be reviewed by the Office of Admissions and the Admissions Committee.
   b. Candidates who are qualified based on the completion of, or likelihood of completing, the requirements for admission will be invited to submit a supplemental application.
   c. There is a $100 non-refundable fee for processing the supplemental application. CNUCOM is not accepting fee waivers for the supplemental application fee.
5. Interviews
   a. Highly qualified candidates will be invited to the virtual interview day. Invitations are made based on a complete, holistic review of an application and completion of any other supporting documentation. Applicants will receive their invitation to Interview Day via e-mail. Only applicants who have completed the virtual interview day are eligible to receive an offer of admission to the College of Medicine.
   b. The interview structure consists of a case question followed by a traditional interview with a faculty member from California Northstate University College of Medicine. The interview day includes a morning check-in session followed by two individual interview sessions. Please review our website for more information about the interview day.
   c. During the interview cycle, the Admissions Committee convenes regularly to review and evaluate applicants who have completed interviews. Applicants are notified of the decision of the College of Medicine's admissions decisions at the earliest opportunity.
   d. Notification of the decision of the Admissions Committee continues until the class is filled. To secure a place in the incoming class, all accepted applicants are required to complete all admissions paperwork and documentation requirements by the deadline specified in the admissions letter. Additionally, a non-refundable $100 deposit must be submitted to the business office (non-refundable after April 30, 2027, for the 2026-27 admissions cycle) by the deadline specified in the admissions letter.
6. Deferred Matriculation: CNUCOM does not offer options of deferred matriculation.
7. Early Decision Program: CNUCOM does not participate in the Early Decision Program.

Transferring from Other Institutions

CNUCOM is not currently accepting any transfer students from other medical programs and has no articulation or transfer agreements with any other college or university. Therefore, the College of Medicine does not allow for any awarded credit for prior experiential learning.

Technical Standards

The Technical Standards describe the essential abilities required of all candidates; reasonable accommodation in the achievement of the standards is defined under U.S. federal statutes regarding individuals with disabilities. Such accommodations are intended to support the successful completion of all components of the MD degree.
Standards in five areas must be met by all candidates: observation, communication, motor function, cognition, and professionalism.

1. Observation
   a. Observe demonstrations and participate in experiments in the basic sciences.
   b. Observe patients both at a distance and in close proximity.
   c. Demonstrate sufficient use of the senses of vision, hearing, and smell, and the somatic sensation necessary to perform a physical examination.
   d. Integrate findings based on these observations and develop an appropriate diagnostic and treatment plan.
2. Communication
   a. Communicate in verbal and written form with health care professionals and patients, including eliciting a complete medical history and recording this information.
   b. Perceive relevant non-verbal communications such as changes in mood, activity, posture, etc. as part of a physical examination and overall interaction with a patient.
   c. Establish positive therapeutic relationships with patients.
   d. Demonstrate reading skills at a level sufficient to individually accomplish curricular requirements and provide clinical care for patients using written information.
3. Motor Function
   a. Perform physical examinations and diagnostic procedures, using such techniques as inspection, percussion, palpation, and auscultation.
   b. Complete routine invasive procedures (supervised) as part of training using universal precautions without substantial risk of infection to patients.
   c. Perform basic laboratory tests and evaluate routine diagnostic tools such as electrocardiograms and radiographs.
   d. Respond in emergency situations to provide the level of care reasonably required of physicians.
   e. Participate effectively in physically taxing duties over long hours and complete timed demonstrations of skills.
4. Cognition
   a. Measure, calculate, analyze, synthesize, extrapolate, and reach diagnostic and therapeutic judgments.
   b. Recognize and draw conclusions about three-dimensional spatial relationships and logical sequential relationships among events.
   c. Formulate and test hypotheses that enable effective and timely problem solving in the diagnosis and treatment of patients in a variety of clinical settings.
   d. Understand the legal and ethical aspects of the practice of medicine.
   e. Always remain fully alert and attentive in clinical settings.
5. Professionalism
   a. Demonstrate the judgment and emotional stability required for full use of intellectual abilities.
   b. Possess the perseverance, diligence, and consistency to complete the undergraduate medical education curriculum in preparation for entry into the independent practice of medicine.
   c. Exercise good judgment in the diagnosis and treatment of patients.
   d. Complete all responsibilities attendant to the diagnosis and care of patients within established timelines.
   e. Function within both the law and ethical standards of the medical profession.
   f. Work effectively and professionally as part of the health care team.

g. Relate to patients, their families, and health care personnel in a sensitive and professional manner.
h. Participate effectively in physically taxing duties over long work hours, function effectively under stress, and display flexibility and adaptability to changing and uncertain environments.
i. Maintain regular, reliable, and punctual attendance for classes and clinical responsibilities.
j. Contribute to collaborative and constructive learning environments, accept constructive feedback from others, and respond with appropriate modifications.

Student Enrollment Agreement

The Student Enrollment Agreement, together with other admissions documents, must be completed and submitted to the College of Medicine admissions office to demonstrate intent to enroll in the program. The Student Enrollment Agreement is a legally binding contract when it is signed by the incoming student and accepted by the institution. By signing the Enrollment Agreement, the student acknowledges that the catalog, disclosures, and information located on the website have been made available to the student to read and review. Any questions or concerns regarding the Student Enrollment Agreement should be directed to the admissions office.

Website

Before signing the Student Enrollment Agreement, the prospective student is strongly encouraged to visit the California Northstate University and College of Medicine websites (www.cnsu.edu and www.medicine.cnsu.edu, respectively) and to read and review the CNU General Catalog and School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). The SPFS contains performance data for the institution, and the General Catalog contains important information and policies.

Student Right to Cancel, Withdraw, and Refund

You have the right to cancel the Student Enrollment Agreement until 12:01 AM on the first calendar day after the first classroom instruction session attended, or until 12:01 AM on the seventh calendar day after you have signed the Enrollment Agreement, whichever occurs later.

Cancellation shall occur when you give written notice of cancellation to the Director of the Admissions Office shown on the Enrollment Agreement by hand delivery, email, facsimile, or postal mail. Written notice of cancellation sent by hand delivery, email, facsimile, or postal mail is effective upon receipt by the university.

After the cancellation period described above, you have the right to withdraw from the University at any time. Withdrawal shall occur when you give written notice of withdrawal to the registrar. To officially withdraw from the college/university, a student must complete the official college withdrawal form (available on the registrar's website). This is a withdrawal form; pit must not be used to declare intent to cancel an enrollment agreement. For information on refund calculations due to cancellation or college withdrawal, please see the Financial Services & Disclosures section of this catalog.

Tuition & Fees

All tuition, fees, expenses, and policies listed in this publication are effective as of June 2025 and are subject to change without notice by California Northstate University. This section contains a list of the total charges for a period of attendance and an estimated schedule of total charges for the entire educational program.

In the tables below, M1, M2, M3, and M4 indicate the student's year in the program (e.g. M1 is a first-year student; M2 is a second-year student, etc.).

Tuition is charged on a full-time, semester basis. Generally, tuition and fees are charged to a student's account thirty (30) days prior to the start of each semester term. The above is based on the assumption that a student will attend each semester term on a full-time basis, which allows

for a student to graduate after successfully completing four (4) years of coursework consisting of 150 semester credit hours. Tuition and fees are due to be paid in full by 10 business days before the start of each semester, with the exception of M1s (who should refer to the EA).

Out of state students are not charged additional fees or charges associated with vouching for student status. Payment deadlines, loan obligations, refund calculations due to cancellation and withdraw, and the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) disclosures are located in FINANCIAL SERVICES & DISCLOSURES (page 219).

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Incoming Students

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine program at California Northstate University.

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Continuing Students

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Doctor of Medicine program at California Northstate University.

Doctor of Medicine - Tuition & Fees for Academic Year: 2027-2028

Tuition & Fees	Year 1 - M1	Year 2 - M2	Year 3 - M3	Year 4 - M4
Tuition	$80,785	$83,209	$85,705	$88,276
Student Disability/Liability Coverage Fee	$91	$91	$91	$91
Student Association/Support Fee	$500	$500	$500	$500
Technology Fee	$100	$100	$100	$100
Medical Lab Fee (Anatomy, Medical Skills, and Research)	$500	$500	$0	$0
CPR Fee	$90	$0	$90	$0
Scholarly Research Projects Fee	$125	$125	$0	$0
Orientation Fee	$130	$0	$0	$0
Medicine Kit Fee[1]	$150	$0	$0	$0
Student Tuition Recovery Fund Fee (STRF) (nonrefundable)[6]	$0	$0	$0	$0
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$100	$0	$0	$0
CBSE Exams Fee	$0	$124	$0	$0
MedIQ Fee (USMLE Rx)	$319	$0	$0	$0
UWorld Step 1 Programs Fee	$467	$467	$0	$0
UWorld Step 2 Programs Fee[4]	$0	$0	$467	$0
CCSE Exam Fee	$0	$0	$62	$0
Background Check Fee	$0	$0	$75	$0
ECE Supply Fee	$0	$0	$40	$0
Graduation Fee	$0	$0	$0	$300

Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year	**$83,357**	**$85,116**	**$87,130**	**$89,267**

Total estimated tuition & fees for the entire program is $344,871.

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs[2]	**Year 1 - M1**	**Year 2 - M2**	**Year 3 - M3**	**Year 4 - M4**
Health Insurance Premium[3]	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708
Room and Board[5] (based on 12 months)	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696
Transportation[5] (based on 12 months)	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000
Books and Supplies	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$0
Remediation Fee	$300	$300	$0	$0
Residency Application/VSLO/Travel Fee[7]	$0	$0	$5,000	$5,000
Laptop	$1,400	$0	$0	$0
USMLE - Step 1[4]	$0	$695	$0	$0
USMLE - Step 2 CK[4]	$0	$0	$695	$0
Total Estimated Costs per Year[5]	**$115,461**	**$116,515**	**$123,229**	**$123,671**

1 Kit contents may not be the same from year to year

2 Estimated costs and expenses a student may incur as part of participation in the applicable year of the MD program, whether or not paid directly to CNUCOM. These expenses include estimated out-of-pocket cost of living expenses for the year.

3 Optional, estimated, and will vary based on number of insured members.

4 Estimated, based on the 2022 fee schedule for the USMLE.

5 Includes tuition, fees, and other estimated educationally related costs.

6 Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

7 Fees will vary based on the number of applications submitted, and the specific programs applied to.

Scholarships

Eligibility for student financial aid awards is determined based on enrollment status, satisfactory academic progress, and cost of attendance. Our programs define full-time enrollment at 12 semester credits, and half-time enrollment at 6 semester credits. A student must complete a minimum of 12 semester credits each academic year to be eligible to advance to the next grade level for purposes of student financial aid eligibility.

Enrollment Status

A student must be enrolled at least half-time each semester term to attain and/or maintain eligibility for student financial aid. A student enrolled less than half-time in a semester term will not be considered eligible for a student financial aid award in that term.

Satisfactory Academic Progression

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements are used to ensure a student progresses through his/her program at a pace necessary to successfully complete the program with progression limits. A student must meet all SAP requirements to remain eligible for student financial aid. For details about SAP, see the CNU General Catalog.

Cost of Attendance

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. California Northstate University utilizes the consumer expenditure survey data published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to project the costs associated with other educationally related expenses (e.g. room and board, transportation, etc.). The cost of

attendance is the cornerstone of establishing a student's financial need, as it sets a limit on the total aid a student may receive for a given period of enrollment.

Information regarding various scholarships can be found on the College of Medicine's website, http://www.cnsu.edu/financial-aid/com *Financial Aid, Types of Assistance, Grants and Scholarships* as well as within the Grants and Scholarships section of this catalog. Annually the College of Medicine provides a variety of financial awards for financial need, academic performance, leadership, research, and community service.

Placement Services

The College of Medicine does not offer placement services at this time. Instead, the College of Medicine has a robust career advisory program that assists and prepares students for the residency match. The experience with post-graduate residency placement has been very favorable with 95%-100% placement in residency programs.

Job Classification per United States Dept of Labor's Standard Occupation Codes.

29-1210 Physicians

29-1240 Surgeons

General Policies

Orientation and Registration

Attendance at first-year professional orientation is mandatory for all students. If a student is unable to attend the scheduled orientation due to illness or an emergency, the Office of Admissions must be notified immediately. Prior approval from the Director of Admissions is required for any absence. Students who miss orientation are required to complete a make-up session at the earliest opportunity.

Registration for classes requires:

1. All admission contingencies be fulfilled.

a. Admission contingencies include proof of medical insurance coverage, all required immunizations and related forms, a clear background check, and any other institutional requirements. Students may enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan to satisfy the insurance requirement. For a complete list of required immunizations, please review the requirements at: Admissions Steps (cnsu.edu).

2. Completion of all new student paperwork.

3. Financial aid clearance from the Financial Aid Office.

New students must submit the Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form to the Office of the Registrar by the end

of Orientation. To make updates, a new form must be submitted to the Registrar. The Office of the Registrar requires submission of the Authorization to Release Student Records if a student desires to grant a personal third-party (such as a parent, spouse, etc.) access to his/her student record. Please refer to the "Directory Information and Access to Student Records" section of this catalog for more information.

New students should review their local, home, and billing contact information via the Student Portal and update as needed. It is the student's responsibility to maintain valid contact information throughout their enrollment at CNU. Instructions for accessing the Student Portal is sent by the CNU IT department to the student's CNU email address.

Registration is conducted by the Registrar prior to the start of each semester for new and continuing students. Students with business, financial, or other registration holds on their account will not be registered until the Registrar is notified that the hold has been cleared. Students who are noncompliant with institutional requirements or who have a hold on their student account at the time of registration are required to satisfy the requirement and may also be required to submit the Course Add/Drop form by the end of the Add/Drop period to register or make schedule changes.

License Information for U.S. or Canadian Medical School Graduates

Completion of Program and Licensing Completion of the educational program leading to a degree and/or diploma is dependent upon student performance and success. The requirements for licensure in the profession are established by the state where licensure is sought. Completion of the educational program and obtaining a degree or diploma does not by itself guarantee licensure. Students are expected to remain current with other licensing requirements, including but not limited to the licensure examination and technical standards they may be required to meet in order to be licensed by the state in which they seek to practice. In addition, maintaining such technical standards is a condition for continued enrollment in this program; reasonable accommodations as defined and required by law may apply to persons with disabilities.

Licensure Eligibility

Information regarding the Medical Board of California Physician Licensure eligibility can be found at: http://www.mbc.ca.gov/Applicants/PhysiciansandSurgeons

To be eligible for a Physician's and Surgeon's license, applicants must have received all of their medical school education from and graduated from a medical school recognized or approved by the Medical Board of California or must meet the requirements of Business and Professions Code section 2135.7. The medical school's name must exactly match the name on the Board's list of recognized medical schools. Prior to applying, please refer to the Board's website to verify that your medical school is recognized:

Medical Schools Recognized by the Medical Board of California

If you did not attend or graduate from a recognized or approved medical school you may be eligible for licensure pursuant to section 2135.7 of the Business and Professions Code (effective 1/2013).

California Business and Professions Code

section 30 requires mandatory disclosure of a Social Security Number (SSN), Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN), or Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN). The number is used for tax enforcement purposes, for purposes of compliance with any judgment order for family support in accordance with Section 17520 of the Family Code, or for verification of licensure or examination status by a licensing examination entity which uses a national examination and where licensure is reciprocal with the requesting state.

Address Where Instruction Will Be Provided

Class sessions are conducted at 9700 West Taron Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Experiential education and clinical rotations and service learning activities are conducted at assigned professional clinical locations and community sites as established by agreement among the student, professional preceptor, and College.

Instructions/Course Delivery

The College of Medicine offers innovative medical education integrated by organ system instead of the typical discipline-based education. Students learn by a mixture of lectures, small group sessions, Clinical Cases, and Case Based Learning. In the pre- clinical years, students receive at least 130 hours of instruction regarding history and physical examination. The clerkships are conducted at a variety of community-based hospitals in the Sacramento area and surrounding Central Valley. CNUCOM also has affiliations in the Bay area and Southern California. All courses are delivered in English. English language services are not provided.

Awards: Non-Academic

During the academic year, students are notified in class, by CNSU email, or a posting to the CNUCOM News bulletin board, of criteria, dates, nomination information, and deadlines of certain awards, scholarships, or honors. The College of Medicine Awards Committee coordinates selection of recipients of the College of Medicine honors, scholarships and awards. The Office of Student Affairs coordinates an Award and Scholarship Ceremony at the end of each academic year. Recipients and their friends and family are invited by formal invitation to attend this event to receive an official recognition of their achievement.

Policy on Stress & Fatigue Management

Purpose

In medical education, and specifically in clinical care settings, patient safety, as well as the personal safety and well-being of the student, mandates implementation of an immediate and proper response sequence to student stress and fatigue. Student excess fatigue and/or stress may occur in patient care settings or in non-patient care settings. In non-patient care settings, responses may vary depending on the severity of and the demeanor of the student. The following is intended as guidelines for recognizing and observing excessive student fatigue and or stress in non-patient care and patient care settings.

All students will be trained on stress, fatigue, and burnout. Any release from duty assignments due to stress/fatigue that exceed the requirements for completion of educational objectives must be made up to meet curriculum requirements.

Responsibility of the Supervising Faculty: Classroom Setting

In the classroom setting, if a faculty recognizes a student is demonstrating evidence for excess fatigue and/or stress, the faculty should notify the student's College Mentor, who, in turn, should discuss the possible reasons and opportunities for support.

The Mentor may recommend that the student meets with the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions to identify available support.

Responsibility of the Supervising Faculty: Clinical Setting

If a student in a clinical setting demonstrates evidence of excessive fatigue and/or stress, faculty supervising the student should immediately release the student from further clinical duties and responsibilities. If the student exhibits signs of excessive fatigue, the supervising faculty should advise the student to rest for at least a 30-minute period before operating a motorized vehicle. The student may also call someone to provide transportation back home.

The faculty and/or supervising resident should privately discuss with the student the possible causes of stress/fatigue to identify ways to reduce fatigue/stress.

The faculty and/or supervising resident must immediately notify the Clerkship Director of the decision to release the student from further clinical duties.

A student who is released from further clinical duties due to stress or fatigue cannot resume clinical duties without permission by the Clerkship Director.

Student Responsibility

Students who perceive they are manifesting excess fatigue and/or stress have the professional responsibility to immediately notify their attending/precepting faculty and Clerkship Director without fear of reprisal.

Students who recognize a peer (student) exhibiting excess fatigue and/or stress must immediately report their observations and concerns to the attending/precepting faculty and the Clerkship Director.

Clerkship Director Responsibility

Upon removal of a student from duties, the Clerkship Director must determine the need for immediate change in duty assignments for peer students in the clerkship and/or the clinical site. The Clerkship Director will notify the departmental chair to discuss methods to reduce student fatigue.

The Clerkship Director will meet with the student in person. If discussion with the Clerkship Director is judged to be inadequate, the student will be referred to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions for provision of appropriate services and/or counseling.

Student Mistreatment Policy

Purpose

The purposes of this policy are to outline expectations of behaviors that promote a positive learning environment for CNUCOM medical students and other learners and to identify grievance procedures to address alleged violations. This policy offers a definition of these expectations through its learning environment statement, provides examples of unacceptable treatment of medical students, and describes the procedures available to report incidents of mistreatment in a safe and effective manner.

Policy

CNUCOM is committed to assuring a safe and supportive learning environment that reflects the institution's values: professionalism, respect for individual rights, appreciation of diversity and differences, altruism, compassion, and integrity. Mistreatment of medical students is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Procedures

1. The Student and Faculty Handbooks, which contain the mistreatment policy, are to be shared with all students (new and continuing), all new residents and faculty teachers, and on an annual basis with all current instructors (e.g. residents, faculty, staff, nurses, administrators).

2. Students should use this mistreatment policy to identify and address discriminatory, unfair, arbitrary or capricious treatment by faculty or staff. CNUCOM defines mistreatment as behavior that is inconsistent with the values of the university's Anti- Discrimination Policy Statement noted below and which unreasonably interferes with the learning process. When assessing behavior that might represent mistreatment, students are expected to consider the conditions, circumstances, and environment surrounding such behavior.

3. Examples of discriminatory, unfair, arbitrary or capricious treatment include, but are not limited to:

a. Verbally abusing, belittling, or humiliating a student.
b. Intentionally singling out a student for arbitrary treatment that could be perceived as punitive.
c. Unwarranted exclusion from reasonable learning opportunities.
d. Assignment of duties as punishment rather than education.
e. Pressuring students to exceed established restrictions on work hours.
f. Exploitation of students in any manner, e.g. performing personal errands.
g. Directing students to perform an unreasonable number of "routine hospital procedures", i.e., "scut" on patients not assigned to them or in a manner where performing them interferes with a student's attendance at educational activities, e.g., rounds, classes.
h. Pressuring a student to perform medical procedures for which the student is insufficiently trained (i.e., putting a student in a role that compromises the care of patients).
i. Threatening a lower or failing grade/evaluation to a student for inappropriate reasons.
j. Committing an act of physical abuse or violence of any kind, e.g., throwing objects, aggressive violation of personal space.
k. Making unwelcome sexual comments, jokes, or taunting remarks about a person's protected status as defined in the University's Anti-Discrimination Policy Statement.

Reporting Concerns of Possible Mistreatment Medical students who themselves experience or observe other students experiencing possible mistreatment are encouraged to discuss it with someone in a position to understand the context and address necessary action. The individual considering making a report of mistreatment should first, if possible, attempt to resolve the matter directly with the alleged offender. Suggested options for medical students include:

1. DISCUSS it with their College Mentor, the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions, or the clerkship/course/sequence director.

2. REPORT it (utilizing one of three options below and to hopefully prevent such behavior in the future):

a. File a formal report with the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Admissions and Outreach.
b. File an anonymous report via the CNUCOM website. This mechanism includes options for prompt attention OR withholding the report until a future date.
c. File an identified or anonymous report on campus using the College's official Student Complaint /Grievance Form located on the CNUCOM website.

Medical Students requesting complete anonymity should be made aware that doing so may interfere with the university's ability to investigate the concern and their ability to receive information about the follow-up investigation. Medical Students may also choose to pursue claims of unlawful discrimination or harassment in compliance with the University's Anti- Discrimination Policy Statement: "California Northstate University College of Medicine (CNUCOM) is committed to cultivating a diverse community that recognizes and values inherent worth in individuals, fosters mutual respect, and encourages individual growth. The College believes that diversity enhances and enriches the quality of our academic program. CNUCOM provides equal opportunity in education and employment and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, political affiliation, veteran status, or disability."
Responding to Concerns of Mistreatment Every effort is made to respond to concerns of mistreatment in a professional manner to minimize the risk of retaliation. The Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions and/or the Assistant Dean of Faculty Affairs and Development will be provided with written notice of reported concerns of mistreatment of Medical Students (corresponding with the date indicated on the report), and conduct an initial inquiry into the circumstances. Consistent with Faculty Handbook guidelines on Disruptive or Inappropriate Behavior, and depending on the identity of the alleged offending party, the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions will engage the appropriate process channels for implementing notice to the offending party, and for investigation and implementation of potential corrective action. Aggregate and de-identified data on reports of mistreatment of medical students will be shared with the Curriculum Committee and the President's Executive Council at least quarterly.

No Retaliation

Retaliation is strictly prohibited against persons who in good faith report, complain of, or provide information in a mistreatment investigation or proceeding. Individuals who believe they are experiencing retaliation are strongly encouraged to contact the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions. Alleged retaliation will be subject to investigation and may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion.

Academic Policies and Procedures

Please visit medicine.cnsu.edu, and click on 'Students,' then 'policies and handbooks, to view all our academic policies.

Academic Calendar

The academic calendar consists of two didactic course semesters lasting from 16—20 weeks long for first and second-year students. Third-year students complete clinical clerkships throughout the calendar year.
Fourth-year students complete electives throughout the calendar year.

Credit Hour Policy

1 credit is assigned per hour each week of classroom or direct 1 credit for every 15 lecture hours and 30 preparation/homework hours (LEC). 1 credit for every 25 workshop hours and 25 preparation/homework hours (AL). 1 credit for every 30 laboratory hours and 30 preparation/homework hours (LAB). 1 credit hour for every week with scheduled at least 40 hours in an integrated curriculum, including (a) mixed methods of teaching [e.g., lecture, small group, TBL, flipped classroom, clinical skills, patient encounter, etc.] and (b) assigned self-preparation time (LAL). 1 credit hour for every week with assigned at least 36 clinical hours during clerkship or other clinical rotations (EL) of the course in a way specified by the Course Director. If course requirements have not been completed within the six weeks' time limit the

Instructor of Record submits the "F" grade. Remediation of a "Y" grade must be completed prior to the next academic year. Students remediating a "Y" grade are not eligible for Honors (H).

Course grades are determined by performance on the following:

A. Summative Exam

B. Written assignments

C. Professionalism

D. Other rubrics as assigned by the Course Director

For a passing grade, students are expected to score 70% or above or pass all scored/graded exams (except formative) and assignments as well as pass the requirements for professionalism according to the course specific rubrics. Percentages will be rounded to the nearest integer.

The Course Director must assign the final grade within 21 calendar days of the end of the course or the remediation examination. The grade assigned following completion of the reexamination is to be based either solely on the results of the reexamination or on an aggregate of all examinations as specified in the syllabus. If the student decides not to take the reexamination within six weeks, the Course Director must submit the "F" grade.

Code	**Course Type**
AL	Active Learning
LAL	Lecture & Active

During the Progression of the course, faculty use course.

Learning Course

Code	**Course Type**
EL	Experiential

	Learning
LAB	Laboratory Course
LEC	Lecture Course

Grading Convention

H	90-100% Passing with Honors
HP	80-89% High Pass (Phase A & B)
I	Incomplete, but work of passing quality (temporary grade)
Y	Provisional, requiring remediation (temporary grade)

Narrative

When possible (e.g. small group activities) all grades should be accompanied by narrative

P	70-89% Pass
F	<70% Fail
W	Official Withdrawal
HP	High Pass – Grade is issued for only Phase A (effective 07/22/2021) and Phase B (effective 09/01/2017) courses

The work of all students in any of the required courses for the MD degree is reported in terms of the following grades: H (Pass with Honors), HP (High Pass), P (Pass), or F (Fail), or as two provisional marks: I (incomplete but work of passing quality), or Y (provisional, requiring remediation). Exceptions include Self-Directed Student Scholarly Project course and some electives that are graded P/F. Grade point average is not computed and is not available.

The provisional mark of Incomplete (I) is assigned only when the student's work is of passing quality, but is incomplete for good cause, as determined by the Course Director. The student is entitled to replace the “I” with a “P”, “HP”, or “H” grade and to receive course credit provided he/she satisfactorily completes the work.

Grade Appeal

Students can file an appeal if they believe and can demonstrate that the grade they received inaccurately reflects their performance in a course, clerkship, or elective. A student can file an appeal if there is a disagreement with a final course grade. General guidelines are outlined below:

Appeal Deadlines

The appeal must be submitted within ten (10) business days of online grade posting. The student must initiate a formal grade appeal process in writing and present the appeal to the Course Director. The Grade Appeal Form is located on the CNUCOM website. The student must initiate a formal grade appeal within ten (10) business days of receiving official notification from the University of the final grade for the course. Likewise, the Course Director must respond in writing to the student's appeal within ten (10) business days.

Resolution Process

See the Appeals Policy for details and timeline of the appeals process:
https://medicine.cnsu.edu/PDFs/forms/4110_Student_Appeals.pdf

Graduation Requirements

Failure to meet the following requirements will necessitate meeting with the Student Promotions Committee, and may adversely impact participation in the Match, and/or delay in conferral of the MD degree:

1. Students must complete a minimum of 150 credit hours in the medical program, including all Phase A courses, all required clerkships in Phase B, and necessary Sub-I and electives.
   * Note: All students may take more than the required number of elective credits.*
2. Phase A, which includes passing USMLE Step 1, must be completed within a maximum of four (4) years.
3. Phase B, which includes passing USMLE Step 2 CK, must be completed within a maximum of three (3) years.
4. Total time from matriculation to graduation cannot exceed 7 years.
5. Students must pass the following USMLE Exams to qualify for graduation:
   USMLE Step 1
   USMLE Step 2 Clinical Knowledge (CK)
6. Students must attain the knowledge and skills, and develop capacity and behaviors required of a physician.
7. Students must attain a level of clinical judgment which meets or exceeds the entrust of the Professional Activities set forth by the AAMC, and as required by the Faculty.
8. Students must demonstrate a sense of responsibility and social accountability to patients and the community.
9. Students must comply with the School's standards of conduct, professionalism, and academic integrity as found in the Student Handbook and online.
10. Students must comply with the laws of the United States; the laws of the State of California; local city, county, and municipal ordinances; the policies, rules and regulations of the California Northstate University and the COM.
11. All academic requirements must be completed at least ten (10) business days before the date of graduation. Failure to comply may lead to delayed graduation. All students may take more than the required number of elective credits.

Residency Placement

The College of Medicine participates in the National Resident Matching Program, "The Match." This is a non-profit system that matches medical school graduates with accredited residency programs using a computerized algorithm based

on mutual preferences. All applicants and programs rank their choices, and the algorithm produces an optimal match list. The College of Medicine has a comprehensive career advising program that helps secure its graduates residency placements, occupational classification code 29-0000 (healthcare practitioners-physicians).

Catalog Rights

CNUCOM occasionally modifies graduation requirements, such as by changes to the General Catalog or to policies that indirectly affect graduation eligibility (exam retake policies, remediation policies, grading policies, etc). If the student has been in continuous attendance, they may choose to meet the CNUCOM campus graduation requirements in the CNUCOM general catalog (and policies) that was in effect at the time they1) began continuous attendance at CNUCOM, or 2) graduated from CNUCOM. A student having the right to choose one of these options is called "catalog rights." By maintaining continuous attendance and selecting options one or two above, a student can be assured that their CNUCOM graduation requirements will not change."

Exit Interview

Exit interviews will be conducted during the last academic year. COM does not issue grades or grant degrees until all financial obligations have been met and all University property has been returned.

Commencement

Every student is encouraged to attend commencement and wear traditional academic regalia consisting of cap, gown, and academic hood. Hoods of academics regalia are conferred upon the graduates at commencement by faculty. The hood is lined with the California Northstate University colors of cabernet (red) and gold, and is adorned with Kelly green, denoting Doctor of Medicine.

Any ornamentation must signify recognized College organizations and must be approved in advance of commencement by the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions.

Academic Progression Policy

This policy can be found in its entirety on our website medicine.cnsu.edu under the "Current Students" tab.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure students reach benchmarks, maintain a high standard of learning and reach recommended competency levels. Students must demonstrate they have achieved the CNUCOM program learning objectives related to patient care, medical and scientific knowledge, communication and interpersonal skills, professionalism, health care systems, and reflective practice and personal development. Students are required to pass all courses for the Medical Doctor (MD) degree.

Scope/Coverage

This progression policy applies to all medical students. This policy will be reviewed at least every three (3) years.

Policy

Good Academic Standing

A student who is advancing in the program as planned, is considered in Good Academic Standing. For students in good academic standing a standard (template) letter may be issued for verification purposes (academic and on-academic needs).

Serving in Elective or Appointed Positions

A student must be in a good academic standing to hold elected office at the class or the college level, to serve on college or university committees, or to represent the college to outside organizations, either on or off campus.

If probationary or dismissal procedures occur during a term when the individual is active, the student will be dismissed from committee service; voluntary resignation will be accepted.

Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE)

MSPE is the student's academic identity card. It is completed before October 1 of Phase B (Year Four) Its content includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- A descriptive narrative of student's performance over the length of the program till the date of MSPE issuance
- Student's academic standing, past and present probationary status, gaps or Leave of Absence, and other disciplinary actions
- Grades and, when appropriate, narratives for completed courses/clerkships in Phases A and B at the time of issuance comments regarding professionalism.
- Notes about research projects and service-learning activities
- Any other information that might be considered important to residency programs (students will be notified about changes).

Changes to the MSPE

See the MSPE Appeal Form for details of how a student may request changes to their MSPE.

Academic Notification

a. Academic Warning

This is an academic status which is not considered a disciplinary action for which the student is not in good standing. It is also not mentioned in the MSPE. However, it indicates there will be close follow up by the student's advisor and the Office of Academic and Career Advising (OACA). Course Directors are notified of this status and interim evaluations are sought by the

SPC and reported to the OME. Students who are not in good standing are not allowed to take extramural/away electives. Students receive this designation by the SPC for the following:

- Fail 3 or 4 cumulative mid-term or final summative exams or SHELF examinations
- 2 courses/clerkships with a non-passing, transitional (Y) grade
- Failure to pass the CBSE exam or its equivalent, or Step 1 prior to the beginning of the M3 year
- 1 or 2 failures of USMLE exams

- 2 PCRs (depending on the severity of the PCRs)
- A violation of the honor code or professional conduct deemed by SPC to warrant this designation. After the academic deficiency is remediated and/or professionalism issue is corrected, the student will be redesignated to be in Good Standing.

b. Professionalism Concern Report

If a student fails to maintain expected standards of professionalism, a Professionalism Concern Report (PCR) may be completed. This report is filed with the Office of Student Affairs and reviewed by the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. Further information, documentation, and a meeting with the student, course/clerkship director may be required. The severity of the PCR determines whether it will be escalated to the SPC for recommendation of consequences. The recommendations may include, but are not limited to, referral for counseling, remediation, placement on academic probation, inclusion in the professionalism section of the MSPE, suspension, or withdrawal/dismissal.
Breaches in Professionalism or violations of the Honor Code may instead be referred to the Honor Council or General Council for investigation then adjudication.

c. Exam Failures and Academic Standing

1. The total number of summative examinations failed by the student will count towards Academic Status designation.
2. As Foundation Course is the first Phase A course, mid-term examination failure in Foundations Course will not count in the total number of summative failed. Thereafter for all other courses, a failed mid-term and final summative exams will count towards the total.

3. Re-Take Exams

a. In the Foundations Course only, one (1) retake is allowed after failure of final summative examination. No other courses allow re-takes after failure of a final summative exam.

b. Students who fail a course final summative or achieves a final course score of < 70% will be assigned a Y grade and will develop a remediation plan with the Academic Counselor.

c. Students who fail the SHELF (final summative clerkship exam) exam will be assigned a Y grade. The Clerkship Director will determine if the remediation plan will include repeating the entire clinical rotation portion thereof, before the post-remediation re-test can be taken.

d. Clerkship Directors recommendation will be reviewed and final decision for Re-take SHELF exam will be at the discretion of the SPC.

e. No retakes are allowed after a failed remediation examination and as such will result in a F grade.

Provisional Grades and Remediation

The incomplete (I) grade is a temporary transcript grade and is assigned only when the student's work is of passing quality but is incomplete for good cause.
The student is entitled to replace the "I" with a "P",
"HP", or "H" grade.

The Y grade is a temporary transcript grade and can be replaced by a passing grade (P) according to the Grading Policy. A note that the course/clerkship was remediated will be included in the student's transcript. A student who fails a pre-clerkship final summative or clerkship final summative ("SHELF") exam is not allowed a retest and will be assigned a Y grade. If a student fails any of the required components of the course/clerkship, a grade of Y will be recorded on the transcript. The timeline for remediation of a provisional "Y" grade, whether for academic or behavior-related deficiencies, will be designated by the course/clerkship director). For Phase A, remediation may take place during the winter or summer break.

Remediation of a course must be completed prior to the start of the next academic year. One (1) Y grade can be remediated between the fall and spring semesters (i.e. winter break) and one (1) Y grade can be remediated after the spring semester (i.e. summer break). It is the responsibility of the course or clerkship director to notify the student of the recording of a deficiency grade ("Y" or "F") in writing. This notification should outline what will be expected to remediate the

deficiency. The remediation plan should include at least instructional approaches, learning assistance/support and structured advising.

Upon the recording of a provisional grade of Y, the student will be required to appear before the Student Promotions Committee (SPC). The student's academic record and proposed academic plan will be reviewed by the SPC. The final academic plan is devised by the student and course/clerkship director and will be submitted to the Chair of the SPC. The academic plan is initially reviewed and approved by the SPC and then submitted to the Office of Medical Education. Student will have a mandatory meeting with the Associate Dean of Medical Education prior to final approval of the academic plan.

Please refer to the Grading Policy for details regarding the recording of grades. Upon successful completion of the remediation plan and the post-remediation examination within 1 attempt, a passing grade will be recorded (Y/P) and reported to the SPC. If the remediation is not successful, the grade will be recorded as a Fail (F). The student will be required to repeat the academic year. In Phase A, students are not permitted a Leave of Absence for remediation or repetition of failed courses. SPC may also consider withdrawal or dismissal, students will be permitted only two (2) Y grades per academic year. Course and clerkship directors will be required to submit a list of students retaking exam(s) to the SPC at the end of each course. Student receiving a third Y grade in the same academic year, will meet with SPC and required to repeat the academic year; this recommendation will be forwarded to the Office of Medical Education. SPC may also consider withdrawal or dismissal.

<u>Probationary Academic Status (Academic Probation)</u>

A student may be placed on probation due to academic and/or non-academic conditions such as but not limited to:

a. Cumulative of three (3) courses or clerkships with non-passing (Y) grades within the same academic year, OR

b. One Course or Clerkship F grade, OR

c. Three (3) failures of USMLE (Step 1, 2CK) exam, OR

d. Two or more violations of the CNUCOM Honor Code, Student Conduct Code, OR

e. Professional conduct deemed by SPC to warrant this designation, OR

f. A cumulative of Three (3) g. Professionalism Concern Reports (PCR) (fewer PCRs may earn Probation status, depending on the severity.)

Probationary status is reported to the student and the Office of Medical Education by the Office of Student Affairs. Probationary status is recorded in the Medical Student Performance Evaluation (MSPE) and in outside requests for documentation (e.g. visiting student elective applications, other degree program applications, licensure requests, etc.). Students who are on probation are not eligible to assume new class, college or university-related positions, such as running for officer positions at student organizations, and applying for other elected or appointed positions. If a student is on probation, they may not continue to serve on COM or University Committees.

Students on Probation must appear to the Student Promotions Committee. The student must submit a written probationary action plan to resolve the probationary status to the SPC. This must include specific timelines in accordance with the requirements to meet graduation deadlines. The probationary plan may include but is not limited to repeating the failed course(s), repeating an academic year or taking a leave of absence (LOA) for 1 semester. Initial LOA is for one (1) semester with an option to extend to one additional semester pending approval by SPC. This ensures that the committee has the ability to address each student differently, given the individual issues that arise. Alternatively, if deemed appropriate, the committee may recommend withdrawal or dismissal in which case the Dismissal Process is strictly followed.

Other options may be considered at the discretion of the Office of Medical Education. The probationary action plan may not extend the maximum time allowed for graduation from the program; i.e. students must graduate within seven (7) years from matriculation (including all remediation). The plan, additional recommendations made by the SPC, and accompanying documentation must be forwarded for approval to the Office of Medical Education. Students who are on academic probation must maintain acceptable academic progress in all subsequent coursework. Notation of probation status will remain permanently in the student transcript. After the academic deficiency is remediated and/or professionalism issue is corrected, student will be redesignated to be in Good Standing based on recommendation by the SPC.

Repeating Courses

A student may repeat an individual course/clerkship (not as a part of a repeated year) only once. No remediation is allowed for a failed or repeated courses/clerkships. Repetition of the entire curricular year is recommended by the SPC when there is concern that the student has not mastered the academic skills of that phase. This includes receiving three (3) non-passing Y grades in an academic year or two (2) F grades in an academic year. If a student fails the final summative exam of the repeated course, no remediation is allowed, and a F grade is entered. Students will meet with SPC where several options will be addressed, including withdrawal or dismissal from the College of Medicine.

USMLE Step Examinations

Students are required to pass Step 1 and Step 2, Clinical Knowledge (CK) of the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) prior to graduation. Performance on these examinations provides one method of comparing our students to those at other medical schools and thereby assessing performance relative to a national peer group. The

successful completion of all three steps of the USMLE is necessary for obtaining a license to practice medicine.

USMLE Step 1

Students must pass the CBSE exam to qualify for the USMLE Step 1 exam. Students must document a passing Step 1 score by the beginning of their Clerkships (mid-May of the 3rd year). Once the date of their Step examination is scheduled, the student must inform the Office of Assessment and Evaluation who will verify the student has documented a passing CBSE score, as established by the Office of Medical Education.

A passing CBSE score is required to sit for the USMLE Step 1. Students who do not achieve a qualifying score for the CBSE before this deadline, cannot progress into the M3 year and will be referred to the SPC for case review of which the outcome can include an LOA to pass CBSE and/or USMLE Step 1. Student will receive an Academic Warning status for not passing the CBSE or Step 1 prior to the beginning of M3 year.

Inability to pass exams will also require the student to submit a detailed remediation plan developed with their advisor for review and approval by SPC and OME. Progress during LOA will be monitored by the SPC and the OME. During the academic LOA, student is required to meet with their advisor at least once per month.

Students will need to develop a progress report and remediation plan if they plan to request for an additional one (1) semester LOA extension. Extension beyond a total of 12-months academic LOA is not permitted. If the student has not met the requirements stipulated in the Academic Plan associated with the LOA, the SPC will consider suspension, withdrawal, or dismissal.

USMLE Step 2 CK

Students must document a passing CCSE score to be eligible to sit for USMLE Step 2 CK. The passing threshold is determined by the Office of Medical Education. Students are required to pass Step 2 CK before degree conferral and graduation during their final semester. Delay in achieving a passing score for Step 2 CK by graduation will delay degree conferral and therefore may affect the start of residency. Students unable to achieve a passing score prior to degree conferral and graduation will be referred to the SPC.

Implications if Examination is Failed

If a student fails Step 1, he/she should contact the Chair of the Student Promotion Committee to discuss the timing of retaking the examination in relation to his/her clinical schedule. With the Step 1 examination being given essentially year-round, the student is usually permitted to complete the clerkship in which the student is currently enrolled.

For students who are having difficulty both in the curriculum and with the USMLE examinations, the Student Promotions Committee will take a more active role in the determination of the student's academic program.

If either USMLE Step 1 or Step 2 CK is failed four times, the Student Promotions Committee will consider dismissal. The USMLE program recommends to medical licensing boards that they require that the dates of passing the Step 1, Step 2, and Step 3 examinations occur within a seven-year period.

For purposes of medical licensure in the United States, any time limit to complete the USMLE is established by the state medical boards. Many require completion of the full USMLE sequence within seven years from the date the first Step or

Step Component is passed or, in some cases, from the date of the first attempt at any Step or Step Component. Students should understand the implications of time limits for licensure.

Policy on Assignment of Clerkship Grades

For all required clerkships, the Clerkship Director is responsible for assigning the final grade and narrative as the Clerkship Director bears ultimate responsibility for the clerkship and students assigned to the required clerkships. Grading for geographic sites that are remote from the main clerkship director should be done with consultation from the appropriate site director(s).

Policy on Deficient Grades

When a student receives a deficient grade in a course, it is a course director's responsibility to outline what will be expected to remediate the deficiency, as close to the time that the grade is given as possible. This should be as specific as possible, e.g. retake the course at California Northstate University, College of Medicine or in a summer remediation course at another institution approved by the course director, or retake X exam by Y date, etc. This should be communicated to the student directly by the course director, and should include a phrase at the end of the communication similar to the following:

"If you are on probation, receive, or have received other previous deficient grades, this remediation will require the approval of the Student Promotions Committee in order to proceed. SPC considers performance across the entire curriculum in making recommendations for promotion or dismissal which may impact course-specific remediation."

It is fair to students to provide as much information as possible, and as early as possible, about what is expected to remediate a deficient grade. This information needs to be reported to the Registrar as well.

Academic Suspension

A student may be placed on academic suspension if the terms required to resolve Academic Probation are not successfully met, including failure of any summative exams and/or courses during the period of probation or any egregious, significant breach, or pattern of lapses in professionalism. In these cases, the student must meet with the Student Promotion Committee where several options will be addressed, including the possibility of dismissal from the College of Medicine.

Dismissal

A student will be dismissed from CNUCOM if any of the following conditions exist and the Student Promotions Committee determines that dismissal is warranted:

1. If a student is unable to remediate the performance deficiencies which led to Probation, dismissal may be considered by the SPC.

2. Students are recommended for dismissal if any of the following occur:

a. Failing the USMLE Step 1 or 2 exams four times.

b. Receiving two (2) F grades in an academic year.

c. Failure to meet terms of remediation for a failed course or clerkship.

d. Failure to follow United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) policy.

e. Violation of the CNUCOM Honor Code or Student Conduct Code, and/or unprofessional conduct deemed severe and egregious in nature.

f. Failure to successfully complete the M.D. program within the 7-year time- to degree requirement.

Recommendations for dismissal are made by SPC to the Faculty Executive Council (FEC), which makes a recommendation to the Office of Medical Education (OME). Students may appear before the FEC to present their case before the FEC submits its decision to the OME. The Associate Dean of Medical Education will relay the OME's decision to the Dean and notify the student of the FEC's recommendation.

Appeal

The student may appeal all actions of the Student Promotions Committee to the Assistant Dean Student Affairs, in writing, within fourteen (14) days of notification of the action. This includes probation, suspension, and dismissal. See the Appeals Policy for details and timeline of the appeals process:
https://medicine.cnsu.edu/PDFs/forms/4110_Student_Appeals.pdf

Attendance

Regular class attendance is expected of all students for all class sessions. Students are required to attend all mandatory sessions. Mandatory sessions are those in which a student must be physically present to maximize necessary learning (such as Medical Skills dissections and The Colloquium group discussions). The college recognizes that circumstances may cause a student to miss an occasional class. The student may make up the missed work, providing that it is an excused absence. If a student has an unexcused absence for more than three (3) mandatory sessions, they will meet with the assigned College Mentor and/or the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs to discuss the situation. If more than three (3) mandatory sessions are missed with excused or unexcused absence, the student will meet with the Student Promotions Committee to discuss the situation. Outcomes may include remediating or repeating the course/clerkship, warning, or dismissal from the college. Students should refer to the Excused Absence Policy and Leave of Absence Policy for illness, family death, emergency or other serious personal issues.

Excused Absence Policy

A student may request an excused absence from mandatory sessions (for personal, emergency, compassionate, professional, or health-related reasons. To protect the confidentiality of students, all excused absence requests are initiated in writing through the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions. Absences greater than five academic days may require a student to request a leave of absence or a personal withdrawal.

Process

Students should complete a Request for an Excused Absence Form posted online: 2025_09 Absence_Request_Form.pdf. Students also involved in off-campus programs should submit written requests as well.

Conditions and Requirements

On Campus Students:

Students on campus should complete a Request for Excused Absence form and submit it to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions (College of Medicine) for approval. Once approved, faculty and students are expected to communicate to make reasonable accommodations for make-up exams and assignments. If the activity cannot be made-up, then the missed activity will not count against the student's final grade. Since course coordinators determine arrangements for missed coursework, students must contact course coordinators within 24 hours upon approval of an excused absence.

Disputes or disagreements between a student and the faculty member concerning an excused absence should be submitted the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions (College of Medicine) in writing for resolution.

Outreach (College of Medicine) before an official excused absence can be given to the clinical preceptor, course coordinator, and/or instructor(s). Excused absence requests for health-related reasons not of an acute nature (scheduled procedures, out-of- town appointments with specialists) or personal reasons that are not an emergency must be presented to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, Admissions and Outreach (College of Medicine) two weeks prior to the date of the excused absence.

Conferences and Professional Meetings

CNUCOM supports the learning and professional development opportunities national or local conferences can provide students; thus CNUCOM allows student participation and attendance on a limited basis. If an absence from class does not interfere with the academic work of other students or does not result in the student missing a class assignment or rotation which cannot be remediated (as determined by the course coordinator), a student in good academic standing (no conditional grades and not on academic probation) may be allowed excused absence for a qualifying professional conference. In addition, if the conditions are met, there may be additional days made available for the CMA, AMA, and other major medical organization for Student Presidents, members of the Student Organization Leadership Council, alumni association representatives, students holding a nationally-ranked position, students pre-approved to present research, or club officers. The Assistant Dean of Student Affairs or the Chair of Clinical Education, determines student eligibility and which conferences qualify. Students are accountable for their academic performance and so must weigh the advisability of attending such conferences.

Students must obtain an excused absence form and submit it to the Office of Student Affairs a minimum of 14 academic days prior to the conference. If the academic status of the student changes prior to departure for the conference and is failing a course, the permission to attend the conference will be revoked.

Leave of Absence

Purpose

The purpose of the policy is to provide guidelines for approved extended leaves of absences for medical students at CNUCOM.

Procedure

It is the responsibility of the student to ensure that a LOA request form is submitted in a timely manner. Non- attendance does not constitute notification of intent to apply for LOA status. It is the responsibility of the student to continue coursework (barring an emergency) until the LOA is approved.

To request a planned absence, students should first contact their individual Advisor, discuss it with the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs, and immediately contact the appropriate course director(s) or clerkship director(s). After consultation, an official LOA request form must be submitted that specifically states the last date of attendance, the anticipated return date, and the reason for leave of absence. LOA forms can be found on the CNUCOM website and in the CNUCOM Student Handbook. All requests for planned absences must be submitted to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs at least two months prior to the planned absence.

In general, a student is eligible for one LOA for one academic year during their tenure at CNUCOM with the possibility of an extension for one more semester depending on when the LOA occurs in the curriculum and why it was initially granted. Requests for a second LOA are highly discouraged and unlikely to be approved due to the disruption it would cause to the student's chances of progression through the curriculum. It is the student's responsibility to review the LOA policy prior to requesting an LOA. LOAs requested for academic deficiency during Phase A will initially be for one semester and may be extended at the discretion of the SPC by another semester. LOAs requested during Phase B will initially be for one semester coinciding with preset blocks at the discretion of the Phase B Directors, and may be extended by another semester at the discretion of SPC. Extensions beyond 1 year during are not permitted except under extenuating circumstances. See the COM LOA Policy for details such of types of LOA.

Return from Leave of Absence

The student is to submit the Intent to Return Form or the Official College Withdrawal form at least four weeks prior to the planned return date. The submission of the completed Intent to Return Form to the Office of the Registrar is required to be eligible for course and rotation registration.

The student must meet the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions at least 30 days prior to the first day of class to review course and performance expectations for the upcoming remainder of the student's educational career at CNUCOM.

If a student does not return within one year of approved LOA they are no longer eligible to return as a continuing student and must reapply to the University/College for admission (See Readmission to the University/College section below)

Withdrawal from University/College

Students may voluntarily withdraw from the University/College at any time during the academic semester. The student will earn a "W" grade for a course(s) that is (are) not complete at the time the withdrawal is initiated. Informing CNUCOM, your academic department or your instructor does not constitute official withdrawal from the program. All withdrawals must be processed by the Office of the Registrar.

Students must submit an Official College Withdrawal Form to the Office of the Registrar. A student must meet with and receive signatures from the following departments before the form can be filed with the Office of the Registrar: Office of Academic Affairs, Business Office, Financial Aid, the Dean, and Office of the Registrar. A student that officially

withdraws from the college is entitled to apply for readmission.

Readmission to the University/College

If a student has withdrawn from the University, the student may reapply to the College. If accepted, the student may be required to return as a first-year student.

Complaint/Grievance Policy

For complaints related to accreditation standards, see page 10 of this catalog.

Internal complaints/grievances: A grievance is defined as a matter not falling under the progression policy for academic or non-academic due-process.

Procedure:

1. The student shall file a written complaint using the Student Complaint/Grievance Form.
2. The completed Student Complaint/Grievance Form should be submitted to any member of the COM Office of Student Affairs in a sealed envelope, or by email.
3. The Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions will handle the complaint in accordance with the policies of CNUCOM, will review the facts surrounding the issue, and will attempt to resolve the complaint.
4. If the complaint is not anonymous the complaint will be answered in writing by the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions within four weeks of receipt of the complaint, excluding holidays/university breaks.
5. If the complaint relates to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions, the matter will be handled by an ad hoc committee formed on a case-by-case basis. This will include 3-5 individuals, one of whom will have a legal background. Otherwise, the committee will consist of CNU faculty and staff.
6. If the ad hoc committee cannot resolve the complaint satisfactorily, the matter will be transferred to the College Dean for appropriate action.
7. Students may appeal decisions by filing an Appeal with the College Dean within five days of receipt of the complaint/grievance resolution. The Dean's decision is final. A record of the student complaints is kept on file in the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admission office. All aspects of student complaints shall be treated as confidential.

COM Course Descriptions

Department of Medical Education

COM 501 Foundations of Clinical Medicine (8 cr)

Foundations of Clinical Medicine is an integrated course that provides students with a solid foundation in multiple disciplines within the basic sciences, including Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Embryology, Immunology, Genetics, Microbiology, Pathology, Pharmacology/Toxicology, and Physiology. A firm understanding of the basic science material presented in this course is essential to success in subsequent system-based courses. The course will introduce the practice of using clinical presentations (CPs) and Clinical Cases (CCs) to provide a conceptual framework for integrating the basic and clinical sciences. The CPs will include clinical algorithms and will focus on common situations and presentations that a primary care physician will experience. Clinical faculty will walk the students through the clinical algorithm(s)

emphasizing critical decision points while also teaching the students the art of developing a differential diagnosis. To facilitate the logical integration of diverse disciplines, the course schedule is organized into "mini-blocks," with a heavy focus on particular sciences that correspond with the CPs. Students will also participate in the longitudinal Medical Skills, Masters Colloquium and Self-Directed Student Scholarly Project courses that run concurrently with the Foundations in Clinical Medicine course.

COM 511 Integumentary and Musculoskeletal Systems (7 cr)

The Integumentary and Musculoskeletal Systems course is structured around weekly clinical presentations that reflect commonly encountered situations affecting the integumentary and musculoskeletal systems. The course is focused on providing students with a detailed understanding of normal structure, function and pathologic dysfunction of the two systems.

Each week starts with a clinical presentation that is accompanied by clinical algorithms, clinical reasoning guides, and detailed objectives lists. Faculty then led t h e students through the clinical
algorithms emphasizing critical decision points and setting the framework for the integration of the basic and clinical sciences. Over the course of the week, faculty present fundamental principles from the traditional basic sciences (anatomy, histology, embryology, biochemistry, immunology, microbiology, nutrition, pathology, pharmacology, and physiology) to provide students with the knowledge and skills required to arrive at a correct diagnosis. These basic science lectures highlight the normal structure and function of the systems, followed by presentations of various disease states, and include management and treatment options. In addition to the lectures, library resources, and other learning concurrent hands- on anatomy lab dissections on human donors reinforce the learning of musculoskeletal structures and their relationships. Traditional X-rays, CT scans and MRIs which illustrate normal and abnormal structures are reviewed. At the end of each week, students participate in clinical case discussion sessions in small groups with faculty. During each week, they also take part in a Medical Skills course that runs concurrently and supports the course content. A set of clinical case-based learning sessions in one week of the course helps students develop their self- directed learning skills.

COM 521 Gastrointestinal System (6 cr)

This course will cover the structure and function of the gastrointestinal tract (hollow muscular organs, liver and pancreas) in normal health and in a variety of gastrointestinal, hepatic, and metabolic disorders. Each week will begin with a clinical presentation (CP) focusing on a practical approach to a common gastrointestinal problem (difficulty swallowing, constipation, diarrhea, jaundice, abdominal pain, and gastrointestinal bleeding) and will end with a small group clinical case discussion relating to the topic of the week.

Sessions during the week will integrate basic and clinical sciences including anatomy (with cadaveric dissection lab), cell and molecular biology, genetics, physiology, histology, pathology, microbiology, and pharmacology. Medical Skills sessions throughout the course will integrate bedside evaluation and management of patients with gastrointestinal complaints.

COM 526 Hematology (4 cr)

This Hematology course deals with components of the hematopoietic system –bone marrow, blood, and lymphoid tissues –emphasizing basic structures (of cells, tissues, organs) and functions (from molecular to tissue to whole organ level) in health and disease. Mandatory microscopy lab sessions provide students with the opportunity to practice their skills at reviewing and identify normal and abnormal blood smears. An interactive classroom session will provide students the opportunity to practice bone marrow cell identification and interpretation. Clinical presentations within the Hematology unit are focused on common diseases and presentations that a primary care physician is most likely to experience, such as anemia, polycythemia, abnormal white cells, lymphadenopathy, abnormal bleeding (bleeding diathesis), and hypercoagulable states. Each week consists of 1 to 2 clinical presentations with clinical algorithms and reasoning guides. Following the clinical presentation, faculty will present fundamental principles from the basic sciences (e.g., biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, microbiology, nutrition, pathology, pharmacology, and physiology). These learning activities will provide the knowledge and skills required to evaluate a patient encounter and develop the necessary analytical skills needed in a physician. At the end of each week, students will actively participate in clinical cases, applying the knowledge and skills they have learned.

COM 531 CV and 531 P: Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Systems (10 cr)

The Cardiovascular and Pulmonary (CVP) Systems course deals with components of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary systems, which include the heart and major vessels, peripheral vascular system, lungs and its vessels and their integrated functions under normal and abnormal conditions. This course teaches the main components of the CVP system at the molecular, cellular, tissue and organ levels, both in health and disease as well as their treatment and prophylactic strategies. The course consists of 9 clinical presentations (CPs) spread over 9 weeks, which were selected based on the clinical importance and the frequency at which they are presented to a health care system. They include syncope and arrhythmias, murmurs and abnormal heart sounds, chest pain, hypertension, cardiac arrest, shock, shortness of breath, cough, and acute dyspnea. Students will be exposed to one clinical presentation every week, followed by didactic lectures and active learning sessions (such as small group discussions, TBL and flipped classes) relevant to the clinical presentations demonstrated that week. The clinical faculty with relevant expertise will be responsible for conducting CPs sessions by demonstrating a logical approach to arriving at a clinical diagnosis using clinical algorithms and clinical reasoning guides developed based on clinical information and probabilities of signs and symptoms for a particular disease condition. Students will also undergo relevant training in the concurrent medical skills course where they will learn about physical examination and basic clinical and laboratory skills such as checking blood pressure, electrocardiography, spirometry, and Gram staining, and will be asked to apply their skills/knowledge to their CVP course learning. In all but two course weeks, students will also be exposed to 2 hours of clinical case examples, where they are presented with virtual clinical cases containing the necessary information to arrive at a clinical diagnosis using both their clinical and basic science knowledge. Here too, students will be using a combination of clinical algorithms, an acquired knowledge base and course objectives for a logical deduction of a possible diagnosis. In weeks without a clinical case, students will work in medium-sized groups with their peers to solve an evolving, challenging patient case using the clinical case-based learning (CCBL) format.

It should also be noted that the Masters Colloquium course runs concurrently with CVP and Medical Skills, and will be integrated with CVP content as appropriate and relevant, particularly as it applies to socioeconomic, community and global health issues. The students will be evaluated using 2 formative examinations and 2 summative exams.

COM 541 Renal System (5 cr)

This course will highlight the renal system's contribution to maintaining homeostatic levels of fluids, electrolytes, pH, and blood pressure. The behavior of this intricate system will be considered in normal health and in a variety of disorders. The clinical presentations (CPs) within the Renal course will focus on common situations and presentations that a primary care physician will experience such as hypertension, abnormal levels of different electrolytes, metabolic acidosis and alkalosis, polyuria, proteinuria and hematuria, renal calculi, renal mass, acute kidney injury and chronic kidney disease, and edema. Each week consists of 1 to 2 CPs that are accompanied by clinical algorithms, clinical reasoning guides, and objectives lists. Clinical faculty will walk the students through the clinical algorithm emphasizing critical decision points and setting the framework for the integration of the basic and clinical sciences. Following the clinical algorithm presentation by the clinical faculty, basic science faculty will present the fundamental principles from the traditional basic sciences (e.g. anatomy, biochemistry, cell biology, genetics, immunology, microbiology, nutrition, pathology, pharmacology, physiology etc.) to ensure adequate knowledge and skills required to arrive at a correct diagnosis. These basic science lectures will highlight the normal structures and functions of the system as a whole, immediately followed by an examination of various disease states including care and treatment options. Students will participate in clinical case example sessions as well as take part in a Medical Skills course that runs concurrently.

COM 551 Neuroscience (10 cr)

The Neuroscience course spans nine weeks and contains fifteen clinical presentations that reflect commonly encountered situations affecting the nervous system. The course is focused on providing students with a detailed understanding of normal structure, function, physiology, and pathologic dysfunction of the nervous system and special senses. Depending on the week, 1 to 3 clinical presentations will be covered, each one of them accompanied by clinical algorithms, clinical reasoning guides, and detailed objectives lists. Clinical faculty will lead the students through the clinical presentation emphasizing critical decision points and setting the framework for the integration of the basic and clinical sciences. Following the clinical presentation, basic science faculty will present the fundamental principles from the traditional basic sciences (e.g., anatomy, histology, embryology, biochemistry, immunology, microbiology, nutrition, pathology, pharmacology, skills required to arrive at a correct diagnosis. These basic science lectures will highlight the normal and physiology) to ensure adequate knowledge and structures and functions of the nervous system as a whole, including special senses, followed by presentations of various disease states including management and treatment options. In addition to the lectures, library resources, and other learning activities that support each clinical presentation, students will attend anatomy labs and perform appropriate cadaver dissection activities and review prosected materials to reinforce learning of structures and relationships described in lecture. Traditional X-rays, CT scans and MRIs will be presented to illustrate normal and abnormal structures related to disease processes as well to illustrate some management techniques. In

addition, students will participate in clinical case and clinical case-based learning sessions with faculty to understand and learn from illustrative cases related to the clinical presentation topics of the week. Students take part in the Medical Skills course that runs concurrently and supports content covered, emphasizing the skills including history taking, physical examination, critical reasoning skills and presentation skills that the students need to acquire to diagnose and for the management of different clinical cases.

COM 561 Behavioral Medicine (3 cr)

Behavioral Medicine is a course covering the broad scope of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science. It is a multifaceted approach which addresses the psychological, biological, and social factors involved in mental health. The course covers the etiology, diagnosis, and treatment of the major psychiatric disorders and incorporates the contributions of basic sciences as well as the psychological sciences in understanding and treating mental health disorders. Clinical presentations (CPs) within the Behavioral Medicine course will focus on common situations and presentations that a primary care physician will experience. There will be clinical presentations which are accompanied by clinical algorithms, and reasoning guides which address course learning objectives. Clinical Cases (CC) are sessions done specifically in the college classroom in which students are given a case example. The clinical faculty will guide the students through each case emphasizing critical decision points and setting the framework for the integration of the basic and clinical sciences. Students will participate in the Medical Skills course that runs concurrently with the behavior medicine course and which emphasizes learning how to evaluate a patient for a psychiatric condition or illness.

COM 571 Endocrine System (5 cr)

The endocrine system acts to coordinate the body's activities using chemical messengers (hormones) that are transported by the circulatory system to influence every cell, organ, and function of our bodies. The foundations of this system are the glands and the hormones they produce. Hormones, as the body's chemical messengers, transfer information and instructions from one set of cells to another and are thereby instrumental in regulating mood, growth and development, cellular and tissue function, metabolism, sexual function and reproductive processes.

The course covers the endocrine system and its hormonal products, including (a) the hormone producing cells, (b) synthesis, release and transport of the hormones, (c) the effects of hormones on target cells covering hormone receptors, signal transduction and the mechanisms of hormone action, (d) the intricacies of the hormonal and metabolic feedback regulatory mechanisms, (e) the effects of hormones on physiological processes as well as (f) the diseases caused by inappropriate hormone secretion and function. The basic science structure of the course (covering anatomy, embryology, histology, biochemistry, genetics, microbiology, immunology, physiology, pathophysiology and pathology) is integrated with clinical correlates through the introduction of Clinical Presentations (CP's) that focus on common presenting clinical situations/complaints that primary care

COM 581 Reproductive System (6 cr)

The Reproductive Systems course is designed to teach medical students the medical and scientific knowledge pertinent to the male and female human reproductive systems in both health and disease. The course consists of twenty clinical

presentations dispersed over the course of six weeks. Each clinical presentation is accompanied by a clinical algorithm. The clinical algorithm consists of a branching diagram designed to aid the student in reaching a diagnosis via deductive reasoning. The branches of the clinical algorithm represent reductive diagnostic groups that narrow the range of diagnoses under consideration. Each clinical algorithm is accompanied by a clinical reasoning guide. The "Clinical Presentations" for this course were designed to capture the most common and medically significant chief complaints pertinent to the reproductive system in health and disease. Following a given clinical presentation and the pertinent basic science content, students will collaborate in clinical case example sessions. Clinical case examples consist of clinical vignettes pertinent to a given clinical presentation. Students will assemble in small groups and will be mentored by their college masters preceptors and a clinical faculty member. Five clinical vignettes, usually based on real patient cases, will be provided to the students each week. Students will be initially presented only with patient demographic and chief complaint and a brief history with limited physical exam and lab data.

Students then will use the clinical algorithm and clinical reasoning guide to work through the case, eliciting the appropriate clinical history, physical examination findings, and ordering and interpreting any necessary imaging, clinical laboratory studies, and/or pathology/surgical findings. Each group will then present to the class their case discussions. Clinical case examples will provide students with an opportunity to employ the clinical algorithms and clinical reasoning guides to arrive at a diagnosis, and provide practice in collegial discussion and oral presentations. Faculty clinicians, mentoring the clinical case example sessions, will provide feedback on a variety of topics including but not limited to cost-effectiveness in arriving at a diagnosis and/or treatment, communication skills, and ethics. Concurrently, students will participate in Masters Colloquium, a course designed to cover complex, multidisciplinary aspects of professional development. Masters Colloquium content is designed to integrate with the reproduction course. A CCBL (collaborative case-based learning) session will be included in three sessions of small group discussion of a detailed case. These students will develop and research specific learning objectives and then present these topics to each other in the group sessions with a faculty preceptor. Each student group will have a leader, a researcher, and a scribe. All students will present their learning objectives to the other members of their group and faculty advisor. Masters Colloquium topics scheduled during the reproductive course include the following:

1) Sexual assault and domestic violence

2) Reproductive Choice, including abortion and contraceptive access

3) Ethical Issues in Reproduction, including maternal/fetal conflicts, cultural issues, and gender inequities. These topics were chosen as both critical topics for medical students to establish appropriate professional attitudes and behaviors, as well as critical topics pertinent to human reproductive health care. Concurrently, students will also participate in the Medical Skills course.

For example, following the clinical presentation and basic science sessions pertinent to an "abnormal Papanicolaou smear" students will practice performing Papanicolaou smears during their medical skill session. Standardized live patients and simulated models will be used to practice history and physical exam skills, including labor and delivery, pelvic and rectal exams, and breast exams.

COM 601-604 Medical Skills (1 credit per semester/4 semesters total = 4 cr)

Medical Skills course is designed to teach each medical student the basic clinical skills needed for medical practice. These skills include communication, physician-patient rapport, history taking, physical examination, interpretation of diagnostic studies, note writing, oral presentations, use of patient care teams, application of medical and scientific knowledge in patient management, cost effective comparisons in treatment approaches, mastery of selected procedures and professionalism. In addition, we expect them to understand the use of counseling and feedback both in their own growth as future physicians as well as how to use this with their future patients. Learning will be accomplished using a combination of:

1) preparatory self-directed learning materials
2) surface anatomy sessions with body painting
3) hands-on demonstrations
4) paired or standardized patient practice sessions,
5) simulated clinical Procedures
6) team-based problem solving exercises
7) small group training using partial task simulators
8) interactions with real patients with real medical problems or physical findings when appropriate and available
9) experiential education on relevant topics in nutrition, and
10) journal club.

Formative feedback/assessment will include:

1) self-reflection

2) self-assessment (video tapes)

3) faculty observation with checklist assessment

4) peer feedback, and

5) standardized patient assessment. The mini-OSCE (formative exam) and medium-OSCE (summative exam) will be used to: 1) familiarize them with the process used in USMLE step 2 CS exams, 2) facilitate improved efficiency in the basic clinical history and physical exam skills needed for 3rd and 4th year clerkships, and 3) objectively identify areas that need improvement.

COM 611-614 The Colloquium (1 credit per semester/ 4 semesters total = 4 cr)

The purpose of the The Colloquium is to prepare student physicians for the complex multidisciplinary challenges in the profession of medicine with an intention to give the tools necessary for a student to develop into a compassionate, integrated and well informed physician operating with a high level of integrity and altruism.

Sessions cover the following areas: Communication, Ethics, Healthcare Systems, Global and Public Health, Physician Development, Patient Diversity and Community Service.

The Colloquium Curriculum Content topics include, but are not limited to: professionalism, hot topics in public health, bias/barriers to care, preserving patient dignity, difficult encounters, and introduction to U.S. Healthcare. A comprehensive topic list adapted from the course syllabus is listed below. **The Colloquium course is a series of 2-hour seminars presented throughout each semester to medical students in Years 1 and 2. Some sessions will be conducted in a large classroom, some in the COM Colleges**, and some will involve both settings.

The colloquia take place within lecture and discussion sessions or a workshop format, and encourage experiential learning as well as student directed learning. The course covers complex and multidisciplinary aspects of professional

development. Some sessions are conducted by COM faculty and others by invited community experts. College Mentors play an integral role in facilitating discussions and supporting students' learning. At the end of each semester, The Colloquium sessions will be evaluated by the students via an anonymous survey. Feedback from these surveys will be reviewed by Course Directors with an interest in critically evaluating course content and style.

* Example of a four-semester syllabus outline follows:

Physician Development
Professionalism
Time Management
Myers Briggs assessment
Purpose in career
Self-Care
Service Learning
Resiliency
Doctor as Patient
Foundations of Leadership

Public Health

Public Health Intro/Overview

Introduction to Global Medicine (natural disasters, programs, doctor's role)

Advocacy and Politics in Medicine

Tobacco Program (state level)

Public health in Pandemics (COVID-19) Hot Topics in Public Health

Maternal Infant Health

Human Trafficking

Patient Diversity

Chronic Disease Panel

Bias/Barriers to Care)

Disabilities – Awareness and Realities

Providing Culturally Competent Care

Health Literacy with Highlight of Immunizations

Caring and Culture of LGBTQ+ Community

Integrative Medicine

Aging Experience

Communication Communication Skills I Communication Skills II

Communication Skills (Motivating Conversations) Placebo Power of language

Communication (Difficult Encounters) Virtual Communication and Social Media

Ethics

Confidentiality
Preserving Patient Dignity
Medical Errors Conflict of interest Medicolegal Reproductive Medicine
Decision Making Capacity / Informed Consent
End of Life Care / Brain Death

Healthcare Systems
Introduction to US Health Care (Insurance/Medicare/Medicaid/ ACA) Structure and Practice of Healthcare Quality and Safety
Medical Errors and Ethics
** At the beginning of Year 1, students will be divided into groups of 20-25 and each group will constitute a college. Students will stay in their assigned college for the first two years of Medical School. Colleges will be led by College Mentors.*

Office of Research
The required Self-Directed Student Scholarly Project (hereafter referred to as the Scholarly Project) is an eighteen-month research-based program to be completed during fall and spring semester of the first year and fall semester of the second year of medical school. It is subdivided in COM 622, 623 and 624. Details of each section are described below.

COM 622 Self-Directed Student Scholarly Project (1 cr)
During COM 622 students will be required to attend didactics and group activities relating to biostatistics, research design and methodology and complete assignments.

COM 623 Self-Directed Student Scholarly Project (1 cr)
During COM 623, students will assemble in groups to reinforce teamwork and development of collaborative skills. The Scholarly Project will allow students to hone their analytical and investigative skills by participating in an active scholarly project under a faculty mentor to produce usable data sets, public presentations, and abstracts suitable for publication. The requirements for the project will be explained to students during the Orientation as well as periodic lectures as well as a Research Mixer with faculty. Students are encouraged to find an area of interest that they wish to pursue further and to identify faculty and other students that have similar research/scholarly interests. The following are examples of broader categories that are suitable for a scholarly project:

- Translational Research
- Clinical Research
- Basic Research
- Global Health
- Medical Education
- Epidemiology
- Public and Environmental Health
- History of Medicine

The students will choose their project and mentor during the spring semester of their first year of medical school. The student group will develop a hypothesis/question and devise the methods and steps appropriate to answering the question/hypothesis with the guidance of their chosen mentor. They will then generate a suitable research project Fundamental Ethical Principles covered in the following areas: proposal with corresponding planned analysis and outcomes. A final project proposal will be submitted to the Course Committee for review and approval. The project will be reviewed for its feasibility and for the level of critical thinking and if suitable, approved.
Approval by the Course Committee will allow the project to proceed. Depending on the type of project, the students must complete certain required training (for example, laboratory biosafety training, blood-borne pathogen training, radiation safety training, IRB and HIPAA training for working with human subjects or accessing patient data, or IACUC training for working with laboratory animals). Projects that include human research subjects will require approval by the CNU IRB. Similarly, if laboratory animals are used, approval by the CNU IACUC will be required.

COM 624 Self-Directed Student Scholarly Project (1 cr)

The required Self-Directed Student Scholarly Project (hereafter referred to as the Scholarly Project) is the second half of a one year, research-based program to be completed during the fall semester of the second year of medical school. Students will continue working together on the project and collect and analyze data in order to address their question/hypothesis proposed during COM 623. Students will then compile their findings into a final abstract and present these findings as either a poster or oral presentation during our annual SDSSP Research Day, typically held in December of each year.

M3 Clerkships

COM 701 Family Medicine Clerkship (6 cr)

Each student will spend six weeks in a family medicine clerkship working directly with one or more family medicine physicians in the settings of either a county hospital, HMO outpatient clinic or a community private practice outpatient office. In each of these settings, the students will have the opportunity to participate in the treatment of a variety of common conditions that present in a typical community setting. Emphasis will be placed on learning preventative care, end of life issues, and health screening programs. Students' exposure to a wide variety of illnesses and performance of commonly used procedures will be tracked electronically.

COM 711 Internal Medicine Clerkship (8 cr)

The internal medicine clerkship is split into a 6-week portion and a 2-week portion, 6 weeks of "core" IM clerkship experience and 2 weeks of a "selective" portion where the student may self-direct their study either into an IM sub-specialty area or may do 2 additional weeks of core IM practice. This 2-week selective is required, but it can be done during flex time in the M3 year or during rotations in the M4 year. During the six weeks of core internal medicine clerkship, students have an opportunity to learn from inpatient clinical experiences. Students are supervised by internal medicine attending physicians. Emphasis is placed on providing opportunities to participate in the common medical conditions seen by internal medicine physicians.
Students also participate in small group, weekly didactic sessions that focus on topics in general internal medicine,

cardiology, gastroenterology, infectious diseases, hematology/oncology, pulmonology, nephrology, rheumatology, and endocrinology. During the didactic sessions, students also have an opportunity to present interesting patients from rotations and discuss physical exam findings, review ECG and read chest radiographs. To ensure adequate exposure, each student will be required to log each required patient encounter and procedure completed in the online database the university maintains. These logs will be routinely shared with the Clerkship Director to better determine the adequacy of the learning environment.

COM 721 Neurology Clerkship (4 cr)

Each student will spend four weeks at one or more of the institutions listed affiliated sites working directly with a neurologist. Emphasis will be placed on honing a comprehensive neurologic history and physical exam including cognitive testing. To ensure adequate exposure, each student will be required to log each required patient encounter and procedure completed in the online database the university maintains. These logs will be routinely shared with the Clerkship Director to better determine the adequacy of the learning environment. Didactic sessions and virtual learning are included and designed to enhance the clinical learning experience.

COM 731 Obstetrics and Gynecology Clerkship (6 cr)

Each student will spend a total of six weeks seeing obstetrics and gynecology patients in both inpatient and ambulatory settings. Emphasis will be placed on having a good working knowledge of pelvic female anatomy as it related to reproduction, labor and delivery as well as infectious and oncologic issues. Each student will have a checklist of conditions/skills they are expected to participate in. These include uncomplicated labor and deliveries as well as the steps/screening of uncomplicated pregnancies. They should have an opportunity to participate in counseling women about contraception, abortion and sterilization options.

COM 741 Pediatrics Clerkship (6 cr)

Each student will spend six weeks on a pediatric clinical rotation. Students may spend three weeks working directly with a pediatrician attending at one of CNUCOM's affiliated hospitals and three weeks in an ambulatory (outpatient) site. Alternatively, the student may spend the entire six weeks in an outpatient setting. Emphasis will be placed on having a good working knowledge of normal infant/toddler milestones and adolescent development. In addition, they will be able to experience counseling the adolescent on birth control, sexual behavior, social acceptance, etc. Each student will have a checklist of conditions/skills they are expected to participate in.

COM 751 Psychiatry Clerkship (4 cr)

Each student will spend four weeks on a psychiatry rotation working directly with a psychiatry attending. Emphasis will be placed on learning psychiatric diagnoses, mental health testing, and communication with individuals with mental illness. In addition, we expect the students to be provided opportunities to participate in the common psychiatric conditions seen in psychiatry including suicidal ideation and suicidal attempts. The student's participation/exposure will be tracked by using a checklist of medical conditions and procedure skills that are expected to be seen/done during the

rotation.

COM 761 Surgery Clerkship (8 cr)

Each student will spend six weeks on a general surgery rotation working directly with a general surgeon. Additionally, the student will spend two, two-week rotations in surgical specialty rotations. Emphasis will be placed on having a good working knowledge of anatomy as it relates to the surgical specialty, pre- and post-operative care, operative risk assessment and informed consent procedures. Each student will have a checklist of conditions/skills they are expected to participate in.

COM 771 Emergency Medicine Clerkship (4 cr)

Each student will spend four weeks on an Emergency Medicine Rotation at one of CNUCOM's affiliated hospital sites. In this setting the students will have the opportunity to hone and develop their skills in in the context of evaluating and managing patients who present with medical and surgical emergencies. Emphasis will be placed on expedient and focused history/physical examinations, developing an appropriate and a logical differential diagnosis and identifying emergent and urgent from routine patient needs. Each student will be expected to participate in the most common medical emergencies routinely seen in an emergency department. To ensure adequate exposure, each student is directed to log required clinical encounter cases, unique to EM. They are also directed to log required procedures completed in the online database the university maintains. These required procedures may span across different clerkships, so do not all need to be logged in the context of EM Clerkship alone. Mandatory emergency didactic sessions will be held once a week for the duration of the course. During these sessions, the Clerkship Director and students will practice common procedures, share, and critique required, weekly student case report submissions, and review management of common emergency type scenarios. Generally, students will also present cases during didactics. These presentations serve as a springboard to discussion, but they are also designed to be formative, helping students learn how to present in an organized and persuasive manner.

COM 781 Extended Clinical Experience Course (2 cr)

This required two-week course will be offered in the M3 year and will complement and expand on the clinical experiences the students experience throughout their M3 clerkships. The course will include a variety of topics including review of radiology concepts in plain radiography, computed tomography and ultrasounds, an overview of Advanced Cardiac Life Support concepts and protocols as well as time spent in the simulation lab practicing various procedures, which may include lumbar puncture, central line placement, and thoracotomy.

M4 Sub-Internships

Sub-Internships = 1 credit unit per week

A sub-internship also known as acting internship is a M4 clinical experience completed at CNUCOM-affiliated hospital systems or through VSLO in which the medical student is expected to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and attitudes expected of a first-year resident. Students completing a sub-internship or acting internship must meet the following requirements:

- Sub-Internships can be completed at an "away" site.
- Minimum number of "Core" Sub-Internships required to graduate = 1 (4 week minimum). The core specialty sub-i options are IM, FM, surgery, psychiatry, pediatrics, ob/gyn and neurology.

M4 Electives

Elective course credit = 1 credit unit per week

Students may independently apply for away rotations through VSLO or by separate application.

- Specialty of interest minimum = 4 weeks
- Rotations with inpatient component minimum = 8 weeks
- Non-specialty of interest minimum = 12 weeks
- Non-clinical + virtual rotations maximum = 8 weeks

M4 Elective Options

ALLERGY/IMMUNOLOGY (AAI)

AAI 801 - Allergy, Asthma, Immunology Elective

(2, 3, or 4-week rotation)

Office based allergy practice that will help the learner to manage allergic diseases from rhinitis, asthma, food allergies, primary immunodeficiency, angioedema, and anaphylaxis. Additional areas for longer options (if multiple rotation lengths are offered) include spirometry, skin testing, allergy injections, drug desensitization, and care of anaphylaxis. Students will demonstrate knowledge pertaining to the management of allergic diseases including rhinitis, asthma, food allergies, primary immunodeficiency, angioedema and anaphylaxis.

ANESTHESIA (ANE)

ANE 801 - Anesthesia Elective (2, 3, or 4-week rotation)

Students seeking to increase their knowledge of anesthesiology and perioperative medicine will actively participate in the anesthetic care of surgical patients. Progressive and increased responsibility for pre-, intra-and postoperative patient management will be assumed by the student under the direction of an anesthesiologist. The student will participate fully in the perioperative anesthetic care of a healthy patient during uncomplicated surgery. Students will participate in the department's didactic conferences; reading is required to meet learning objectives. Students will learn to perform pre-anesthetic evaluation, present an organized summary of findings, develop a rational plan of anesthetic management, discuss effects of surgery and anesthesia on common medical conditions and execute plans to manage these conditions perioperatively, conduct the intraoperative administration of anesthesia, demonstrating knowledge of anesthetic pharmacology, and perform peripheral venous, cannulation, bag and mask airway management, and endotracheal intubation.

CARDIOLOGY (CAR)

CAR 801 - Cardiology Elective

(2, 3, or 4-week rotation)

Students will work with faculty attending to evaluate and manage cardiac patients in both an outpatient and inpatient setting. Students will be introduced to reading EKG's, echo, and observe cardiac cauterizations and transesophageal echo. Students are expected to demonstrate interpersonal and communication skills that enable them to establish and maintain professional relationships with patients, families, and other members of health care teams.

PEDIATRIC CARDIOLOGYIIPCA 801 – Pediatric Cardiology Elective I

(2, 3, or 4-week rotation)

Develop understanding of cardiovascular physiology and pathophysiology of both congenital and acquired heart disease in outpatient and inpatient environments. Gain exposure to both noninvasive and invasive methods used in diagnosing and treating congenital and acquired heart disease in the pediatric population. Develop skills in obtaining a history and performing a physical examination focused on the cardiovascular system. During the pediatric cardiology rotation, students will be under the direct supervision of pediatric cardiologists in both the outpatient and inpatient setting. Students will attend either morning or afternoon clinic, participate in obtaining a history and perform a in the clinic. In addition, they will participate in the selection of appropriate tests and participate in the interpretation of those tests. Students will join pediatric cardiologists on their inpatient rounds seeing patients in Nursery, NICU, Pediatric Ward, and PICU. Students will observe cardiac catheterization or diagnostic and interventional procedures as well as observe pediatric electrophysiology studies and catheter ablations of rhythm disorders. Students will also observe cardiothoracic surgery of neonates, infants, children and adolescents and adults with congenital heart disease. In addition to clinics, students will have the opportunity to attend pediatric cardiovascular presurgical and catheterization conferences in addition to participating in teaching conferences.

CARDIOTHORACIC SURGERY

CSU 801- Cardiovascular Surgery

(2, 3, or 4-week rotation)

Students will understand cardiovascular pathophysiology and develop basic surgical skills. Pre-assessment, operative experience, and post-operation care. This intensive month will provide an opportunity for the students to do more in-depth reading about the various diseases and conditions they see. Students are expected to attend and participate in all scheduled educational activities at the host institution.

DERMATOLOGY (DER)

DER 801 - Dermatology Elective

(2, 3, or 4-week rotation)

This elective is customized to the specific interests of the fourth-year medical student interested in learning more about medical surgical dermatology. The student will be exposed to medical dermatology encounters with patients having primary skin disease, including immunobullous diseases, contact dermatitis, connective tissue diseases, congenital skin disease, skin cancer, and infectious diseases, as well as medically complicated patients displaying dermatologic manifestations of systemic disease or therapy.

EMERGENCY MEDICINE (EME)

EME 802 - Emergency Medicine Sub-Internship

(4 week rotation)

To provide an opportunity for students who have an interest in pursuing a career in emergency medicine or a related specialty. To function at a higher level than a clerkship student. This should be considered as an opportunity to function as an intern-like capacity in the emergency department (ED). Develop a systematic approach to an undifferentiated patient. Formulate rapid approach to common illnesses that present in emergency department. Recognize the needs for and appropriateness of consultation and/or specialty referral. Demonstrate knowledge of the initial steps of BCLS and ACLS in the pulseless patient. Demonstrate the primary and secondary survey in the trauma patient. Perform and become familiar with common procedures such as suturing, chest tube insertion, bedside ultrasound, lumbar puncture, intubation, thoracentesis, and paracentesis. Understand informed consent for treatment, procedures, and refusal of treatment. Learn to differentiate between tests which must be obtained immediately as an inpatient versus those which must be performed later in an out- patient setting. Demonstrate knowledge of patient safety codes of practice: universal protocol for procedures, when to transfer a patient to a higher-level facility and EMTALA law. Develop a knowledge of the common quality initiatives including ED throughput measures; ED clinical process (AMI, stroke, sepsis), and patient safety protocols.

EME 801 – Emergency Medicine Elective (2, 3 or 4- week rotation

ULT 801 – Emergency Medicine Ultrasound Elective (2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

WME 801 – Wilderness Medicine Elective (20 or 40 week rotation)

FAMILY MEDICINE (FAM)

FAM 802 - Family Medicine Sub-Internship

(4-week rotation)

Students will be given responsibilities similar to a PGY-1 on the following rotations: Labor and Delivery, Newborn Nursery, Inpatient Medicine, Ambulatory Medicine, GYN clinic, and Procedure Clinic. The program will determine the mix of inpatient and ambulatory experiences within the parameters noted in the proposed calendar. Adjustments may be made to accommodate for missed days (may include weekend shifts).

Students will be expected to travel to the different sites and must review the map of all of our sites prior to applying to this rotation.

FAM 801 - Family Medicine Elective

(2, 3, or 4-week rotation)

Demonstrate an effective approach to the wellness visit for a patient of any age or gender. Develop the skills to acquire historical information, perform a physical examination, and to communicate such findings with clinical reasoning skills. Demonstrate an effective approach to the hospitalized patient. Demonstrate an effective approach to the patient presenting to the emergency department. Discuss the principles of family medicine and its role in the healthcare system. Demonstrate

an effective approach to the evaluation and initial management of acute and chronic illness commonly seen in an outpatient office setting. Gather information, formulate reasonable, differential diagnoses, and plan for initial evaluation and management of common presentation encountered in the outpatient office setting. Mange follow-up visits for patient presenting with one or more chronic illnesses. Demonstrate competency in the elicitation of history and performance of the physical examination. Demonstrate competency in understanding evidence-based health promotion/disease prevention plans for patients of any age and gender. Discuss the role of family medicine physicians within any healthcare system. (Prerequisite: COM 701)

FMP 801 - Combined Family Medicine / Psychiatry Elective

(4-week rotation)

Develop a broad view of the patient as an inseparable combination of mind, body, and soul. List the challenges of extending medical care to the person with mental illness. See how medical care must be adapted to meet the person with mental illness depending on where she lives: Board and Care, Mentally Health Recovery Center, Psychiatric Health Facility, and Med-Psych Unit. Describe the legal boundaries created by licensing in each of these care settings. Med-Psych care in the mainstream care environment: clinic, general medical ward, critical care unit.

FMI 801 Integrative Medicine Elective

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation) or Sub-Internship 802-4

Identify the primary healthcare goals using the approach of Integrative Medicine. Compare similarities and differences of diagnosis and treatment plans in conventional and integrative medicine. Demonstrate knowledge of complementary treatment modalities and their application to individual patient care plans. Prepare a comprehensive patient history with the Integrative Medicine approach. Apply Integrative Medicine approach to patient evaluation and treatment plan. Clinical experiences with multiple practitioners including MDs and complementary medicine practitioners. Didactics sessions will be offered during rotation schedule varying on month of rotation.

GASTROENTEROLGOY (GST)

GST 801 - Gastroenterology Elective

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Students will gain experience and knowledge about the specialty of Gastroenterology and the conditions that specialists in this field are involved in diagnostic, management and treatment of. Demonstrate the pertinent aspects of the history and physical exam findings in patients with gastroenterological conditions. Explain the appropriate evaluative steps for patients with gastroenterological symptoms. Illustrate knowledge about common gastroenterological diseases and their treatment and management. The student should read specifically about GI bleeding, pancreatitis, alcoholic liver disease and biliary disease including cholecystitis and common bile duct stones.

HEMATOLOGY & ONCOLOGY (HEM)

HEM 801 - Hematology and Oncology Elective

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Approach to a patient with Hematology/Oncology ailments, history taking, relevant physical exam, interpretation of common blood tests, reviewing smears if needed, discussing imaging results and making a sound provisional diagnosis. Outline the pertinent history and physical exam considerations in patients with hematologic and oncologic diseases. Demonstrate knowledge about patients with hematology and oncology related diseases. Interpret common blood test results and their indications Demonstrate knowledge about blood smear findings. Clinical experiences predominately revolve around seeing patients.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE (INF)

IDE 801 - Infectious Diseases

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Learn about common infectious diseases and how to treat them. Learn about HIV care. Understand the importance of antimicrobial stewardship and the judicious use of antimicrobials. To show an understanding of how to identify, diagnose and treat various bacterial, viral, and fungal infections. Infer how to diagnose and treat various orthopedic/bone infections, neutropenic fevers, and bacteremia. Demonstrate an understanding of management of infections in an immunocompromised host. Infer how to manage and counsel HIV patients. Show an understanding of the principles behind antimicrobial stewardship.

INTERNAL MEDICINE (INT)

INT 802 - Internal Medicine Sub– Internship

(4-week rotation)

Students will serve as a sub-intern on an inpatient internal medicine wards team. Each team will also consist of a senior resident, two interns, a third- year medical student, and an attending physician. As a sub-intern, the student will be responsible for managing about 3-5 patients at a time. Clinical responsibilities include interviewing and examining their patients both on the day of admission and on subsequent days (pre-rounding), writing a daily progress (SOAP) note for their patients, presenting their patients to the team on morning rounds, and executing patient-care related tasks pertinent to their patients. In addition, the student will be expected to participate in sign- out at 6pm to hand off their patients to the overnight physician. Sub-interns will work 6 days/week and will have one day off per week that they will arrange beforehand with the senior resident on their team. They are expected to be present during all admitting (call) and post-call days. Sub-interns are not expected to take overnight call.

INT 801 – Internal Medicine Elective

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

The major goal of the Internal Medicine elective is to construct the clinical environment for the senior student to develop inpatient case management responsibilities in the broad field of internal medicine, which will allow confident transition to resident level responsibilities in all disciplines. The student will be directly supervised by faculty attending. Procedures required by the patient will be performed by the student depending on experience and safety. Students will be required to

keep a log of their patients, listing dates seen and diagnoses.

PCM 801 - Palliative Medicine Elective

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Palliative Medicine is an essential component of medical care for patient with a life limiting illness. This course provides medical students and residents a framework in which to effectively acquire Palliative Care knowledge and skill sets necessary to care for seriously ill patients and their families. Students will learn about inpatient and outpatient palliative care experiences, pain management, disclosing serious news, offering prognostic information, disease trajectory, addressing goals of care, conducting family conference, and home visits (optional). During the first week of the rotation, the preceptor will deliver a mandatory Palliative Care didactic lecture. Each student is required to give a presentation on a Palliative Care topic of his/her choice (can be in a form of a topic or journal club presentation).

NEUROLOGY (NEU)

NEU 801 - Neurology Elective

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Improve the understanding of neurology in the clinical setting, inpatient and/or ambulatory. Deepen and expand Neurology skills and knowledge acquired in 3rd year clerkship. Apply knowledge of basic and clinical sciences into medical practice. Obtain and deliver a complete clear, concise, and thorough oral and written presentation of a patient's history and examination in a more advanced setting. Distinguish normal from abnormal findings and the ability to localize the likely sites of lesion in the nervous system from available clinical information. Utilize and interpret common tests used in diagnosing neurologic disease. Formulate a differential diagnosis based on clinical information, lesion localization, and relevant historical and demographic features. Demonstrate an awareness of the principles underlying a systematic approach to the management of common neurologic diseases and prepare organized management plan. Demonstrate professionalism in all aspects of patient care. Differentiate between Neurologic Subspecialties and their applications. Operate as contributing team member in management of neurologic disorders. Clinical Neurology experiences in both inpatient and outpatient settings. Different areas of neurology will be offered including general and subspecialty opportunities in adult Neurology. Schedule will be customized by student request in available general and subspecialty areas. Regular meeting with the preceptor to discuss learning and teaching activities. Regular rounding and follow-up of patients in different clinical settings.

NEUROSURGERY (NSG)

NSG 801 - Neurosurgery Elective

(4-week rotation)

The student will be exposed to the breadth of neurosurgery pathologies such as brain tumors, vascular lesions, pain syndromes, spinal deformities, and trauma of the brain or spine. The student will have the opportunity to work in the clinic and to assist with neurosurgical operations in the operating room. It is recommended that the student has a strong interest in the surgical specialties for this rotation. Apply knowledge of neuroanatomy to describe etiopathogenesis and management of neurosurgical disorders. Apply knowledge of neuroanatomy to interpret neuro- radiological findings.

Explain the mechanisms of traumatic brain injuries and outline their management. Outline the clinical course including management of common neurosurgical problems including tumors, stroke, and spinal disease. Clinical experiences include: Assist in surgery, round in the hospitals, evaluate patient in the clinic.

OBSTETRICS GYNECOLOGY (OBG)

OBG 802 - Obstetrics and Gynecology Sub-internship

(4-week rotation)

This is a course that exposes the student to general obstetrics and gynecology. The student will rotate through obstetrical services including labor and delivery, gynecological services, and ambulatory clinics. There will be one call day. This rotation is designed to prime and prepare the student for an ob/gyn internship. Medical students interested in an ob/gyn residency are encouraged to experience this course.

OBG 801 - Clinical OB/GYN Elective

(4-week rotation)

Improve the understanding of Ob-Gyn in the clinical setting, inpatient and/or ambulatory. Deepen and expand Ob- Gyn skills and knowledge obtained during their 3rd year clerkship.

Explore selected subspecialties in Ob-Gyn (Oncology, MFM, Infertility, UroGyn, and Family Planning) in greater depth. Continue to refine such areas as professionalism, communication, and collaboration. Acquire skills in patient management as part of the Ob-Gyn team under supervision by the preceptor. Regular meeting with the preceptor to review the clinical presentation and the clinical management, and, if appropriate, be involved with Residents in morning rounds, follow- up of patients and the discharge process.

ORTHOPEDIC (ORT)

ORT 802 - Orthopedic Surgery

Sub-I (4-week rotation)

Students will see patients in the outpatient clinic and inpatient hospital floor and perform history and physical exam. They will learn diagnosis and treatment of common orthopedic conditions. Students will assist in various surgical procedures and will learn management of patients with musculoskeletal injuries as part of a multidisciplinary team. Correlate history and exam findings with imaging studies. Differentiate between isolated injury and polytrauma and learn implications on treatment. Daily didactic sessions to include lectures on orthopedic topics, fracture conference and weekly journal club.

ORT 801 - Orthopedic Surgery Elective

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Students will provide a thorough overview of common musculoskeletal and spinal conditions commonly seen in the outpatient setting.

Understanding the steps to diagnose these common problems, the relevant anatomy involved in these disease processes and understanding general treatment principles for common MSK/spinal diseases.

OTOLARYNGOLOGY-ENT (OTO)

OTO 801 - Otolaryngology Elective

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

The objective of this course is to broadly expose students to the clinical and surgical aspects of otolaryngology. Students will become acquainted with the experience of outpatient office, operating room, and overall integrated care between patients, general otolaryngologists, and other health care providers including primary care, audiology, and speech therapy. In the office, students will have the opportunity to obtain focused history, perform a complete head and neck exam, formulate differential diagnosis, and develop a management plan. In the operating room, students will perform chart reviews prior to surgery and be knowledgeable about relevant surgical anatomy and treatment options for common surgical disorders like otitis media, sinusitis, pediatric obstructive sleep apnea, and thyroid disorders. At the end of the rotation, the student will be expected to present a topic that was encountered during the rotation. Define a focused Head and Neck history. Take part in a comprehensive head and neck exam including otoscopy/microscopy, anterior rhinoscopy, oral/throat, and neck exam. Test for differential diagnosis and management plan of common ENT disorders including otalgia, nasal obstruction, neck mass, and hoarseness. Identify the basics of head and neck anatomy. Be able to identify and distinguish pediatric obstructive sleep apnea, otitis media, sinusitis, hoarseness, and thyroid disorders. Demonstrate basic surgical techniques including suturing and knot tying. Outpatient clinic, outpatient clinic procedures, operating room, audiology, lunch sessions, interdepartmental monthly meetings (Head and Neck surgery, audiology, and speech therapy).

PED ELECTIVES 801-2 AND PED 801-4 OR SUB-INTERNSHIP

PED 802-4

(4-week rotation)

Course Description: The student rotating on this elective will become proficient in providing total care for the hospitalized pediatric patient. The student will gain experience in caring for kids with chronic medical conditions and complex care. Emphasis will be placed on delivering patient and family-centered care and working in a team. The student assumes primary responsibility for initial evaluations, diagnostic procedures, and ongoing management of patients. Students are assigned patient workups, participate in teamwork, and attend conferences. This rotation offers a unique clinical learning environment with a strong emphasis on interprofessional education, supporting a diverse, underserved patient population. Students will be exposed to common pediatric inpatient diagnoses such as the following: a. Infectious diseases: pneumonia, urinary tract infections, meningitis, bone, and soft tissue infections. b. respiratory diseases: asthma, bronchiolitis, croup. c. Renal disorders: dehydration, electrolyte disturbances, acute and chronic renal insufficiency. d. GI disorders: gastroenteritis, failure to thrive, inflammatory bowel disease, short bowel syndrome. e. Neurological disorders: seizures, movement disorders, neuromuscular disorders. f. Immunologic/Rheumatologic disorders: Kawasaki Disease, systemic lupus erythematosus, immunodeficiencies, vasculitis. g. Mental health/psychosocial: Sequelae of depression/anxiety and adverse childhood experiences, somatic symptom disorders. h. Other: failure to thrive, suspected child abuse and neglect, acetaminophen, and salicylate overdose and other common toxidromes.

PIC 801 - Pediatric Intensive and Inpatient Care

(4-week rotation)

Provide students with broad exposure and experience in managing or participating in the care of hospitalized pediatric patients in both pediatric critical care and/or inpatient units at an accredited Children's Hospital. Students will be assigned to PICU at Sutter Medical Center's Women and Children's Center during their 4-week rotation. Students will attend, participate, and learn at the discretion of their preceptor present at grand rounds and all meetings conducted by the PICU team at SMC.

PSYCHIATRY (PSY-M)

PSY 801 - Psychiatry Elective

(2, 3 or 4 week rotation)

This course is designed for 4th year medical students who would like to have additional exposure to the practice of Psychiatry, such as those who are considering applying for Psychiatry Residency. The goal is to have more in-depth knowledge and experience with aspects of psychiatric practice, including patient care, consultation, and administration. Clinical experiences include interviewing psychiatric patients for initial assessment and follow-up; treatment planning with clinical preceptor; discussion of cases with other mental health clinicians; and observing consultation with other medical providers.

PSY 802 - Psychiatry Sub- Internship

(4-week rotation)

The focus of this elective will be on interviewing skills and documentation. Specifically for fourth year, the focus would be on independence and autonomy. This would include researching unique aspects of the student's patient's presentation and presenting/utilizing that information directly for patient care. There would be more of an expectation for the independent treatment planning, as well as independent interactions with case management and patient's families.

PULMONARY CRITICAL CARE (PUL)

PUL 802 - Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine Sub-Internship

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

This rotation offers an opportunity for a 4th-year student to work jointly with a faculty attending to evaluate and manage critically ill medical and surgical patients. Typical patient diagnoses include myocardial infarction and cardiac arrest, acute respiratory failure (asthma, COPD, pneumonia, ARDS), delirium and coma, stroke, severe sepsis, toxic ingestions, diabetic ketoacidosis, cardiogenic and septic shock, renal and hepatic failure, and post- operative co- management. A comprehensive evidence-based management approach based in physiology will be taught. Students will be responsible for patient evaluations and notes and will progress to performance of diagnostic and therapeutic procedures as appropriate. Students will become familiar with basic mechanical ventilator management and arterial blood gas interpretation, and the value of a multi-professional team approach to the care of the critically ill.

PUL 801 - Pulmonary Medicine Elective

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Understand the pathophysiology of interstitial lung disease, its workup and management. Understanding of immunology and pathophysiology of interstitial lung disease and lungmalignancies. Develop skill to interpret normal and abnormal chest radiographs. Understand the objective findings of high-resolution chest CT scan for interstitial lung disease and lung malignancy screening. Clinic experience in pulmonary immunology. Clinic experience in Lung Cancer diagnosis and therapies. Clinic experience in general pulmonary medicine. Students will be required to read several articles specifically targeted for medical students interested in pulmonary medicine. Students are expected to read through most of the fifty articles.

RADIOLOGY (RAD)

RAD 801 - Radiology Elective

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Students will gain experience and knowledge about the specialty of Radiology, indications, interpretations, and common interpretation errors. After the 4-week rotation through various sections of the department, student(s) should be able to: 1. Explain the basic principles of radiography and identify basic daily routine clinical radiographic examination and interpretation of common diseases-pathologies; 2. Explain the basic principles of computed tomography (CT) and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), to conduct daily routine clinical examinations, including appropriate indications, basic cross-sectional anatomy, and common pathologic conditions/diseases; 3. Explain the basic principles of fluoroscopy and basic daily routine clinical fluoroscopic examinations and procedures; 4. Explain the basic principles of nuclear medicine as its daily routine clinical examination and interpretation; and 5. Explain the basic principles of interventional radiography and its daily routine clinical examinations and procedures.

IRA 801 - Interventional Radiology

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Understand the basic technical principles of image-guided procedures using fluoroscopy, ultrasound, and CT and application into intervention in organ systems. Students are exposed to a wide range of procedures performed by a practicing Interventional Radiologist. Understand the clinical principles of interventional radiography as applied to disease processes and importance of active patient management. Develop mastery of arterial and venous anatomy. Demonstrate familiarity with use of ultrasound and ultrasound guided needle access. Develop mastery of Seldinger technique. Demonstrate familiarity with use of guide wires, catheters, and microcatheter systems. Demonstrate familiarity with angioplasty equipment, stents, and embolic agents. Demonstrate understanding of clinical role of IR in caring for the critically ill patient. Develop advanced understanding of interventional oncology especially in treatment of hepatocellular carcinoma. Demonstrate familiarity with venous and arterial interventions. Develop understanding of clinical role of IR in caring for patients in the outpatient setting. Students will work with other residents/fellows.

RAV 801 - In-house Radiology Elective Virtual

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Students will understand the basics and important normal and abnormal imaging findings in X-ray, CT, MRI and other imaging modalities. Imaging case discussions and presentations. Different imaging modalities and their basic principles. Imaging findings in common and important pathological entities. Extend the appreciation for the fundamental role and value of imaging to provide timely, accurate, and actionable diagnostic information regarding a patient's medical condition.

RAN 801 - Neuroradiology Elective

(4-week rotation)

Understand and learn neuroradiology as an extension of general radiology. Apply and understand neuroanatomy through neuroimaging. Apply and understand theories and practice of different neuroradiological entities. Apply and understand neuropathology through neuroimaging. Analyze cost-effectiveness of different neuroimaging entities. Regular learning and interaction on clinical sites with the preceptors.

RENAL

REN 801 - Nephrology Elective

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Basics of Renal disease, Acute Kidney Injury, Chronic Kidney Disease, Hypertension, Electrolyte abnormalities and introduction to dialysis and kidney transplant. Make use of above topics to achieve a sound knowledge in renal physiology. Clinical experiences include Office and Hospital patients. Didactic sessions will be 2-3 per week during noon meetings.

SPORTS MEDICINE (SPM)

SPM 801 - Sports Medicine

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Learn and apply skills to perform basic musculoskeletal joint examination in the shoulder, hip and knee. Apply acquired skills of clinical exposure to most common acute sports injuries, initial evaluation, and management. Apply acquired skills of clinical exposure to appropriate X-ray and MRI evaluation and interpretation. Learn and apply basic musculoskeletal ultrasound scanning techniques, particularly of the hip, knee, and shoulder. Learn and apply skills to perform common musculoskeletal injections without guidance, particularly of the knee joint, shoulder joint and subacromial bursa.

SURGERY (SUR)

SUR 802 - Surgery Sub- Internship

(4-week rotation)

The student will participate as a sub- intern in the care of the general surgical patient, primarily in the inpatient setting at SJGH. The student will work with colorectal, GI/oncology, and trauma-critical care services pending availability. The

student will function as a sub-intern and will be assigned an overall patient load like that of a PGY-1 resident; he/she has primary responsibility for taking care of said panel of patients. Required in-house call one night in four, including weekends. He/she will describe and outline the treatment and diagnosis of patients who have colorectal diseases, anorectal disorders, GI tract emergencies, and traumatic injuries. Responsibilities include managing patients with lower GI surgical diseases and traumatic injuries, including patients in clinic and on the ward, and discussing management with staff. He/she will observe and assist in patient surgery in the Operating Room, assist with minor procedures on the ward, and attend teaching conferences, morbidity and Mortality Conferences, Tumor Board, etc.

SUR 801 - Surgery Elective

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Overreaching goals will be to provide fundamental principles education in surgery with an emphasis in thoracic surgery. Expectations of knowledge and OR skills will be at a basic introductory level with an intent to acquaint students with surgical services through the lens of thoracic surgery. Become familiar with recognizing, working up and treating common thoracic pathology. Specifically, this includes pleural space infections, lung nodules, mediastinal masses, lung/esophageal cancer, GERD and paraoesophageal hernia. Pre-operative assessment and post-operative management of thoracic surgical patients. Discussing and helping patients judge risk and expected outcomes. Clinical experiences include pre-operative work-up, surgical risk assessment, post-op guidance and surveillance in the clinic setting, while hospital experiences include surgery (ideally with patients seen in clinic), navigating thoracoscope, recognizing anatomy, identifying procedural steps, basic suturing skills, reading of radiology images (plain films, fluoroscopy and cross-sectional imaging and manometry inpatient consultations.

TCU 802 - Trauma-Critical Care- SICU Surgery Sub–Internship

(4-week rotation)

The Trauma Team responds to trauma resuscitations and is involved with immediate evaluation and management of critically injured patients in the emergency department. Students should demonstrate the initial evaluation and management of the trauma patient and basic principles of resuscitation in the emergency department and in the ICU/trauma ward. The student will also demonstrate familiarity with physiology, management, and outcome of multiple organ dysfunctions. They will gain exposure to procedures such as central access, chest tube placement, wound debridement's, tracheostomies, laceration repairs, etc. Students will be exposed to complex and difficult decision making involving the injured patient. They will participate in the team caring for patients in floor and ICU rounds, OR cases, ER evaluations, and ER/ICU/ward procedures.

TSU 801 - Thoracic Surgery

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Overreaching goals will be to provide fundamental principles education in in surgery with an emphasis on thoracic surgery. Expectations of knowledge and OR skills will be at a basic introductory level with an intent to acquaint students with surgical services through the lens of thoracic surgery. Become familiar with recognizing, working up and treating

common thoracic pathology. Specifically, this includes pleural space infections, lung nodules, mediastinal masses, lung/esophageal cancer, GERD and paraoesophageal hernia. Pre-operative assessment and post-operative management of thoracic surgical patients. Discussing and helping patients judge risk and expected outcomes. Clinical experiences in the clinic include pre- operative work-up, surgical risk assessment, post-op guidance and surveillance, while hospital experiences include surgery, ideally with patients seen in the clinic, navigating thoracoscope, recognizing anatomy, identifying procedural steps, basic suturing skills, reading of radiology images (plain films, fluoroscopy, and cross-sectional imaging), and manometry inpatient consultations.

UROLOGY (URL)

URO 801 - Urology

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Obtain informed consent for urological procedures. Demonstrate a working knowledge of the preoperative preparation and postoperative management of urological patients, including discharge planning. Demonstrate knowledge of various urological procedures, including their indications, non-surgical alternatives, risks, benefits, and their expected outcomes. Demonstrate an advanced understanding of the performance of common urological procedures and participate actively in their performance. Demonstrate a working knowledge of basic surgical techniques, including patient positioning, suturing and assisting. Develop a knowledge of the common quality initiatives (i.e., deep vein thrombosis, infection that promotes improved patient outcomes, and patient safety protocols)

Non-Clinical Electives

- Maximum of 4 credits can be applied toward the degree requirements for a Research Elective.
- Maximum of 4 credits can be applied toward the degree requirements for a Teaching Assistant Elective.

MRE 801 - Medical Research

(1-4 credits)

Prerequisite Course: COM623 - Course Director: Valerie Gerriets,

PhD Students must have a minimum of one faculty advisor, who must be a COM faculty, and can also have a non-COM faculty/community physician supervisor with whom the research is conducted. The supervisor should be familiar with research in the relevant discipline(s), to ensure that the direction and monitoring of the student's progress is informed by up-to-date subject knowledge and research developments. Breadth of experience and knowledge of the supervisor will mean that the student always has access to someone with experience of supporting research student(s) through to successful completion of their scholarly project. The students are responsible for taking the CITI courses (a basic course for all students, and a more oriented course for those students that need IRB approval). The students are responsible for other aspects of the project, including enlisting the aid of any required supervisor, coordinating communication with the supervisor and the Course Director, helping the supervisor in obtaining the necessary protocol approvals (IRB, IACUCC, IBC) if needed, developing the hypothesis of work, performing the planned study, preparing a document with the results, data analysis, and conclusions, and preparing the poster for the Research Day.

(Prerequisite: M1 or M2 in good standing)

The course will be offered 1-2 times per year in the fall and/or spring semester. This course is a Phase A elective course consisting of 9 two-hour sessions and a one-hour orientation which can be taken either as an M1 or M2. Each session will include a formal 30-45 minute meditation practice as well as other mindfulness exercises and facilitated group discussions, including a discussion of research articles on the top of mindfulness. This elective course is modeled after the MBSR program created by Dr. Jon Kabat- Zinn at the University of Massachusetts. As described by Dr. Kabat- Zinn, mindfulness is "paying attention on purpose" and remaining in the present in a nonjudgmental way.
Research has shown that participation in an MBSR course can lead to reductions in chronic pain, anxiety, depression, headaches, and improved quality of life and prevent fatigue and burnout in physicians. By participating in this MBSR course, students will be introduced to the idea of mindfulness as a tool to improve their lives as future physicians as well as knowledge base that can be shared with future colleagues and patients who may benefit from the program. The course requires at least 8 attendees with a maximum of 30 attendees.

COM 908 - Cardiovascular & Pulmonary TA

(2, 3 or 4-week rotation)

Assist with CVP teaching, Clinical Case Based Learning (CCBL) facilitation, and Team Based Learning facilitation during M1 spring CVP Course. Reinforcement of CVP M1course content, particularly the relevant basic biomedical sciences, through participation in teaching, CCBL and TBL sessions, and peer- led review sessions. Improve teaching skills through the planning and delivery of mini-lectures and focused review of specific topics. Oversee development of Impact of CVP Disease Project. Assist with integration of online resources to enhance student learning. Understand and apply different teaching pedagogies. Students will serve as facilitators for at least three TBL sessions (2 hours each). This involves assisting students during the team-based learning sessions. If the elective occurs during the latter half of the course, then the student can participate in the CCBL sessions. This involves guiding M1s through case analysis (if they are stalled) as well as directing M1s to choose optimal CCBL learning objectives. Students will aid in the preparation and presentation of all review sessions (2 hours each), including formative quiz review sessions. Students will assist with review sessions by practice question selection and by helping present answers as well as selected review topics. Students will help coordinate TBL learning exercises with students and faculty. Students may attend all regular course lectures. Students must complete facilitator training for three days (2 hours each day).

TAB 810 - Behavioral Medicine TA

(4-week rotation)

Specialty: Psychiatry - Locations: CNUCOM

Course Director: Martin Rubin, MD Offered as: 4-week rotation Participate in behavioral medicine teaching and creation of clinical cases and CCBLs for teaching purposes. Re-exposure to M2 course content through participation in course lectures and review sessions. Exposure to different teaching pedagogies. Provide a platform in which there is senior student input into second year Behavioral medicine content and curriculum materials. Develop and strengthen various teaching skills. Identify students' own educational blind spots as teachers and learners. Recognize various learning styles as established by adults and transformational principles of teaching and learning. Outline the basic principles of instructional design and curriculum development. Demonstrate skills in the following domains: confidence building,

written communication, oral communication, mentoring, facilitation and leadership, pedagogy, and collaboration.

HLT 810 - Wellness – Leadership, Healers Art, Mindfulness and Compassionate Conversations Locations: CNUCOM
Course Director: Valerie Gerriets, PhD, Martin Rubin MD
Offered as: 4-weeks rotation in Block 10 (usually in February – March)
The Wisdom of Leadership (Rubin), Healers Art (Frank), Mindfulness and Meditation (Gerriets) and several noon Wellness talks. During this the elective, you will also be part of a program in Narrative Writing in which you will receive a certificate. The components of the elective are intentionally symbiotic and will allow for each of you to expand your capacity for self-care, self-reflection, and clarity, intention and integrity in your being and actions as leaders for yourself, your family, and friends, and in your career. Skills introduced in the course will also provide you with ways to maintain compassion for yourself and patients throughout your career. There will be some assignments to enhance the value of the course content including some reflective writing, some mindfulness practices, and a Leadership Project. Your leadership project is an opportunity to access, discover and share wisdom. You will create your personal oath, guidelines or prayer which reflects the wisdom and values you have determined to be the most important to you in leading yourself and others.

	Course	Credits	Semester
Phase A: M1	501 Foundations of Clinical Medicine	8	Fall
	526 Hematology	4	Fall
	511 Integumentary Musculoskeletal System	7	Fall
	551 Neuroscience	10	Spring
	541 Urinary (Renal)	5	Spring
	531 Cardiovascular	5	Spring
	601 & 602 Medical Skills	2	Fall/Spring
	611 & 612 Masters Colloquium	2	Fall/Spring
	622 & 623 Self-Directed Scholarly Project	1	Fall/Spring
	M1 Total Required Credit Units	**44**	
Phase A: M2	531 P: Pulmonary	5	Fall
	521 Gastrointestinal Systems	6	Fall
	571 Endocrine System	5	Fall
	561 Behavioral Medicine	3	Fall

	581 Reproductive System	6	Spring
	603 & 604 Medical Skills	2	Fall/Spring
	613 & 614 Masters Colloquium	2	Fall/Spring
	624 Self-Directed Scholarly Project	1	Fall/Spring
	M2 Total Required Credit Units	**30**	

Phase B: M3 Clerkships	701 Family Medicine Clerkship	6	Fall/Spring
	711 Internal Medicine Clerkship	8	Fall/Spring
	721 Neurology Clerkship	4	Fall/Spring
	731 OB/GYN Clerkship	6	Fall/Spring
	741 Pediatrics Clerkship	6	Fall/Spring
	751 Psychiatry Clerkship	4	Fall/Spring
	761 Surgery Clerkship	8	Fall/Spring
	771 Emergency Medicine Clerkship	4	Fall/Spring
	781 Extended Clinical Experience Course	2	Fall/Spring
	M3 Required Clerkship Units	**48**	

		Credits (Min)	Credits (Max)
Phase B: M4 Electives and Sub-Internships	Sub-internships (including at least one four-week core Sub-I)	4	None
	Required credits from rotations that have in-patient components	8	None
	"Specialty of Interest" clinical rotations	4	None
	"Non-specialty of interest" clinical rotations	12	None
	Clinical virtual rotations and non-clinical rotations	None	8

	M4 Required Electives and Sub-Internship Units	**28**	
	Phase B (M3+M4) credits required to graduate	**76**	

Total Overall Credits Required for MD degree: 150

- "Specialty of Interest" represents the specific medical discipline the student wishes to pursue for their residency application (e.g., Internal medicine, surgery, orthopedics, dermatology)
- Students may enroll in more than 12 credits within their specialty of choice, provided they fulfill all other requirements. This will facilitate a well-rounded experience during the M4 year.

AAMC MEDICAL SPECIALTIES

Visit the AAMC Medical Specialty Profiles website to see a comprehensive list of specialties and sub-specialties: https://careersinmedicine.aamc.org/explore-options/specialty-profiles

Academic Calendar: 2026 – 2027

M1 – Phase A

Event	Start Date	End Date
Orientation – M1	07/23/2026	07/24/2026
White Coat Ceremony – M1	TBD	
Fall Semester: 07/27/2026 – 12/18/2026		
Course	**Start Date**	**End Date**
COM 501: Foundations of Clinical Medicine	07/27/2026	09/18/2026
COM 526: Hematology	09/21/2026	10/23/2026
COM 511: Integumentary and Musculoskeletal Systems	10/26/2026	12/18/2026
Spring Semester: 01/04/2027 – 05/28/2027		
Course	**Start Date**	**End Date**
COM 551: Neuroscience	01/04/2027	03/12/2027
COM 541: Renal System	03/22/2027	04/26/2027
COM 531 CV: Cardiovascular	04/27/2027	05/28/2027

M2 – Phase A

Event	Start Date	End Date

Refresher Orientation – M2	07/27/2026	07/27/2026
Fall Semester: 07/27/2026 – 12/18/2026		
Course	**Start Date**	**End Date**
COM 531 P: Pulmonary	07/27/2026	08/31/2026
COM 561: Behavioral Medicine	09/02/2026	09/23/2026
COM 521: Gastrointestinal System	09/24/2026	11/09/2026
COM 571: Endocrine System	11/11/2026	12/18/2026
Spring Semester: 01/04/2027 – 05/07/2027		
Course	**Start Date**	**End Date**
Preparing for Residency *(Required)*	01/04/2027	05/07/2027
COM 581: Reproductive System	01/04/2027	02/19/2027

Longitudinal Courses – M1 & M2 FALL 2026 SPRING 2027

Course	Start Date	End Date	Start Date	End Date
Medical Skills – M1	07/27/2026	12/18/2026	01/04/2027	05/28/2027
Medical Skills – M2	07/27/2026	12/18/2026	01/04/2027	03/19/2027
The Colloquium – M1	07/27/2026	12/18/2026	01/04/2027	05/28/2027
The Colloquium – M2	07/27/2026	12/18/2026	01/04/2027	03/19/2027
SDSSP - *will start in Fall Semester for the M1 students and continue through Fall Semester of the M2 year.*				

M3 – Phase B – Clinical Clerkships

Event	Start Date	End Date
Fall Semester: 05/11/2026 – 12/31/2026		
Pathway to Residency *(Required)*	05/11/2026	12/31/2026
Clerkship Symposium – M3	05/04/2026	05/08/2026
Clinical Clerkships – M3	05/11/2026	12/31/2026
Event	**Start Date**	**End Date**
Spring Semester: 01/01/2027 – 05/07/2027		
Preparing for Residency *(Required)*	01/01/2027	05/07/2027
Clinical Clerkships – M3	01/01/2027	05/07/2027

M4 – Phase B – Elective and Sub-Internship Rotations

Event	Start Date	End Date
Fall Semester: 05/11/2026 – 12/31/2026		
Pathway to Residency *(Required)*	05/11/2026	12/31/2026
*Elective and Sub-Internship Rotations – M4	05/11/2026	12/31/2026
Event	**Start Date**	**End Date**
Spring Semester: 01/01/2027 – 05/07/2027		
Pathway to Residency (*Required*)	01/01/2027	05/07/2027
*Elective and Sub-Internship Rotations – M4	01/01/2027	05/07/2027
Graduation Clearance Day – M4	05/14/2027	05/14/2027
Graduation Ceremony – M4	05/15/2027	05/15/2027

*Add/Drop deadline for Elective courses is 5 days from the start of instruction.

Exams/Review/Research Day Schedule

Event	Start Date	End Date	EXAMS	Start Date
M2- Step 1 Workshop (Mandatory)	TBD	TBD	CBSE #1: CBSE #2: CBSE #3: CBSE #4:	TBD TBD TBD
CNU Research Day	TBD	TBD		
Kaplan Review Course	TBD	TBD		
M3- Step 2 Virtual Workshop (Mandatory)	TBD	TBD	CCSE #1: CCSE #2: CCSE #3: CCSE #4:	TBD TBD TBD TBD
Kaplan Assessment Exam	TBD	TBD		

University Holidays

Holiday	Date	Holiday	Date
Independence Day	07/03/2026	New Year's Day	01/01/2027
Labor Day	09/07/2026	Martin Luther King	01/18/2027
Thanksgiving	11/26/2026 - 11/27/2026	President's Day	02/15/2027

Christmas	12/25/2026	Memorial Day	05/31/2027
		Juneteenth	06/18/2027

COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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COLLEGE OF PHARMACY

Introduction and Accreditation

Based in the beautiful city of Elk Grove, minutes from downtown Sacramento, California North state University College of Pharmacy (CNUCOP) offers a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program, which is the required entry level degree to practice as a pharmacist in the United States. Our PharmD program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) which accredits all schools and colleges of pharmacy in the United States and has permission from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) to operate.

CNUCOP is situated on the second floor of the University's 700,000-square-foot main academic building on the Elk Grove campus, which also houses the Colleges of Medicine and Graduate Studies. Approximately 20,000 square feet are allocated to the College of Pharmacy, designed to support classroom instruction, laboratory activities, research, faculty–student engagement, and student learning. The facilities, all of which comply with required legal and safety standards, include three large, smart classrooms that accommodate up to 200 students, two vocational rooms seating 30 students each, and multiple educational laboratories that enable simulated and practice-focused instruction. CNUCOP maintains approximately 2,100 square feet of wet lab research space.

The CNUCOP Catalog is part of the General Catalog which can be found on our CNU website: https://www.cnsu.edu/about/general-catalog.php. The Catalog is updated on an annual basis and covers the time period from August 1st through July 31st. Additional updates are made on an as needed basis, for example due to a significant change in law or College policy, and these are shared in an addendum file on the website.

Mission, Vision, and Values Mission: The mission of the College of Pharmacy to advance the science and art of healthcare through education, service, research, personal wellness, and social accountability.

Vision: We are passionate about the strategic planning process at CNUCOP. It is our opportunity to implement our ideas and achieve our vision in an actionable plan. Our vision is to become a nationally recognized leader in educating the next generation of pharmacists in integrated patient healthcare.

Values:

- Innovation in student-centered teaching, scholarship, and practice

- Student success
- Open and clear communication
- Diversity of experience, culture, and thought
- Effective community partnerships
- Inspiration through altruism, empathy, and civic virtue
- Professionalism and integrity in all interactions
- Networking and collaboration through team-based learning.

Goals:

- To foster critical thinking, problem-solving, clinical reasoning, and self-directed learning. To provide an integrated interprofessional experience
- To develop student skills, attitudes, values, judgment, professional behavior, and expertise in patient-centered care through experiential experiences.
- To prepare graduates to lead, collaborate, and educate others with integrity, professionalism, and compassion.
- To offer students participation in professional organizations and community projects to learn the skills required for professional advocacy
- To support faculty in discipline-related research and other scholarly activities.
- To provide a faculty development program that nurtures and supports a learning-centered curriculum and the scholarship of teaching
- To foster faculty engagement in professional and community activities
- To support a research program that promotes collaboration, innovation, and discovery

Active Learning

Active learning is an educational strategy that CNUCOP employs throughout the first two years of the curriculum. Active learning promotes judgment, mastery of content, communication, teamwork skills, problem-solving, and critical thinking. It emphasizes the importance of individual accountability, group collaboration, and the application of basic concepts to work through team assignments. CNUCOP employs several active learning strategies throughout the program based on the learning objectives and the type of course. For example, we employ Team Based Learning, high fidelity simulations, community pharmacy-based simulations, laboratory skills courses, and many types of in-class activities, including gamification, and collaborative and associative learning. The role of the instructor is to clearly articulate the learning objectives, create challenging problems for students to solve, and probe their reasoning in reaching conclusions. All students are accountable for their individual and

group work. At the beginning of each course, the Office of Academic Affairs forms teams comprised of 5 to 6 students based on various criteria that will help achieve an even distribution of resources across all teams. Students remain with the same team throughout the semester for each course.

Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes

PLO 1: Scientific Thinking- The graduate is able to seek, analyze, integrate, and apply foundational knowledge of medications and pharmacy practice

1.1- Biomedical Sciences- The graduate is able to integrate the knowledge of biomedical sciences to explain drug action

1.2- Pharmaceutical Sciences- The graduate is able to incorporate the knowledge of pharmaceutical sciences to explain how specific drugs or drug classes work, compare differences among therapeutic regimens, and evaluate their potential value in individuals and populations

1.3- Social, Administrative and Behavioral Sciences- The graduate is able to apply the knowledge of social, administrative, and behavioral sciences to advance population health and patient-centered care

1.4- Clinical Sciences- The graduate is able to employ the knowledge of clinical sciences including diagnosis, prescribing and health informatics in clinical practice

1.5- Pharmaceutical Calculations- The graduate is able to utilize the knowledge of pharmaceutical calculations in clinical practice

PLO 2: Skills for Patient Centered Care- The graduate is able to identify, evaluate, and implement solutions to problems within the medication use system in order to optimize patient centered and population health

2.1 Problem Solving Process- The graduate is able to use problem solving and critical thinking skills, along with an innovative mindset, to address challenges and to promote positive change.

2.2 Person-Centered Care- The graduate is able to provide whole person care to individuals as the medication specialist using the Pharmacist's Patient Care Process.

2.3 Medication-use Process Stewardship- The graduate is able to optimize patient healthcare outcomes using human, financial, technological, and physical resources to improve the safety, efficacy, and environmental impact of medication use systems.

2.4 Population Health and Wellness- The graduate is able to assess factors that influence the health and wellness of a population and develop strategies to address those factors

PLO 3: Interpersonal Skills for Provision of Care and Interprofessional Communication- The graduate is able to effectively communicate and interact with patients and healthcare providers while exhibiting mutual respect in order to optimize patient centered and population health

3.1 Communication- The graduate is able to actively engage, listen, and communicate verbally, nonverbally, and in writing, when interacting or educating with an individual, group, or organization.

3.2 Cultural and Structural Humility- The graduate is able to mitigate health disparities by considering, recognizing, and navigating cultural and structural factors to improve access and health.

3.3 Advocacy- The graduate is able to promote the best interests of patients and/or the pharmacy profession within healthcare settings and at the community, state, or national level.

3.4 Interprofessional Collaboration- The graduate is able to actively engage and contribute as a healthcare team member by demonstrating core interprofessional competencies

3.5 Leadership- The graduate is able to demonstrate the ability to influence and support the achievement of shared goals, regardless of one's role

PLO 4: Professionalism and Pharmacist's Professional Identify- The graduate is able to exhibit

adherence to ethical principles, behavioral norms, standards, and values of a professional community

4.1 Self-awareness- The graduate is able to examine, reflect on, and address personal and professional attributes (e.g., knowledge, metacognition, skills, abilities, beliefs, biases, motivation, help-seeking strategies, and emotional intelligence) that could enhance or limit growth, development, and professional identity formation

4.2 Professionalism- The graduate is able to exhibit attitudes and behaviors that embody a commitment to building and maintaining trust with patients, other health care providers, and society

PLO 5: Pharmacist Practice Readiness – The graduate is able to perform essential professional activities designed to gain the trust of the healthcare team and the public

5.1 Promotion of Patient Care- The graduate is able to perform screening activities and point-of-care testing to inform treatment, adjust medication doses based on pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic principles, and reconcile medications during transitions of care

5.2 Advancement of Population Health- The graduate is able to minimize adverse drug events and medication errors, maximize the appropriate use of medications in a population, and ensure that patients have been immunized against vaccine-preventable diseases

5.3 Information Mastery- The graduate is able to educate patients and professional colleagues regarding the appropriate use of medications, over-the-counter products, lifestyle, and the interactions between them and use evidence-based information to advance patient care

5.4 Practice Management- The graduate is able to oversee the pharmacy operations for an assigned work shift, fulfill a medication order, to interpret and apply state and federal pharmacy laws, conduct legal and ethical review of prescriptions, and enforce regulations related to sterile and non-sterile preparations

Co-Curricular Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the CNUCOP Doctor of Pharmacy program, students will be able to

demonstrate the skills and knowledge based on the following co-curricular learning outcomes:

1. **Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity-** Demonstrate awareness of and responsiveness to social and cultural differences by adapting behaviors appropriately and using effective interpersonal skills.
2. **Professionalism and Advocacy**. Demonstrate professional behavior and effective interactions with other healthcare professionals, community members, and/or patients and advocate for initiatives to improve patient care, health outcomes, and the profession of pharmacy.
3. **Self-Awareness and Learning**. Demonstrate self-awareness through reflection and the development of appropriate plans for self-directed learning and development.
4. **Innovation and Entrepreneurship**. Demonstrate innovation and creativity to develop novel strategies to accomplish professional goals, or demonstrate an understanding for how innovation and creativity influence the development of novel strategies to accomplish professional goals.
5. **Public Health and Education**. Apply skills learned in the classroom to create and effectively deliver public health initiatives and health-related education to the community.
6. **Service and Leadership**. Demonstrate the ability to lead and work collaboratively with others to accomplish a shared goal that improves healthcare.

Experiential Educational Expectations

Experience in real pharmacy practice settings teaches judgment, and California Northstate College of Pharmacy is committed to developing and maintaining a robust experiential component to the Doctor of Pharmacy program. Pharmacy practice experience is designed to develop a foundation of competencies that students will build upon as they progress through the program. By the end of the Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPE), students should be able to demonstrate competencies in basic practitioner skills at a fundamental level. During Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE), students should demonstrate pharmacy practice outcomes at an advanced and progressive manner that emphasize clinical judgment, professional behavior, and personal responsibility. Achievement of these competencies allows student pharmacists to embark on an independent and collaborative practice upon graduation. The following experiential outcomes were developed by a collaborative group representing seven of the California Colleges and Schools of Pharmacy.

Communication and Professional Behavior

A. Communicate effectively.

1. Communicate accurate and appropriate medical and drug information to a pharmacist, preceptor, or other health care professional in a clear and concise manner.
2. Determine the appropriate means of communication for the situation.
3. Actively listen to patients, peers, and other health care professionals.
4. Use proper grammar, spelling, and pronunciation in communications.
5. Explain medication information to patients in understandable terms.
6. Adjust communication based on contextual or cultural factors, including health literacy, language barriers, and cognitive impairment.
7. Routinely verify patient or recipient understanding of communicated information.
8. Demonstrate effective public speaking skills and the appropriate use of audio-visual media when communicating with groups of patients, peers, and other health care professionals.
9. Develop effective written materials for patients, peers, and other health care professionals.

B. Interact with patients & the health care team respectfully, demonstrating cultural humility and accessibility principles

1. Articulate the pharmacist's role as a member of the health care team.
2. Establish professional rapport with patients and healthcare professionals.
3. Demonstrate sensitivity to and respect for everyone's needs, values, and beliefs, including cultural factors, religious beliefs, language barriers, and cognitive abilities.
4. Demonstrate empathy and caring in interactions with others.
5. Maintain patient confidentiality and respect patients' privacy.
6. Demonstrate ability to resolve conflict in the pharmacy practice setting.

C. Behave in a professional and ethical manner.

1. Dress professionally and appropriately for the practice setting.
2. Arrive punctually and remain until all responsibilities are completed.
3. Use time effectively and efficiently. Distinguish professional interests from personal interests and respond appropriately.
4. Demonstrate awareness of personal competence and limitations and seek guidance or assistance from preceptors when appropriate.
5. Accept responsibility for one's actions.
6. Respond appropriately to feedback from preceptors, patients, peers, and other health care professionals.
7. Show initiative in interactions with patients, peers, and other health care professionals.

8. Demonstrate passion and enthusiasm for the profession.
9. Be aware of and work appropriately within the culture of the assigned practice setting.
10. Demonstrate awareness of site or institutional policies and procedures.
11. Prioritize workload appropriately.
12. Identify issues involving ethical dilemmas.
13. Weigh and balance different options for responding to ethical dilemmas.
14. Propose steps to resolve ethical dilemmas.
15. Adhere to all state and federal laws and regulations as a pharmacy intern in the practice setting.

The Practice of Pharmacy and Pharmacists' Professional Identity

A. Organize and evaluate information.

1. Assess prescription or medication orders for completeness, authenticity, and legality.
2. Verify that dose, frequency, formulation, and route of administration on prescription or medication orders are correct.
3. Obtain any pertinent information from the patient, medical record, or prescriber, as needed, for processing prescription or medication orders (e.g., allergies, adverse reactions, diagnosis or desired therapeutic outcome, medical history).
4. Review the patient profile or medical record for any allergies or sensitivities.
5. Determine the presence of any potential medication-related problems.
6. Determine if it is legal and appropriate to refill a prescription and to contact the prescriber for authorization, if necessary.

B. Prepare and dispense medications.

1. Accurately enter patient information into the patient's pharmacy profile or medication record.
2. Select the correct drug product, manufacturer, dose, and dosage form and prepare it for dispensing.
3. Assure that the medication label is correct and conforms to all state and federal regulations.
4. Assure that the label conveys directions in a manner understandable to the patient and that appropriate auxiliary labels are attached.
5. Select an appropriate container for storage or use of medications with special requirements (e.g., child-resistant containers, compliance devices).
6. Accurately perform and document the necessary calculations to correctly prepare the medication.
7. Perform the required technical and basic compounding steps to produce a pharmaceutically elegant product.
8. Demonstrate aseptic technique during the preparation of parenteral medications.

9. Document the preparation of any medication that has been compounded, repackaged or relabeled.
10. Adjudicate third-party insurance claims using established billing systems.
11. Determine the appropriate storage of medications before and after dispensing.
12. Comply with all legal requirements and professional scope of practice.

C. Provide patient counseling.

1. Communicate pertinent information to the patient to encourage proper use and storage of medications.
2. Discuss any precautions or relevant warnings about medications or other therapeutic interventions.
3. Assure the patient comprehends the information provided.
4. Assess and reinforce the patient's adherence to the prescribed therapeutic regimen.

D. Maintain accurate records.

1. Document the preparation and dispensing of medications.
2. Maintain manual or computerized files for prescription records that conform to state and federal laws and regulations.
3. Adhere to state and federal laws and regulations related to inventory control (e.g., controlled substances, investigational drugs).

E. Assist patients seeking self-care.

1. 1.Assess a patient's self-identified problem (e.g., common cold, fever, pain, gastrointestinal problems) to determine if the problem is appropriate for self-care or requires referral.
2. 2.Discuss options for treatment and, if indicated, recommend appropriate non-prescription product(s).
3. 3.Counsel the patient about the proper use of self-care products.
4. 4.Instruct a patient about the proper use of a diagnostic agent or device, including directions for obtaining accurate results and how to interpret the results.
5. 5.Teach a patient the proper and safe use of commonly-used health products (e.g., condoms, thermometers, blood pressure monitoring devices, blood glucose meters, metered-dose devices, ear syringes, and adherence devices).

F. Contribute to and monitor the optimal use of medications.

1. Articulate the pharmacist's role in medication use oversight (e.g. formulary management, practice guidelines).
2. Participate in established medication safety and quality improvement activities (e.g., adverse drug reaction reporting, medication reconciliation).

3. Access, select, utilize, and cite appropriate references for health information and patient education materials.
4. Demonstrate proficiency with the technology used at assigned experiential sites.
5. Formulate evidence-based pharmaceutical care plans based upon sound
6. pharmacotherapeutic principles that take into account individual patient health beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors.

Public Health

1. Participate in health education programs and community-based health interventions.

1. Raise public awareness about the role of a pharmacist as a public health educator.
2. Participate in activities that promote health, wellness, and the use of preventive care measures.
3. Articulate the concept of advocacy - what it means both professionally and personally.

2. Demonstrate public health-related practice skills.

1. Administer subcutaneous, intramuscular or intradermal injections, including immunizations.
2. Screen for common medical conditions and make appropriate referrals.
3. Conduct smoking-cessation interventions when appropriate.

Expectations of an Aspiring Pharmacist

Communication Skills

Pharmacists must be able to effectively communicate with health care professionals and members of the community using a team approach to patient care. Pharmacy students need to practice communicating with other healthcare providers such as physicians and nurses; non-healthcare providers, such as patients, family members, caregivers; and other community members, such as policy makers. Influential communication focuses on the ability to adapt language style and vocabulary to meet the health- care literacy needs of each individual or unique community. Pharmacists must display an in-depth knowledge of medications and be able to convey pharmaceutical information in a clear and concise manner to ensure safe and effective medication use.

Students at CNUCOP must exhibit in-depth medication knowledge, effective interpersonal communications skills, the ability to work as an effective member of a health care team, and the ability to collaborate with all members of the health care team to ensure continuous quality patient care.

Patient Care Commitment

To provide patients with unparalleled health care, pharmacists must focus on disease treatment and management, as well as wellness and disease prevention. Pharmacists must practice on interprofessional teams that focus on patients, patient populations, and outcomes. Pharmacists, in collaboration with patients and other health care providers, can ensure proper medication use by focusing on evidence-based medicine, quality improvement, cultural competence, health care disparities, and advocacy.

Students at CNUCOP should advocate for patient-centered pharmacist care to ensure safe and effective medication use.

Knowledge of the Profession

Revelation occurs when wisdom of the past is combined with current reality. With that in mind, pharmacists must be aware of the evolutionary steps within the profession and continue to advocate for improved patient-centered care.

Students at CNUCOP are required to attend didactic, laboratory, discussion, and experiential programs. They should understand how the practice of pharmacy has continually evolved to benefit the needs of society and develop visionary thinking capabilities to continue to advance the science and art of pharmacy.

Technical Abilities

All students will be certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), first aid, and immunizations. Therefore, student pharmacists are required to perform immunizations, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and physical assessments suitable for medication therapy management to fulfill all academic requirements of the College.

General Abilities

Students should have the cognitive ability to think critically and analytically.in order to make compassionate and ethical decisions to engage in self-assessment and self- directed learning.

Licensure

Completion of Program and Licensing

Completion of the educational program leading to the Doctor of Pharmacy degree is dependent upon student performance and success. The requirements for licensure in the profession are established by the state where licensure is sought. Completion of the educational program and obtaining a degree or diploma does not by itself guarantee licensure.

Students are expected to remain current with other licensing requirements, including but not limited to

the licensure examination and technical standards they may be required to meet in order to be licensed by the state in which they seek to practice. In addition, maintaining such technical standards is a condition for continued enrollment in this program; reasonable accommodations as defined and required by law may apply to persons with disabilities.

California Intern Pharmacist

Registration Requirements

To register as an intern pharmacist in California, candidates must be currently enrolled in a school of pharmacy recognized by the Board or accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and have fingerprint and background clearances. Complete registration instructions can be downloaded from the California State Board of Pharmacy website at: https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/intern_app_pkt.pdf

California Pharmacist

The standard processing time for Pharmacist Examination and Licensure Applications by the California Board of Pharmacy is approximately 30 days after submission; however, the Board will process applications submitted by schools within 10 business days if these applications are submitted as a batch by the school. Students interested in participating in the batch processing of applications must submit their completed applications to the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions by the predetermined deadline, prior to graduation. The Office of Student Affairs and Admissions reviews each application prior to submission to the Board; and discusses these with the CNUCOP Office of Academic Affairs. However, it is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure all information is correct and that all required application materials have been included as part of the final application packet. These applications will then be hand-delivered to the Board of Pharmacy after graduation, since official transcripts, which are a component of the application, are not complete until after graduation has occurred.

To qualify for a pharmacist license, you must submit one of the following to document your education (A or B).

A. Graduate of a School of Pharmacy - If you are a graduate from an ACPE-accredited college of pharmacy or a school of pharmacy recognized by the board, please request an official transcript to be sent directly to the board by your school. The official transcript must indicate your degree earned and date conferred.

Eligibility Requirements Pharmacist Licensure

To be licensed in California you must pass the North American Pharmacist Licensure Examination (NAPLEX) and the California Pharmacist Jurisprudence Exam (CPJE).

To be eligible to take the licensure examination for California, you must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a graduate of a domestic school of pharmacy or be a graduate of foreign school of pharmacy and be certified by the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Examination Committee (FPGEC)
- Have completed at least 150 semester hours of collegiate credit, 90 of which must be from a school of pharmacy
- Have earned at least a baccalaureate degree in a course of study devoted to pharmacy
- Have completed 1,500 hours of approved pharmaceutical experience as a registered intern or one year of experience as a licensed pharmacist in another state
- Have fingerprint and background clearances.

The registration instructions, requirements, and application form for licensure as a pharmacist in California may be obtained and downloaded at the California State Board of Pharmacy website: https://www.pharmacy.ca.gov/forms/rph_app_pkt.pdf

NAPLEX/MPJE

The Multistate Pharmacy Juriprudence Examination (MPJE) is for students pursuing licensure outside of the state of California.

To take the NAPLEX and/or MPJE, candidates must meet the eligibility requirements of the board of pharmacy from which they are seeking licensure. The board will determine your eligibility to take the examinations in accordance with the jurisdiction's requirements. If the board determines that you are eligible to take the examinations, it will notify the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy (NABP) of your eligibility. If you have questions concerning eligibility requirements, contact the board of pharmacy in the jurisdiction from which you are seeking licensure.

Registration instructions, requirements, and application form can be obtained and downloaded from the National Association of Board of Pharmacy (NABP) website at http://www.nabp.net.

Admission Information

California Northstate University College of Pharmacy (CNUCOP) uses the Pharmacy College Application System (PharmCAS), a centralized application service for pharmacy programs, for applicants seeking to apply to the three-year Doctor of Pharmacy program. An electronic application must be submitted to PharmCAS.

The Admissions Committee holistically evaluates applicants for admission on an individual basis.

Applicants are required to have completed all prerequisites prior to entering the program. Prerequisites may be substituted with courses the Admissions Committee evaluates to be equivalent. One or more members of the Admissions Committee review and evaluate each completed admission packet to determine if an invitation for an interview should be extended.

All qualified applicants must interview for admission into the Doctor of Pharmacy program. The interview is conducted on campus. A modified multiple mini interview (MMIs) approach is used. A writing sample is also a required component of the onsite interview. The interview is designed to assess a variety of factors including: interest, oral and written communication skills, maturity, dedication, critical thinking, and an assessment of the applicant's ability to complete the program successfully and advance in the field of pharmacy. The interview may also be used to determine if the student has the English language proficiency to complete instruction in the English language since English is the only language of instruction.

All accepted students who matriculate must have all official transcripts for all courses taken since high school on record in the Admissions Office by September 30th. Please note financial assistance may be limited for non-U.S. applicants. Personal transportation, such as a vehicle, will be necessary to participate in experiential education at clinical sites.

Doctor of Pharmacy Requirements

While a minimum GPA of 2.6 is preferred, the Admissions Committee of California Northstate University College of Pharmacy uses a holistic review process to evaluate each application, thereby taking into account a variety of factors, in addition to an applicant's academic standing, including but not limited to: work or research experience, socioeconomic status, resilience, extracurricular activities, and other non-academic related activities. California Northstate University College of Pharmacy does not require a Bachelor's degree or PCAT.

According to the United States Department of Education guidelines, all applicants deemed eligible to be admitted as regular students into the College of Pharmacy must be:

a) Persons who have a high school diploma or its recognized equivalent, or

b) Persons who are beyond the age of compulsory school attendance in the State of CA, i.e. at least 18 years of age and pass a test that demonstrates the student's ability to benefit (ATB) from the educational program in which the student is enrolled.

A minimum of 40 semester units (54 quarter units) of prerequisite credit must be completed prior to matriculation into the program. Prospective students are strongly encouraged to carry full course loads (15 units per semester) during their undergraduate studies. AP exam scores of 3 or higher, with 4 preferred will be accepted for prerequisite coursework and/or general education requirements. AP credit must be

reported by subject and credit and must be mailed directly from your institution or testing services to the College of Pharmacy by using college code: 7306. Additionally, the AP exam must have been taken no greater than ten years from the date of matriculation. Please note, AP exam scores will only count towards the first course in a series of science courses. For instance, an AP exam score of 3 or higher for chemistry would only count towards the General Chemistry I requirement.

Table 1. PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK

Course(s)	Semester Hours	Quarter Hours
General Chemistry I with lab	4	6
General Chemistry II with lab	4	6
*General Biology I	3	4
*General Biology II	3	4
*General Biology I or II lab	1	1
Organic Chemistry I	3	4
Organic Chemistry II	3	4
Organic Chemistry lab	1	1
**Human or Mammalian Physiology	3	4
Calculus or Statistics	3	4
Public Speaking or Oral Communication or a course focused on oral presentations	3	4
English Composition	3	4
General Education Requirements**: Psychology and Economics preferred; other General Education courses will be accepted	6	8
Total	40	54 (est.)

*Upper division science courses or labs may be substituted for Biology I, Biology II, or Biology Lab on a case-by-case basis.

**If taking a combined Anatomy and Physiology course, both Anatomy and Physiology I and II must be taken to fulfill the Physiology course requirement.

In addition to the requirements described above, all prerequisite coursework must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be completed at a regionally accredited US institution or its equivalent abroad.
2. Science and math courses, along with any AP credits, must have been completed no greater than ten years from the planned date of matriculation. Exceptions to this requirement may be

made based on a case-by-case basis if the applicant has been applying the skills learned in the older course directly to their position or research.

3. Must be completed with a grade of C- or higher.
4. All prerequisite coursework taken from non-US institutions (including Canada) must be submitted to the World Education Services (WES), Inc. for an evaluation of coursework. WES evaluations should be sent directly to PharmCAS.
5. International applicants who have not completed at least two years and at least 40 semester units (54 quarter units) at a US college or university may be required to take the TOEFL IBT or IELTS exam. The preferred minimum TOEFL IBT and IELTS scores are 80 and 6.5, respectively.
6. General Education requirements are waived for applicants who have or will be receiving a Bachelor's degree or US equivalent prior to matriculation in the pharmacy program. For additional information about CNUCOP and the application process, please visit our website: pharmacy.cnsu.edu. For questions, please contact COPadmissions@cnsu.edu.
7. Qualified applicants will be invited to interview.
8. All prerequisites, including general education requirements, must be completed prior to orientation, which is held in early August of each year; however, applicants may still interview prior to the completion of all prerequisite coursework.

Please note, applicants participating in the Pharm Tech to PharmD Pathway may be eligible to fulfill certain prerequisite coursework as part of a certificate program offered through the College of Pharmacy. More information on this pathway is available by contacting COPadmissions@cnsu.edu.

For an in-depth overview of admission requirements, how to apply, and key dates, please visit the Admissions website at http://pharmacy.cnsu.edu and the PharmCAS School Pages at www.pharmcas.org.

Professional and Technical Standard Requirements

CNUCOP endeavors to select applicants who have the ability to become highly competent pharmacists. The college adheres to the guidelines promulgated by the American Council for Pharmacy Education in its “Guidelines for Accreditation Standards.” Within these guidelines, the college has the freedom and ultimate responsibility for the selection of students; the design, implementation, and evaluation of its curriculum; the evaluation of students; and the determination of who should be awarded a degree. Admission and retention decisions are based not only on satisfactory academic achievement, but also on non-academic factors that serve to ensure that the candidate can complete the essential functions of the

academic program required for graduation. The professional and technical standards, as distinguished from academic standards, refer to those physical, cognitive, and behavioral abilities required for satisfactory completion of all aspects of the curriculum, and the development of professional attributes required by the faculty of all students at graduation. The essential abilities required by the curriculum are in the following areas: motor, sensory, verbal and written communication, intellectual (conceptual, integrative, and qualitative abilities for problem solving and decision-making), and the behavioral and social aspects for the performance of the profession of pharmacy.

Pharmacy is a physically and mentally demanding profession in which practitioners are asked to place the interests of their patients above their own, which requires commitment to a life of service and dedication to continuous learning. The rigorous four-year pharmacy school curriculum is where students begin to develop the qualities necessary for the practice of pharmacy. It is during this period of professional pharmacy education that the candidates acquire the foundation of knowledge, attitudes, skills and behaviors that they will need throughout their professional career. The abilities that pharmacists must possess to practice safely are reflected in the technical standards that follow. Students to the CNUCOP program must be able to meet these standards.

Technical Standards

Visual

Students must be able to observe and participate in experiments in the basic sciences. In order to make proper clinical decisions, Students must be able to observe a patient accurately. Students must be able to acquire information from written documents, films, slides or videos. Thus, functional use of vision is necessary (close and at a distance).

Oral-Auditory

Students must be able to communicate effectively and sensitively and rapidly with patients (must be able to speak and hear) and members of the health care team (both verbal and written). Students must be fluent in English. In emergency situations Students must be able to understand and convey information essential for the safe and effective care of patients in a clear unambiguous and rapid fashion. In addition, Students must have all the ability to relate information to and receive from patients in caring and confidential manner.

Motor

Students must possess the motor skills necessary to perform palpation, percussion, auscultation, and other diagnostic maneuvers. Motor skill demands require reasonable endurance, strength, and precision. A

candidate should be able to execute motor movements reasonably required to provide general care and emergency treatment to patients as well as complete the CPR and First Aid component of the program. Such actions require coordination of both gross and fine muscular movements, equilibrium and functional use of senses, of touch, and vision.

Sensory

Students need enhanced sensory skills including accuracy within specific tolerances and functional use for laboratory, classroom, and clinical experiences. Students who are otherwise qualified but who have significant tactile sensory or productive disabilities must be evaluated medically. These disabilities included individuals who were injured by significant burns, have sensory motor deficits, or cicatrix formation.

Professional Standards

Students must demonstrate the judgment and emotional stability required for full use of their intellectual abilities. Possess the perseverance, diligence, and consistency to complete the College of Pharmacy curriculum and prepare to enter the profession of pharmacy.

Students must exercise good judgment in the treatment of patients; function within both the law and ethical standards of a healthcare professional; be able to work effectively and professionally as part of a team during the pharmacy curriculum and as a member of a health care team after graduation.

Students must be able to participate in a culturally diverse classroom and practice environments; be sensitive and behave in a professional manner during interactions with patients, their families, and with health care personnel; maintain regular, reliable, and punctual attendance for classes, experiential education and clinical responsibilities; and be responsible for contributing to collaborative, constructive learning environments, accept constructive feedback from others, and respond with appropriate modification in a professional manner.

Strength and Mobility

Students must have sufficient posture, balance, flexibility, mobility, strength and endurance for standing, sitting, and

participating in the laboratory, classroom and clinical sites.

Cognitive

In order to effectively solve clinical problems, Students must be able to measure, calculate, reason, analyze, integrate and synthesize in a timely fashion. In addition, they must be able to comprehend three-dimensional relationships and to understand the spatial relationships of others.

Social

Students must possess the emotional health required for the full utilization of their intellectual abilities, the exercise of good judgment for the prompt completion of all responsibilities, and for the development of effective relationships with patients. Students must be able to tolerate physically taxing workloads and function effectively under stress. They must be able to adapt to changing environments, display flexibility and learn to function in the face of uncertainties inherent in the clinical problems of patients. The unpredictable needs of patients are at the heart of becoming a pharmacist. Academic and clinical responsibilities of students must require their presence during day and evening hours. Students will be considered not only for their scholastic accomplishments, but also on their physical and emotional capacities to meet the full requirements of the school's curriculum, and to graduate as skilled and effective practitioners of pharmacy.

Transferring from Other US or International Institutions

I. POLICY STATEMENT.

California Northstate University College of Pharmacy (CNUCOP) is a three-year accelerated Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program fully accredited by the U.S. Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE). CNUCOP considers both domestic and international applications for transfer into our Pharm.D. program. Domestic transfer students include students currently or previously enrolled in ACPE accredited Pharm.D. programs, whereas international transfer applicants are currently or previously enrolled in a foreign (non-U.S.) pharmacy, medical, or other healthcare professional program.

Per ACPE 2025 Standards, no more than the equivalent of one year of credit shall be given to any student applying for advanced standing from any institution other than an ACPE-accredited college/school of pharmacy. The CNUCOP considers transfer student applications on a case-by-case basis, using a systematic and holistic application review process, including the application, interview, and where applicable, placement competency testing. A TOEFL or IELTS exam may be requested at the discretion of the Admissions Committee to further evaluate the applicant's command of the English language, if communication skills are an area of concern. A minimum TOEFL score of 80 or IELTS score of 6.5 is preferred.

II. PURPOSE.

The CNUCOP Student Transfer Policy provides an overview of the approach for reviewing, accepting, and admitting students who seek to transfer.

III. ELIGIBILITY.

a. Eligibility for transfer will be determined on a case-by-case basis by CNUCOP's Office of Student Affairs and Admissions, Office of Academic Affairs, the Admissions Committee, and Admissions Taskforce. Evaluation of previous coursework, transcript evaluations, letters of reference, interviews, and other factors will be taken into consideration.

b. Transfer applicants shall meet the same eligibility and progression policy standards required of students enrolled at CNUCOP.

c. GPA: The preferred GPA for transfer eligibility is 2.6, or equivalent based on the GPA threshold for passing in the country in which the courses were taken.

d. Professionalism: The student must be of good moral character and without any professionalism or disciplinary issues.

e. Intern license requirements: Since it is a requirement of each student enrolled in a Doctor of Pharmacy program in the US to apply and obtain an "Intern Pharmacist License" while in school, certain criminal offenses may prevent transfer. The applicant is referred to the website of the California Board of Pharmacy for further information regarding eligibility to obtain an Intern Pharmacist License.

f. Background Check: All students matriculating into CNUCOP's PharmD program must complete a background check.

g. Vaccination Requirements and PPD Testing: Students must comply with all vaccination requirements and PPD testing as listed in the current CNUCOP Student Handbook.

h. English Skills: Completion of a TOEFL or IELTS examination may be requested at the discretion of the Office of Admissions. A minimum TOEFL score of 80 or IELTS score of 6.5 is preferred.

IV. DOMESTIC TRANSFERS: ELIGIBILITY

a. ***Domestic Program Transfers:***

i. Current or previous students at a U.S. School or College of Pharmacy or other healthcare programs are eligible to apply.

ii. The class into which a transfer will be admitted will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

iii. Students are eligible to transfer into the P1 or P2 class, based on prior coursework.

iv. A minimum of two years of training must be completed at CNUCOP to be eligible for a Pharm.D. degree from the institution. Special situations will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

V. INTERNATIONAL TRANSFERS: ELIGIBILITY

a. ***International Pharmacy Student Transfer Policy***. This policy does not pertain to international students who have not yet started a pharmacy or other healthcare programs. These applicants must apply to CNUCOP through PharmCAS, the centralized pharmacy application portal.

i. International pharmacy student applicants <u>currently enrolled</u> in a Bachelor of Pharmacy program at a foreign institution are eligible for entry into the first professional year of the pharmacy program:

1. Based on a review of the completed coursework by the CNUCOP Admissions Taskforce, the applicant may receive credit for some courses that were completed at another institution, with a US equivalent of a grade of C- or higher (or based on the GPA threshold for passing in the country in which the courses were taken or WES or ECE evaluation) with similar credit units may be appropriate for credit transfer. A complete credit evaluation will be conducted and an academic plan will be created by the Admissions Taskforce and the Office of Academic Affairs, respectively.

ii. Preferred criteria for international applicants who have completed a Bachelor of Pharmacy program:

1. <u>FPGEE®:</u> Applicants who have successfully completed a Bachelor of Pharmacy program outside of the US within the past ten years, and also successfully passed the Foreign Pharmacy Graduate Equivalency Examination® (FPGEE®) exam within the past five years, are eligible for entry into the second year of the professional program. Such candidates will receive didactic credit for courses in the first year of the pharmacy program, but the applicants will still be required to complete 300 hours of IPPEs and 1440 hours of APPEs under the oversight of CNUCOP.
2. Non-FPGEE®: Applicants who have not taken or who have not successfully passed the FPGEE® examination, but preferably completed their Bachelor of Pharmacy in the past 10 years, are eligible for entry into the first professional year of the program, and based on a review by the Admissions Taskforce. The applicant may receive credit for some of the coursework completed at a previous institution, based on student performance and the similarity of the coursework.
3. Applicants who have completed a Bachelor of Pharmacy or other healthcare programs outside of the US more than ten years ago will not be eligible for transfer, and instead may be required to apply through PharmCAS.
4. <u>MOU-institutions:</u> For international students currently enrolled in non-US pharmacy (or other healthcare programs and whose institution has an established memorandum of understanding (MOU) with CNUCOP, credit for coursework completed at the other institution will be

reviewed by the Admissions Taskforce and credit transfers will be determined, based on the procedure outlined in the MOU.

5. Other institutions: For applicants from non-US pharmacy programs that do not have an MOU with the CNUCOP, determination of placement into the CNUCOP Pharm.D. program will be subject to the following considerations:
6. The appropriateness and recency of the completed coursework toward meeting CNUCOP Pharm.D. degree requirements.
7. The academic performance in each course. The determination of both the institutional source and quality of professional course work, as reflected by the accreditation standing of the originating institution.

IV. INTERVIEWS.

a. Following receipt by the CNUCOP Office of Admissions of the transfer application, transcript(s), and related documents, the complete application will be reviewed, and an interview (virtual or on-site) will be offered based on eligibility.

VI. TRANSFER CREDITS FOR COURSEWORK

a. Course Evaluation: Coursework will be evaluated by the Admissions Taskforce based on the comparability and recency of the completed coursework to CNUCOP courses. The Taskforce will systematically review the coursework completed, align the prior coursework with the courses offered at CNUCOP, and determine if the content of the course and applicant's performance affirm the applicant's mastery of the content.
b. Syllabi: The applicant for transfer must provide the syllabus for each course being considered for transfer. The syllabus must be for the year the course was taken. The syllabus must include a detailed list of topics covered in the course.
c. Competency Exams: To determine if an applicant has a satisfactory command of the course content, competency examinations may be administered pre-matriculation, either in-person or virtually.
d. Experiential Rotations: All students are required to complete Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) and Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) rotations with CNUCOP in the United States. Students are strongly encouraged to complete all experiential rotations within California. Experiential education rotations outside of California must be approved by the Office of Experiential Education. Students transferring from outside of California will benefit from experiential experiences within the state, due to national differences with scope of practice, state legislation, clinical

practice patterns, and state board exams (i.e. California Pharmacy Jurisprudence Exam (CPJE)). The only experiential learning that may be credited to the student are as described in these policies and procedures. No other prior experiential learning is eligible.

e. Placement Tests: Applicants may be required to take one or more placement tests to determine if credit will be awarded for prior coursework, as determined by the Office of Academic Affairs in consultation with the Admissions Taskforce.

i. Details regarding the content of the placement examination and how to prepare will be made available to students who qualify for transfer, following the interview.

f. Total Transferable Credits: The total number of units transferred shall not exceed the maximum allowable transfer units as specified by ACPE and other accrediting bodies. The Office of Student Affairs and Admissions is not involved in credit transfer decisions and will not discuss credit transfers with the applicants.

VII. APPLICATION PROCESS.

a. All transfer pharmacy student applicants must complete and submit the Pharmacy Student Transfer Application, along with all other required application materials. The CNUCOP Transfer Application Form is located on the School website: https://pharmacy.cnsu.edu/ (specifically, under Admissions and then the Transfer (https://pharmacy.cnsu.edu/admissions/transfer.php).

b. A personal statement outlining the reasons for seeking admission into CNUCOP's Doctor of Pharmacy program no greater than 500 words

c. Official transcripts from the originating college or school of pharmacy. Unofficial transcripts will be accepted pending the arrival of official transcripts. Transcripts from an international pharmacy program must be submitted to World Education Services (WES) or Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE) for evaluation if the applicant has graduated within the past ten years from an international program, except those from institutions who have an MOU with CNUCOP.

d. For those graduating more than ten years ago, all official transcripts from the pharmacy program must be sent directly from the institution granting the degree to the CNUCOP Office of Admissions (COPadmissions@cnsu.edu).

e. Two letters of recommendation. One must be from a faculty member from the previous pharmacy or healthcare program. The other can be from a healthcare professional, faculty member, university administrator, or employer. The letters must be sent directly to COPadmissions@cnsu.edu with the subject line "Transfer Student Letter of Recommendation for _____ (include first and last name of applicant)"

i. All other application materials should be emailed to COPadmissions@cnsu.edu with the subject line of "International Pharmacy Student Transfer Application- Applicant Name".

ii. Interview: A virtual interview will be offered to qualified applicants.

iii. Based on the application materials, interview, and related requirements, an applicant may be offered admission. If the applicant accepts the offer of admission, then the course evaluation will take place.

f. The Office of Student Affairs and Admissions will verify that a complete application packet has been submitted and then forward the material to the Admissions Taskforce, which will conduct an evaluation of all coursework completed to determine the syllabi required for course evaluation, as well as the most appropriate year for placement.

VIII. PLACEMENT AND ACADEMIC PLAN

a. Academic Plan: After the Admissions Taskforce completes their written recommendation of which CNUCOP courses have been completed by equivalent coursework at prior institutions, the Office of Academic Affairs will use the Taskforce recommendation to generate an academic plan for the applicant.

b. The Office of Academic Affairs will complete a Program Transfer Request form to document the evaluation and the final recommendation, to be counter-signed by the applicant and the Dean of the College and submitted to the Registrar.

c. International pharmacy applicants will receive a formal letter from Office of Admissions acknowledging the decision of acceptance or denial of the request for transfer credits. If accepted, the acceptance notification will be followed by an academic plan from the Office of Academic Affairs that formally indicates which CNUCOP courses were credited to the applicant and the timeline for completion of the remaining coursework.

d. The applicant must sign and return the academic plan to the Office of Academic Affairs. By signing the academic plan, the applicant is agreeing to complete the required courses in the order outlined by the plan.

e. Accepted international pharmacy applicants must submit an Enrollment Agreement and associated deposit as required of all accepted candidates into the CNUCOP program.

All transfer students, including both domestic and international, are required to attend a Transfer Student Orientation prior to the start of classes. The school's Principal Designated Office (PDSO) for international students will deliver a presentation and answer any student questions. The Office of Student Affairs and Office of Academic Affairs will also deliver presentations during this time to ensure the transfer students experience a seamless transition into the PharmD program. Visa services are not provided by CNU. And it should be noted that all coursework is delivered in the English language.

Memorandum of Understanding with other Universities

When CNUCOP was a four-year program, MOUs were established with the following institutions:

1. HUTECH, Vietnam
2. UMP, Vietnam
3. BRAC, Bangladesh
4. Phenikaa, Vietnam

Since the transition to a three-year PharmD program, these MOUs are in the process of being updated to reflect the reviewed curriculum. An MOU with CNU's Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences Program has also been established and will also be updated to reflect the shortened duration of the pharmacy program.

General Admission Policy

1. ***Application Process***

   a. All applicants wishing to enter the first-year of the Doctor of Pharmacy program must apply through PharmCAS, a centralized application service for pharmacy programs. All official transcripts must be sent directly from each college or university to PharmCAS for evaluation.

   b. All applicants must have obtained a high school diploma or equivalent prior to applying to the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

   c. While a cumulative GPA of 2.8 is preferred for entry into the Doctor of Pharmacy program, a holistic review of the application is conducted by members of the Admissions Committee who evaluate both academic and non-academic factors, including leadership experience, work experience, letters of recommendation, grit and resilience, academic success in science and math coursework, taking into account temporal trends, the rigor of the academic program and coursework, community service, oral and written communication skills, and research experience.

   d. For courses that have been repeated at the same institution, the lowest grade received for a course will be removed when calculating cumulative GPA .

   e. Domestic and international applicants wishing to be considered for a transfer into the Doctor of Pharmacy program should submit a Transfer Student Application, available by emailing COPadmissions@cnsu.edu to the Office of Admissions. Applicants can request information about the CNUCOP Transfer Student Policy from the Office of Admissions (refer to CNUCOP Transfer Student Policy).

   f. CNUCOP also offers a Pharm Tech to PharmD pathway for qualified applicants. For details, email the COPadmissions@cnsu.edu and refer to CNUCOP Pharm Tech to PharmD Pathway).

   g. The CNUCOP offers double degrees with other selected programs at the University, including the Masters in Healthcare Administration (MHA) and Masters in Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences (MPS). Please email COPadmissions@cnsu.edu for more details.

2. ***Admission Requirements: Prerequisite Courses***

a. Each applicant through PharmCAS has a "Prerequisite Check" spreadsheet associated with their application where the OSAA staff and faculty document progress on completion of prerequisites.

Notes of planned or in-progress classes can be updated, and unofficial transcripts can be uploaded to PharmCAS, pending receipt of the official transcripts. Students are notified via the PharmCAS email option of missing prerequisite courses or missing official transcripts. Once all prerequisites and official transcripts are received by PharmCAS (or by the College, if after the PharmCAS deadline), the Prerequisite Check is marked complete for that applicant.

b. While the prerequisite coursework does not need to be completed prior to interviewing for the PharmD program, the prerequisite coursework must be completed by the date of matriculation for the College of Pharmacy. Coursework completed before the PharmCAS deadline must be sent directly to PharmCAS from the institution in which the coursework was completed. Official transcripts of coursework completed after the PharmCAS deadline must be sent directly from the institution to the Office of Admissions before noon on the date of matriculation.

c. All prerequisite coursework must be completed at a regionally accredited US institution or its equivalent abroad.

d. Prerequisites for the program include:

   i. General Chemistry I with lab: 4 credits (semester system) or 6 credits (quarter system)

   ii. General Chemistry II with lab: 4 credits (semester system) or 6 credits (quarter system)

   iii. Organic Chemistry I: Semester Hours – 3 credits (semester system) or 4 credits (quarter system)

   iv. Organic Chemistry II: 3 credits (semester system) or 4 credits (quarter system)

   v. Organic Chemistry I or II lab: 1 credit (semester system) or 1 credit (quarter system)

   vi. General Biology I: 3 credits (semester system) or 4 credits (quarter system)

   vii. General Biology II: 3 credits (semester system) or 4 credits (quarter system)

   viii. General Biology I or II lab: 1 credit (semester system) or 1 credit (quarter system)

   ix. Human Physiology (if taking a combined Anatomy and Physiology course, Anatomy and Physiology I and II both must be taken to fulfill the Physiology course requirement): Semester Hours – 3 credits (semester system) or 4 credits (quarter system)

   x. Calculus or Statistics: 3 credits (semester system) or 4 credits (quarter system)

   xi. Public Speaking or Oral Communication or a course that focuses on or includes oral presentations in English: 3 credits (semester system) or 4 credits (quarter system)

   xii. English Composition: 3 credits (semester system) or 4 credits (quarter system)

   Courses that focus on or include major writing and composition projects in English may be accepted for the English Composition prerequisite: 3 credits (semester system) or 4 credits (quarter system).

   xiii. Two General Education Courses (courses in the Humanities or Social and Behavioral Sciences are preferred)- 6 credits (semester system) or 6 credits (quarter system)

   xiv. A total of 40 credits (semester system) or 54 credits (quarter system) must be completed

e. Prerequisite courses must be at a level of rigor typical of prepharmacy, pre-medicine and pre-dentistry pathways. Lower-level biology, chemistry, math or physiology courses for nonscience majors will not be accepted. Applicants may contact the Admissions Office (COPadmissions@cnsu.edu) for approval of courses they plan to take and to verify that the level of rigor of the course in question is at the level of a pre-PharmD program.

f. Upper division science courses or labs may be substituted for Biology I, Biology II, or the Biology Lab component on a case-by-case basis. CNUCOP offers a few internal virtual asynchronous prerequisite courses in the summer prior to the start of the academic year. Students passing the final competency exam(s) for the virtual course(s) with a C- (i.e., 69.95%) or higher will be considered to have fulfilled the prerequisite. Students are eligible to take the competency exam a total of two times per course. Students failing to achieve a minimum of a C must defer their matriculation to the next admission cycle. Please note, credit earned in these courses is not transferable to other programs. The courses offered include the following:

    i. Foundations I

    ii. Human Physiology

    iii. Organic Chemistry II

g. Students who received a D in a Human Physiology or Organic Chemistry II course are eligible to self-study and demonstrate competency through examination as well. A grade of a C- (69.95%) must be earned on the exam to be considered fulfilling the prerequisite.

h. Science and math courses, along with any AP credits (minimum score requirement of 3), must have been completed no greater than ten years from the planned date of matriculation. Exceptions to this requirement may be made on a case-by-case basis if the applicant has been working in an environment where up-to-date skills from the subject in question are employed.

i. All prerequisite coursework must be completed with a grade of C- or higher

j. In-person coursework is preferred, although online coursework is permitted. It is preferred that laboratory coursework be completed in person.

3. ***Admissions Requirements: Letters of Recommendation***

a. Two letters of recommendation are required and must be submitted directly to PharmCAS from the individual submitting the letter of recommendation

    i. It is recommended that one letter is from a science or math faculty member, while the other letter is from a healthcare professional, preferably a work supervisor.

    ii. Letters of recommendation will not be accepted from friends or family. Letters from clergy members or politicians will not be accepted unless they served in a clear advisory role, such as a work supervisor.

b. International applicants who have not completed at least two years or at least 40 semester units (54 quarter units) at a US college or university may be required to take the TOEFL IBT or IELTS exam. The preferred minimum TOEFL IBT or IELTS scores are 80 or 6.5, respectively.

c. General Education requirements are waived for applicants who have or will be receiving a bachelor's degree or US equivalent prior to matriculation in the pharmacy program.

4. ***Admissions Requirements: Interviews and Interview Essay***

a. Qualified applicants must complete an interview and writing sample to be considered for admission into the Doctor of Pharmacy program.

b. Interviews are conducted virtually. Applicants must have a reliable internet connection, a quiet location, and both video and audio capabilities.

c. Applicants should dress professionally for the interview.

d. A pre-interview email will be sent to applicants with recorded messages from the CNUCOP Dean, Assistant Deans, Financial Aid Office, and others. Applicants are encouraged to review the videos and information on the website prior to the interview.

5. ***Admissions Requirements: Committee Review***

a. Any questions that arise during pre-interview screens by faculty or staff, or post-interview concerns, are sent to the Admissions Committee for further discussion and vote. The results of the committee review are recorded in WebAdmit.

6. ***Admissions Requirements: Background Checks***

a. All applicants must pay for and complete a background check, with results made available to CNUCOP no later than one week prior to the first day of new student orientation. Information about the background check will be provided by CNUCOP. Only the background check company partnered with PharmCAS can be used.

7. ***Program Deferrals***

a. *If an applicant cannot start classes on their intended date, they may be eligible to request a deferral. Reasons for deferral will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis, may include uncompleted prerequisites, or challenges with respect to financial aid, health, or family issues.*

b. Applicants failing to successfully complete the prerequisites prior to the start of the Doctor of Pharmacy program will not be eligible to matriculate into the program.

c. A deferral may be requested after signing the Enrollment Agreement and paying the non-refundable enrollment fee directly to the CNU Business Office.

i. To request a deferral, the applicant must email the Dean of the College of Pharmacy explaining why a deferral is being requested. If the deferral is granted, your PharmCAS application will be copied into the next admission cycle.

ii. Official transcripts must be submitted directly from the institution where the course(s) were completed to COPadmissions@cnsu.edu for any coursework completed after the PharmCAS deadline, including those completed during the deferral year.

iii. An updated background check will also need to be completed prior to entry into the pharmacy program.

iv. New letters of recommendation may not be required.

d. If the deferral is not granted, the student must reapply during the next admission cycle.

Pharm Tech to PharmD Pathway

I. Policy Statement

California Northstate University College of Pharmacy (CNUCOP) is fully accredited by the U.S. Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) and offers a Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) degree in an accelerated, 3-year program. Many pharmacy technicians wish to earn a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree, but are not sure where to start. CNUCOP recognized that working technicians have many hurdles on their path to a degree, including lack of prerequisite courses, busy work schedules, family responsibilities, and financial limitations. In addition, technicians may have been out of school for several years or have yet to start their undergraduate prerequisite courses, which likely means they lack access to college academic advisors.

Accordingly, CNUCOP has developed the Pharmacy Technician to Doctor of Pharmacy (PTPD) Pathway to address these hurdles. The PTPD pathway provides access to two virtual, no-cost, self-paced prerequisite courses, the passing of which will result in a certificate of completion. Applicants also may receive credit for one additional communications prerequisite, based on skills gained in the workplace. In addition, PTPD students also can meet with admissions advisors to receive guidance about their other prerequisite courses, letters of recommendation, and the application process. In addition, technicians on the PTPD Pathway will be invited to workshops, Q&A sessions, learning seminars, calculations quizzes, and outreach events to help them prepare for the application process and to optimize their time in the PharmD program.

II. Goals

This Policy provides a brief overview of the path pharmacy technicians can take to prepare for, apply to, and enroll in the PharmD program. The PTPD Program aims to facilitate the application preparation and approach in an efficient, affordable, and high-quality process.

III. Eligibility, Guidance and Acceptance

a. ***Eligibility***

i. Eligibility for the PTPD Certificate is determined on a case-by-case basis. Applicants will preferably have worked as a licensed pharmacy technician or a technician-in-training for at least 10 months at a US pharmacy by the PharmCAS application deadline.

ii. Degrees: Applicants must have a high school diploma or GED; an Associate's degree is preferred.

iii. PharmCAS Applicants: To be eligible to take the CNUCOP PTPD courses, an applicant must have applied through PharmCAS, interviewed, and been accepted. All *official* transcripts must be received by PharmCAS before the start of the PTPD course(s), except for courses still ongoing after the PharmCAS deadline. Applicants should wait to apply to PharmCAS until they clearly will be able to take all prerequisite courses before their planned matriculation date. If this is not feasible, they can remain in the PTPD program and apply for the next year, during which time they can continue to access the PTPD benefits.

iv. Transfer Applicants: International and Domestic Transfer students are eligible to take the PTPD courses and earn the certificate, if they have submitted a Transfer Application, interviewed, been accepted, and all official transcripts and official WES/ECE/ERES evaluations have been received by the CNUCOP before the start of the PTPD course(s).

v. Before starting either of the PTPD courses, applicants must have passed the prerequisites for the PTPD course(s), as listed on the syllabi, and be on track to have completed all prerequisites by noon on Friday before the start of New Student Orientation. As is the case for all applicants, CNUCOP Admissions Advisors will provide guidance on which courses are at an acceptable level of rigor to satisfy the prerequisites.

b. ***PTPD Courses:*** The following PTPD courses are offered at no cost to pharmacy technicians who are on the PTPD pathway. These courses will be offered in the summer via a virtual, self-paced platform. A certificate for each course will be awarded upon successfully passing an in-person final exam.

i. PBS 502: Physiology for Pharmacy (content equivalent to 3 credit hours)

ii. PBS 503: Organic Chemistry II for Pharmacy (content equivalent to 3 credit hours)

c. ***Public Speaking:*** PTPD students who have worked as a pharmacy technician or tech-in-training for at least 10 months by the PharmCAS application deadline may be eligible to receive credit for the public speaking prerequisite, provided that they have a letter from a pharmacist who has been their direct supervisor attesting to the effectiveness of the applicant's English communication skills. This includes listening to and speaking with patients, their family members/caregivers, co-workers, supervisors, healthcare providers, insurance companies, and other individuals in the workplace.

d. ***Required PharmD Courses:*** The following required first-year (P1) PharmD course is offered at no initial cost to pharmacy technicians who are on the PTPD pathway. The fee for the course will be included in tuition in the fall after matriculation.

i. PBS 601x: Foundations 1

V. ADMISSION PROCEDURE.

a) PTPD Application: Applicants to the PTPD Pathway will complete an application for the PTPD program. There is no charge to submit a PTPD application. Applicants may be required to interview. (The PTPD application is separate from the PharmCAS application required for enrollment in the PharmD program.)

- Step 1: Complete the PTPD Application via the Formstack link: XXXXXX.
- Step 2: Review of the PTPD application and transcripts by Admissions Advisor to determine which prerequisite courses need to be completed and if the prerequisites can be completed prior to New Student Orientation. The Admissions Advisor will review prerequisite courses that applicant is planning to complete to determine if the courses are at the appropriate level of rigor for a pre-pharmacy student.
- Step 3: If on-track for completing the remaining prerequisites before the start of New Student Orientation, then the applicant will be advised to apply through PharmCAS to our program.

b) PTPD applicants will apply, interview, and be evaluated by the same standards as other applicants to the PharmD program. The College follows a holistic application review process, including admissions application, interview, and where applicable for transfer students, placement competency testing.

Student Enrollment Agreement

The Student Enrollment Agreement must be completed and submitted to the college in order to show intent to enroll in the program. The Student Enrollment Agreement is a legally binding contract when it is signed by the incoming student and accepted by the institution.

By signing the Enrollment Agreement, the student acknowledges that the catalog, disclosures, and information located on the website have been made available to the student to read and review.

Any questions or concerns regarding the Student Enrollment Agreement should be directed to the college or university department. Catalog, Performance Fact Sheet, and Website.

Before signing the Student Enrollment Agreement, the prospective student is strongly urged to visit the University and College website at www.cnsu.edu, and to read and review the CNU General Catalog and School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). The SPFS contains important performance data for the institution. The Catalog contains important information and policies regarding this institution.

Student's Right to Cancel, Withdraw, and Refund

Applicants have the right to cancel the Student Enrollment Agreement until 12:01 AM on the first calendar day after the first classroom instruction session attended, or until 12:01 AM on the seventh calendar day after a student has signed the Enrollment Agreement, whichever is later.

Cancellation shall occur when the applicant gives written notice of cancellation to the Admission Office at the University's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement. This can be hand delivered, emailed, faxed, or mailed. Written notice of cancellation sent by hand delivery, email, or facsimile is effective upon receipt by the University. Written notice of cancellation sent by mail is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed with postage prepaid.

After the cancellation period described above, the applicant has the right to withdraw from the University at any time. Withdrawal shall occur when the applicant gives written notice of withdrawal to the Registrar at the University's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement. When withdrawing from the college/university, please complete the Official College Withdrawal form available from the Registrar's request form website: http://www.cnsu.edu/office-of-the-registrar/registrar- services. Do not use this form to indicate your intent to cancel your enrollment agreement.

Tuition & Fees

Tuition and associated fees for full-time students are listed in the tables below. All tuition, fees, expenses, and policies listed in this publication are subject to change without notice by California Northstate University. In the tables below, P1, P2, and P3 indicate the student's year in the program (e.g. P1 is a first-year student; P2 is a second-year student, etc.). This section contains a list of the total charges for a period of attendance and an estimated schedule of total charges for the entire educational program.

Generally, tuition and fees are charged to a student's account thirty (30) days prior to the start of each term. The above is based on the assumption that a student will attend each term on a full-time basis, which allows for a student to graduate after successfully completing three (3) years of coursework consisting of 148 semester credit hours.

International students are not charged additional fees or charges associated with vouching for student status. Payment deadlines, loan obligations, refund calculations due to cancellation and withdrawal, and the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) disclosures are located in FINANCIAL SERVICES & DISCLOSURES,

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Incoming Students

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for the period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy program at California Northstate University:

Doctor of Pharmacy - Tuition & Fees per Year for 2026-2029 (Three-Year Program)

Tuition & Fees	Year 1 – P1	Year 2 – P2	Year 3 – P3
Tuition	$65,000	$68,000	$71,000
Pharmacy Lab Fee / Skill Lab Fee	$695	$695	$695
Technology Fee	$200	$200	$200
Professional Career Development Fee	$60	$60	$60
Student Activity Fee	$100	$200	$200
BCLS/CPR Certification Fee	$50	$0	$50
Student Tuition Recovery Fee[5]	$0	$0	$0
Aseptic Compounding Certification Fee/Pharmacists Letter Trainings	$72	$0	$0
White Coat Ceremony Fee	$90	$0	$0
Orientation Fee	$75	$0	$0
Immunization Certification Fee	$125	$0	$0
Board Preparation Fee	$0	$750	$0
Enrollment Agreement Fee (non-refundable)	$100	$0	$0
Graduation Fee	$0	$0	$300
Total Tuition & Fees per Year	**$66,567**	**$69,905**	**$72,505**

Total Estimated Tuition & Fees cost for the entire 3-year Doctor of Pharmacy program $208,827.

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs[1]	Year 1 – P1	Year 2 – P2	Year 3 – P3
Health Insurance Premium[2]	$3,529	$3,529	$3,529
Books and Supplies	$1,600	$1,600	$1,600
Background Check/Drug Screen/Health -related costs[3]	$500	$500	$500
Room and Board (based on 12 months)	$24000	$24000	$24000
Transportation (based on 12 months)	$5,362	$5,362	$5,362
Total Estimated Cost per Year[4]	**$101,558**	**$104896**	**$107496**

1 Estimated costs and expenses a student may incur as part of participation in the applicable year of the PharmD program, whether or not paid directly to CNUCOP. These expenses include estimated costs of living.

2 Optional, estimated, and will vary based on number of insured members.

3 Estimated cost of specific IPPE/APPE site requirements, including but not limited to physical exam, immunizations, etc.

4 Includes tuition, fees, and other estimated educational related costs.

5 Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Continuing Students

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Doctor of Pharmacy program at California Northstate University:

Tuition and Fees for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

Tuition & Fees	Year 1 - P1	Year 2 - P2	Year 3 - P3
Tuition	$65,000	$68,000	$71,000
Pharmacy Lab Fee / Skill Lab Fee	$640	$640	$0
EHR Go	$0	$55	$0
Technology Fee	$200	$200	$200
Professional Career Development Fee	$60	$60	$60
Student Activity Fee	$100	$200	$200
BCLS/CPR Certification Fee	$75	$75	$70
Student Tuition Recovery Fee[5]	$0	$0	$0
Aseptic Compounding Certification Fee/Pharmacists Letter Trainings	$72	$0	$0
White Coat Ceremony Fee	$90	$0	$0
Orientation Fee	$75	$0	$0
Immunization Certification Fee	$130	$0	$0
Board Preparation Fee	$0	$485	$485
Enrollment Agreement Fee (non-refundable)	$100	$0	$0
Graduation Fee	$0	$0	$300
Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year	**$66,542**	**$69,715**	**$72,315**

Total estimated tuition & fees for the entire program is $208,572.

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs per Year[1]	Year 1 - P1	Year 2 - P2	Year 3 - P3
Health Insurance Premium[2]	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708
Books and Supplies	$1,600	$1,600	$1,600
Background Check/Drug Screen/Health -related costs[3]	$500	$500	$500
Room and Board (based on 12 months)	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696
Transportation (based on 12 months)	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000
Total Estimated Costs per Year[4]	**$98,046**	**$101,219**	**$103,819**

1 Estimated costs and expenses a student may incur as part of participation in the applicable year of the PharmD program, whether or not paid directly to CNUCOP. These expenses include estimated costs of living.

2 Optional, estimated, and will vary based on number of insured members.

3 Estimated cost of specific IPPE/APPE site requirements, including but not limited to physical exam, immunizations, etc.

4 Includes tuition, fees, and other estimated educational related costs.

5 Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

Scholarships

The Northern California Education Foundation and the College of Pharmacy award various scholarships to students during the academic year. The scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, academic performance, leadership, and/or promoting pharmacists that deliver community and patient

centered effort.

Eligibility for student financial aid awards is determined based on enrollment status, satisfactory academic progress, and cost of attendance. Our programs define full-time enrollment at 12 semester credits, and half-time enrollment at 6 semester credits. A student must complete a minimum of 12 semester credits each academic year to be eligible to advance to the next grade level for purposes of student financial aid eligibility.

Enrollment Status

A student must be enrolled at least half-time each semester term to attain and/or maintain eligibility for student financial aid. A student enrolled less than half-time in a semester term will not be considered eligible for a student financial aid award in that term.

Satisfactory Academic Progression

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements are used to ensure a student progresses through his/her program at a pace necessary to successfully complete the program with progression limits. A student must meet all SAP requirements to remain eligible for student financial aid. For details about SAP, see the CNU General Catalog.

Cost of Attendance

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. California Northstate University utilizes the consumer expenditure survey data published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to project the costs associated with other educationally related expenses (e.g. room and board, transportation, etc.). The cost of attendance is the cornerstone of establishing a student's financial need, as it sets a limit on the total aid a student may receive for a given period of enrollment.

Information regarding various scholarships can be found on the CNU Student Financial Aid Tools webpage, https://www.cnsu.edu/financial-aid/cop/grants-and-scholarships.php

For scholarships and awards specific to the College of Pharmacy, please visit:
https://pharmacy.cnsu.edu/PDFs/CNUCOP%20Scholarship%20and%20Awards%20List%2010-21-2025.pdf

Students are also encouraged to apply for external scholarships.

General Policies

Orientation and Registration

New Student Orientation is mandatory for all incoming students. The Office of Student Affairs and Admissions must be notified of any absence due to illness or emergency, if a student is not able to attend the scheduled orientation. The student will be required to provide documentation of the absence and complete a make-up orientation within the first week of school, in addition to attending scheduled classes and maintaining course requirements.

Registration for classes requires:

1. Fulfillment of all admission contingencies.
    a. Admission contingencies include proof of medical insurance coverage, all required immunizations, a cleared background check, and any other institutional requirements. Students may enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan to satisfy the insurance requirement. For a complete list of required immunizations, please review the COP Student Handbook
2. Completion of all new student paperwork.
3. Financial aid clearance from the Financial Aid Office.

Students who are not in-compliance with institutional requirements or who have a financial hold at the time of registration are required to satisfy the requirement and submit an approved Add/Drop form by the end of the Add/Drop period.

New students must submit the Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form to the Office of the Registrar and/or Student Affairs by the end of Orientation. To make updates, a new form must be submitted to the Registrar and the Office of Student Affairs must be notified. The Office of the Registrar requires submission of the Authorization to Release Student Records if a student desires to grant a personal third-party (such as a parent, spouse, etc.) access to his/her student record. Please refer to the "Directory Information and Access to Student Records" section of this catalog for more information.

New students should review their local, home, and billing contact information via the Student Portal and update as needed. It is the student's responsibility to maintain valid contact information throughout their enrollment at CNU. Instructions for accessing the Student Portal is sent by the CNU IT department to the student's CNU email address.

Registration is conducted by the Registrar prior to the start of each semester for new and continuing students. Students with business, financial, or other registration holds on their account will not be registered until the Registrar is notified that the hold has been cleared. Students who are non- compliant

with institutional requirements or who have a hold on their student account at the time of registration are required to satisfy the requirement and may also be required to submit the Course Add/Drop form by the end of the Add/Drop period to register or make schedule changes.

All accepted students who matriculate must have all official transcripts for all courses taken since high school as well as evidence of high school diploma or equivalent on record in the Admissions Office by September 30 of the fall semester that they matriculate.

Intern License

Enrolled CNU students must have a valid, current California Pharmacy Intern License. Incoming students are required to apply for a Pharmacy Intern License at the start of the Professional Year 1 (P1). During orientation week, students will complete their intern applications, which will then be collected by the Office of Experiential Education and submitted to the California Board of Pharmacy. Once the applications are received and processed, the California Board of Pharmacy mails the Intern License to the Office of Experiential Education where a copy is kept in the student's permanent file.

It is not possible to participate in the experiential component (the IPPE or APPE rotations) without a current California Pharmacy Intern License.

Address Where Instruction Will Be Provided

Class sessions are conducted at 9700 West Taron Drive, Elk Grove CA 95757 or online (https://pharmacy.cnsu.edu/). Experiential education, clinical rotations, and service learning activities are conducted at assigned professional clinical locations and community sites as established by agreement among the student, professional preceptor, and College.

Instruction/Course Delivery

The College of Pharmacy offers a didactic component of the curriculum that is usually offered in a classroom instruction setting comprised of an initial sequence of biomedical, clinical, pharmaceutical, and social and administrative science courses, followed by a series of organ-system based modules that integrate pathophysiology, pharmacology, medicinal chemistry, and pharmacotherapy concepts into the management of acute and chronic conditions. Selected classes may be delivered virtually.

The experiential component of the curriculum includes 300 hours of introductory pharmacy practice experience (IPPE) over the first three academic years and 1440 hours of advanced pharmacy practice experience (APPE) in the final academic year. Students' complete pharmacy practice experience throughout various offsite locations. The College of Pharmacy provides learning experiences through the use of team-based learning to deliver many of the didactic courses in the curriculum. Team-based learning (TBL) prepares students to play a key role in a multidisciplinary team setting. High fidelity manikin-based

simulations, community pharmacy-based simulations, gamification, class supplemental instruction, cooperative and associative learning and interprofessional education constitute some of the other active teaching and learning strategies employed.

All courses are delivered in English and English language services are not provided.

Academic Policies & Procedures

Academic Calendar

The COP Academic Calendar consists of two to three didactic course trimesters lasting approximately 12 weeks long. First and second-year students complete IPPE and third-year students complete APPE experiential education modules throughout the calendar year as assigned.

Credit Hour Policy

For each 12-week trimester, 1 credit is assigned per 15 hours of classroom or direct faculty didactic instruction (that is, per hour of lecture or student in class time), whereas 1 credit is assigned for up to 45 hours each week of student time spent for courses that include workshop and/or laboratory time, and for experiential education (AL/LAB/EL). Practicum courses (PRCs) require adequate practice hours for student teams and the Carnegie credit unit definition does not apply to these courses. Practicum courses will be at least 2 credit hours. Students complete 300 hours of IPPE and 1440 hours of APPE as part of their experiential education training (EL).

Code	Course Type	Code	Course Type
AL	Active Learning	LEC	Lecture course
EL	Experiential	TBL	Team- Based
LAB	Laboratory		

Grading

A letter grade equal to or greater than a C is considered satisfactory performance (passing) for completion of a course. To progress from one semester to the next, students must pass all courses with a letter a grade of C or higher and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. The breakdown for assignment of letter grades and grade points for each letter grade are as follows:

Grade	Definition	GPA Unit
A	89.95- 100%	4.00
B	79.95- 89.94%	3.00
C	69.95- 79.94%	2.00
D	59.95-69.94%	1.00
F	<59.95%	0.00
Y	Remediation Placeholder	Not in GPA

W Official Course Withdrawal Not in GPA

Incomplete or Withdrawal from a Course

During a semester, a student may withdraw or fail to complete all required assignments and/or examinations due to extenuating circumstances, such as, but not limited to, an illness or a family emergency. In such cases, the course coordinator may give a grade of Incomplete for the course.

All missed assignments and exams must normally be completed within 10 business days after the end of the semester in which the Incomplete was received, or within a timeframe determined by the course coordinator. Failure to successfully complete the course will result in an earned F grade for the course and placement on academic probation

Withdrawal from a course must first be approved by the course coordinator and the Office of Academic Affairs. Where a student has had to withdraw from a course a grade of W will be applied, and the student will need to repeat the course next time it is offered.

GPA Calculation

To calculate cumulative GPA, letter grades will be converted to their numeric grade point value using the grading convention table above, and then added together. The sum is then divided by the number of courses taken. Grades received in retaken classes will be used in determining cumulative GPA. The grade initially received in the course will not be included in the calculation but is recorded on the transcript.

Academic Honors

The Registrar compiles a list of full-time P1-P3 students who have demonstrated academic excellence in each didactic semester. Honors are noted on the student's transcript for each qualifying semester.

President's List: 3.75-4.00 GPA

Dean's List: 3.50-4.00 GPA

Rho Chi Honor Society – Invitation requires a minimum 3.50 cumulative GPA and class standing within the top twenty percent (20%) determined after the first semester of the student's second (P2) year. New members will be inducted into Rho Chi in the Spring semester of their P2 year. Any P2 or P3 students who become newly eligible in subsequent semesters will be inducted in the spring semester of their P3 year.

Course Grade Appeal Policy

Students may file an appeal if there is a disagreement with a final course grade. Students wishing to appeal a grade received in a College of Pharmacy course must follow the three steps listed below.

First Step - Student statement to course coordinator

A student can initiate the formal grade appeal process in writing using the Course Grade Appeal Form. The student must complete sections I and II and submit the form to the Course Coordinator within 3 business days of online grade posting.

The Course Coordinator, in collaboration with the Department Chair, will respond to the student's grade appeal in writing within 5 business days of receipt of the appeal. The Course Coordinator will return copies of the grade appeal form, with section III completed, to the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and the Registrar, while returning the original copy to the student in case they wish to pursue the matter further. If the appeal is approved by the Course Coordinator and Department Chair, the Course Coordinator returns the completed grade appeal form to the Office of the Registrar along with a completed Grade Change Form. If the appeal is denied, and the student accepts the outcome, the process ends here.

Second Step - Appeal to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs

If the appeal is denied by the course coordinator/department chair, and the student wishes to pursue the matter further, the student has 3 business days from the date the Course Coordinator returns the form to sign and complete section IV of the form and submit it to the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs.

The Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs will render a decision in writing to the student within 5 business days of receipt of the formal appeal. If the appeal is approved the form will be returned to the Office of the Registrar with a completed Grade Change Form. If the appeal is denied, and the student accepts the outcome, the process ends here.

In the event the Course Coordinator is the Assistant/Associate Dean l for Academics, the student may appeal the decision directly to the Dean.

Third Step – The Dean of the College

If the Assistant/Associate Dean for Academic Affairs denies the appeal, and the student wishes to pursue the matter further, the student has 3 business days from receipt of the decision to submit an appeal in writing to the College

Dean. However, this is only allowed for exceptional cases. The appeal is not for the grade but for an exception from regular process and an additional opportunity to remediate the course. The Dean will refer the case to the Assistant/Associate Dean of Academic Affairs who will prepare the student's dossier for review by the college level Professionalism Committee. Provided that the student is in otherwise good academic standing and has no professionalism issues, PASC may recommend granting an exception to process and allow an exceptional remediation. The Academic Affairs Dean renders the final decision based on the recommendation from PASC and in consultation with the Dean. They will render the final decision in writing within 5 business days of receipt of the formal appeal. The final Course Grade Appeal

form must be submitted to the Office of the Registrar for processing.

Qualifying Exam Series

The Qualifying Exam Series primarily covers pharmacotherapeutic content presented in all three years at CNUCOP, including calculations and is designed to introduce and help develop the skills necessary for taking the NAPLEX and CJPE.

Early Alert Policy

An Early Alert is designed to allow a course coordinator to refer a student for academic support at any point during the semester. Such a step may be taken based on a quantifiable assessment such as an exam grade of less than 70% or a cumulative iRAT score of less than 70%. It could also be based on observation of behavior, such as participation in teamwork.

Process

The course coordinator activates the academic alert and requests to meet with the students within 5 business days. A plan for academic support will be determined by the course-coordinator and the student. The completed Academic Alert form will be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) which then notifies the student's academic advisor. The OAA may request to meet with students who have alerts in multiple courses. The Office of Student Affairs (OSA) will also be notified to provide tutoring assistance if requested by the student. The student is encouraged to work with the course coordinator, academic advisor, the OAA, and OSA, to ensure all resources are being utilized to improve academic performance.

Academic Progression Policy

I. Policy Statement

California Northstate University College of Pharmacy (CNUCOP) has established a set of guidelines and expectations associated with the development and acquisition of knowledge, skills, and competencies necessary to successfully advance in the PharmD program towards graduation. Students need to pass all courses with a 'C' grade or above to demonstrate competency.

II. Purpose

To allow CNCUOP's PharmD students to progress in a timely and successful manner towards the completion of the program.

III. Scope

The policy and procedures outlined here include i) the overall definition of timely progression, ii) the number of remediation opportunities available to the students for on-time graduation, iii) opportunities for extended learning/remediation through specialized academic plans, iv) the number of courses students may

remediate, v) remediation requirements for courses with “core” skills or components, and vi) tracking student progression through the use of a “negative strikes” system for D and F grades received through the duration of the PharmD program. This policy and procedure document was created through a revision of the previously existing academic progression policy and adopted at CNUCOP through an all-faculty vote on February 2, 2024.

IV. Procedure

A. Course Remediation

Remediation consists of taking a comprehensive remedial examination that covers the material presented throughout the course. Both course grades of D and F are eligible for remediation. Preparation for remedial examinations is the sole responsibility of the student, and may consist of, but is not limited to, self-study, tutoring, and/or meetings with the course instructor(s) as the student and instructor(s) feel necessary for the student to gain a fundamental understanding of the course material. Satisfactory mastery of the material will be decided by the course coordinator/director/instructor, generally representing a score of at least 70 percent on the comprehensive remedial examination.

Remediation Criteria

CNUCOP uses a “strike” system for GPA calculations. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 to remain in the program and cannot earn more than 7 strikes cumulatively throughout the PharmD program. A "D" counts as one strike, and an "F" counts as two strikes. For example: students can have 7 "D" courses or a maximum of 3 "F” courses plus one "D" course, all of which they can remediate. Beyond this, they are subject to dismissal. For all didactic courses, a student who receives a course grade between 59.95 and 69.94 earns a “D,” while a student with a grade of 59.94 and below earns an “F,” as defined in course syllabi. Both D and F grades require remediation. If students pass the remediation, their D or F grades will be changed to a C. The fact of remediation will be reflected as a transcript record. Students are allowed a total of 3 opportunities to remediate the same course through the duration of the PharmD program. This includes an extended learning plan (a 4-year plan). Please refer to the procedure below. Students may remediate any number of courses within a given trimester per the items above with the stipulation that students need to complete the PharmD program within 1.5x the degree program length (4.5 years for the 3-year program). Remediation courses with required/core passing components: The PharmD program has several courses that incorporate the teaching and learning of required skills. These skills are assessed by assignments and are placed as required passing components of select courses. The most common examples are “practicum” courses, abbreviated as PRCs. The PRC courses are offered in all didactic years of the PharmD program. Example courses for the 3-year PharmD programs: PRC sequence of courses and the CAS 812 course. This provision does NOT apply to P3 year clinical rotation courses called “Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences or APPE courses. Students will receive a total of 4 attempts to pass the required components including the initial attempt, remediation 1, remediation 2, and remediation 3.

B. Academic Probation

If a student fails a course, or if remediation is unsuccessful, the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) will automatically place the student on academic probation and notify them in writing of the action. When a student has been placed on academic probation the following apply:

a. Academic Probation means a student in the 3-year PharmD program is placed on a four-year schedule to complete the program.

b. The revised program must be completed within 4.5 consecutive years from the date of the first day the student begins the program.

C. Incomplete Grade or Withdrawal from a Course

a. During a trimester, a student may withdraw or fail to complete all required assignments and/or examinations due to extenuating circumstances, such as, but not limited to, an illness or a family emergency. In such cases, the course coordinator may give a grade of "Incomplete" for the course.

b. All missed assignments and exams must typically be completed within 10 business days after the end of the semester in which the Incomplete was received, or within a timeframe determined by the course coordinator.

c. Failure to complete the course will result in an earned F grade for the course and placement on Academic Probation.

d. Withdrawal from a course must first be approved by the course coordinator and the Office of Academic Affairs and Accreditation. Where a student has had to withdraw from a course, a grade of W will be applied and the student will have to repeat the course next time it is offered.

D. Dismissal from the Program

a. The decision to dismiss is solely at the discretion of the CNUCOP Office of Academic Affairs and Accreditation (OAA) and will be based on the academic performance of the student. However, the OAA will consult with CNUCOP Professional and Academic Standards Committee (PASC) as needed and outlined below. Dismissal decisions may be appealed to the Dean, whose decision will be final.

b. PASC will make recommendations to the OAA based on professionalism, honor code, and similar issues. PASC may also be convened upon a request by the OAA.

E. General Remediation Procedure.

a. In the event of a student receiving a D or F grade in a course, the instructor will complete a Remediation Form which will be used to notify instructors of a student's eligibility to remediate or repeat a course. Please note that remediation exams are considered high stakes exams. If an Excused Absence is granted then make-up exams for remediation exams will only be scheduled during business hours and scheduling will be based on the availability of our faculty and staff members.

b. Eligibility for remediation is determined by the CNUCOP Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) based on the number of courses where an F or D grade is achieved in a semester.

c. If eligible, instructors will make arrangements with the student to remediate.

1. Number of Remediation Opportunities and Remediation Placements (only applies to students with less than 7 strikes. An individualized plan will be developed by OAA for

students with 7 or more strikes, students who are going through the Dismissal Appeal Process, and/or students who are on Academic Probation)

a. Remediations 1 and 2 will occur at the end of each trimester.

b. P1 students who do not pass remediation 2, will be allowed to progress to the next trimester within the same academic year with the stipulation that they conduct approved self-directed study for the failed courses while taking the new courses.

c. P1 students may be given a third remediation opportunity at the end of trimester 3. Note, typically P1 students will not be allowed progress to the P2 year if they have more than one unsuccessful course remediation. It is possible that remediation 3 may be scheduled at the end of trimester 4 for students who did not pass remediation #2 exams, this decision will be made by OAA.

d. P2 students who do not pass remediation 2 exams will be allowed to progress to the next trimester within the same academic year with the stipulation that they conduct approved self-directed study for the failed courses while taking the new courses.

P2 students may be given a third remediation opportunity at the end of trimester 5. P2 students cannot progress to P3 year APPE rotations without successful completion of all didactic courses and the co-curriculum.

Students who do not pass remediation 2, will be allowed to progress with courses with the stipulation that they conduct approved self-directed study along with taking the new courses.

They will get a third remediation opportunity at the end of the immediate following trimester. If they fail, they will be placed on a 4-year academic plan and will need to retake the course (fourth and final attempt). If they fail the fourth attempt, they will be dismissed from the program.

F. <u>Remediation for P1-P3 Courses with Required/Core Passing Components.</u>

a. Remediation 1 will be scheduled during the trimester for the core component that the student failed. If a student fails Remediation 1, the OAA will consult the Course Coordinator to review eligibility for Remediation 2. If a student passes Remediation 1, their grade on the **assessment of the core component** will be changed to 70% (C).

b. Remediation 2 for the core component that the student failed will be scheduled after the instructional period (during the remediation period). If a student fails Remediation 2, they will get a grade of "incomplete" or "I" in the course and may be eligible for Remediation 3 (extended remediation) based on the decision of OAA in consultation with the Course Coordinator. If the student passes Remediation 2, their grade on the **assessment of the core component** remains the same as the score from the original attempt.

c. Remediation 1 will be scheduled during the trimester for the core component that the student failed. If a student fails Remediation 1, the OAA will consult the Course Coordinator to review eligibility for Remediation 2. If a student passes Remediation 1, their grade on the **assessment of the core component** will be changed to 70% (C).

d. Remediation 2 for the core component that the student failed will be scheduled after the instructional

period (during the remediation period). If a student fails Remediation 2, they will get a grade of "incomplete" or "I" in the course and may be eligible for Remediation 3 (extended remediation) based on the decision of OAA in consultation with the Course Coordinator. If the student passes Remediation 2, their grade on the **assessment of the core component** remains the same as the score from the original attempt.

e. Remediation 3 (extended remediation) will be scheduled at the end of the academic year. If a student fails the extended remediation, they will get a D for the course and will need to retake the course. If they pass the extended remediation, they will get the maximum grade of a C (70%). All remediation attempts for failed core components of courses must be completed prior to the start of the next trimester otherwise the student may not proceed to the next trimester.

G. Dismissal Appeals

a. Students dismissed from the College may appeal the decision in writing within ten (10) calendar days of notification of dismissal to the Dean of the College.
b. The Dean will respond to appeals in writing in a timely manner.
c. The Dean's decision is final.

H. IPPES and APPES

a. A failed IPPE or APPE cannot be remediated except by retaking the rotation.

b. If the IPPE or APPE is not successfully remediated upon retaking the rotation, the student will be dismissed from the program. If more than one experiential rotation is failed the student will be dismissed. Students have the right to appeal dismissal decisions according to this policy and per the CNUCOP appeals policy.

c. Having to retake an IPPE may delay entry into the third year of the program, while having to retake an APPE block may delay graduation from the program.

d. Students should refer to the EEP Handbook for specific requirements regarding progression through IPPEs and APPEs.

I. Graduation Requirements.

Students at CNUCOP are approved to receive the Doctor of Pharmacy degree by the COP faculty and the Board of Trustees (BOT). Students must conduct themselves in an ethical, moral, professional, and lawful manner and meet the following requirements:

a. Conducted themselves in an ethical, moral, professional, and lawful manner.
b. Satisfactorily completed the curricular and co-curricular requirements in a timely fashion, not to exceed 1.5 times the expected program duration (e.g. 4.5 years for the three-year program including approved leave of absences).

c. Passed all high stakes exams including course final exams, qualifying exams, and other examinations as outlined in the graduate catalog.
d. Fulfilled all tuition and financial requirements and completed all necessary paperwork.
e. Attends graduation and commencement ceremonies in person. Under special circumstances, the Dean of the College may release the attendance requirement in the preceding sentence.

Students must file a completed Petition to Graduate with the Office of the Registrar by the semester deadline.

Attendance Policy

Students are required to attend all classes and all courses, including laboratory sessions, IPPES, and APPEs, on a regular basis. The University/College recognizes that circumstances may cause a student to miss an occasional class. The student may make up the work missed if the absence has been excused per the Excused Absence policy.

Pharmacy Practice Experience

The preceptor will determine the schedule for the student during their rotation. Aside from the student's class schedule and mandatory College events, it is at the sole discretion of the preceptor to determine the student's schedule. The preceptors may, but are not required to, respect documented and significant religious or cultural dates. However, students must present such special requests to the preceptor as early as possible. Students must complete their entire six-week APPE rotation regardless of earning 240 hours prior to the final day. Students must make up any missed time during their rotations completing at a minimum, 240 hours during their APPE rotation or 75-150 hours for respective IPPE rotations. If, while on rotation, a holiday occurs which closes the rotation site or a student is called back to campus, the student must coordinate a time with the preceptor to make up all hours missed. The closing of the academic campus for a holiday (s) or vacation does NOT automatically determine an off day for the IPPE or APPE student. For any reason, there is a maximum of three (3) days missed during any rotation before a student fails the rotation.

TARDINESS: Any student who has missed greater than one hour of a scheduled rotation day must report the occurrence within 24 hours to the EED (or coordinator) and preceptor. The student is required to make up any time lost due to tardiness. Repetitive tardiness must be reported by the student to the IPPE or APPE Director, as appropriate. It is the responsibility of each student to allow sufficient time for traffic, parking, or other routine delays. Three tardy days of any duration is considered an unexcused absence, and the course grade will be dropped one letter grade.

Excused Absence Policy

The College of Pharmacy expects students to attend and participate in all classes, participate in all introductory and advanced practice experiences, and complete all exams and assessments as scheduled (together defined as "coursework"). Missed coursework has the potential to disrupt individual and team learning, invalidate assessment of learning outcomes, create unfair advantages, and divert faculty and student resources away from teaching and learning. However, some absences from coursework are unavoidable.

A student may request an excused absence for personal, emergency, compassionate, professional, or health-related reasons. Please refer to detailed policy for a full list of reasons for which an excused absence may be requested.

High stakes absence requests will be held to the highest standard for documentation and communication. A student requesting to receive an excused High Stakes Absence must satisfy one of the criteria described in the detailed policy available on the website.

A student may request no more than three academic days of excused absences per course or APPE Block. In total, excused and unexcused absences shall not exceed five academic days per course or three per APPE Block. Absences exceeding five academic days per course may require a student to request a leave of absence or a withdrawal. Please contact the Office of Academic Affairs for further information.

A student seeking an excused absence should complete the Excused Absence Request Form (available from the CNUCOP website) and seek the Course Coordinator's signature for each missed course within 3 business days upon return to courses or campus. The Course Coordinator will determine if an absence will be excused or unexcused for their course based on the categories and criteria outlined in the detailed policy; the completed form should be emailed or handed in to the Office of Academic Affairs for final approval.

Professional Conferences

California Northstate University College of Pharmacy supports the learning and professional development opportunities professional conferences can provide students; thus, the college has a policy to allow student participation and attendance. A student in good academic standing, and not on Academic Alert, may submit an excused absence request to attend a professional conference. The request must be submitted no later than one week before the early registration deadline for the conference. For a more detailed description of the Student Travel Guidelines, please review the Student Handbook located on our webpage.

Approved Absences

A student may request an excused absence for the following circumstances:

- Medical (self or immediate family)
- Military Duty

- Immigration & Naturalization
- Emergency
- Jury Duty
- Legal
- Bereavement (Immediate Family)
- Professional Conference (requires verification of academic standing)
- Involvement in traffic accident documented by law enforcement report

Course Add /Drop Policy

Changes in course registration may be made without penalty up to the end of the first week (5 class days) for fall and spring terms. COP students are block scheduled into their didactic classes by the Registrar. The COP Add/Drop Policy only applies to elective courses.

Students must obtain permission from the course director or coordinator for each course added to their official registration during the add/drop period. Permission will be signified by the course director or coordinator's signature on the add/drop form. Students must also obtain approval from the Office of Academic Affairs. Approval from the Office of Academic Affairs will be indicated by the signature on the Course Add/Drop form.

Even though a student obtains approvals and signatures, the completed Course Add/Drop form must be submitted to the Registrar during the add/drop period in order to be valid. Students may not make changes in their course registration after the add/drop period has ended.

For experiential education courses, please refer to the experiential education manuals. Students are not allowed to drop a rotation.

Leave of Absence

A leave of absence is approved for a specific period, not to exceed more than a year, and the institution agrees to permit the student to return to the University/College without formally reapplying for admission to the University/College. Extension of the leave of absence period requires approval from the Office of Academic Affairs.

The student will be required to return to the University/College at the beginning of the trimester/semester in which the leave was granted. All students requesting a Leave of Absence should fill out a Leave of Absence Form after discussing their decision with the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. If a student is requesting a leave of absence, the Designated Academic Official for Academic Affairs must sign the form. If the student is approved for a leave of absence, the student is eligible to return without reapplication if the absence is within the approved time frame. A student requesting a leave of absence

should also meet with the Financial Aid Manager and Business Office to determine impact of their decision and any requirements needing fulfilment prior to the leave.

Non-attendance does not constitute notification of intent to apply for leave of absence status. The date of leave status is the date the Registrar receives the signed form.

Return from Leave of Absence

The Office of the Registrar will contact a student on Leave of Absence (LOA) approximately 90 days before the LOA expires via certified US mail and the email addresses on record. The student will receive the Intent to Return Form and instructions for re-enrollment and for withdrawing from the University. Submission of the completed Intent to Return Form to the Office of the Registrar is required to be eligible for course and APPE/IPPE registration.

The student will have 30 days of the date of the notice to reply to the Office of Registrar with their intent to return to the University/College or officially withdraw.

If a student does not return within 1 year of approved LOA they are no longer eligible to return as a continuing student and must reapply to the University/College for admission (See Withdrawal/Readmission in this handbook).

Withdrawal from the College/University

Students may voluntarily withdraw from the University/College at any time during the academic semester. The student will earn a "W" grade for a course(s) that is (are) not complete at the time the withdrawal is initiated. Informing CNUCOP, your academic advisor or instructor does not constitute official withdrawal from the program.

All withdrawals must be processed by the Office of the Registrar. Students must submit a completed Official University/College Withdrawal form to the Office of the Registrar. The form is available online at http://www.cnsu.edu/office-of-the-registrar/registrar- services and in the Office of the Registrar.

A student must meet with and receive signatures from the following departments before the form can be filed with the Office of the Registrar: Office of Academic Affairs, Business Office, Financial Aid, the Dean, and Office of the Registrar. A student who officially withdraws from the University or College is eligible to apply for readmission.

Readmission to the College/University

Students who fail to return from a leave of absence, who are dismissed, or withdraw from the program can reapply for admission. Candidates seeking readmission must apply through PharmCAS and adhere to the guidelines for all new applicants. Applicants for readmission will be evaluated by the admissions committee. The committee's decision is final. Applicants will not be given special consideration over new

applicants and will be evaluated equally on their overall academic record.

If readmitted, the student may be required to restart the program beginning with the first professional year, regardless of their professional standing prior to dismissal or withdrawal.

Complaint/Grievance Policy

All academic related complaints regarding a course, courses or a faculty member should be filed with the Associate/Assistant Deans of Academic Affairs or Student Affairs. An electronic Grievance/Complaint form is available at http://pharmacy.cnsu.edu/forms.

ACADEMIC COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES
All academic-related complaints regarding a course, courses or a faculty member should be filed with the appropriate academic department or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Students should use the following guideline:

Complaint/Grievance	Discuss or file complaint with
Course-related	Faculty Coordinator; if unresolved, then the Department Chair
Faculty-related	Department Chair

NON-ACADEMIC COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES
General complaints or concerns should be directed to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions. The Assistant Dean will advise students about the appropriate procedures to follow in resolving a general complaint or concern. An informal process of resolution will be sought unless the incident is severe enough to warrant a formal investigation and hearing. This procedure also applies to all discrimination, harassment, and sexual harassment reports and complaints that may arise in matters involving rights protected under legislation relating to equal opportunity in Employment and Education or any policy of the University/College relating to harassment. General grievances may also be made anonymously by sending a letter to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions or can be filed online anonymously by visiting:
https://californianorthstateuniversity.formstack.com/forms/anonymousreportcnu.

Informal Resolution Procedure
Students are encouraged to discuss and resolve non-academic conflicts, including complaints of harassment, and/ or discrimination, with the individual involved before filing an informal or formal complaint. An informal complaint may be made to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs by email or in person. The suggested time frame to make an informal complaint is 10 days from the date of the incident. The complaint will be investigated and the outcome of the investigation will be communicated to the student filing the complaint. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome a formal complaint may be filed.

Formal Resolution Procedure
The complaint must be in writing and should describe: the specific action(s) necessitating the complaint, a statement of facts supporting the complaint, actions sought in an informal resolution, and information about why the action did not lead to a satisfactory resolution prior to filing a formal complaint, if an informal process was utilized. The complainant must be willing to be identified as the accuser.
The complaint must be signed and dated by the complainant and filed with the Assistant Dean for the OSAA within 14 days of the occurrence. A completed Complaint/Grievance form should be included with the letter. The form can be found on the school's web site. Students may also submit an email or letter without the form if needed. All complaints will be reviewed immediately. If the situation warrants, the

incident will be investigated by a committee. If the complaint/grievance is related to harassment under Title IX or the SaVE Act a committee trained in this area will conduct the investigation. The complaint and investigation will be handled in a confidential manner. Investigations will usually be completed within seven (7) business days from the receipt of the complaint.
At the conclusion of the investigation, a report will be provided to the individuals in the situation stating the findings and recommendations. In unforeseen circumstances, or due to the complexity of the investigation, the report time limits may need to be modified. If the outcome was not satisfactory, the complainant may appeal the decision of the committee to the Dean of the College.
The written appeal request must be received in the Office of the Dean within five (5) business days from the written recommendation provided by the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. The Dean shall provide a written final decision to the complainant within five (5) business days from the receipt of the request. The decision of the Dean will be final.
A confidential record or log of all complaints filed is kept by the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions.

ACCREDITATION STANDARD COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES
California Northstate University College of Pharmacy encourages students to seek internal resolution to any conflict. Complaints may be made directly to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions. The written complaints will be kept on-file and made available for inspection at onsite accreditation evaluations.
If a student has a complaint related directly to an "accreditation standard" they may file the complaint to the Assistant Dean or directly through the accreditation website listed below for WASC (regional accreditation) or ACPE (PharmD program accreditation). Students must make sure the complaint is related to accreditation standards and not a general complaint unrelated to accreditation. Academic and general complaints can be made using one of the processes listed above.

Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE)
The colleges and schools of pharmacy accredited by ACPE have an obligation to respond to any written complaints by students lodged against the University/College, or the pharmacy program that are related to the standards and the policies and procedures of ACPE.
If the complaint is found to be related to one or more of the ACPE standards or policies listed on the ACPE website at http://www.acpe.org and has not been resolved by the College/University the student may file a complaint directly to ACPE at http://www.acpe-accredt.org/complaints/default.asp The complaint should include the ACPE standard and policies related to the complaint. Students are encouraged to discuss the procedure to file a complaint for unresolved issues with the Associate Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions.
The Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE) is required by the U.S. Secretary of Education to require its pharmacy programs to record and handle student complaints regarding a school's adherence to the ACPE Standards. ACPE must demonstrate a link between its review of complaints and its evaluation of a program in the accreditation process. Therefore, in order to demonstrate compliance with the U.S. Department of Education Criteria for Recognition, and with the prior review and advice of Department of Education personnel, ACPE requires pharmacy schools to provide an opportunity for pharmacy students to provide comments and/or complaints about the school's adherence to ACPE's Standards. The ACPE website is http://www.acpe.org.

Western Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities (WASC)
Accreditation by the Western Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities represents the Commission's judgment that an institution is satisfactorily achieving its mission and educational purposes and that it meets or exceeds the Commission's standards of quality, integrity, and effectiveness. The Commission values information provided by students, employees, and others in determining whether

an institution's performance is consistent with the Standards of Accreditation and Commission policies and procedures. The Commission has two established means for receiving comments from students, employees and members of the public about its member institutions: 1. complaints, and 2. third-party comments
As a general rule, complaints are written by employees and students who have grievances that draw into question the member institution's adherence to one or more Commission Accreditation Standards or Policies. Third-party comments are usually more general comments of a substantive nature about a member institution. Individuals should review the Policy on Complaints and Third- Party Comments in the WASC Policies Manual to ascertain the appropriate means to communicate comments and complaints.

Bureau for Private Post-Secondary Education (BPPE)
A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) by calling (888-370-7589) or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's internet Web site (https://www.bppe.ca.gov/forms_pubs/complaint.pdf) .

The Office of Student Assistance and Relief is an office within BPPE that is available to support prospective students, current students, or past students of private postsecondary educational institutions in making informed decisions, understanding their rights, and navigating available services and relief options. The office may be reached by calling (888-370-7589, Option #5) or by visiting (https://osar.bppe.ca.gov/).

STUDENT SERVICES

PROFESSIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT

The *Professional Career Development Program (PCDP),* and the associated Residency and Fellowship Preparation Series and Career Pathways Series, was implemented by the College of Pharmacy in the Fall of 2019 and delivered a longitudinal component of professional development alongside the pharmacy curriculum. Beginning with the development of the three-year PharmD program, the Professional Career Development Program has now been incorporated into the curriculum and is known as the Pharmacy Professional Readiness Series. The PPR series occurs longitudinal during Trimesters 1, 2, 4, and 5 of the three-year program curricula. Similar to the PCDP, the goal of the PPR Series is to assist students in identifying their professional career goals and provide the resources and support needed to pursue and fulfill these professional goals. The completion of six co-curricular learning activities and corresponding self-reflections is a requirement for successful completion of this series. Topics covered as part of the PPR Series include career development, leadership, cultural inclusivity, grit and resilience, emotional intelligence, and career pathways. External speakers who work in unique pharmacy practice settings are often invited to deliver career pathways presentations as part of this series. Another integral component of the Pharmacy Professional Readiness Series is Student Advising Week, which is held each trimester and requires that each student meet with his or her faculty advisor for academic and career advising.
Certain assignments corresponding to the topics delivered as part of the PPR series must be completed by the students. For instance, during the fall of the P1 year, all students must create an electronic portfolio and CV/resume, each of which is to be updated each trimester by the students. Students may also required to write a letter of intent or cover letter, as well as a thank you note.
All PPR sessions are mandatory, and students who must miss a PPR session must notify the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs prior to the scheduled session or immediately upon their return to class. Students must submit an Excused Absence Request Form, with supporting documentation, if they do not want to receive a zero for the missed class.
The Office of Student Affairs hosts an annual Graduate Interview and Career Preparation Day, depending upon student interest, where P4 students have the opportunity to network and interview with a number of healthcare

organizations and systems for potential pharmacist positions. Faculty-led mock interviews are also provided during this time to prepare our students to interview for residency, fellowship, retail, hospital, and other pharmacist positions. During the spring semester, based upon student interest, a Pharmacy Internship and Networking Fair is hosted by the Office of Student Affairs to provide pharmacy students with the opportunity to meet with different employers offering internship positions or IPPE rotations.
Beyond these career services, the College of Pharmacy does not provide other placement services at this time.

Job Classification per United States Department of Labor's Standard Occupation Codes: 29-1050, Pharmacist.

DISABILITY SERVICES

Any student requiring disability assistance may apply for services through the OSAA. The Office is committed to promoting equal access to programs and facilities, thereby ensuring that students with disabilities experience the opportunity to participate fully in all academic experiences. Specialized services and academic accommodations are provided to meet the individual needs of students with disabilities to help them achieve successful completion of their professional degree.
Students with disabilities who wish to seek special accommodations from the University/College must make a written request to the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. If the disability develops during the school year and accommodations are requested, the student must notify the Assistant Dean or designee in writing as soon as he/she becomes aware of the disability. The Assistant Dean serves as the advisor to CNUCOP students with disabilities and as a liaison between students with disabilities and the faculty.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SERVICES

The federal definition of "disability" encompasses a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities such as walking, breathing, seeing, hearing, learning, working, and performing manual tasks.

TYPES OF DISABILITIES

Some common types of disabilities include, but are not limited to, physical disabilities, learning disabilities, psychiatric disabilities, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorders (ADHD).

STUDENT SELF-REPORTING RESPONSIBILITY

Students enrolled at CNUCOP are required to self-identify if they would like to request services on the basis of a disability. Students are required to meet with the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs or designee for an initial intake and are required to provide appropriate documentation of the disability. Students must provide documentation, at the student's expense, of the disability before the provision of services is reviewed. Since medical conditions change, reapplication for accommodation services must be reviewed with the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs annually.

DOCUMENTATION GUIDELINES

Both medical and functional elements of the disability must be explicitly documented. Documentation must be printed on appropriate letterhead and prepared by a qualified healthcare provider who has professional training and practice to diagnose and treat the impairment that led to the disability.
Documentation of the disability should include, but is not limited to:

- A diagnostic statement identifying the disability
- Date of the current diagnostic evaluation (must be within the past three (3) years)
- Date of the original diagnosis
- A description of the diagnostic criteria used
- A description of the current functional impact of the disability
- Treatments and medications, assistive devices currently prescribed or in use
- A description of the expected progression or stability of the disability over time
- Specific recommendations for accommodations and an explanation of why each recommendation is needed
- Impact the disability has on a specific major life activities
- Credentials of the diagnosing professional

In addition to the above documentation, students are required to submit additional documentation based on the specific disability. Students applying for services and accommodations on the basis of a learning disability should submit a comprehensive report of a psycho-educational assessment performed by a licensed psychologist. The assessment, usually performed in the junior or senior level of high school, should contain the following:

- A complete intellectual assessment with all subtests and standard scores reported
- A comprehensive academic achievement battery with subtests, standard scores, current levels of academic functioning in reading, mathematics, and oral and written language
- Short and long-term memory, sequential memory, auditory and visual processing, processing speed, executive functioning, and motor ability
- A clinical summary of the supported judgment of the health care provider conducting the assessment justifying the diagnosis and suggested accommodations that would be appropriate to strengthen the students relative learning deficits.

Students applying for services and accommodations on the basis of a psychiatric disability should submit a comprehensive report completed by a psychiatrist or licensed psychologist who has experience diagnosing and treating the student's condition.

The assessment should include the following:

- DSM-IV or DSM-5 diagnosis
- Psychological test(s) and all scores used to support the diagnosis
- Medications needed, side effects affecting academic performance, and compliance with the therapeutic plan
- Any accommodation(s) that may jeopardize therapeutic interventions

Students applying for services and accommodations on the basis of ADD/ADHD should submit a comprehensive report of a psycho - educational assessment performed by a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, and/or licensed medical doctor who has expertise in diagnosing and treating ADD/ADHD.

The assessment should include the following:

- DSM-IV diagnosis
- Description of supporting past and present symptoms
- Summary of assessment procedures
- Fluctuating symptoms and prognosis
- Medications needed, side effects affecting academic performance
- Recommendations for reasonable accommodations

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACCOMMODATIONS

The student's request for accommodations will be assessed by the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs and Admissions who will determine eligibility for available services and accommodations. Approval of the recommendations requested are based on the diagnostic report submitted by an appropriate health care provider rather that the student's request alone. Prior history of accommodations does not guarantee provisions of a similar accommodation.

Once registered, the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions will work collaboratively with the student and faculty to provide the best reasonable accommodations for the student to achieve academic success. Accommodations are not retroactive and begin only after appropriate documentation is received and a reasonable time for accommodation development exists.

DISABILITY SERVICES AND ACCOMMODATIONS

1. Academic Accommodations
    * Large print materials
    * Extended exam times
    * Exams in distraction-free environment
    * Modified exams (in certain circumstances)
2. Disability Services
    * Note takers
    * Readers

* Help with ordering taped texts
* Help with ordering text to speech texts for notepads such as IPAD or Kindle

MATERNITY/CHILDBIRTH/ADOPTION ACCOMMODATIONS

This policy is intended to provide an accommodation for the temporary academic disruption that pregnancy, childbirth, adoption, and the care of a newborn may place on the student. It is designed to make it possible for the student to maintain the "enrolled student status", and to facilitate return to full participation in classwork, and, where applicable, research, and clinical/experiential training in a seamless manner.
All matriculated/registered students anticipating or experiencing a birth or adoption, are eligible to receive the following:

- An excused absence per college policy
- A leave of absence* for an academic accommodation around the time of the birth, during which the student may postpone course assignments, examinations, and other academic requirements. Students requesting this accommodation may be placed into an extended program. Students considering this alternative must discuss the maximum allowable completion time with their academic advisor, the Office of Academic Affairs, and the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions
- Access to CNU facilities, student services, and the CNU student health insurance plan
- Parking accommodations

*Students may opt to use a leave of absence in lieu of the benefits provided by the accommodation policy. The leave of absence considerations may vary based on a number of life/situation factors. The factors may include the stage in their academic career, the timing of the birth or adoption, and the level of assistance the student will receive from others in caring for the child. The student may find it more advantageous or feasible to take one or more semesters of a leave of absence. This may especially be the case for healthcare professional students due to the highly structured and sequential curriculum.

EMAIL ACCOUNTS & SERVICE

All students are assigned a unique campus email address for use during enrollment in the program. Email accounts will be provided and tested at the new student orientation prior to the start of the first semester. The IT department offers assistance to students who experience problems with their account during normal business hours.

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING

The OSAA provides programming, guest presentations from health practitioners, and referral information to assist students with healthy lifestyle practices throughout the year. Information regarding programming will be sent by campus email to all students at least two weeks in advance or posted to campus information boards. Examples of programming include time management skills, nutrition guidance, stress reduction strategies, and work/life balance practices. Brochures offering guidance and tips for managing and understanding student focused problems are available in the student lounge.

HOUSING

Information on off-campus housing can be obtained from the University/College's web site and the OSAA. There is currently no on- campus housing available.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The Information Technology Department provides desktop and mobile support, including assistance with applications such as CANVAS, Outlook, and the school portal (CAMS), for all faculty, staff, and students. A brief introductory session on CANVAS, our learning management system, is offered to new students during orientation. CANVAS is the educational platform used by the University/College to manage course information, grades, and assignments, supporting students from admission through to alumni status.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER AND SERVICES

The Office of Student Affairs provides several resources and services to students joining CNU from other countries.

Some of these services include information about applying for a social security card, opening a U.S. bank account, assistance with how to obtain a California ID and driver's license. University Student Affairs complements these services with ensuring that the student and school meet international student visa standards and tracking compliance. International students are required to attend a special orientation session that will cover required policies and standards. The International Student Handbook provides information about the visa process, planning travel to the campus, local housing and utility companies, required personal identification assistance, and other important guidelines.

LIBRARY/LEARNING RESOURCES

LIBRARY FACILITIES

The Learning Resource Center is available for students, faculty, staff, preceptors, as well as local pharmacists. The center includes 8000 square feet of space devoted to student study space and the following resources:

Library Facility and Collection	Classroom Resources
Public Computers	CNUCOP Electronic Library
Electronic Catalog	Interlibrary Loan Program

LIBRARY HOURS

The library facility is a significant part of the Learning Resources Center. It houses the library collection and provides space for individual and group study. It is open whenever the building is open. The building hours when the school is not in session, including holidays and spring break, will vary.
There is a librarian available at either the Elk Grove and the Rancho Cordova campuses. Their staffing hours are Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. (Elk Grove campus) and Tuesday-Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Rancho Cordova campus). Librarians may occasionally be unavailable to due to other commitments.

LIBRARY STAFF

The Learning Resource Center is managed and operated by a full-time health sciences librarian. The health sciences librarian provides training and consultation to students and faculty on how to access good information and efficiently use electronic resources.

LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER PROGRAMS

The Library Resource Center provides both students and faculty with support as well as sufficient research references. The following programs are offered to educate students and faculty on the availability of resources and the process of their uses:

Electronic Learning Resources

The Resource Center maintains an Electronic Learning Resources System. Its purpose is to provide library and learning resources to students, faculty, and staff, and serve as an entry point for all users to meet their academic and research needs.

Library Computer System

A designated area of the learning resource center is dedicated as a computer lab. The computers are available to students, where they can access the electronic resources as well as electronic library materials. Additionally, the lab provides students with general PC software, access to the Internet, and the ability to print desired materials.

Library Collection

The library subscribes to over 10,000 scholarly electronic journals, over 250,000 electronic boks and keeps approximately 1300 books in print.

Interlibrary Loan Program

With the large number of University/Colleges and universities in the Sacramento Valley, the Library has affiliation agreements with the libraries at other institutions. Interlibrary loan requests may be made for material not available in our collection. Request forms are available online or you may see the librarian for details.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

California Northstate University recognizes that students will begin their respective programs with various levels of academic ability and psychological robustness. Some students may experience trying personal circumstances outside the curriculum that may impact their ability to perform at an optimum level of academic performance. To assist students in times of need, three counseling services are available and include TimelyCare, mental health services provided by private insurance, and CNU's College of Psychology clinic. TimelyCare, a virtual mental health and well-being platform, provides free, 24-7 counseling services to CNU students. Students can visit timelycare.com/cnsu for more detailed information. Also, since all CNU students are required to have personal health insurance coverage, mental health services are available through your personal insurance as well. CNU's College of Psychology also provides a free, confidential, mental health clinic to CNU students. The clinic offers both live and virtual services and is located in Rancho Cordova. Services are provided by psychology doctoral students, and there is no limit to the number of sessions that a student can receive. To schedule an appointment, please call **916-378-3581**.

Tutoring – Academic Referral

Students experiencing difficulty in any course(s) are urged to seek the help and assistance of the course coordinator or their academic advisor before the problem becomes unmanageable. If academic problems arise, school-funded tutoring services are available through the OSAA. Students requiring tutor assistance for a specific course must be referred for the service by the course coordinator, the Assistant Dean of Academic Affairs, their academic advisor, or other faculty for the course. Academic referral tutoring is limited to the number of available peer tutors and availability of funding. Individual or group tutoring may be offered, depending upon tutor availability.

Tutoring – Preemptive

Additional academic support may be provided through the Office of Student Affairs in the form of preemptive tutoring. Preemptive tutoring may be available to students based on tutor availability, budget, and past academic performance in the program. Students experiencing academic difficulty are encouraged to reach –out to the course coordinator and instructors for assistance, during which time the appropriateness of preemptive tutoring will be discussed. The course coordinator, in conjunction with the Office of Student Affairs, will work together to determine if preemptive tutoring can be provided.

Tutoring – CSI

Additional tutoring is offered free of charge as part of the CSI (Classroom Supplemental Instruction) Tutoring program. The CSI student peer instructors work closely with the course coordinators to prepare for the CSI sessions and often provide additional material recommended by the faculty. There is no cost for this service and attendance is open to all students.

STUDENT RECORDS (OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR)

Office of the Registrar

The Registrar retains official enrollment, registration, and academic information for students and alumni. Downloadable request forms related to academic transcripts, enrollment/degree verifications, contact and personal information changes, grade changes, duplicate diploma requests, FERPA release authorization, emergency contact updates, leave of absences, and college withdrawals are available from the Office of the Registrar website. Students are strongly encouraged to become familiar with the Office of the Registrar website.

Contact Information

Office of the Registrar
9700 West Taron Drive
Elk Grove, CA 95757
(P) 916-686-7400

Email: Registrar@cnsu.edu
Website: http://www.cnsu.edu/office-of-the-registrar

The main office is located on the second floor of the Elk Grove campus. A Registrar Office staff member is available on the Rancho Cordova campus on various days during the week during normal business hours. Please contact the Office for specific availability dates or to make an appointment.

Graduation & Commencement

Graduation Requirements

As stated earlier in this document, students at CNUCOP are approved to receive the Doctor of Pharmacy degree by the COP faculty and the Board of Trustees (BOT). Students must conduct themselves in an ethical, moral, professional, and lawful manner and meet the following requirements:

a. Conducted themselves in an ethical, moral, professional, and lawful manner.
b. Satisfactorily completed the curricular and co-curricular requirements in a timely fashion, not
c. to exceed 1.5 times the expected program duration (e.g. 4.5 years for the three-year program including approved leave of absences).
d. Passed all high stakes exams including course final exams, qualifying exams, and other examinations as outlined in the graduate catalog.
e. Fulfilled all tuition and financial requirements and completed all necessary paperwork.
f. Attends graduation and commencement ceremonies in person. Under special circumstances, the Dean of the College may release the attendance requirement in the preceding sentence.

Students must file a completed Petition to Graduate with the Office of the Registrar by the semester deadline.

Degree Honors

Students who meet the cumulative GPA listed below will be honored with special recognition at graduation. The honor is noted on the degree.

Summa Cum Laude: CGPA of 3.90 or higher

Magna Cum Laude: CGPA of 3.70- 3.89

Cum Laude: CGPA 3.50-3.69

Commencement

Each student is expected to attend commencement and wear traditional academic regalia consisting of a cap, gown, and academic hood. Hoods of academic regalia are conferred upon the graduates at commencement by faculty. The hood is lined with the California Northstate University colors of cabernet and gold, and is adorned with olive green denoting Doctorate of Pharmacy. Honor cords and/or medallions will distinguish honor graduates. Any additional ornamentation must signify recognized College

organizations and must be approved in advance of commencement.

COP Course Descriptions

All didactic and practicum courses require students to take formative and summative exams and assessments, including a final exam. IPPE and APPE rotations provide practical training to students, typically at external sites, under the supervision of a preceptor. Specific course requirements are clearly stated in course syllabi.

Clinical & Administrative Sciences (CAS)

CAS 606 Biostatistics and Pharmacoepidemiology (3 cr)

This course is designed to introduce major concepts in biostatistics and pharmacoepidemiology, two topics that are closely intertwined. Students will develop the ability to interpret and critically evaluate medical literature and to identify findings that have implications for their practice. Emphasis will be placed on an examination of how study designs draw upon epidemiologic techniques to address drug effectiveness, safety, outcome assessment and regulatory decision making. Students will also acquire skills in applying statistical analysis concepts learned throughout this course with the use of common computer software.

CAS 608 Introduction to Clinical Topics (5 cr) (5 cr)

Introduction to clinical topics is the first course in the therapeutic series. It is an interactive course with an emphasis in self-care management, which consists of a systematic approach to evaluate a patient's self-care needs including assessing, triaging, and making appropriate treatment recommendations. This course also discusses prescription and non-prescription medications related to selected clinical topics. Students will be expected to understand how and why obtaining a comprehensive patient history is necessary to objectively recommend appropriate prescription and nonprescription drugs that are safe and effective. Students will begin to appreciate the role of a pharmacist and how educating and empowering patients is a cornerstone in community and ambulatory care pharmacy practice. (Prerequisites: IPP 607, PRC 609)

CAS 703 Drug Literature Evaluation & Drug Information (3 cr)

This course will provide a systematic approach to drug information and literature evaluation to formulate and implement appropriate drug therapy decisions. This includes effective searching, retrieval, evaluation, and dissemination of electronic and print resources. Students will utilize skills learned in this course to effectively communicate and tailor drug information at the appropriate level for providers, other health professionals, caregivers, patients, and the general public. Additionally, this course will provide introductory knowledge on the state of the art in pharmacy informatics and decision support systems needed

to implement patient-centered care. Students will be able to define basic terminology used in health informatics and describe the benefits and current
constraints in using information and communication technology in health care. (Prerequisites: CAS 606)

CAS 705 Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, and Pharmacotherapy of the Nervous System (Part II) (6 cr)

This course is a continuation of PBS602 and will integrate medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, and pharmacotherapeutic principles into the teaching of psychiatric and neurological topics. Topics covered in this course include mood and thought disorders, Alzheimer's and other related dementias, Parkinson's Disease, select pediatric topics (ADHD and autism), and a review of previous therapeutics topics. (Prerequisites: PBS602 – Co-requisite PRC 809)

CAS 706 Pharmacotherapy II (6 cr)

This course focuses on the development of highly skilled clinical pharmacists. Students are taught to integrate knowledge of therapeutic interventions with the pathophysiological and pharmacological mechanisms and patient specific data to optimally management cardiovascular, , renal, autoimmune and anemia disorders. Students will gain understanding of disease state management through the interpretation of case reports, laboratory findings, application of pharmacologic principles and evidence-based guidelines. (Prerequisites: PBS 701 & CAS 703 – Co-requisite: PRC 710)

CAS 801 Pharmacy and the Health Care System (3 cr)

This course will introduce the major healthcare stakeholders and explain how their interests and interactions have shaped the current US healthcare financing and delivery system and set the stage for healthcare reform. Students will learn how to use this information as a framework to identify existing and future healthcare needs and develop potential pharmacist-driven initiatives to improve value and patient care in general. (Prerequisites: none)

CAS 802 Pharmacy Law and Ethics (3 cr)

This course is designed to prepare student pharmacists to identify, evaluate, and resolve the legal and ethical issues arising within the context of pharmacy practice. Upon completion, a student will understand the current regulatory environment duties and responsibilities of the Pharmacists in Charge and the standards of care to which pharmacists must adhere. Students will be able to identify, interpret and apply relevant laws and regulations within the context of pharmacy practice. (Prerequisites: IPP 607)

CAS 804 Pharmacy Management and Pharmacoeconomics (3 cr)

To provide optimum care and services as a healthcare professional, pharmacists should understand the basic principles and key concepts of managerial, organizational, and financial management. Therefore, the objective of this course is to provide an opportunity for students to learn important management, organizational, accounting, marketing skills, and entrepreneurial and innovation applications for their future practice in pharmacy. The course emphasis will be focused on business planning, organization, motivation, control, and marketing as they relate to community and health system pharmacy management. This course will also provide a basic introduction of pharmacoeconomic principles and its application to improve patient outcomes. The course material will provide this introduction to students by developing skills to assist them in understanding the methods to choose a cost-effective drug therapy for patient populations to achieve quality clinical, economic and humanistic outcomes. A combination of classroom mini-lectures, class discussion, required readings, and in-class learning assignments will be used to facilitate the student's understanding of these important concepts. A final team and individual capstone project will be developed to ascertain attainment of knowledge learned in the course. (Prerequisites: CAS 801)

CAS 805 Pharmacotherapy III (6 cr)

This course will cover the pathophysiology and treatment of bacterial, viral, and fungal infections, as well as the principles of antimicrobial regimen selection and antimicrobial prophylaxis. By the end of this course the student should be able to: identify the principles of the practice of infectious diseases, identify the impact of the use of antimicrobial agents on the population, describe basic properties of common pathogenic microorganisms, list pharmacological properties of selected antimicrobial agents, identify likely pathogens responsible for a particular infectious disease process, select first line and alternative antimicrobial agents for selected disease states, and identify appropriate actions to monitor for efficacy and toxicity. To accomplish these goals, the student will be required to comprehend common microbiologic laboratory tests used to identify microorganisms. The student will be expected to know the mechanisms of action, antimicrobial spectrum, mechanisms of bacterial resistance, common adverse reactions, pharmacokinetics/pharmacodynamics properties of antimicrobial agents discussed in course materials, and the dosing of select antimicrobials. (Prerequisites: PBS604, CAS 703, & PBS 803)

CAS 806 Pharmacotherapy IV (6 cr)

This course covers several topics of pharmacotherapy: cardiology, nutrition, gastrointestinal disorders, hematology, and oncology with a focus on patient care. The student will need to integrate physiologic,

pathophysiologic, pharmacologic, pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetic, laboratory monitoring, and pharmacotherapeutic principles to assess and/or formulate disease specific pharmacotherapy care plans. The course will focus on optimizing drug therapy through the design, recommendation, implementation, monitoring, and modification of individualized pharmacotherapeutic plans using updated pharmacologic principles, clinical recommendations, and evidence-based guidelines. (Prerequisites: PBS 704 & CAS 706 – Co-requisite: PRC 810)

CAS 812 Applied Clinical Pharmacokinetics and Calculations (2 cr)

This course covers applied clinical pharmacokinetics and calculations, primarily in case-based format. Focus areas include applications of PK in critical care, antibiotics, behavioral health and antiepileptic agents, nutrition supplementation (including Total Parenteral Nutrition), pediatrics, neonatal, nutrient deficiency and excess in infants and children, as well as practical application of biostatistics, epidemiological and pharmacoeconomic measures. The student will need to integrate physiologic, pathophysiologic, pharmacologic, pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetic, laboratory monitoring, and pharmacotherapeutic principles to assess and/or formulate disease specific pharmacotherapy care plans. The course will focus on optimizing drug therapy drug therapy through the design, recommendation, implementation, monitoring, and modification of individualized pharmacotherapeutic plans using updated pharmacologic principles, clinical recommendations, and evidence-based guidelines. (Prerequisites: CAS 706 – Co-requisites: CAS 806 & PRC 810)

Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Sciences (PBS)

PBS 601 Foundation I (4 cr)

The Foundations I course is designed to provide pharmacy students with a fundamental understanding of current concepts in cellular & molecular biology and the physicochemical properties of drugs. Focus is placed on using information to understand drug mechanisms of action, to select and interpret patient lab test data, and to learn how biotechnology is used for drug testing and manufacture. Students will also learn how to assess physicochemical properties of drugs and predict how they affect drug efficacy and potentially contribute to adverse effects. During sessions 1 - 3, students are provided with an overview of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell structure and function, membrane transport, signal transduction, cell cycle and apoptosis, nucleotide metabolism, and genetic regulation. During sessions 4 – 6, biotechnology, enzyme biochemistry, virus biology, CO2/O2 transport, heme metabolism and anemia, and nutrition topics are covered. Lastly, in sessions 7 – 10, pharmacogenomics, acid and base properties of drugs, functional groups, prodrugs, drug stability, and drug design and development topics are covered. (Prerequisites:

None)

PBS 602 Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, and Pharmacotherapy of the Nervous System (Part I) (6 cr)

This course will provide an integrated approach to pathophysiology, medicinal chemistry, pharmacology, pharmacotherapy, and toxicology of the nervous system. This course will start with an introduction to the central and peripheral nervous system, following by a focus on major neurological and psychiatric diseases, drug mechanisms of action, treatments, and toxicology. PBS 602 is the first part of a 2-part series focused on the nervous system; Part 2 is provided by CAS 705.This course introduces the principles of pathophysiology and pharmacology, and then focuses on the nervous and renal systems. Normal neural and renal development, anatomy and physiology are reviewed, and then integrated into discussions of the etiologies, pathologies, clinical manifestations, treatments, and preventive measures of selected major or notable neurologic, psychiatric, and renal diseases and disorders. The principles of pharmacology are introduced through drug-receptor interactions, pharmacodynamics, and dose-response curves. Neurology and neuropharmacology include the anatomy of the central and peripheral nervous system (including the CNS & PNS, neurophysiology, electrophysiology, ion channels, action potentials, the resting membrane potential, neurotransmitters, and receptors). Neurologic and psychiatric diseases and disorders covered will include epilepsy, insomnia, glaucoma, pain, disorders of memory and cognition (Alzheimer's), affect (depression and bipolar), movement (Parkinson's and Huntington's), and thought (schizophrenia), as well as the relevant neuropharmacological agents used for their treatment. (Prerequisites: PBS 601 & PBS 603)

PBS 603 Foundation II (5 cr)

The Foundations II is designed to integrate major concepts on which subsequent courses will be built, including medicinal chemistry, biochemistry, and pharmacology. Medicinal chemistry topics include drug structure, macromolecular targets of drugs, ligand-receptor interactions, signaling, stereochemistry, metabolism, drug interactions, and alternative/herbal medicines. Biochemical topics include synthesis and metabolism of carbohydrates, lipids, and proteins, as well as vitamins, cofactors, and nutrition. Principles of pharmacology include pharmacodynamics, molecular and cellular mechanisms of action, pathophysiology, toxicology, and an introduction to the nervous system, including action potentials, neurotransmitters and CNS: Functional neuroanatomy & physiology.

PBS 604 Pharmacokinetics (5 cr)

This course focuses on understanding and applying pharmacokinetic principles for optimizing drug dosage. It is divided into three modules: descriptive, quantitative, and pharmacokinetics of special populations.

Descriptive pharmacokinetics provides a basic introduction to the key pharmacokinetic principles. This module enables the student to conceptualize principles such as drug bioavailability, distribution, clearance, and excretion. Concepts of drug absorption, metabolism, protein binding, and pharmacokinetic drug interactions will be discussed as well. Quantitative pharmacokinetics covers the mathematical aspects, including the calculation of pharmacokinetic parameters following drug administration and compartment modeling. The third module covers the process of using pharmacokinetic principles to optimize the dose for special populations. (Prerequisite: PBS 605, PBS 613)

PBS 605 Pharmaceutics (4 cr)

This course is designed to provide students with the deep understanding of the drug physicochemical properties and its effects on drug formulation and compounding, dosage form as well as an understanding of the interactions between drug delivery systems and biological systems. The course covers the traditional and nontraditional dosage forms as well as drug delivery systems.
(Prerequisite: None)

PBS 701 Integrated Science and Therapeutics I: (7 cr)

This course features integration of pathophysiology, pharmacology and therapeutics with focuses on the development of highly skilled clinical pharmacists in treatment of cardiovascular disease (CVD). It describes and evaluates underlying pathogenesis of major cardiovascular disorders and cardiovascular pharmacology as well as principles of therapeutics. Students are taught to integrate knowledge of therapeutic interventions with pathophysiological and pharmacological mechanisms and patient-specific data to optimally manage cardiovascular disease. Selected topics include hypertension, atherosclerosis and dyslipidemia, ischemic heart diseases, heart failure, cardiovascular shock, and arrhythmia. Students will gain an understanding of disease state management through the interpretation of case reports, laboratory findings, application of pharmacologic principles, and evidence-based guidelines. (Prerequisites: PBS601, PBS603, & PBS 604)

PBS 704 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology III (6 cr)

In this course, students will learn to identify drug targets based upon an understanding of the pathophysiology of major diseases of the endocrine, respiratory, renal, gastrointestinal, genitourinary, and endocrine system and oncology. Students will learn to recognize the major disorders of these systems, the mechanism of action and adverse effects of pharmacological classes of drugs used in the treatment of these disorders. In addition, students will learn the alternative pharmacological agents for patients who exhibit significant adverse effects to existing pharmacological therapy of these disorders. (Prerequisite: PBS701)

PBS 803 Immunology and Rheumatology (3 cr)

This 3-credit course will present an overview of the human immune system underlining the conceptual, physiological, biochemical and pharmacological basis of innate and adaptive immunity. Students will be provided with detailed information about the immune system, immune cells and tissues, and soluble proteins (cytokines) that orchestrate its function. The specific roles of immune cells and cytokines will be discussed with respect to human diseases. The course will also cover the development and biology of B and T cells as key players of adaptive immunity. Special emphasis will be placed on autoimmune diseases and their management, with examples including TH1, TH2 (e.g. allergy), and TH17-mediated diseases. Other topics covered in the course include organ transplantation, passive and active immunity (vaccination), immunodeficiency diseases, AIDS, SARS-COV-2, as well as interactions between the immune system and cancers. Students will gain an understanding of specific disease state management through the interpretation of basic scientific findings, application of pharmacologic principles, relevant clinical reports/data and evidence-based clinical guidelines. These principles will be emphasized in reading assignments, assigned applications, and in-class discussion. Team-based and evidence-based patient case discussion as well as patient pharmacological treatment plan recitation will be applied throughout the course. (Prerequisites: PBS 601, PBS 603, & PBS 704)

Experiential Education (EED) – IPP (Introduction to Pharmacy Practice) and APP (Advanced Pharmacy Practice) courses

The majority of IPP and APP courses provide students with practical training, typically at external sites. Students are encouraged to select sites based on their specific interests and to send a list of their preferred sites to the Office of Experiential Education (OEE). CORE ELMS is used for slotting, and slotting is based on student preference and site availability. Students may not be assigned to a preceptor at a site if they are related to the preceptor or if they have worked with or are currently employed by the preceptor, however, a student may complete a rotation at a different site at the same facility under the supervision of a different preceptor. Students cannot solicit, buy, or sell any placements to other students. OEE has final authority on student placements.

IPP 607 Introduction to Pharmacy Practice (3.5 cr)

This course introduces the student to the many facets of pharmacy practice including the history of pharmacy, pharmacy organizations, contemporary practice, and topics, as well as pharmacy law and professionalism. The student will begin to develop introductory knowledge of the top 150 medications and 50 of the most common over-the-counter medications. In addition, the students will begin their journey into

professional communication that will focus on enhancing verbal and non-verbal skills to conduct meaningful and effective patient interactions that include ethical decision making, problem-solving and conflict management and expand their awareness of cultural, societal competence and health literacy. (Prerequisite: none)

IPP 707 Introduction to Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE): Community Practice (4 cr)
This is an introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) in a community practice setting. This IPPE requires 150 hours on site in a community practice setting. Summer placement is strongly encouraged, and the work schedule suggested should incorporate 4 x 40 hour weeks. (Prerequisites: IPP607)

IPP 807 Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience: Institutional Practice (2 cr)
This is an introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) in an institutional practice setting. This IPPE requires 75 hours on site in this practice setting. (Pre-requisite: IPP607)

IPP 808 Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience: Specialty Practice (2 cr)
This is an introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) in specialty practice setting. This IPPE requires 75 hours on site in this practice setting. (Prerequisite: IPP607)

Experiential Education (EED) - APPE

Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPE) prerequisite: students must successfully complete all P1-P3 courses before commencing APPEs. Collectively, APPEs provide students with the opportunity to hone the practice, skills, professional judgement, behaviors, attitudes, values, confidence, and sense of personal and professional responsibility required for each student to practice independently and collaboratively in an inter-professional, team-based environment.

APP 901 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Community (6 cr)
In the Community Pharmacy Practice APPE, the student will have an opportunity to practice contemporary pharmacy in a community setting, balancing the changing demands of the healthcare system with those of the retail market. Whether in the large chain or independent pharmacy, activities will include managing the prescription verification process, selecting over-the-counter products for patient-specific needs, patient counseling, and delivering medication therapy management services. (Prerequisite: P4 standing)

APP 902 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Hospital/Health Systems (6 cr)
Students in the Hospital/Health System APPE will apply knowledge of sterile technique, pharmaceutical

calculations, pharmaceutical compounding, medication use evaluation and pharmacokinetic monitoring in activities that enhance the safe and effective use of medications in the hospital environment. (Prerequisite: P4 standing)

APP 903 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: General Medicine (6 cr)

Students in the General Medicine APPE apply critical thinking skills and drug information knowledge to evaluate a patient's medical information, identify drug therapy problems, design therapeutic interventions, and communicate medication therapy recommendations to other healthcare providers. (Prerequisite: P4 standing)

APP 904 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Ambulatory Care (6 cr)

In the Ambulatory Care APPE, students apply drug knowledge and communication skills with both patients and other healthcare team members to formulate and implement pharmacotherapy care plans, including monitoring and follow-up to assure the best possible outcomes for their patients. (Prerequisite: P4 standing)

APP 905 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Specialty I (6 cr)

This rotation allows students to explore areas of interest and focus in pharmacy practice. Specialty APPE offered in the CNUCOP curriculum include (but are not limited to) Infectious Disease, Critical Care, Emergency Medicine, Geriatrics, Pediatrics, Academia, Management, Leadership, Compounding, Home Infusion and Long-term Care. (Prerequisite: P4 standing)

APP 906 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Specialty II (6 cr)

This rotation allows students to explore areas of interest and focus in pharmacy practice. Specialty APPE offered in the CNUCOP curriculum include (but are not limited to) Infectious Disease, Critical Care, Emergency Medicine, Geriatrics, Pediatrics, Academia, Management, Leadership, Compounding, Home Infusion and Long-term Care. (Prerequisite: P4 standing)

APP 910 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Seminar 1 (1 cr)

This is the first of a required, two-semester sequential course for pharmacy students during their advanced pharmacy practice experiences. This course is designed to: 1) prepare students for practice in the profession of pharmacy, 2) build upon didactic knowledge gained previously in the Doctor of Pharmacy program, and 3) help students become life-long learners through self-assessment and reflection on learning. Course activities may include but are not limited to board exam preparation, quizzes, student presentations, disease state and/or drug information presentations/discussions, and/or journal club presentations. (Co-requisite:

Enrollment in APP 901-905/906)

APP 911 Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Seminar 2 (1 cr)

This is the second of a required, two-semester sequential course for pharmacy students during their advanced pharmacy practice experiences. This course is designed to: 1) prepare students for practice in the profession of pharmacy, 2) build upon didactic knowledge gained previously in the Doctor of Pharmacy program, and 3) help students become life-long learners through self-assessment and reflection on learning. Course activities may include but are not limited to board exam preparation, quizzes, student presentations, disease state and/or drug information presentations/discussions, and/or journal club presentations. (Co-requisite: Enrollment in APP 901-905/906)

Longitudinal Practicum Education

PRC 609 Longitudinal Practicum I (1 cr) Longitudinal Practicum I is the first in a series of six practicums designed to provide students with the opportunity to practice essential skills, and use knowledge learned in didactic courses to build and develop these skills in a sequential and integrated way. Longitudinal I provides a hands-on introduction to bench-top pharmaceutical compounding and calculations. Practicum I will provide an overview of the value of compounded dosage forms, and their limitations and relationship to FDA-approved drugs. Some insight will be given to the use of compounding pharmacies for the preparation of clinical trial materials, and various compounded preparations will be made. (Prerequisite: none)

PRC 610 Longitudinal Practicum II (1 cr)

Longitudinal Practicum II will provide students with a hands-on introduction to the essential technical skills of intravenous (IV) sterile compounding, calculations, regulations, aseptic techniques, personal and patient safety measures using the sterile IV hood. In addition, other community pharmacy practice standard procedures (prescription processing, medication dispensing, labeling and verification, etc.) will be introduced through the advanced pharmacy practice simulations (APPS lab). In parallel, students will learn how to perform patient immunizations, manual blood pressure and blood glucose measurements and how to perform patient counseling at a skill sufficient to partake in community health screening environments and introductory pharmacy practice experiences (IPPEs). (Prerequisites: PBS605, IPP607 & PRC609)

PRC 613 Pharmaceutical Calculations (1.5 cr)

The course covers pharmaceutical calculations and basic mathematical skills required for accurate and

effective use of pharmaceutical preparations. The course contains major calculations accomplished by pharmacists in different settings. The information in each chapter is aimed to assist in understanding the purpose and importance of accuracy in calculation to provide a better and safe health outcome. (Prerequisite: None)

PRC 709 Longitudinal Practicum III (2 cr)

The third in the series this Practicum will enable students to apply their knowledge of pharmacotherapy to clinical scenarios using an oral clinical exam. Basic laboratory elements will be introduced, and skill sets related to conducting MTM/motivational interviewing will be further refined. Students can also enhance their oral communication skills through patient counseling exercises and debates on topics related to psychiatry and/or neurology. Professionalism, including behaviors and attitudes that are consistent with being a health care professional, will be reinforced. (Co-requisite: CAS705)

PRC 710 Longitudinal Practicum IV (2 cr)

The second Practicum will provide students with practice in calculations, PPCP, SOAP notes, review of cases using specific topics such as renal, endocrine, gastroenterological, and oncologic disease from this semester's pharmacotherapeutic course. In particular, this longitudinal practicum will build on skills developed in previous didactic courses and practicums in order to optimize personal performance going into the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs). Students will be provided with an opportunity to participate in an additional Inter-Professional Education (IPE) Simulation exercise; and there will be team-based topic presentations to solidify communication skills. Overall, students will be provided with sufficient exposure to learn and practice their skills in the area of leadership, patient care, and inter-professional practice. (Pre-requisite: PBS704, CAS806, CAS812, Co-requisite: PRC709, CAS805)

PRC 809 Longitudinal Practicum V (2 cr)

The final Practicum will provide students with practice in nutritional calculations, MTM, review of cases using specific topics such as renal, gastroenterological, and oncologic disease from this semester's pharmacotherapeutic course. This longitudinal practicum will build on skills developed in previous didactic courses and practicums in order to optimize personal performance going into the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs). Overall, students will be provided with sufficient exposure to learn and practice their skills in leadership, MTM, patient care, and inter-professional practice. (Prerequisite: CAS 703; Co-requisites: CAS 806)

PRC 810 Longitudinal Practicum VI (2 cr)

The sixth and final Practicum will provide students with practice in nutritional calculations, MTM review of cases using specific topics such as renal, gastronenterologic and oncologic disease from this semester's pharmacotherapeutic course. This longitudinal practicum will build on skills developed in previous didactic courses and practicums in order to optimize personal performance going into the Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experiences (APPEs). Students will be provided with an opportunity to participate in an additional Inter-Professional Education (IPE) Simulation exercise; and there will be team- based topic presentations to solidify communication skills. Overall, students will be provided with sufficient exposure to learn and practice their skills in leadership, MTM, patient care and inter-professional practice. (Prerequisite: CAS703; Co-requisite: CAS806)

Pharmacy Professional Readiness 1-4 (each course is 0.25 units)

The Pharmacy Professional Readiness courses assist students with preparation for experiential rotations and eventual practice as pharmacists. Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience (IPPE) readiness sessions focus on the logistics of IPPE rotations, and the skills students will need to utilize for successful educational experiences. Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience (APPE) readiness sessions focus on the logistics of APPE rotations and the skills students will need to utilize for successful educational experiences. The Career Development component of the course provides longitudinal programming that prepares students to pursue postgraduate training opportunities or enter the workforce, as well as introduces students to different pharmacy career paths. The focus of the Professional Career Development component is to assist students in identifying their professional goals and provide the support and resources needed to pursue successful careers. (Prerequisites: None)

Elective Courses

Students must take 2 elective courses for a total of 4 credits of elective coursework. Topics offered vary each year and will distributed as an addendum. Students may complete an approved an Independent Study in lieu of an elective course offered. Elective courses currently offered and/or offered in the past include:

ELC865X Industry Pharmacy (2 cr)

The Pharmaceutical Industry elective course will provide pharmacy students with an introduction to the pharmaceutical industry including an overview of roles and functions that pharmacists can play in industry. During 3 of the classes students will be able to meet and interact with industry leaders via Zoom. The course will also provide students with an overview of clinical pharmacology and its real-world usage, topics include: drug development, biochemical mechanisms of drug toxicity, drug absorption and bioavailability,

pathways of drug metabolism, compartment analysis of drug distribution, PK/PD of protein drugs, and computational methods of drug discovery and design. These topics will be covered through viewing of assigned YouTube videos that are presented by world renowned experts in each subject area and are freely available through the NIH Clinical Center. Upon completion of the course, students will have a high-level understanding of roles and functions pharmacists can play in industry and how to position themselves to be competitive for pharmaceutical industry positions. They will also be ready to apply their knowledge and understanding of clinical pharmacology within this setting. All classes will be delivered online. Graded components include quizzes, participation in discussion boards, and reflection papers, all of which will be administered through our Canvas LMS. Please note that this course is offered during the break between trimester II and trimester III and counts towards the trimester III elective requirement. (Prerequisites: None)

ELC784/884X Pharmacognosy (2 cr)

The course is designed to provide the student with basic information about pharmacognosy & phytochemistry, in terms of nomenclature, taxonomy, monographs, quality control, methods for extraction, characterization, detection pharmacologically active compounds, such as alkaloids, cardiac glycosides and anthraquinone glycosides from medicinal plants, complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). Special emphasis will be made on those products used in pharmacy as prescription-only medicine, controlled drugs, and OTC. The course also has a mention of examples of semi-synthetic or synthetic drugs related to naturally occurring drugs, such as opium alkaloids.

After learning this course, students will be equipped with the skills to avoid drug-herbal interactions and better assess evidence-based efficacy of natural products. This knowledge is essential for pharmacists to provide safe and effective patient counseling, especially given the widespread use of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM). All classes will be delivered online. Graded components include quizzes, participation in discussion boards, and reflection papers, all of which will be administered through our Canvas LMS. (Prerequisites: None)

ELC 750/850X Independent Study (2 cr)

The purpose of independent study is to provide interested students with an opportunity to collaborate with faculty on research or specialty projects. The interested student meets with the appropriate faculty member, and the student and the faculty determine the nature and scope of the project to be completed. In collaboration the student and the faculty member design the course, the scope of the project, project specific assignments, methods of evaluation, timeline, and expectations. Prior to starting the project/course, the student and the faculty member complete the independent study form and submit the completed form to the

appropriate Department Chair for approval. Once approved by the appropriate Department Chair, the completed form is subsequently submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs for final approval. Once final approval has been granted, the form will be sent to the Office of the Registrar to officially enroll the student in the course. Request form and instructions available online: http://pharmacy.cnsu.edu/independent-study. (Prerequisites: P2/P3 standing and minimum 2.80 cumulative GPA; Faculty, Department Chair, and Office of Academic Affairs approval)

ELC 718X: Personalized Medicine (2 cr)

This course describes the basic concepts of personalized medicine and molecular diagnostic, as well as therapeutic methods in personalized medicine. It outlines genetic and non-genetic factors in personalized medicine and indicates personalized drug therapy in cancer, cardiovascular disease, and neurological disorders. Personalized medicine is an evolving science to provide treatment as individualized as the disease. It integrates personal genomic and clinical information, as well as drug information that allows accurate predictions about a person's susceptibility to disease and treatment. After learning this course, students will be able to describe better-targeted therapies and methods to maximize therapeutic efficacy and reduce probability of adverse effects. This course is taught in team-based learning (TBL) form, student presentation, case report, and assignment. (Prerequisites: PBS 601, PBS 602 & PBS 701)

ELC 761 / 861X Pharmacogenomics & Genetics (2 cr)

The Pharmacogenomics (PGx) and Genetics course is designed to provide pharmacy students with a fundamental understanding of current concepts and application of genetics and genomics considering the relevance and the scope of pharmacy practice. The course is designed with a learner-centered perspective, leading stepwise through introductory content emphasizing PGx research design including utilization of key knowledge from the human genome and genome projects and Big "Omics" data such as genomic, transcriptomics, and proteomic approaches to patient care. Students are provided an application of pharmacogenomics in drug discovery, disease diagnosis, and the value of phenotyping/genotyping in guiding drug therapy of individual patients. Examples of clinical applications will be included and will examine the relationship between PGx and personalized medicine. This course uses a combination of lectures, discussions of assigned literature, projects, and student-led presentations. (Prerequisites: PBS604, PBS701, PBS704, & CAS705. Equivalence: ELC861).

ELC 768X: Decision Analysis for Health Professionals (2 cr)

Healthcare professionals always face tough clinical decisions under uncertainty. The uncertainty may come

from the diagnostic or treatment uncertainty or both. In addition, the increase of a complex healthcare environment adds more difficulties in making decisions for healthcare professionals. This course will introduce students to the concepts and methods for formulating and making informed decisions in health care (e.g., treatment plans, health policies, etc.). The course will cover a wide range of topics including decision analysis and cost-effectiveness analysis in health care programs, public health policy, technology assessment, medical decision making, and health resource allocation. (Prerequisites: CAS606)

ELC 780X: Journal club for landmark clinical studies (2 cr)

This journal club elective course will be focused on landmark clinical studies that are most relevant to current clinical guidelines and benchmarks of pharmacy practice. Selected original research and/or review articles from literature will be used to emphasize the basic scientific concepts of generation of hypothesis, testing hypothesis, proper experimental/study design and methodology. In addition, hands-on experiences from student presentations and in-class discussions with participating instructors will be used for further development of students' essential presentation skills along with the necessary skills of critical thinking, problem solving and literature evaluation for evidence-based pharmacy practice. Students will be required to participate in group journal club presentations, in addition to active participation in online in-class discussions for their individual assessment. (Prerequisites: CAS 703).

ELC 851X Demystifying Formulary Decisions: An Evidence Based Approached (2 cr)

This course will focus on common disease states affecting the pediatric and geriatric population and their management. These specific patient populations require special consideration because of their varying pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic profiles. The pathophysiological and pharmacological principles of each disease state and their respective treatments will be reviewed. The course will be based on team-led topic presentations and class

discussions to enhance students' knowledge base and improve oral and written communication skills. (Prerequisite: P3 standing)

ELC 857X Advanced Neuropharmacology (2 cr)

This course provides a review of neurology and neuropharmacology, focusing on the pathogenesis and treatment of selected neurological disorders, including topics not covered in depth elsewhere. Topics include normal brain development, cerebral spinal fluid (CSF), imaging, and neurologic diagnostic tests. Drug topics will include drugs for surgery (anesthetics, neuromuscular blockers, antisecretory agents), teratogens, neuropeptides (including CGRP-antagonists), disease/drug-induced neuropathies, Guillain-Barre syndrome (GBS), and a review board questions on major neurologic diseases and their treatment

(including epilepsy, migraine, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis & ALS). Students and teams will review clinical cases and write and present practice board questions. (Prerequisites: P2/P3 Standing)

ELC 859X Postgraduate Pharmacy Residency and Fellowship Training Preparation (2 cr)

The post-graduate pharmacy residency and fellowship training preparation elective is an interactive course designed to provide students with the tools and skill sets necessary to obtain a residency or a fellowship position following graduation. This course will introduce students to the basic elements of residency and fellowship, identifying programs based on one's interest, developing application materials (CV, letter of intent), and preparing for Personal Placement Service (PPS) and/or onsite reviews (interview preparation, mock interviews, and topic presentation). In addition, students preparing for a residency will gain the skills necessary to navigate the application and residency match processes and students preparing for a fellowship will gain the skills necessary to remain a competitive candidate for onsite interviews following PPS. (Prerequisite: None)

ELC 863X Frontiers in Translational Medicine: From Bench to Bedside (2 cr)

Translational medicine is the practice of transferring scientific knowledge "from bench to bedside" (B2B), translational medicine builds on basic research advances and uses them to develop new therapies or medical procedures. Translational medicine transforms scientific discoveries arising from laboratory, clinical or population studies into new clinical tools and applications that improve human health. This course provides students with insight into state-of-the art research and research application in the medical field. The emphasis is the dynamic relationship between laboratory research and bedside application with the purpose of providing optimal patient therapies. Students will learn how research results guide clinical therapies, and vice versa. This course will provide real-life examples of translational medicine practices and give students exposure to analyzing and developing diagnostic tools and treatment protocols. Students will be required to actively participate in individual journal clubs and develop a review of literature presentations. Finally, each team will write a review literature on a selective topic appropriate for peer-review publication. (Prerequisite: PBS 601)

ELC 865X Advanced Topics in Diabetes (2 cr)

This hybrid course combines online learning modules and in-class learning experiences. Students are expected to be in class for several live sessions and the final exam/final presentation. This elective course introduces students to advanced topics in diabetes, such as Cardiovascular Outcomes Trials for Diabetes Medications, Technology in the Diabetes World, Psychosocial Aspect of Diabetes Management, etc. The online learning modules integrate the fundamental learning content and the application of main concepts

with students' reflection. Throughout the course, the learning modules are designed to enhance students' competency in each of the chosen advanced topics with opportunities in class to further consolidate and integrate the learned information through clinical cases. (Prerequisite: CAS 706)

ELC 869X Advanced Pharmacy Management Practice Techniques (2 cr)

The purpose of this class is to prepare student pharmacists to successfully navigate the complex humanistic challenges within the workplace. These include but are not limited to, how to garner teams around a central vision and mission, conflict management, managing up and talent management. We will explore how to give your team the room to innovate, when to micro vs macro manage, leveraging listening skills, managing coworkers, and how to intrinsically motivate. We will learn how to earn trust and respect from your coworkers, delegate wisely, support, coach, and mentor, recognize achievements and celebrate success and appropriately communicate with all levels within your organization. The course is a series of 10, once a week 3-hour classes. The course will have readings, lectures, and discussions. We will review actual scenarios of situations you may encounter, and potential responses. The intent is to give participants the tools necessary to become successful, compassionate, ethical, and effective practitioners in the workplace. (Prerequisites: None).

Program Maps for the 3-Year and 4-Year PharmD Program

NOTE: Attainment of a total of 148 program credits are required to graduate from both the 3-Year and 4-Year CNUCOP PharmD programs.

3-Year PharmD Program

Block	Course #	COURSE TITLE	Credits
		P1 - Fall Trimester I	
A	PBS 601	Foundation I	4
A	IPP 607	Introduction to Pharmacy Practice and Professionalism	3.5
B	PBS 605	Pharmaceutics	4
B	PRC 609	Longitudinal Practicum I	1
B	PRC 613	Pharmaceutical Calculations	1.5
B	PPR-1	Pharmacy Professional Readiness-1 Part 1	0.25
C	CAS 608	Introduction to Clinical Topics	5
C	PRC 610	Longitudinal Practicum II	1
C	PPR-1	Pharmacy Professional Readiness-1 Part 2	0.25
TBD*	IPP 707*	Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience I (Community Practice)	4
		Trimester total	24.5
		P1 -Spring Trimester II	
A	CAS 606	Biostatistics and Pharmacoepidemiology	3
A	PBS 603	Foundation II	4
B	PBS 604	Biopharmaceutics & Pharmacokinetics	5
B	CAS 703	Drug Literature Information & Evaluation	3
B	PPR-2	Pharmacy Professional Readiness-2 Part 1	0.25
C	PBS 701	Integrated Science & Therapeutics I	7
C	PPR-2	Pharmacy Professional Readiness-2 Part 2	0.25
TBD*	IPP 807*	Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience II (Hospital)	2
		Trimester total	24.5
		P1 - Summer Trimester III	
A	CAS 706	Pharmacotherapy I: (Cardiovascular, Renal, Autoimmune and Anemia Disorders)	5.5
A	PRC 709	Longitudinal Practicum III (2 credit units)-Part 1	0.66
B	CAS 804	Pharmacy Management and Economic Principles	3
B	PRC 709	Longitudinal Practicum III (2 credit units)-Part 2	0.67
B	PBS 803	Immunology and Rheumatology	3.5
C	CAS 805	Pharmacotherapy II: (Infectious Diseases)	6
C	PRC 709	Longitudinal Practicum III (2 credit units)-Part 3	0.67
TBD*	IPP 808*	Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience III (Specialty)	2
		Trimester total	22

		P2 - Fall Trimester IV	
A	PBS 704	Pathophysiology & Pharmacology II: (Endocrine, Pulmonary, Gastrointestinal	6

		and Genito-Urinary Disorders, and Cancer)	
A	PRC 710	Longitudinal Practicum IV (2 credit units)-Part 1	0.66
B	CAS 806	Pharmacotherapy III: (Endocrine, Pulmonary, Gastro-Intestinal, and Oncology)	6
B	PRC 710	Longitudinal Practicum IV (2 credit units)-Part 2	0.67
B	PPR-3	Pharmacy Professional Readiness-3 Part 1	0.25
C	CAS 801	Pharmacy and the HealthCare System	3
C	ELC 700	Elective I	2
C	PRC 710	Longitudinal Practicum IV (2 credit units)-Part 3	0.67
C	PPR-3	Pharmacy Professional Readiness-3 Part 2	0.25
		Trimester total	19.5
		P2 - Spring Trimester V	
A	PBS 602	Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, Pharmacotherapy – Neuro 1	4
A	PRC 809/810	Longitudinal Practicum V (2 credit units)-Part 1	0.66
A	CAS 802	Pharmacy Law and Ethics-Part 1	1
B	CAS 705	Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, Pharmacotherapy – Neuro 2	6
B	PRC 809/810	Longitudinal Practicum V (2 credit units)-Part 2	0.67
B	CAS 802	Pharmacy Law and Ethics-Part 2	1
B	PPR_4	Pharmacy Professional Readiness-4 Part I	0.25
C	ELC 800	Elective II	2
C	CAS 812	Applied Clinical Pharmacokinetics and Calculations	2
C	PRC 809/810	Longitudinal Practicum V (2 credit units)-Part 3	0.67
C	CAS 802	Pharmacy Law and Ethics-Part 3	1
C	PPR_4	Pharmacy Professional Readiness-4 Part II	0.25
		Trimester total	19.5
		P3 - APPE Rotations	
NA	APP 910	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Self-Directed Learning I	1
NA	APP 901	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Community	6
NA	APP 902	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Hospital/Health System	6
NA	APP 903	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: General Medicine	6
NA	APP 904	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Am Care	6
NA	APP 905	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Specialty I	6
NA	APP 906	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Specialty II	6
NA	APP 911	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Self-Directed Learning II	1
		Trimester total	38
		Program total credits	**148**

*** Students may be scheduled for IPPEs (IPP707, 807, 808) any time between the end of trimester 1 and prior to the start of their final APPE year based on rotation availability and specific academic plans. NOTE: All IPPEs must be completed before students may start APPE rotations and start APP 910.**

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Course #	COURSE TITLE	Credits
	P1 – Fall Semester I	
PBS 601	Cell and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry	4
PBS 603	Medicinal Chemistry	3
PBS 605	Pharmaceutics	4
IPP 607	Introduction to Pharmacy Practice and Professionalism	3.5
PRC 609	Longitudinal Practicum I	1
PRC 613	Pharmaceutical Calculations	1.5
	Semester total	17
	P1 – Spring Semester II	
PBS602	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I	6
PBS 604	Biopharmaceutics & Pharmacokinetics	5
CAS 606	Biostatistics and Pharmacoepidemiology	3
CAS 608	Introduction to Clinical Topics	5
PRC 610	Longitudinal Practicum II	1
	Semester total	20
	P2 - Fall Semester III	
PBS 701	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology II	6
CAS 703	Drug Literature Information & Evaluation	3
CAS 705	Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, Pharmacotherapy – Neuro 2	6
IPP 707*	Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experience I (Community Practice)	4
PRC 709	Longitudinal Practicum III (2 credit units)-Part 1	2
	Semester total	21
	P2 – Spring Semester IV	
ELC 700	Elective I	2
PBS 704	Pathophysiology & Pharmacology II: (Endocrine, Pulmonary, Gastrointestinal and Genito-Urinary Disorders, and Cancer)	6
CAS 706	Pharmacotherapy I: (Cardiovascular, Renal, Autoimmune and Anemia Disorders)	6
PRC 710	Longitudinal Practicum IV (2 credit units)-Part 2	2
	Semester total	16
	P3 – Fall Semester V	
ELC 800	Elective II	2
CAS801	Pharmacy and the Healthcare System	3
PBS803	Immunology and Rheumatology	3
CAS805	Pharmacotherapy III	6
IPP807*	Introduction to Pharmacy Practice Experience II	2
PRC809	Longitudinal Practicum V	2
	Semester total	18
	P3 – Spring Semester VI	
CAS802	Pharmacy Law and Ethics	3
CAS804	Pharmacy Management	3

CAS806	Pharmacotherapy IV	6
IPP808*	Introduction to Pharmacy Practice Experience III	2
PRC810	Longitudinal practicum VI	2
CAS812	Applied Clinical Pharmacokinetics and Calculations	2
	Semester total	18
	P4 - APPE Rotations	
APP 910	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Self-Directed Learning I	1
APP 901	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Community	6
APP 902	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Hospital/Health System	6
APP 903	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: General Medicine	6
APP 904	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Am Care	6
APP 905	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Specialty I	6
APP 906	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Specialty II	6
APP 911	Advanced Pharmacy Practice Experience: Self-Directed Learning II	1
	Semester total	38
	Program total credits	**148**

*** Students may be scheduled for IPPEs (IPP707, 807, 808) any time between the end of semester 1 and prior to the start of their final APPE year based on rotation availability and specific academic plans. NOTE: All IPPEs must be completed before students may start APPE rotations and start APP 910.**

Academic Calendars

College of Pharmacy 2026-2027
Class of 2027 3-year program
Class of 2027 4-year program
Class of 2028 3-year program

University Holidays

Holiday	Date	Holiday	Date
Memorial Day	05/25/2026	New Year's Day	01/01/2027
Juneteenth	06/19/2026	Martin Luther King	01/18/2027
Independence Day	07/04/2026	President's Day	02/15/2027
Labor Day	09/07/2026	Memorial Day	05/31/2027
Thanksgiving	11/26/2026– 11/27/2026	Juneteenth	06/19/2027
Christmas Day	12/25/2026	Independence Day	07/04/2027

Co2028-3YP - Trimester 4

08/24/2026 – 11/16/2026

Event	Start Date	End Date
Instructional Period, All Blocks, A, B, and C	08/24/2026, Monday	11/16/2026, Monday
Instructional Period, Block A	08/24/2026, Monday	09/21/2026, Monday
Instructional Period, Block B	09/22/2026, Tuesday	10/19/2026, Monday
Instructional Period, Block C	10/20/2026, Tuesday	11/16/2026, Monday
Final exam, Block A, B, and C	Last teaching day of each block	
Course Add/Drop Period (as applicable)	08/24/2026, Monday	08/31/2026, Monday
Final Grades Due	Three days after final exam	
Fall Break	11/17/2026, Tuesday	11/22/2026, Sunday
Remediation Period -1	11/23/2026, Monday	11/30/2026, Monday
Remediation Period -2	12/01/2026, Tuesday	12/18/2026, Friday

Co2028-3YP - FALL/WINTER IPPEs and/or Remediation Exams

11/23/2026 – 01/03/2027

Co2028-3YP - Trimester 5

01/04/2027 – 03/29/2027

Event	Start Date	End Date
Instructional Period	01/04/2027, Monday	03/29/2027, Monday
Instructional Period, Block A	01/04/2027, Monday	02/01/2027, Monday
Instructional Period, Block B	02/02/2027, Tuesday	03/01/2027, Monday
Instructional Period, Block C	03/02/2027, Tuesday	03/29/2027, Monday
Final exam, Block A, B, and C	Last teaching day of each block	

Course Add/Drop Period	01/04/2027, Monday	01/11/2027, Monday
Final Grades Due	Three days after final exam	
Spring Break (for non-remediating students)	03/30/2027, Tuesday	04/04/2027, Sunday
Remediation Period -1	04/02/2027, Friday	04/09/2027, Friday
Remediation Period -2	04/12/2027, Monday	04/19/2027, Monday

Co2028-3YP - IPPE Rotation Calendar 2026 – 2027*

Event	Start Date	End Date
Fall/Winter IPPE	11/23/2026	01/03/2027
Spring IPPE	04/05/2027	04/25/2027

**As needed*

Co2027-3YP and Co2027-4YP APPE Rotation Calendar 2026 – 2027 (5/18/2026 – 5/7/2027)

Event	Start Date	End Date
A Block	05/18/2026, Monday	06/26/2026, Friday
B Block	06/29/2026, Monday	08/07/2026, Friday
Break	08/10/2026, Monday	08/14/2026, Friday
C Block	08/17/2026, Monday	09/25/2026, Friday
D Block	09/28/2026, Monday	11/06/2026, Friday
E Block	11/09/2026, Monday	12/18/2026, Friday
P4 Winter Break	12/21/2026, Monday	01/03/2027, Sunday
F Block	01/04/2027, Monday	02/12/2027, Friday
G Block	02/15/2027, Monday	03/26/2027, Friday
H Block	03/29/2027, Monday	05/07/2027, Friday

Co2027-3YP and Co2027-4YP EXAM REVIEW & GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Event	Start Date
First Qualifying Exam attempt (P4; Proctored High Stake)	02/19/2027, Friday
Second Qualifying Exam attempt (P4; Proctored High Stake)	03/26/2027, Friday
Final Qualifying Exam attempt (P4; Proctored; High Stake)	04/30/2027, Friday
Pharmacy Law Review (P4)	05/09/2027, Sunday
NAPLEX Board Review	05/10/2027 - 05/13/2027 (Monday-Thursday)
Graduation Clearance Day	05/14/2027, Friday
Graduation Ceremony	05/15/2027, Saturday

Co2027-3YP and Co2027-4YP EXAM REVIEW & GRADUATION SCHEDULE

Event	Start Date
First Qualifying Exam attempt (P4; Proctored High Stake)	02/19/2027, Friday
Second Qualifying Exam attempt (P4; Proctored High Stake)	03/26/2027, Friday
Final Qualifying Exam attempt (P4; Proctored; High Stake)	04/30/2027, Friday
Pharmacy Law Review (P4)	05/09/2027, Sunday
NAPLEX Board Review	05/10/2027 - 05/13/2027 (Monday-Thursday)

Graduation Clearance Day	05/14/2027, Friday
Graduation Ceremony	05/15/2027, Saturday

Class of 2029

University Holidays

Holiday	Date	Holiday	Date
Memorial Day	05/25/2026	New Year's Day	01/01/2027
Juneteenth	06/19/2026	Martin Luther King	01/18/2027
Independence Day	07/04/2026	President's Day	02/15/2027
Labor Day	09/07/2026	Memorial Day	05/31/2027
Thanksgiving	11/26/2026– 11/27/2026	Juneteenth	06/19/2027
Christmas Day	12/25/2026	Independence Day	07/04/2027

FALL Trimester 2026 - TRIMESTER 1

08/10/2026 – 11/09/2026

Event	Start Date	End Date
Instructional Period	08/10/2026, Monday	11/09/2026, Monday
Instructional Period, Block A	08/10/2026, Monday	09/08/2026, Tuesday
Instructional Period, Block B	09/09/2026, Wednesday	10/08/2026, Thursday
Instructional Period, Block C	10/09/2026, Wednesday	11/09/2026, Monday
Final exam, Block A, B, and C	Last teaching day of each block	
Course Add/Drop Period (as applicable)	08/10/2026, Monday	08/17/2026, Monday
Final Grades Due	Three days after final exam	
Remediation Period -1	12/01/2026, Tuesday	12/18/2026, Friday
Remediation Period -2	12/21/2026, Tuesday	12/30/2026, Wednesday

FALL/SPRING Trimester 2026/27 - TRIMESTER 2

11/10/2026 – 03/23/2027

Event	Start Date	End Date
Instructional Period	11/10/2026, Tuesday	03/23/2027, Tuesday
Instructional Period, Block A	11/10/2026, Monday	01/19/2027, Tuesday
Winter Break*	12/01/2026, Wednesday	01/03/2027, Sunday
Instructional Period, Block B	01/20/2027, Wednesday	02/19/2027, Friday
Instructional Period, Block C	02/22/2027, Monday	03/23/2027, Tuesday
Final exam, Block A, B, and C	Last teaching day of each block	
Course Add/Drop Period	11/04/2026, Tuesday	11/17/2027, Tuesday
Final Grades Due	Three days after final exam	
Spring Break	03/24/2027, Wednesday	04/18/2027, Sunday
Remediation Period -1	03/24/2027, Wednesday	03/31/2027, Wednesday
Remediation Period -2	04/01/2027, Thursday	04/12/2027, Monday

*NOTE: Winter break will occur during Block A – IPPEs and Remediation Periods are scheduled during this break

WINTER IPPEs

12/01/2026 – 01/03/2027

SUMMER Trimester 2027 - TRIMESTER 3

04/19/2027 – 07/22/2027		
Event	**Start Date**	**End Date**
Instructional Period	04/19/2027, Monday	07/22/2027, Thursday
Instructional Period, Block A	04/19/2027, Monday	05/19/2027, Wednesday
Instructional Period, Block B	05/20/2027, Thursday	06/21/2027, Monday
Instructional Period, Block C	06/22/2027, Tuesday	07/22/2027, Thursday
Final exam, Block A, B, and C	Last teaching day of each block	
Course Add/Drop Period	04/19/2027, Monday	04/26/2027, Monday
Final Grades Due	Three days after final exam	
Summer Break	07/23/2027, Friday	08/22/2027, Sunday
Remediation Period -1	07/23/2027, Friday	07/30/2027, Friday
Remediation Period -2	08/02/2027, Monday	08/16/2027, Monday

IPPE Rotation Calendar 2026 – 2027*

Event	Start Date	End Date
Fall/Winter IPPE	12/01/2026	01/03/2027
Spring/Summer IPPE	03/24/2027	04/18/2027
Summer IPPE	07/23/2027	08/22/2027

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DOCTORAL OF PHARMACEUTICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Mission and Vision

Mission: To advance health science through the training and mentorship of future leaders in pharmaceutical & biomedical science research.
Vision: Preeminence in pharmaceutical sciences research, drug development skills, and integrated education abilities

Accreditation

Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).
California Northstate University is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, 100, Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001

Program Overview

California Northstate University (CNU) is an institution of higher education dedicated to advancing the art and science of healthcare and to educating, training, and developing individuals who can contribute to improvements in societal health and well-being. The University consists of six colleges: the College of Pharmacy (COP), the College of Medicine (COM), the College of Psychology (CoPsy), the College of Dental Medicine (CDM), the College of Health Sciences (CHS), and the College of Graduate Studies (CGS). COP, COM, CoPsy, and CDM offer PharmD, MD, PsyD, and DMD degrees, respectively. CHS offers a B.S. degree in Health Sciences. CGS currently offers master's degree programs in Pharmaceutical Sciences and Healthcare Administration, it will now also oversee the proposed CNU Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Sciences program.

The purpose of the CNU Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Sciences program is to provide training and mentorship that will position students to serve as leaders in the discovery, testing, and clinical implementation of treatments and delivery systems which will support improvements in healthcare.

Program Objectives

- Provide foundational knowledge regarding modern drug design, drug development and drug delivery
- Teach essential technical skills and competencies relating to pharmaceutical and biomedical research
- Develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills which allow for successful design and implementation of innovative research strategies to address complex research questions
- Develop student written and verbal communication skills which allow for effective explanation of ideas, supporting data, and processes
- Promote an environment based on academic and ethical rigor and in which open communication and sharing of ideas is encouraged

Curriculum/Academic Plan

AVAILABLE COURSES FOR THE 2025-2026 ACADEMIC YEAR AND SUGGESTED TIMELINE FOR COURSE COMPLETION

Courses Offered in Ph.D. Degree in Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences. Total Credits = 82 (35 credits for didactic courses, 6 credits for lab. rotation and 41 credits for Dissertation-research)

Semester/Year	Course Number	Course Name	Credit
Fall 2025	DPS 6130R	Introduction of Pharmaceutical Sciences I.	3
	DPS 6422R	Medical Immunology	3
	DPS 6611R	Ph.D - Lab. Research.	3
Total credits for Fall 2025			**9**
Spring 2026	DPS 6330R	Introduction of Pharmaceutical Sciences II.	3
	DPS 6350R	Pharmacokinetics	5
	DPS 6310R	Journal club and Graduate Seminar	1
Total credits for Spring 2026			**9**
Summer 2026	DPS 6133R	Lab Rotation I.	3
	DPS 6440R	Cell Biology and Biochemistry	4
Total credits for Summer 2026			**7**
Fall 2026	DPS 6423R	Clinical Biochemistry	3
	DPS 6420R	Principal of FDA regulatory affairs	3
	DPS 6232R	Lab Rotation II.	3
Total credits for Fall 2026			**9**
Spring 2027	DPS 6131R	Biostatistics	3
	DPS 6221R	Advances in Drug Delivery	2
	DPS 6421R	Preparation for the Qualification Exam	3
Total credits for Spring 2027			**8**
Summer 2027	DPS 6220R	AI and Drug Discovery	2
	DPS 6610R	Dissertation - Research I.	5
Total credits for Summer 2027			**7**
Fall 2027	DPS 6612R	Dissertation – Research II.	**7**
Spring 2028	DPS 6613R	Dissertation - Research III.	**10**
Fall 2028	DPS 6614R	Dissertation - Research IV.	**10**
Spring 2029	DPS 6615R	Dissertation - Research V.	**6**

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

Graduates of CNU are expected to demonstrate the following five Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) at the developed level:

PLO 1: Demonstrates an understanding of foundational knowledge relating to modern drug design, drug development and drug delivery.
PLO 2: Uses essential technical skills relating to pharmaceutical and biomedical research to generate and interpret high quality data
PLO 3: Designs innovative research strategies to address complex research questions through the use of critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
PLO 4: Evaluates and explains ideas, supporting data, and processes relating to pharmaceutical and biomedical research in both oral and written formats
PLO 5: Applies academic and ethical rigor as well as collegiality while participating in pharmaceutical and biomedical research and research discussions

Admissions

Educational Prerequisites

All applicants must have completed a bachelor's degree with a **GPA of 3.0 or higher** from an accredited four-

year college or university. They must also have completed math coursework and coursework in either biology, physiology, chemistry and/or computer science/engineering as well as provide evidence of research experience (see Table 1 below for details). If degree

transcripts are in a language other than English, they must be translated and independently assessed (e.g. via https://www.naces.org/ or http://aice-eval.org/) and the independent assessment must be included in their application submission. Applicants who are non-native English speakers are required to demonstrate English language proficiency. We accept TOEFL or IELTS scores, applicants must meet these required minimum scores: 80 on TOEFL(iBT) or 6.5 on IELTS. A

TOEFL/IELTS exam score submission can be waived only if the applicant received a degree from an institution where English is the language of instruction, or the applicant has 3 or more years of work experience in the US.

Applying to the Ph.D Program:

Students seeking admission to the CNU Ph.D. program in Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Science must submit their application materials through the PharmGrad web portal and pay the associated non-fundable fee: https://pharmgrad.liaisoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login.

1. Bachelor's degree with a GPA of 3.0 or higher from an accredited four-year college or university
2. Completion of math coursework and coursework in either biology, physiology, chemistry, and/or computer science/engineering.
3. Provide evidence of research experience
4. Demonstration of English language proficiency (for applicants that are non-native English speakers)

Deadlines

The deadline to apply for Fall enrollment will be middle of February of the same year. All supporting documents must be received prior to July 1st for Fall enrollment and official transcripts must be received by the end of August of the same year. The online application must be fully completed to be accepted.

Transferring from Other Institutions

The Ph.D. program in Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Science is not currently accepting any transfer students from other medical programs and has no articulation or transfer agreements with any other college or university. Therefore, the College of Graduate Studies does not allow for any awarded credit for prior experiential learning.

Student Enrollment Agreement

The Student Enrollment Agreement must be completed and submitted to the college in order to show intent to enroll in the program. The Student Enrollment Agreement is a legally binding contract when it is signed by the incoming student and accepted by the institution.

By signing the Enrollment Agreement, the student is acknowledging that the catalog, disclosures, and information located on the website have been made available to the student to read and review.

Any questions or concerns regarding the Student Enrollment Agreement should be directed to the college or university department.

Catalog and Website

Before signing the Student Enrollment Agreement, the prospective student is strongly urged to visit the University and College website at www.cnsu.edu, and to read and review the CNU General Catalog.

The Catalog contains important information and policies regarding this institution.

Students' Right to Cancel and Refund

You have the right to cancel the Student Enrollment Agreement until 12:01 AM on the first calendar day after the first classroom instruction session attended, or until 12:01 AM on the seventh calendar day after a student has signed the Enrollment Agreement, whichever is later.

Cancellation shall occur when you give a written notice of cancellation to the University at the University's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement. You can do this by hand delivery, email, facsimile, or mail. Written notice of cancellation sent by hand delivery, email, or facsimile is effective upon receipt by the University. Written notice of cancellation sent by mail is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed

with postage prepaid.

After the cancellation period described above, you have the right to withdraw from the University at any time. Withdrawal shall occur when you give written notice of withdrawal to the Registrar at the university's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement.

Student's Right to Withdraw and Refund

After the cancellation period described above in "Student's Right to Cancel and Refund," you have the right to withdraw from the University at any time. Withdrawal shall occur when you give written notice of withdrawal to the Registrar at the University's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement. You can do this by hand delivery, email, facsimile, or mail. Written notice of withdrawal sent by hand delivery, email, or facsimile is effective upon receipt by the Registrar. Written notice of withdrawal sent by mail is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed with postage prepaid.

The written notice of withdrawal should be on the Official College Withdrawal Form provided by the Office of the Registrar but it may also be in any writing that shows you wish to withdraw from the University. Please include your student ID number in your notice. A withdrawal may also be effectuated by the student's conduct showing intent to withdraw, including but not necessarily limited to the student's continuing and unexcused failure to attend all classes.

If you withdraw before or at completion of 60% (and no more) of the current term, you will be eligible for a pro-rata refund for such term. The University will perform a pro-rata calculation of current term tuition as follows:

Step 1) **Refundable Institutional Charge** = total institution charge – non-refundable charges
Step 2) **Daily Charge** = **Refundable Institutional Charge** / number of days in program
Step 3) **Amount Owed to Institution** = **Daily Charge** × days attended by the student prior to withdrawal, or those that were scheduled to attend but was absent
Step 4) **Refundable Amount** = total amount student paid – non-refundable charges
Step 5) **Refund Owed to Student** = **Refundable Amount** – **Amount Owed to Institution**

* Total calendar days include weekends and holidays, except:
  - Scheduled break of five or more consecutive days when no classes are offered.
  - Days of leave of absence are not included in total days.

**Current term generally means the current semester, but when tuition is charged for the entire period of enrollment rather than by semester, then the current term shall mean that period of enrollment.

***Institutional charges excluded from the pro-rata refund are: (1) non-refundable registration fee (applicable to first year, first semester students only), (2) all other non-refundable fees as described in the current General Catalog, (3) Student Tuition Recovery Fund fee, and (4) Student Health Insurance premium estimated at $3,200.00, if applicable; institutional charges included in the pro-rata refund include: (1) current term tuition.

There is no refund for students who withdraw after completing more than 60% of the current term.

If the amount of the current term payments is more than the amount that is owed for the time attended, then a refund of the difference will be made within 45 days after the notice of withdrawal is received by the Office of the Registrar. Refunds owed to the student as a result of a pro-rata calculation will be done in the following order:

- Private Educational Loan(s);
- To the student.

If the amount of the current term payments is less than the amount that is owed for the time attended, it is the sole responsibility of the student to contact the University to make appropriate payment arrangements.

Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Disclosures

Information on the Student Tuition Recovery Fund disclosures (STRF) can be found on page 221 of the General Catalog.

Tuition, Fees and Related

Other Educational Related Costs [2]	PhD - Y1	PhD - Y2	PhD - Y3	PhD - Y4
Health Insurance Premium [3]	$3,529	$3,529	$3,529	$3,529
Books and Supplies	$1,050	$1,200	$1,200	$950
Room and Board (based on 12 months)	$17,595	$17,595	$17,595	$17,595
Transportation (based on 12 months)	$3,276	$3,276	$3,276	$3,276
Total Estimated Cost per Year	$38,000	$38,000	$38,000	$38,000

Disclosures

All tuition, fees, expenses, and policies listed in this publication are effective as of August 2025 and are subject to change without notice by California Northstate University.
Tuition is charged on a full-time, semester basis. Generally, tuition and fees are charged to a student's account thirty (30) days prior to the start of each semester term. The above is based on the assumption that a student will attend each semester term on a full-time basis, which allows for a student to graduate after successfully completing two (4) years of coursework consisting of 82 semester credit hours.

California Northstate University does NOT accept or otherwise participate in any federal direct student loan program (Title IV) funding, any federal veterans' benefits program (Title 38) funding, or any other federal government student loan program funding.

If a student obtains a loan to pay for an educational program, the student will have the responsibility to repay the full amount of the loan plus interest, less the amount of any refund.

If the student has received federal student financial aid funds, the student is entitled to a refund of the moneys not paid from federal student financial aid program funds. California Northstate University does not accept or otherwise participate in any federal direct student loan programs.

International students are not charged additional fees or charges associated with vouching for student status.

Financial Aid
Eligibility for student financial aid awards is determined based on enrollment status, satisfactory academic progress, and cost of attendance. Our programs define full-time enrollment at 12 semester credits, and half-time enrollment at 6 semester credits. A student must complete a minimum of 12 semester credits each academic year to be eligible to advance to the next grade level for purposes of student financial aid eligibility.

Enrollment Status
A student must be enrolled at least half-time each semester term to attain and/or maintain eligibility for student financial aid. A student enrolled less than half-time in a semester term will not be considered eligible for a student financial aid award in that term.

Satisfactory Academic Progression
Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements are used to ensure a student progresses through his/her program at a pace necessary to successfully complete the program with progression limits. A student must meet all SAP requirements to remain eligible for student financial aid. For details about SAP, see the CNU General Catalog.

Cost of Attendance

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. California Northstate University utilizes the consumer expenditure survey data published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to project the costs associated with other educationally related expenses (e.g. room and board, transportation, etc.). The cost of attendance is the cornerstone of establishing a student's financial need, as it sets a limit on the total aid a student may receive for a given period of enrollment.

Tuition and Fees for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

Tuition & Fees	PhD1	PhD2	PhD3	PhD4
Tuition[1]	$12,360	$12,360	$12,360	$12,360
Student Activity Fee	$100	$100	$100	$100
Technology Fee	$50	$50	$50	$50
Lab Fee	$250	$250	$250	$250
Enrollment Fee (nonrefundable)	$100	$0	$0	$0
Orientation Fee	$50	$0	$0	$0
Graduation Fee	$0	$0	$0	$250
Student Tuition Recovery Fee (nonrefundable)[4]	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year	$12,910	$12,760	$12,760	$13,010

Total estimated tuition & fees for the entire program is $51,440.

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs per Year [2]	PhD1	PhD2	PhD3	PhD4
Health Insurance Premium [3]	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708
Books and Supplies	$1,050	$1,200	$1,200	$950
Room and Board (based on 12 months)	$17,595	$17,595	$17,595	$17,595
Transportation (based on 12 months)	$3,276	$3,276	$3,276	$3,276
Total Estimated Costs per Year[5]	$39,539	$39,539	$39,539	$39,539

1 See Addendum to Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences Student Enrollment Agreement

2 Estimated costs and expenses a student may incur during the applicable year of the program, whether or not paid directly to the University. These expenses include estimated out-of-pocket cost of living expenses for the year.

3 Optional, estimated, and will increase based on number of insured members.

4 Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

5 Includes total of Tuition & Fees and Other / Optional Estimated Educational Related Costs tables, including some out-of-pocket cost of living expenses as described in footnote 5 above.

General Policies Orientation & Registration

Registration for classes requires:

1. All admission contingencies be fulfilled.
2. Financial aid clearance from the Financial Aid Officer.
3. Completion of all new student paperwork.

Admission contingencies include proof of medical insurance coverage and any other institutional requirements. Students may enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan to satisfy the insurance requirement.

New students must submit the *Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form* to the Office of the Registrar by the end of Orientation. To make updates, a new form must be submitted to the Registrar. The Office of the Registrar requires submission of the Authorization to Release Student Records if a student desires to grant a

personal third-party (such as a parent, spouse, etc.) access to his/her student record. Please refer to the Directory Information and Access to Student Records section of this catalog for more information.

New students should review their local, home, and billing contact information via the Student Portal and update them as needed. It is the student's responsibility to maintain valid contact information throughout their enrollment at CNU. Instructions for accessing the Student Portal are sent by the CNU IT department to the student's CNU email address.

Registration is conducted by the Registrar prior to the start of each semester for new and continuing students. Students with business, financial, or other registration holds on their account will not be registered until the Registrar is notified that the hold has been cleared. Students who are incompliant with institutional requirements or who have a hold on their student account at the time of registration are required to satisfy the requirement and may also be required to submit the Course Add/Drop form by the end of
the Add/Drop period to register or make schedule changes.

Address Where Instruction Will Be Provided

Class sessions are conducted in room 277 at 9700 West Taron Drive, Elk Grove CA 95757.

Catalog, School Performance Fact Sheet, and Website

Before signing the Student Enrollment Agreement, students are strongly encouraged to visit the College website and to read and review the CNU General Catalog and School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). The SPFS contains important performance data for the institution. The Catalog contains important information and policies regarding this institution. By signing the Enrollment Agreement, the student is acknowledging that the catalog, disclosures, and information located on the website have been made available to the student to read and review.

Instruction/Course Delivery

All courses for DPS are 90% face-to-face on-campus teaching, except for two courses: DPS 6420R – FDA regulation and DPS 6221R - Advances in Drug Delivery. This comprehensive course format is designed using a hybrid teaching format, combining direct faculty-student interaction and eLearning.

All courses are taught in English and English language services are not provided. Visa services are not provided.

Credit Assignment Policy

For each 15-week semester, one (1) unit of credit is assigned per hour each week of classroom and a minimum of two (2) hours of out-of-class student work (homework). For courses that include workshop and/or laboratory time, one (1) unit of credit is assigned per two (2) hours each week of student time spent in this activity. For dissertation courses, one (1) unit of credit is assigned per three (3) hours each week spent in this activity.

Student Services

The Ph.D student is eligible for a position as a Research Assistant in the laboratory of their dissertation supervisor.

Placement Services

The DPS program does not provide any career placement services.

Job Classification per United States Department of Labor's Standard Occupation Codes:
29-1050, Pharmacist.

Description of Facilities

Information on research laboratories and facilities utilized by California Northstate University in conjunction with the delivery of instruction for all CNU Colleges, can be located on page 229 of General Catalog.

Academic Policies and Procedures

Academic Calendar

The academic calendar consists of two semesters lasting approximately 15 weeks long.

Credit Hour Policy

Code	Course Type	Code	Course Type
AL	Active Learning	**LEC**	Lecture course
LAB	Laboratory	**SEM**	Seminar

For each 15-week semester, one (1) unit of credit is assigned per hour each week of classroom and a minimum of two (2) hours of out-of-class student work (homework) *(LEC/SEM*). For courses that include workshop and/or laboratory time, one (1) unit of credit is assigned per two (6) hours each week of student time spent in this activity (LAB/AL) course.

Grading

A letter grade equal to or greater than a C is considered satisfactory performance (passing) for completion of a course. In order to progress in the program, students must pass all courses with a letter grade of C or higher and maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0.

The breakdown for assignment of letter grades and grade points for each letter grade are as follows:

90.0 to 100% = A = 4.0

80.0 to 89.9% = B = 3.0

70.0 to 79.9% = C = 2.0

60.0 to 69.9% = D =1.0

Below 60% = F = 0.0

GPA Calculation

To calculate cumulative GPA, letter grades will be converted to their numeric grade point value using the grading convention table above, and then added together. The sum is then divided by the number of courses taken. Grades received in retaken classes
will be used in determining cumulative GPA. The grade initially received in the course will not be included in the calculation but is recorded on the transcript.

Course Add/Drop Procedure

Changes in course registration may be made without penalty up to the end of the first week (5 class days) for fall and spring terms. Specific add/drop deadlines will apply for courses offered during the summer term.

Incomplete or Withdrawal from a Course

During a semester, a student may withdraw or fail to complete all required assignments and/or examinations due to extenuating circumstances, such as, but not limited to, an illness or a family emergency. In such cases, the course coordinator may give a grade of Incomplete for the course.

All missed assignments and exams must normally be completed within 10 business days after the end of the semester in which the Incomplete was received, or within a timeframe determined by the course coordinator. Failure to successfully complete the course will result in an earned F grade for the course and placement on Academic Probation.

Withdrawal from a course must first be approved by the course coordinator and the Office of Academic Affairs. Where a student has had to withdraw from a course a grade of W will be applied and the student will have to repeat the course next time it is offered.

Grade Appeals Procedure

A student can file an appeal if there is a disagreement with a final course grade. The appeal must be submitted

within ten (10) business days of online grade posting. The student must initiate a formal grade appeal process in writing and present the appeal to the course coordinator.

The faculty member will respond to the student in writing within ten (10) business days. If the appeal cannot be resolved, the student has two (2) business days to appeal in writing to the DPS Director who renders a decision in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the formal appeal. (If the course Coordinator is the DPS Director, then the student may appeal the decision directly to the Dean. The student has two (2) business days to submit an appeal in writing to the Dean. The Dean will render a decision in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the formal appeal.

If the DPS Director cannot resolve the appeal, the student has two (2) business days to submit an appeal in writing to the Dean. The Dean will render a decision in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the formal appeal.

If a grade appeal is approved, the course coordinator must complete a Grade Change Form and submit the form to the DPS Director for final approval. The form must then be submitted to the Registrar so that the grade can be changed on the transcript.

A record of the final decision concerning the appeal will be kept on file in the DPS Director office.

Academic Progression Policy

The Academic Progression Policy applies to all students in the Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Sciences program.

ACADEMIC PROGRESSION POLICY

I. **POLICY STATEMENT**
This policy establishes California Northstate University's Ph.D. program in Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Sciences standards of academic progression. They are defined to ensure students advance through the curriculum in a timely manner, while maintaining high standards of academic performance and professional conduct. The typical curriculum schedule is found in the student handbook.

II. **PURPOSE**
The purpose of this policy is to ensure students reach and maintain high standards of learning throughout their time in the program and accomplish all program learning objectives. The policy delineates the process for academic progression. A student must complete the program within a maximum time period of 6 calendar years (72 calendar months) from the time they register and attend their first core course. Students are required to pass all courses with a grade of C or higher.

II. **SCOPE/COVERAGE**
This progression policy applies to all didactic classes and lab-based courses as well as the Qualifying Exam and Dissertation Defense.

IV. **DEFINITION OF SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESSION**
For a student to successfully progress through the CNU Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Sciences program, they must pass or remediate all courses each semester and maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. Students must also pass or remediate the Qualifying Exam and the Dissertation Defense.

Progression Issues

1. **Course Remediation**

A. In the event that a student receives a D or F, the Course Coordinator will complete the Remediation Form and send it to the Ph.D. program committee for review.

B. The remediation of course work is a privilege, not a right. Eligibility is determined by the Ph.D. program committee. Their decision will be based on the total number of courses where an F or D grade is achieved in addition to the student's demonstrated effort in the course, including but not limited to attendance, completion of all high stakes course assessments, the student's required responses to course instructor concerns, participation in recommended tutoring, and/or advising from the course instructor.

C. Preparation for remediation is the sole responsibility of the student. It may consist of, but is not limited to, self-study, tutoring, and/or meetings with the course instructor(s) and/or dissertation committee members as

deemed necessary for the student to satisfactorily meet all learning objectives.

D. The format of the remediation will be at the discretion of the course coordinator or dissertation committee. At the conclusion of the remediation period the student must complete a remediation exam. Satisfactory mastery of the material will be decided by the course coordinator or dissertation committee, but generally will be a score of at least 70% on the remediation examination.

E. The remediation attempt should occur within 3 weeks following course or exam failure.

F. If the student passes the remediation exam, the Course Coordinator or dissertation committee chair will complete the Remediation Form and send it to the Ph.D. program committee, which will subsequently report the grade change to the Office of the Registrar for the course(s) for which the remediation examination was satisfactorily completed. A grade of D will be replaced with a grade of C, and a grade of F will be replaced with a grade of C and will be reflected on the student's transcript, indicating that the student completed class by remediation. The student's semester and cumulative GPA will be recalculated using the C grade.

G. If a student does not pass the remediation attempt, they will be dismissed from the program.

H. Students may remediate up to 3 courses. If a student fails more than 3 courses, they will be dismissed from the program.

2. **Extended Study Academic Plan**

The Ph.D. program offers a sequential curriculum that is designed for completion in 4 years. =Under certain circumstances a student may be placed on an Extended Study Academic Plan. Students must complete the program within a total of six years or less from the time a student registers and attends their first course.

A. Leave of Absence - A student may request a leave of absence for up to one year for medical or personal reasons. Leaves of absence must be approved by the Ph.D. program committee. Appropriate documentation may be required for approval.

3. Academic Probation

A student will be placed on Academic Probation if:

- The student fails a course
- The student fails to comply with the conditions of an "I" grade

If either of these conditions occur, the Ph.D. program committee will automatically place the student on Academic Probation and notify the student and the Registrar in writing of the action. When a student has been placed on Academic Probation, the following apply:

A. Within one week of the date that the student receives notification of their dissertation advisor and co-advisor to discuss and establish an academic plan to help support their future success.

B. Once the plan has been agreed, it must be signed by both the student and the dissertation advisor and co-advisor. Failure to sign will mean the student will not be allowed to continue in the program. A copy of the plan will be shared with the Chair of the Ph.D. program committee, the Office of the Registrar, and the Business Office.

C. While on Academic Probation, the student may not hold office in any College or University organization.

D. Students may be removed from academic probation once they demonstrate competency. Typically, competency is demonstrated by passing all courses during the subsequent semester. Students must petition the Ph.D. program committee to be removed from academic probation.

4. Dismissal

A student may be dismissed from DPS for a variety of reasons:

A. Failure of more than 3 courses

B. Failure to maintain a cumulative GPA > 3.0

C. Failure to meet any terms of Remediation or Academic Probation

D. Conduct subject to dismissal as described in the Honor Code section of the Student Handbook and decided by the Ph.D. program committee

E. Foregoing an academic semester without obtaining an approved leave of absence

F. Failure to complete the degree requirements in a maximum of 6 consecutive academic years from the date of the first day the student begins the program.

G. All dismissals must be reviewed and approved by the Ph.D. program committee.

5. Appeal of Dismissal

Students dismissed from the program may appeal the decision in writing within ten (10) business days of notification of dismissal to the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies. The Dean will render a decision in writing within 3 business days of receipt of the formal written appeal. Dean's decision is final. Dismissal can only be

appealed once.

of the student. A grade of C to this course will be reported to the Registrar if the remediation examination was satisfactorily completed.

Degree Requirements

Students are recommended and approved for the Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Science Doctoral degree by the program committee. Approval is awarded provided that the student has:

- Conducted her or himself in an ethical, moral, professional, and lawful manner
- Satisfactorily completed all curricular requirements in a timely fashion, not to exceed six (6) years from the date of initial enrollment (including approved leave of absence)
- Cumulative GPA > 3.0
- Passed the qualifying exam
- Passed the dissertation defense
- Fulfilled all tuition and financial requirements and completed all necessary paperwork
- Attends graduation and commencement ceremonies in person. Under special circumstances, the Dean of the College may release the attendance requirement in the preceding sentence.

Attendance Policy

Students are expected to attend and participate in all classes and lab-based experiences and must complete all of the exams and assessments as scheduled (together defined as "coursework"). Missed coursework has the potential to disrupt individual and team learning, invalidate assessment of learning outcomes, create unfair advantages, and divert faculty and student resources away from teaching and learning. However, occasionally an absence from coursework will be unavoidable.

A student may request an excused absence for personal, emergency, compassionate, professional, or health-related reasons. Please refer to the detailed Excused Absence Policy for a full list of reasons for which an excused absence may be requested.

High-stakes absence requests will be held to the highest standard for documentation and communication. A student requesting to receive an excused High Stakes Absence must satisfy FIVE criteria described in the detailed policy available on the website. In total, excused and unexcused absences shall not exceed five academic days per semester. Absences exceeding five academic days per semester may require a student to request a leave of absence or a withdrawal. Please contact the Ph.D. Program Committee Chair for further information.

A student seeking an excused absence should complete the Excused Absence Request Form and seek the Course Coordinator's signature for each course with missed coursework within 3 business days upon return to courses or campus. The Course Coordinator will determine if an absence will be excused or unexcused for their course based on the categories and criteria outlined in the detailed policy. If approved as a low stakes absence that was checked, signed and dated by their respective Course Coordinator and the process ends; but if it is checked as a high stakes absence, then the final approval will be decided by the Ph.D. Program Committee Chair. The student and concerned parties will then be notified by email and the process here is concluded.

Makeup Expectations

Students are responsible for contacting the course coordinator to arrange makeup coursework. The ability to makeup missed coursework, as well as the makeup time, date, format, duration, and scoring is determined at the sole discretion of the Course Coordinator. Students who do not follow the Excused Absence Policy or the Course Coordinator instructions for makeup will receive a zero for the missed coursework. If makeup coursework is offered, students recognize the special nature of the assessment and may NOT appeal the scoring of makeup coursework. If the absence is determined to be unexcused by the Course Coordinator, the student will receive a zero for missed coursework. See the course syllabus for additional course-related policies pertaining to excused and unexcused absences.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A leave of absence is approved for a specific period of time, not to exceed more than a year, and the institution agrees to permit the student to return to the University/College without formally reapplying for admission to the University/College. The student will be required to return to the University/College at the beginning of the semester in which the leave was granted. All students requesting a Leave of Absence should fill out a Leave of Absence Form after discussing their decision with the their dissertation advisor and co-advisor as well as the Chair of the Ph.D. program committee. If a student is requesting a leave of absence, the Chair of the Ph.D. program committee must sign the form. If you are approved for a leave of absence, students are eligible to return without reapplication if the absence is within the approved time frame. Non-attendance does not constitute notification of intent to apply for leave of absence status. The date of leave status is the date the Registrar receives the signed form.

Return from Leave of Absence

The Office of the Registrar will contact a student on Leave of Absence (LOA) approximately 90 days before the LOA expires via certified US mail. The student will receive a request of intent to return from LOA, a form and reenrollment procedures to be eligible to register for classes.
The student will have 30 days to reply to the Office of Registrar with their intent to return to the University/College or officially withdraw. If a student intends to return, they must submit the required form to the Office of the Registrar. They must also meet with the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs at least 30 days prior to the first day of class to review the courses that will be required for the remainder of the student's educational career at DPS and sign an agreement. The student may also be required to meet with the Dean.
If a student does not return within 1 year of approved LOA they are no longer eligible to return as a continuing student and must reapply to the University/College for admission (See Withdrawal/Readmission in this handbook).

Assisting in Research and Teaching

Under the recommendation of faculty members and the advisory committee, research assistantship and teaching assistantship that cover tuition and other expenses are provided to outstanding graduate students with the final approval from the Dean.

DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

A dissertation committee will be formed for each student once they are enrolled in and have started the Qualifying Exam Preparation Course. The dissertation defense committee will comprise of the student's dissertation advisor and co-advisor in addition to 3 ranked faculty members who are affiliated with the CNU Ph.D. program. Students may make suggestions for these additional 3 members to the Chair of the Ph.D. program committee, however, final decisions will be made by the Ph.D. program committee. The Ph.D. program committee will appoint one of the members as committee chair.

Requirements for Laboratory-based Research

Laboratory research is one of the essential components for graduate students in the Doctorate program in College of Graduate Studies at California Northstate University (CNU). Any students working in the Lab must abide by the following standards.

1. Students must complete the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) training and relevant biosafety training that are required for the personnel working in the Lab at CNU. CITI is an on-line service program providing research ethics and related modules to faculty, staff, and students working for research projects or courses. Students must present completion certificates to their major advisors prior to self- directed work in the labs. Students must complete and pass the Responsible Conduct of Research course and the student Biosafety and Biosecurity Course. Additional courses may be recommended or required by their instructors.
2. Students must respect all ethical standards and must observe all federal, state, local, and institutional regulations.
3. Students must abide by all safety regulations while present in the labs, including those regarding appropriate clothing and shoes. Students must wear lab coat, gloves, and other appropriate personal protective equipment when performing procedures in the Lab.
4. Students must follow all standard operating procedures and protocols when conducting research.
5. Students must work in their designated areas. All shared equipment and instruments must be cleaned and stored in their original l Location after completing experiments.

6. Students must maintain original research records, catalogs, and research materials following good practices. Computer records must be consistent with notebooks. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss the records and seek approval from the advisors.
7. All packages, containers, buffers and reagents in the Lab must have discernible, compliant labels that include name, date, identity, and sources.
8. Eating, drinking, or smoking in the Lab are strictly prohibited. Violators will be excluded from research projects or relevant courses.
9. Hand washing with clean, running water is good practice before leaving the Lab, and is required after certain procedures.
10. It is expected that all students will exercise professionalism and decorum while in the Labs. Horseplay, practical jokes, pranks or other inappropriate or distracting behaviors will result in a loss of Lab privileges and may impact student graduation.
11. Please report all unexpected issues to your advisors or Lab Manager.

COMPLAINT/GRIEVANCE POLICY

ACADEMIC COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

All academic-related complaints regarding a course, courses or a faculty member should be filed with the appropriate academic department or Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. Students should use the following guideline:
Course-related grievance: Student should discuss or file the complaint with the course coordinator;
If unresolved, then the student should discuss or file the complaint with the Chair of the Ph.D. program Committee.
Faculty-related grievance: Student should discuss or file the complaint with the Chair of the Ph.D. program committee. If the issue is with the Chair of the Ph.D. program committee, then the student should discuss or file the complaint with the Dean of CNUCGS.

NON-ACADEMIC COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

General complaints or concerns should be directed to the Chair of the Ph.D. program committee. The Chair of the Ph.D. program committee will advise students about the appropriate procedures to follow in resolving a general complaint or concern. An informal process of resolution will be sought unless the incident is severe enough to warrant a formal investigation and hearing. This procedure also applies to all discrimination, harassment, and sexual harassment reports and complaints that may arise in matters involving rights protected under legislation relating to equal opportunity in Employment and Education or any policy of the University/College relating to harassment. General grievances may also be made anonymously by sending a letter to the Chair of the Ph.D. program committee or can be filed online anonymously by visiting:
https://californianorthstateuniversity.formstack.com/forms/anonymousreportcnu.

Informal Resolution Procedure

Students are encouraged to discuss and resolve non-academic conflicts, including complaints of harassment, and/ or discrimination, with the individual involved before filing an informal or formal complaint. An informal complaint may be made to the Chair of the Ph.D. program committee by email or in person. The suggested time frame to make an informal complaint is 10 days from the date of the incident. The complaint will be investigated and the outcome of the investigation will be communicated to the student filing the complaint. If the student is not satisfied with the outcome a formal complaint may be filed.

Formal Resolution Procedure

The complaint must be in writing and should describe: the specific action(s) necessitating the complaint, a statement of facts supporting the complaint, actions sought in an informal resolution, and information about why the action did not lead to a satisfactory resolution prior to filing a formal complaint, if an informal process was utilized. The complainant must be willing to be identified as the accuser.
The complaint must be signed and dated by the complainant and filed with the Chair of the Ph.D. program committee within 14 days of the occurrence. A completed Complaint/Grievance form should be included with the letter. The form can be found on the college website. Students may also submit an email or letter without the form if needed. All complaints will be reviewed immediately. If the situation warrants, the incident will be investigated

by a committee. If the complaint/grievance is related to harassment under Title IX or the SaVE Act a committee trained in this area will conduct the investigation. The complaint and investigation will be handled in a confidential manner. Investigations will usually be completed within seven (7) business days from the receipt of the complaint. At the conclusion of the investigation, a report will be provided to the individuals in the situation stating the findings and recommendations. In unforeseen circumstances, or due to the complexity of the investigation, the report time limits may need to be modified. If the outcome was not satisfactory, the complainant may appeal the decision of the committee to the Dean of the College.
The written appeal request must be received in the Office of the Dean within five (5) business days from the written recommendation provided by the Assistant Dean of Student Affairs. The Dean shall provide a written final decision to the complainant within five (5) business days from the receipt of the request. The decision of the Dean will be final.
A confidential record or log of all complaints filed is kept by the Chair of the Ph.D. program committee.

ACCREDITATION STANDARD COMPLAINTS/GRIEVANCES

California Northstate University encourages students to seek internal resolution to any conflict. Complaints may be made directly to the Chair of the Ph.D. program committee. The written complaints will be kept on-file and made available for inspection at onsite accreditation evaluations.
If a student has a complaint related directly to an "accreditation standard" they may file the complaint to the Assistant Dean or directly through the accreditation website listed below for WSCUC (regional accreditation). Students must make sure the complaint is related to accreditation standards and not a general complaint unrelated to accreditation. Academic and general complaints can be made using one of the processes listed above.
Accrediting Commission for Senior University/Colleges and Universities of the Western Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)
Accreditation by the Accrediting Commission for Senior University/Colleges and Universities of the Western Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) represents the Commission's judgment that an institution is satisfactorily achieving its mission and educational purposes and that it meets or exceeds the Commission's standards of quality, integrity, and effectiveness. The Commission values information provided by students, employees, and others in determining whether an institution's performance is consistent with the Standards of Accreditation and Commission policies and procedures. The Commission has two established means for receiving comments from students, employees and members of the public about its member institutions: 1. Complaints, 2.Third-party comments
As a general rule, complaints are written by employees and students who have grievances that draw into question the member institution's adherence to one or more Commission Accreditation Standards or Policies. Third-party comments are usually more general comments of a substantive nature about a member institution. Individuals should review the Policy on Complaints and Third- Party Comments in the WASC Policies Manual to ascertain the appropriate means to communicate comments and complaints.
Bureau for Private Post-Secondary Education (BPPE)
A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling (888) 370-7589 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's internet Web site at www.bppe.ca.gov

DPS Course Descriptions

Core Courses:

DPS 6130R: Fundamental Pharmacology

This course will provide students with an overview of fundamental understanding of current concepts of pharmacology, signal transduction and pharmacotherapies. Topics relating to the following subject will be covered: Drug-receptor interactions, pharmacodynamics, pharmacokinetics, drug metabolism, drug transporters, drug toxicity, pharmacogenetics and pharmacotherapy in diseases like cancer, cardiovascular diseases, neuronal diseases, diabetes mellitus, and microbial and viral infection.

DPS 6420R: Principals of FDA Regulatory Affairs and Drug Discovery
This course focuses on regulatory strategy, guidance and regulatory compliance, legal and ethical issues, processes for product development and the business components of regulation in clinical research, all while reinforcing the science behind the methods. The regulatory affairs course provides students with the knowledge and understanding for the key elements of the regulatory process in various industries, governmental agencies, and consultancies worldwide.

DPS 6131R: Biostatistics and Research Methods
This course is designed to introduce major concepts in biostatistics and research methods in pharmaceutical sciences, two topics that are closely intertwined. Students will develop the ability to interpret and critically evaluate medical literature and to identify findings that have implications for their practice. Emphasis will be placed on an examination of how observational study designs draw upon epidemiologic techniques to address drug effectiveness, safety, outcome assessment and regulatory decision making. Students will also acquire skills in applying statistical analysis concepts learned throughout this course with the use of common computer software.

DPS 6440R-Cellular and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry
The Cellular and Molecular Biology and Biochemistry course is designed to provide students with a fundamental understanding of current concepts of cellular and molecular biology, and human biochemistry. Students are provided an overview of prokaryotic and eukaryotic cell structure and function, virus biology, cellular signal transduction, human carbohydrate, lipid and protein metabolism, biomedical aspects of human nutrition, genetic regulation, the molecular basis of inherited genetic diseases and acquired diseases, principles of commonly used biotechnologies, drug targets screening, and biopharmaceutical products generation.

DPS 6133R, 6232R: Research rotation
Students will learn new lab techniques and/or improve competency in lab techniques through working on a research project with their research rotation mentor. Students are expected to work on the research rotation project for a minimum of 9 hours per week. All required safety training as well as the CITI responsible conduct of research course must be completed prior to starting the course. It is the student's responsibility to check in with both the PI and lab manager to determine the exact requirements necessary prior to beginning each rotation.

DPS 6421R: Qualifying exam preparation
This course will help students prepare for the written and oral components of their qualifying exam. Focus will be placed on supporting students as they generate the following: a description of the research problem and its significance, a scientific hypothesis and related specific aims, a review of supporting literature, proposed research strategy. Students will receive training and formative feedback from their dissertation advisor and co-advisor throughout the course.

DPS 6612R, 6613R, 6614R, 6615R, 6612R: Thesis project and defense
Students are expected to work on their dissertation project for a minimum of 36 hours per week and are expected to make substantial progress towards meeting graduation requirements. During the course, students must meet with their dissertation advisor at least once per week and meet with their dissertation co-advisor and dissertation committee members at least once, to discuss progress and/or challenges. To graduate from the CNU Ph.D. in Pharmaceutics & Biomedical Sciences program, students must complete a total of at least 48 dissertation course units and make a convincing case, both in written and oral formats, that they have made a significant research contribution to the field. Typically, students will publish at least one peer reviewed publication prior to graduation.

Elective Courses

DPS 6423R: Clinical Biochemistry
This course provides a clear and comprehensive introduction to the biochemical basis of disease processes, how these diseases are investigated in biomedical laboratories, and selected clinical cases as framework for class discussion activities. In the class, the students learn new trends of clinical cases and their biochemical basis to further emphasize the link between theory and practice while helping them engage with emerging diseases and how to treat them. In addition, the course provides a biochemical foundation for the understanding of drug action, drug absorption and drug metabolism in the treatment of these diseases.

DPS 6422R: Medical Immunology
DPS 6422R is a broad-spectrum course that covers the fundamentals and clinical aspects of Immunology. The course is divided into 4 major modules: (1) Introduction to Immunology, (2) Innate and adaptive Immunity, (3) T and B cells development and (4) Clinical Immunology. Each module will be followed by an exam covering all the discussed topics within that module. In addition, students will be engaged in journal club activity for classical articles known to be the pillars in the Immunology field.

DPS 6221R: Advances in Drug Delivery Systems
This course gives the students an overview on Drug Delivery Systems in terms of Formulation, Manufacture, and Quality Control. Students will learn Oral, Topical, Parenteral, Transdermal and other Modified-release Drug Delivery Systems. Details are given with respect to advanced technologies such as 3D Printing for Personalized Medicine and Nanoparticle Delivery Systems for Protein and Vaccine Therapeutics. The course also covers basic Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics considerations, Pharmaceutical Compounding and Calculations.

DPS 6350R: Pharmacokinetics
This course focuses on understanding and applying pharmacokinetic principles for optimizing drug dosage. It is divided into 3 modules: descriptive, quantitative, and pharmacokinetics of special populations. Descriptive pharmacokinetics provides a basic introduction to the key pharmacokinetic principles. This module enables the student to conceptualize principles such as drug bioavailability, distribution, clearance, and excretion. Concepts of drug absorption, metabolism, protein binding, and pharmacokinetic drug interactions will be discussed as well. Quantitative pharmacokinetics covers the mathematical aspects, including the calculation of pharmacokinetic parameters following drug administration and compartment modeling. The third module covers the process of using pharmacokinetic principles to optimize the dose for special population patients.

The purpose of the CNU Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical & Biomedical Sciences program is to provide training and mentorship that will position students to serve as leaders in the discovery, testing, and clinical implementation of treatments and delivery systems which will support improvements in healthcare.

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COLLEGE OF PSYCHOLOGY

Our Core

Our Mission:

Our mission is to advance the science and practice of psychology by developing clinicians trained to promote health through knowledge, research, service, and social responsibility.

Our Aims:

Our aims are to provide students with the core knowledge necessary to become health service psychologists; to teach scientifically proven interventions; to provide hands-on clinical experience to prepare students for practice treating diverse and complex mental health populations; and to train future clinical psychologists who are professional, ethical, and sensitive to aspects of diversity and culture.

Our Personal Values:

1. Curiosity
   Each person will adopt an active curiosity towards their clinical work and scholarship, along with an openness to the change that comes in discovery.
2. Integrity
   Each person will show honesty in all relationships and build trust through genuine communication.
3. Accountability
   Each person is accountable for their behavior as they transition through the roles of student, scholar, and psychologist.
4. Respect
   Each person must respect the work, their colleagues, the clients, and themselves.
5. Service
   Each person has a duty to use their knowledge and skills to provide service and expertise to organizations and individuals most in need of care.

Our Program Values:

1. Student Learning and Development
   The College of Psychology strives to provide educational experiences of exceptional quality and a student environment that provides for continuous personal and professional development.
2. Community and Professional Involvement
   The College of Psychology assists local community resources by lending its services and expertise to increase psychological awareness and mental health treatment.
3. Continuous Quality Improvement
   The College of Psychology strives for continuous improvement in all areas and measures its progress against appropriate national standards provided by the American Psychological Association.
4. Diversity of People, Ideas, and Beliefs
   The College of Psychology strives to develop long term relationships based on honesty, fairness, and respect by providing a safe environment that supports freedom of inquiry, protects diversity, and fosters a sense of well-being.
5. Programmatic Transparency and Flexibility
   The College of Psychology strives for transparency in decision making while supporting a culture of flexibility and the pursuit of opportunity.

Our Beliefs

- We believe psychologists change lives through treatment, motivation, and inspiration.
- We believe in serving our communities as leaders and practitioners.
- We believe students are transformative when their voices are heard.
- We believe a multidisciplinary environment of respect benefits all patients.
- We believe in taking an active role in the profession of psychology.

Educational Philosophy

The College of Psychology curriculum provides the knowledge and training necessary for students to diagnose and treat behavioral conditions in diverse and varied populations.

The Practitioner/Scholar model prepares students for entry into the profession by requiring both practical clinical experience and guided research opportunities. Those in our program learn to critically examine and evaluate scientific research and incorporate information gained through classroom instruction and practicum experiences into their clinical practice.

The College of Psychology strives to create and maintain a learning community based on collaboration, cooperation, and a sense of interdependence that balances individual

responsibilities with community obligations. This relational approach to education is foundational to the design and operation of the program.

Non-discrimination

The College of Psychology at California Northstate University is committed to cultivating a diverse community that recognizes and values inherent worth in individuals, fosters mutual respect, and encourages individual growth. We believe that diversity enhances and enriches the quality of our academic program. The College of Psychology at CNU provides equal opportunity in education and employment and does not discriminate based on race, color, creed, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, age, sexual orientation, political affiliation, veteran status, or disability.

Students are required to: (a) attain an understanding of cultural and individual diversity as related to both the science and practice of psychology and (b) provide competent and ethical services to diverse individuals. We are committed to a training process that ensures that our students develop the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and relational ability to work effectively with members of the public who embody intersecting demographics, attitudes, beliefs, and values. The program faculty and supervisors are committed to a developmental training approach that is designed to foster the acquisition of professional competence.

We support graduate students in finding a belief or value congruent path that allows them to work in a professionally competent manner with all patients.

To complete our program successfully, every graduate student must be able to work with any patient placed in their care in a beneficial and non-injurious manner. Professional competencies are determined by the profession for the benefit and protection of the public; there should be no reasonable expectation of a student being exempted from having patients with any background or characteristics assigned to them for the duration of their training. Students do not have the option to avoid working with certain client populations or refusing to develop professional competencies because of conflicts with their attitudes, beliefs, or values.

Learning Outcomes

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)
Upon successful completion of the Doctor of Psychology program, students will be able to demonstrate the following program learning outcomes:

1. **Scientific Orientation**: Students will engage in research or other scholarly activities that contribute to the scientific, psychological, or professional knowledge base.
2. **Assessment and Intervention:** Students will select and apply assessment and intervention methods that draw from empirical literature, reflect the science of measurement and efficacy, and take into consideration contextual variables and diversity characteristics.
3. **Relational and Cultural Competence:** Students will adapt their interactions with clients and professionals in a respectful and appropriate manner for a variety of diverse cultural and social contexts.
4. **Professionalism:** Students must behave in ways that reflect the values and attitudes of psychology, including integrity, deportment, professional identity, accountability, lifelong learning, and concern for the welfare of others.
5. **Ethical Practice:** Students will resolve complex moral and ethical situations by acting in accordance with relevant rules, laws, and regulations governing the profession of psychology.
6. **Collaboration and Consultation:** Students will demonstrate knowledge and respect for the roles and perspectives of other professions as well as knowledge of consultation practices utilized in health service psychology.

Discipline Specific Knowledge
The curriculum also addresses the discipline specific knowledge and profession wide competencies required by the American Psychological Association:

1. **History and Systems of Psychology:** Students gain a knowledge of the discipline of psychology by examining historical precedents in the profession and the social/cultural factors that contributed to the advent of theories and interventions. They will also learn about the changes that have occurred in the profession, its expanding role in healthcare, and its current position as a profession rooted in scientific inquiry.
2. **Affective Aspects of Behavior:** Students learn about affective response, mood, feeling states, and the interplay between behavior and emotion. They will have gained knowledge regarding arousal,

intensity, and interaction of various emotional conditions.

3. **Biological Aspects of Behavior:** Students will know the biological underpinnings of behavior including neural, physiological, anatomical, and genetic influences.
4. **Cognitive Aspects of Behavior:** Students will learn about memory, categorization of thoughts, and decision making.
5. **Developmental Aspects of Behavior:** This knowledge is focused on human transitions through various stages of growth and the intellectual and behavioral changes that occur across an individual's lifespan.
6. **Social Aspects of Behavior:** The study of social behavior includes group process, attributions, discrimination, societal attitudes, and the interface between the subjects of sociology and psychology.
7. **Advanced Integrative Knowledge of Basic Discipline-Specific Content Areas:** This is not a separate subject, but the integration of graduate-level knowledge across multiple basic discipline-specific content areas. This knowledge is acquired through evaluated educational experiences incorporating at least two content areas learned in the Foundations of Behavior Series.
8. **Research Methods:** These skills include the ability to critically read journal articles, understand the mathematical underpinnings of assessment measures, and working on research. Students learn the strengths and limitations, means of interpretation, and the technical aspects of a case study. They will also learn the difference between correlational, descriptive, and experimental research design while studying measurement techniques such as sampling, replication, and theory testing.
9. **Quantitative Methods:** Students learn about meta-analysis, quasi-experimentation, modeling, data analysis, description, inference, univariate and multivariate analysis, null- hypothesis testing, power, and estimation.
10. **Psychometrics:** Theory and techniques of psychological measurement, scale and inventory construction, reliability, validity, evaluation of measurement quality, classical and contemporary measurement theory, and standardization are learned.

Profession-Wide Competencies

1. **Research:** Psychology doctoral students will demonstrate the ability to formulate and carry out research that will contribute to the scientific, psychological, and professional knowledge base. They will be able to critically evaluate the scholarly activities of others and engage in meaningful debate with fellow students and professional colleagues.
2. **Assessment:** Students will conduct evidence-based assessments applying appropriate measures and tools, utilizing the best available literature from multiple sources, and factoring diversity characteristics into their treatment plans. They will be able to interpret assessment results and write reports using current professional standards to conceptualize, classify, and make both oral and written recommendations regarding a wide range of disorders and patient issues.
3. **Intervention:** Different theoretical orientations will be learned by students to maximize their treating potential. Students will establish and maintain effective relationships with recipients of psychological services and develop evidence-based intervention plans specific to the service delivery goals. They will be able to implement interventions informed by current scientific literature, assessment findings, diversity characteristics, and contextual variables. They will be able to modify and adapt evidence-based approaches in evaluating intervention effectiveness and adapt goals and methods through continuous evaluation of patient care outcomes.
4. **Ethical and Legal Standards:** Students must be able to respond professionally to complex moral and ethical situations using the current version of the APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists; the APA Code of Conduct; and relevant laws, regulations, rules, and policies governing the practice of psychology. They must be able to employ sophisticated decision-making processes to resolve issues related to patient care while conducting themselves in a professional and ethical manner.
5. **Individual and Cultural Diversity:** Students must engage in professional activities with the appropriate knowledge, awareness, sensitivity, and skills regarding individuals and communities of varying cultural and personal backgrounds. It is important that students understand how their own personal and cultural history, attitudes, and biases affect their interactions with others. They must have knowledge of current theoretical and empirical research regarding diversity as it relates to interventions, training, supervision/consultation, and service.
6. **Professional Values and Attitudes:** Students will behave in ways that reflect the values and attitudes

of psychology. These include integrity, deportment, professional identity, accountability, lifelong learning, and concern for the welfare of others. They will engage in self-reflection regarding their personal and professional functioning. They will also engage in activities to maintain and improve performance, well-being, and professional effectiveness. They will actively seek and demonstrate openness and responsiveness to feedback and supervision.

7. **Communication and Interpersonal Skills:** Students are expected to develop and maintain effective relationships with colleagues, communities, organizations, supervisors, and clients. They must produce oral, nonverbal, and written communications that are informative and appropriate for the given audience. They must demonstrate a thorough grasp of professional language and concepts, utilizing effective interpersonal skills to relay relevant information to clients, families, and other professionals.
8. **Supervision:** Psychologists need to pass on their knowledge and experience to others. It is the responsibility of all psychologists to learn the basic techniques and ethical responsibilities regarding supervision so that the practice of psychology continues to grow organically through shared experience.
9. **Consultation and Interprofessional/ Interdisciplinary Skills:** Understanding other health professions, their areas of expertise, and the collaborative nature of modern case formulation is imperative to ensure that patients are receiving optimal care. Students will demonstrate respect for the roles and perspectives of other professions and learn how best to utilize the skills and knowledge of a psychologist when working in a team environment.

Program Overview and Licensure

The College of Psychology curriculum is designed to be completed in five years, but if students finish all graduation requirements it is possible to finish the program earlier. Please see the PsyD Degree Requirements section of this catalogue. No student may finish the program in under four years.

Years of Instruction

Year 1: The first year of the program involves two days of classroom instruction and two days of practicum training in our on-site clinic. Students may begin their dissertation in the summer between first and second year.

Year 2: Second-year students have two days of classroom instruction and at least two days of practicum. They also take the Master's Exam.

Year 3: Third year students continue classroom instruction and practicum. They will apply for an APA internship and complete their dissertation proposal.

Year 4: Fourth year students will be on internship and finishing their dissertation. Students can graduate this year.

Year 5: Students who did not complete their dissertation or internship can use the fifth year to finish their graduation requirements.

Licensure: Each state has separate requirements for licensure as a psychologist. California requires two years (3,000 hours) of supervised professional experience, at least 1,500 of which must be completed post-doctorally.

After a student has completed all doctoral coursework, they may take the national psychology test called Examination for the Professional Practice of Psychology (EPPP). This is a requirement for licensure.

Once all 3,000 hours have been obtained and the EPPP passed, a candidate may sit for the California Psychology Law and Ethics Examination (CPLEE). After passing this test a candidate will be issued a license to practice in the state of California and they have earned the right to call themselves a psychologist (Standard Occupational Classification #19-3033).

Accreditation

Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WSCUC)

The Doctor of Clinical Psychology and Masters of Clinical Psychology degrees were granted regional approval by the WSCUC Commission on June 8, 2018.

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE)

PsyD program was granted state approval on June 12, 2018.

Any questions a student may have regarding this catalog that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at P.O. Box 980818, West Sacramento, CA 95834, bppe.ca.gov, (916) 574-8900.

BPPE's The Office of Student Assistance and Relief

is available to support prospective students, current students, or past students of private postsecondary educational institutions in making informed decisions, understanding their rights, and navigating available services and relief options. The office may be reached by calling (888) 370-7589, option #5 or by visiting osar.bppe.ca.gov.

American Psychological Association (APA)
The College of Psychology was given full accreditation status by the American Psychological Association (APA) on November 14, 2025. It was given for the maximum allowed time of ten years.

Admission to the Psy.D. Program

College of Psychology uses APA's centralized application service for psychology graduate programs called PSYCAS.

Minimum requirements:

1. An undergraduate (BA or BS) degree in any subject from an accredited college or university
2. Overall undergraduate GPA of 3.0 or higher
3. Or an overall graduate GPA of 3.3 or higher
4. At least 3 units in each of the following areas:
    a. Introduction to Psychology
    b. Developmental Psychology
    c. Statistics
    d. Abnormal Psychology
5. Applicants who have an undergraduate or graduate degree in psychology are exempt from these course requirements.

All applicants must submit:

- A completed PSYCAS application
- A curriculum vitae or resume
- Personal Statement
- All official college transcripts
- Three (3) letters of recommendation

International Applicants
The College of Psychology welcomes applications from international students.

Applicants who have received university or graduate level education in English and maintained a satisfactory GPA are considered to have demonstrated English proficiency and are exempt from the English proficiency requirement.

Applicants who have not received university or graduate level instruction in English must demonstrate proficiency by obtaining a score above 80 on the TOEFL or a score of 6.5 or higher on the IELTS.

If transcripts are in a language other than English, they must be translated before review. A request for such services can be made through the PSYCAS system. International transcripts will be evaluated by World Education Services (WES) if:

1. The institution awarded a degree that is being used as a prerequisite for the Psy.D. program
2. Credits for prerequisite coursework were obtained at the institution.

The College of Psychology does not provide English as a second language services. Due to the nature of a psychology doctoral program and the proficiency of language required for therapy, all students in the program must be fluent in English upon acceptance.

California Northstate University assists students through the visa process and does vouch for the student's status once they are enrolled.

Application Timeline
The application process opens in PSYCAS in September.

If students wish to be considered for early admittance, they must have their applications submitted by December 1.

After December 1 applications are accepted and evaluated on a rolling basis. Offers of admission are made until available spaces in a cohort are filled.

The application cycle for each year ends on July 15.

Admissions Interviews
Applicants will be notified by email if they have been selected for invitation to attend an interview. The admissions committee will use the interview to evaluate the candidate's critical thinking, interpersonal skills, and level of commitment and motivation in obtaining a doctoral degree. Applicants who have not been selected for an interview may be put on a waitlist.

Decisions
Applicants are initially verified through PSYCAS. Then each application will be thoroughly reviewed by the Admissions Committee. It is important that the student body at the College of Psychology represents the best of future clinicians and attention is paid to

professional, research, education, and life experiences.

It is the admissions policy of the University and the College of Psychology that no applicant will be discriminated against based on disability, gender, religion, military obligations, veteran status, marital status, race, creed, ethnicity, color, sex, gender expression, age, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, national identity, or national origin.

Admission recommendations are made by the Admissions Committee. After reviewing the verified application, the recommendation can be to deny admission, offer an interview, or place the student on the interview waitlist. Once the student has been interviewed and their writing sample scored, they are then either accepted into the College of Psychology, denied admittance, or placed on the waitlist for admission. Only complete applications are considered. In some instances, applicants may be offered conditional acceptance pending successful completion of admissions requirements.

Offers of admission, denial of admission, and notice of waitlist status are sent by email. Except by individual arrangement, a nonrefundable enrollment deposit is due 14 days following an offer of admission to reserve a place in the program.

The College of Psychology reserves the right to withdraw an offer of admission if false statements are made on the application materials, academic performance of the applicant drops significantly, there is a fail to earn an undergraduate degree, or the applicant engages in behavior prior to matriculation that violates legal, professional, or ethical standards or otherwise raises concerns about the applicant's judgement or integrity.

Transferring Credits from Other Institutions
The College of Psychology does not accept transfer credits, courses, or students.

Notice Concerning Transferability of Credits and Credentials Earned at California Northstate University
The transferability of credits you earn at California Northstate University is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the units and degrees you earn in the College of Psychology is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the units and degrees that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all your coursework at that institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending California Northstate University to determine if your units and degrees will transfer.

Student Enrollment Agreement
The Student Enrollment Agreement is a legally binding contract that is completed and submitted to the college along with the enrollment deposit.

As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this catalog before signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you before signing an enrollment agreement. They are also strongly urged to review the Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook. The Catalog contains important information and policies regarding this institution. The Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook contains important information about what is expected of students and due process procedures for conduct violations. The SPFS contains important performance data for the institution.

By signing the Enrollment Agreement, the student is acknowledging that the catalog, disclosures, and information located on the website have been made available to the student for review.

Registration and Orientation

Registration for classes requires:

1. All admission contingencies be fulfilled.
    a. Admission contingencies include proof of medical insurance coverage and any other institutional requirements. Students may enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan to satisfy the insurance requirement.
2. Financial aid clearance from the Financial Aid Office.
3. New students must submit the *Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form* to the Office of the Registrar by the end of orientation.

It is the student's responsibility to maintain valid contact information throughout their enrollment at CNU. Instructions for accessing the Student Portal are sent by the CNU IT department to the student's CNU email address.

Students with business, financial, or other registration holds on their account will not be registered for classes until the hold has been cleared.

Orientation is mandatory for all new students. The Office of Student Affairs and Admissions must be notified if a student is not able to attend orientation. The student will be required to provide documentation for the absence and complete a make-up orientation within the first week of classes.

Address Where Instruction Will Be Provided

Class sessions are conducted at 2920 Prospect Park Dr., Rancho Cordova, CA 95670. Practicums and service-learning activities are conducted at assigned professional clinical locations and community sites as established by agreement between the student, Dean of Clinical Training, and the practicum supervisor/training director.

All courses are delivered in English and English language services are not provided.

Student's Right to Cancel, Withdraw, and Refund

Students have the right to cancel their Student Enrollment Agreement until 12:01 AM on the first calendar day after the first classroom instruction session attended, or until 12:01 AM on the eighth calendar day after a student has signed the Enrollment Agreement, whichever is later.

Cancellation occurs when a student gives written notice to the College of Psychology admissions office at the address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement. Students can do this by hand delivery, email, facsimile, or mail. Written notice of cancellation sent by hand delivery, email, or facsimile is effective upon receipt by the University. Written notice of cancellation sent by mail is effective on the date postmarked.

After the cancellation period described above, students have the right to withdraw from the University at any time. Withdrawal shall occur when students give written notice to the Registrar at the University's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement. When withdrawing from the college/university, please complete the Official College Withdrawal form available at: https://www.cnsu.edu/registrar/forms.php.

Tuition & Fees

All tuition, fees, expenses, and policies listed in this catalogue are subject to change without notice by California Northstate University.

In the tables below, Psy1, Psy2, Psy3, Psy4, and Psy5 indicate the student's year in the program (e.g. Psy1 is a first year student, Psy2 is a second year student, etc.).

Tuition is charged on a full-time, semester basis. Generally, tuition and fees are charged to the student's account thirty (30) days prior to the start of each semester. The above assumes that a student will attend each semester on a full-time basis and meet all program requirements, allowing a student to graduate after successful completion of three (3) years of coursework and a one (1) year internship for a total of four (4) years consisting of 148 credit hours. If a student is unable to complete all graduation requirements in four (4) years, they must take a fifth year to finish any remaining dissertation or internship responsibilities. Tuition and fees are due to be paid in full by 10 business days before the start of each semester, with the exception of Psy1s (who should refer to their EA).

Student Tuition Recovery Fund

The State of California established the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at a qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, and suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition. You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program.

It is important that you keep copies of your enrollment agreement, financial aid documents, receipts, or any other information that documents the amount paid to the school. Questions regarding the STRF may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, 1747 North Market Blvd., Suite 225, Sacramento, California, 95834, (916) 574-8900 or (888) 370- 7589. To be eligible for STRF, you must be a California resident or are enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid or deemed to have paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following: 1. The institution, a location of the institution, or an educational program offered by the institution was closed or discontinued, and you did not choose to participate in a teach-out plan approved by the Bureau or did not complete a chosen teach-out plan approved by the Bureau. 2. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution within the 120 day period before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, or were enrolled in an educational program within the 120 day period before the program was discontinued. 3. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution more than 120 days before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, in an educational program offered by the institution as to which the Bureau determined there was a significant decline in the quality or value of the program more than 120 days before closure. 4. The institution has been ordered to pay a refund by the Bureau but has failed to do so. 5. The institution has failed to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federal student loan program as required by law, or has failed to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the institution in excess of tuition and other costs. 6. You have been awarded restitution, a refund, or other monetary award by an arbitrator or court, based on a violation of this chapter by an institution or representative of an institution, but have been unable to collect the award from the institution. 7. You sought legal counsel that resulted in the cancellation of one or more of your student loans and have an invoice for services rendered and evidence of the cancellation of the student loan or loans.

To qualify for STRF reimbursement, the application must be received within four (4) years from the date of the action or event that made the student eligible for recovery from STRF. A student whose loan is revived by a loan holder or debt collector after a period of noncollection may, at any time, file a written

application for recovery from STRF for the debt that would have otherwise been eligible for recovery. If it has been more than four (4) years since the action or event that made the student eligible, the student must have filed a written application for recovery within the original four (4) year period, unless the period has been extended by another act of law. However, no claim can be paid to any student without a social security number or a taxpayer identification number.

Out of State students are not charged additional fees or charges associated with vouching for student status. Payment deadlines, loan obligations, and refund calculations due to cancellation or withdraw, and further Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) disclosures are located in the FINANCIAL SERVICES & DISCLOSURES section of the catalogue.

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Incoming Students

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Doctor of Psychology program at California Northstate University.

There are no dorms or other living quarters located at California Northstate University. While the institution has no responsibility to find or assist a student in finding housing, the College of Psychology keeps a list of apartment complexes students have used in the area and any students currently looking for roommates.

Doctor of Psychology – Tuition and Fees for Academic Year: 2025-2030

Tuition & Fees	PSY 1	PSY 2	PSY 3	PSY 4	PSY 5
Tuition	$42,565	$44,693	$46,928	$17,018	$17,869
Student Activity Fee	$320	$320	$320	$320	$320
Technology Fee	$75	$75	$75	$75	$75
Practicum Software Fee	$100	$100	$100	$100	$100
Orientation Fee	$50	0	0	0	0
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$200	0	0	0	0
Student Tuition Recovery Fund Fee (STRF)[4]	$0	0	0	0	0
Graduation Fee	0	0	0	0	$350
Total Estimated Tuition and Fees per Year	**$43,310**	**$45,188**	**$47,423**	**$17,513**	**$18,714**

Total estimated cost for the 5-year Doctor of Psychology program is $172,148.

Other Educational Related Costs[1]	PSY 1	PSY 2	PSY 3	PSY 4	PSY 5
Health Insurance Premium[2]	$3,529	$3,529	$3,529	$3,529	$3,529
Books and Supplies	$2,500	$2,500	$2,500	$2,500	$2,500
Room and Board	$24,000	$24,000	$24,000	$24,000	$24,000
Transportation	$5,362	$5,362	$5,362	$5,362	$5,362
Total Estimated Cost per Year[3]	**$78,701**	**$80,579**	**$82,814**	**$52,904**	**$54,105**

1. Estimated costs a student may incur as part of participation in the applicable year of the PsyD program, whether or not paid directly to CNU.
2. Choice of your own insurance carrier, estimated, and rate will differ if other than only student coverage.
3. Includes tuition, fees, and other estimated educationally related costs.
4. Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate changed from two dollars and

fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollars ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Continuing Students

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Doctor of Psychology program at California Northstate University.

Doctor of Psychology – Tuition & Fees for Academic Year: 2027-2028

Tuition & Fees	PSY 1	PSY 2	PSY 3	PSY 4	PSY 5
Tuition	$43,842	$46,034	$48,336	$17,529	$18,405
Student Activity Fee	$320	$320	$320	$320	$320
Technology Fee	$75	$75	$75	$75	$75
Practicum Software Fee	$100	$100	$100	$100	$100
Orientation Fee	$50	0	0	0	0
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$200	0	0	0	0
Student Tuition Recovery Fund Fee (STRF)[4]	$0	0	0	0	0
Graduation Fee	0	0	0	0	$350
Total Estimated Tuition and Fees per Year	**$44,587**	**$46,529**	**$48,831**	**$18,024**	**$19,250**

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs per Year[1]	PSY 1	PSY 2	PSY 3	PSY 4	PSY 5
Health Insurance Premium[2]	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708
Books and Supplies	$2,500	$2,500	$2,500	$2,500	$2,500
Room and Board (Based on 12 months)	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696
Transportation	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000
Total Estimated Cost per Year[3]	**$76,491**	**$78,433**	**$80,735**	**$49,928**	**$51,154**

1. Estimated costs a student may incur as part of participation in the applicable year of the PsyD program, whether or not paid directly to CNU.
2. Choice of your own insurance carrier, estimated, and rate will differ if other than only student coverage.
3. Includes tuition, fees, and other estimated educationally related costs.
4. Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate changed from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollars ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

Academic Policies and Procedures

Academic Calendar

The academic calendar consists of two semesters of classroom instruction. They are approximately 15 weeks. Practicum and internship hours are completed throughout the calendar year.

Record Retention

A student may obtain their transcript from California Northstate University through the Office of the Registrar while enrolled and after they graduate from the university. A student's academic records within the College of Psychology are retained for 10 years as per the requirements of the American Psychological Association.

Credit Hour Policy

One credit hour is assigned for one hour of classroom instruction and a minimum of two hours of homework. One credit hour is assigned for approximately three hours in practicum or internship.

Grading

The College of Psychology uses the following rubric when determining which letter grades are awarded on assignments and in courses. No pluses or minuses are used:

Percentage Score in Course	Letter Grade in Course	Grade Points
89.50-100%	A	4.0
79.50-89.49%	B	3.0
69.50-79.49%	Y/C	2.0
59.50-69.49%	D	1.0
0.00-59.49%	F	0.0

A score between 69.50 to 79.49 will be given the mark of C on individual assignments in a class. A final course grade in the same range will receive a Y.

For Pass/No Pass Courses:

Percentage Score in Course	Letter Grade in Course
79.50-100%	P
79.49-0.00%	NP

If a student does not receive a Pass in a Pass/No Pass course, they must either retake the course or arrange an independent study option with the professor.

Y: Must Remediate- This designation is a preliminary notation indicating that the student has not reached the minimal level of achievement. Students have two options for removing a Y from their transcript:

1. Complete a remediation assignment with a score of at least 79.5% or
2. Retake the course

All Y remediation assignments must be successfully completed by the end of the next semester after receiving the grade. For example, if a student receives a Y in the fall semester, they must pass the remediate assignment by the end of the next spring semester. There is one exception to this rule. If a student receives a Y in their first spring semester of the program, their remediation assignment must be passed before the start of their second year. Ys received in the first fall semester follow the rule above.

Remediation assignments are based on the material in the class. The form of assignment is at the discretion of the professor. Remediation assignments may only be completed once. If the grade has not been remediated successfully, the course must be retaken.

If a student successfully completes a remediation assignment with a grade of 80% or better, the Y becomes a B on the transcript with a notation indicating that the new grade is a change from initial performance. The new grade will be used to calculate GPA. A remediated course can never result in an A.

If a student chooses to retake the course as a means of remediation, they are expected to take the course the next time it is offered.

While a student may take the Master's Exam while needing to remediate a grade, they will not receive their diploma until all grades are remediated.

D or F: Must Retake-If a student receives a D or F, they must retake the course. All D or F grades must be successfully remediated before the Master's degree can be awarded, and again before the PsyD can be awarded. Repeating courses may extend the student's expected graduation date and may have financial implications. Students repeating a course are encouraged to discuss their situation with the CNU Financial Aid Office.

Students may fail a course due to lack of timely

completion of assignments, attendance, or for violations of ethical and professional standards of care.

All courses in the program may only be retaken once unless prior approval is given by the Dean of the program. If they receive a D or F in the remediated class, they are removed from the program.

If a student receives between 69.5%-79.49% in the remediated course, they will receive a Y. The student then follows the procedures outlined in the above section, with one exception. Since the student has already repeated the course, if they unsuccessfully remediate the Y grade they will be removed from the program.

If a student successfully retakes a course with a final grade of 79.50% or better, the new grade is placed on their transcript and used in calculating GPA. A notation is placed next to the new grade indicating a change from initial performance. Retaking a course can result in an A grade.

I-An incomplete on the transcript is a preliminary notation indicating that work in a course was satisfactory but not completed when grades were due. All incomplete work must be finished in the time frame determined by the student's Academic Advisor in conjunction with the course professor. However, all incompletes must be resolved before the Master's degree can be awarded, and again before the PsyD can be awarded. Once the assignments have been submitted, they will be graded, and the scores incorporated into the overall performance in the course. The professor shall then resolve the resultant grade by following the College grading procedures.

W-It is possible to withdraw from a course until the last day of class. There is no penalty for withdrawal, however, there is also no refund. The course will appear on the student's transcript with the grade of W. Students may only receive one W for any given course. Students are reminded that they can only retake a class once in the program.

Grade Appeal
If a student is not satisfied with a final course grade received, they should first approach the professor with their concerns. It is the policy of the College of Psychology that disagreements should be handled at the lowest level possible.

A student may file an appeal if there is continued disagreement regarding their academic performance. The appeal must be submitted within 15 business days of the online final grade posting. The appeal must be in writing and submitted to the Dean of Academics or their representative.

If the Dean of Academics is unable to resolve the issue and there continues to be disagreement between the faculty member and the student, the Professional and Academic Standards Committee will be activated. This is a forum where three faculty members listen to both sides of the issue and make a recommendation to the Dean of the program. The student can present their case in person or in writing. They can also choose to be represented by their academic advisor.

Accommodations
Accomodations are given on a case by case basis. They must be evaluated by an outside professional then submitted for review by the Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions. If approved, each professor will receive notice indicting the accommodations required. Accommodations are never provided retroactively.

Alerts
Alerts are designed to allow instructors, program administrators, or practicum supervisors to refer a student for support at any point during the semester, based on assessment of the student's behavior. They are not part of a student's scholastic record. They are only a notification of concern.

Alerts can be issued at any time during the semester at the professor's discretion. It must be issued after the student has completed 20% of the class grade and has a cumulative score of under 80% in the course.

Alerts can also be given for issues regarding respect, honesty and integrity, legal and ethical behavior, professionalism, and personal accountability. If a professor or practicum supervisor finds that a student has not lived up to the expectations outlined in the Code of Conduct, they may issue the student an alert.

Process
All alerts will be emailed to the student, their academic advisor, and the appropriate dean. If the alert is due to academic issues, it should be sent to the Dean of Academics. If it is issued because of practicum performance, it should be sent to the Dean of Clinical Training. For all other issues, they should be sent to the Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions.

Academic Probation
Students can only have two courses in which they earned a Y, D, or F on their transcript at any given time. If a student has more than two such classes on their transcript, they will be sent to the Professional and Academic Standards Committee for possible dismissal from the program.

If a student has two courses in which they earned a Y, D, or F they are placed on academic probation. Academic probation formally begins when written notification is given to the student by their Academic Advisor through a probation plan. The Academic Advisor has 2 weeks after semester grades are finalized to provide a probation plan to the student. Once students have fulfilled the conditions of the probation plan, they will no longer be on probation.

A student may be terminated from the program if they fail to meet the conditions detailed in the probation plan, if they are acting in a manner that violates the ethical and professional standards of the APA as determined by faculty vote, if they fail to return from a leave of absence by the date specified, or if their academic or professional actions have created a situation for which a warning or probation is inappropriate or impossible.

For procedures related to dismissal from the PsyD program, please refer to the College of Psychology Student Rights and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct handbook.

Maximum Length in the Program
Unless given written approval by the Dean, a student must complete the program within seven (7) years (84 calendar months) from the time they initially registered and attended their first course in the program.

PsyD Degree Requirements
To receive a doctorate degree in the College of Psychology students must:

1. Conduct themselves in an ethical, moral, professional, and lawful manner as outlined in the Student Rights and Responsibilities and Code of Conduct handbook
2. Complete all required coursework with a score of 79.5% or better
3. Meet all minimum level of achievement requirements
4. Obtain 148 credits
5. Pass the Master's Exam
6. Gain written approval from their academic advisor
7. Be free of any probationary status
8. Complete a dissertation and have it accepted by the College
9. Complete all practicum requirements
10. Accumulated at least 1,500 pre-doctoral practicum hours
11. Complete all internship units
12. Fulfill all tuition and financial requirements of California Northstate University
13. Complete all necessary graduation paperwork for California Northstate University and the College of Psychology.

Upon successful completion of the above, the Doctor of Psychology degree will be posted to their official transcript by the University Registrar. Diplomas will be printed and mailed to recipients after the posting is completed.

Transcripts
Upon graduation, transcripts shall reflect:
1. The courses taken, which semester, and grades achieved
2. Degrees conferred
3. Completion of dissertation including the title, date that the document was accepted by the College of Psychology, and the date that the dissertation was defended
4. Any honors awarded

The Psy.D. may be conferred by the President of the University once students will have satisfied all degree requirements listed above.

Academic Advisors
Students are assigned an academic advisor upon entering the program. They will meet within the first semester of instruction to review the requirements of the program and the student's expectations. Throughout the program the student and academic advisor will meet once each year, though either the student or Advisor may choose to meet more frequently.

The advisor completes an integrative assessment of the student's performance at the end of each spring semester.

A student may elect to change their academic advisor. They must contact the Dean of Academics to determine the availability of any alternate advisors.

Attendance Policy
The curriculum for the doctorate degree in psychology provides a broad, generalist education by imparting knowledge that is sequential, cumulative, graded in complexity, and provides a basis for further professional growth. This requires that students attend all classes.

Regular class attendance is important and expected of all students. **Students are allowed 6 hours of unexcused absence per course.** Additional absences may adversely impact course grades and excessive absences may result in disciplinary action.

If a student knows they will need to miss a class, the student should contact the professor in advance. Students are permitted to make up missed work for excused absences that are properly documented in a timely manner.

A student cannot miss more than 15 hours of any course for any reason. If a student misses more than 15 hours, the student will be required to retake the course.

Students who know they will miss more than 6 hours, but less than 15 hours of the course, should request an Extended Absence.

Tardiness
Students are considered tardy if they arrive to class more than 15 minutes late. Tardiness counts as one hour of missed class and is added to a running tally of total missed class time for each course. Students who are habitually tardy to class will receive an alert.

Excused Absences
A student may request an excused absence for the following circumstances:

- medical/illness (self or immediate family)
- maternity/paternity leave
- military duty
- immigration or naturalization
- emergency
- jury duty or legal/court mandated appearance
- bereavement (immediate family)
- professional conference
- involvement in traffic accident documented by a law enforcement report

Verification is always required if the absence is more than one day, or if the absence included any exams or in-class graded assignments.

A student seeking an excused absence should submit any required verification to the Dean of Academics. They will determine if the absence is excused or unexcused according to the above policy.

Students who know they will miss more than one week of class should complete the Extended Absence Request Form.

Extended Absence
Extended absences are initiated by the student. If the student knows that they will need to miss class, they have the option to file an Extended Absence Request Form with the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions.

Students are allowed to makeup missed work for excused absences. Vacations do not qualify as excused absences. If it is an unexcused absence, excluding the 6 hours discussed above, students are only allowed to make up assignments at the course professor's discretion.

If an extended absence is due to a medical condition, the student may not return to the program without appropriate medical clearance.

Leave of Absence
A leave of absence can be no less than one semester, but no more than one academic year. While on leave, the student cannot participate in classes, practicums, internship, or any other department activity. Students are required to meet with the Financial Aid Manager because during leave they are not enrolled at the University.

Students considering a leave of absence must submit a College of Psychology Leave of Absence Request Form to the Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions the semester before the leave is to be taken, or as soon as it is known that a leave of absence is needed. Non-attendance does not constitute notification of intent to apply for leave of absence status. The request must include the basis for the request and expected time of return. If approved by all parties, the request will require a final signature from the Dean once the College of Psychology has approved the leave. The student must also fill out the CNU Leave of Absence Request Form.

Approved leave of absences will be noted on the student's transcript. Leave status is recorded as the date the Registrar receives the signed form.

Return from Leave of Absence
At the agreed deadline indicated on the approved Leave of Absence Request Form, the student is responsible for notifying the University Registrar and the College of Psychology of their return.

Students are advised to maintain contact with the Office of Clinical Training during their leave of absence to coordinate clinical training experiences on their return.

A student who does not return to enrolled status at the end of the approved period of leave will be administratively withdrawn from the program. Students who stop attending classes and/or practicum experiences without following the leave of absence procedures will be administratively withdrawn from the program.

Withdrawal from the College/University
Students may voluntarily withdraw from the University/College at any time. A "W" will be on their transcript for any course not completed.

To withdraw, students must submit a completed, official University/College Withdrawal Form to the Office of the Registrar.

A student must meet with and receive signatures from the following departments before the form can be filed: the Office of Research and Academics, Office of Clinical Training, Office of Student Affairs and Admissions, Business Office, Financial Aid, and Office of the Registrar.

A student who officially withdraws from the University/College is entitled to apply for readmission. Because of the sequential nature of the program, students wishing to reenter the graduate program will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Administrative Withdrawal from the College/University
The Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions may request that a student be administratively withdrawn from the program. This may be due to the student's continuing and unexcused failure to attend all classes or clinical training experiences. They may also be withdrawn if the student fails to return from a leave of absence. A student who is withdrawn is no longer considered an enrolled student. The effective date of withdrawal is the last day of attendance.

A student who is withdrawn is eligible to reapply for admission.

Complaints and Conduct Violations
It is the policy of the College of Psychology that complaints and conduct violations should be handled at the lowest level possible in accordance with the APA Ethics Code.

Students can share minor complaints with professors, academic advisors, or members of the College of Psychology administration. Minor infractions of academic or professional policy may be handled informally by faculty or practicum personnel.

Within practicum settings, a supervisor or practicum agency coordinator may choose to involve the Office of Clinical Training to facilitate open communication intended to aid students in professional development.

If complaints and conduct violations cannot be resolved, they are brought to the attention of the appropriate Dean:

1. Academic concerns: Dean of Academics
2. Practicum and internship concerns: Dean of Clinical Training
3. All other concerns: Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions

Assistant/Associate Deans may investigate and resolve matters by:

1. Referral back to all relevant parties for informal resolution
2. Referral back to course instructor or practicum setting for resolution using appropriate measures for minor complaints/concerns/violations
3. Assignment of corrective action
4. Refer to Professional and Academic Standards Committee (PASC)

Professional and Academic Standards Committee
The Professional and Academic Standards Committee (PASC) may be activated by the department or the student. The student may request an activation of PASC due to a disagreement with a professor regarding their final course grade or if they wish to express a complaint about some aspect of the program. When there is a student activation of PASC, the committee is only reviewing the specific issue brought forward by the student. There is no full record review.

When the department activates PASC it is due to a

student's performance in the program. The most common reasons are a violation of their probation plan or a violation of academic integrity. When PASC is activated by the department, an administrator makes a recommendation to the dean of the program. A referral to PASC will include the Request for Formal Complaint/Conduct Resolution form and any additional documentation pertinent to the case. The dean reviews the request to determine if the violation requires PASC review. If the dean determines that the violation is sufficient, PASC is activated. When PASC is activated by the department, they have the authority to perform a full record review of the student's performance in the program.

PASC is composed of three faculty members, and their recommendations are made by super majority vote. The dean of the program will notify the student within 5 working days of a referral to PASC. The student may attend the scheduled PASC meeting in person, provide a written statement to clarify their actions, or ask to be represented by their academic advisor. They may also provide additional documentation to the referring dean for consideration by PASC.

Student notification includes:

1. The nature of the alleged behavior or concern
2. The date, time, and place of the alleged behavior or concern
3. The process used to review the relevant information
4. The date, time, and place of the PASC meeting
5. The sanctions applicable if the student is found to be responsible for the alleged behavior or concern
6. A notice that a decision will be made in the student's absence if the student chooses not to appear at the meeting or has submitted a statement.

A recommendation must be made by PASC and presented to the Dean of the College within 5 working days of the meeting.

The Dean may accept or reject the recommendations. The student must be notified of the Dean's decision within 10 working days. The Dean's decision is final.

If the recommendation is dismissal, and the Dean of the program accepts the recommendation, it is moved on for a faculty vote. If 2/3s of the faculty vote for dismissal, the student is dismissed from the program.

There are events that cause dismissal that do not require a vote by the faculty. These can include not passing the Master's Exam, failing a course a second time, not completing the program requirements within 7 years, or egregious activity involving patient care or violations of the law. These issues of dismissal are decided by the Dean of the program and the Dean's decision is final.

Resolution of Matters involving Alleged Criminal Conduct

All matters involving alleged criminal conduct will be referred to University legal counsel and/or the Office of Human Resources. The College of Psychology reserves the right to pursue resolution according to the procedures described in the Student Rights and Responsibilities handbook regardless of any civil or criminal outcome.

Record of Student Complaints and Conduct Proceedings

A record of student complaints and conduct resolutions is kept on file in the Office of Student Affairs and Admissions.

Anonymous Reporting

Students and faculty may report grievances, complaints, and conduct violations anonymously through a drop box outside the office of the Dean of Student Affairs and Admissions.

Reporting to Accrediting Bodies

Students have the right to make a complaint to the program's accrediting bodies. The College of Psychology answers to three separate agencies:

Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WSCUC)
https://www.wscuc.org/documents/complaint-form/.

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE)

A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling (916) 574-8900 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's internet website https://www.bppe.ca.gov/enforcement/complaint.shtml.

American Psychological Association (APA)
https://accreditation.apa.org/complaints-and-third-party-testimony

Master's Exam (M.E.)
The Master's Exam is an exam that occurs in the spring semester of a student's 2rd year. To receive their Master of Arts degree in clinical psychology a student must complete the M.E. and obtain a B or better in all first and second year courses. When the student takes the M.E. they will have earned 78 units in the College of Psychology curriculum.

If a student does not pass the exam within the timeframes outlined in the Master's Exam Handbook, they are no longer allowed to continue in the program.

Dissertation and Defense
Dissertations represent an opportunity to create original scholarly work that contributes new information to the field's body of knowledge.

Students are expected to formulate their dissertation question during their first year and to begin work on the project after completing the Research Methods and Statistics courses. Once students know the hypothesis they wish to test, they should begin seeking faculty members that will agree to be their Chair and reader. If the student wishes to select a committee member who is not College of Psychology faculty, they must get approval from the Dean of Research.

Students may elect to write a monograph or a three-paper dissertation. For details regarding the dissertation and defense process, please refer to the Dissertation Guide: A Handbook for Students from Proposal to Defense.

Clinical Training

Practicums
In years one through thee, students will be in practicums. The first year is placement in our onsite clinic, CNU Community Counseling and Psychological Services (CCAPS). The Field Placement Office has a list of potential practicum sites in the Greater Sacramento area and students will apply and interview in the spring prior to the beginning of a practicum placement in years two and three.

Practicum sites will provide students supervised experience working with diverse individuals presenting various diagnoses and interpersonal issues. Practicums provide weekly individual supervision, didactic training, and evaluations of student performance based on direct observation of clinical interventions.

During practicum, students will be enrolled in a Practicum Case Conference. This seminar series provides a space where participants can share their clinical experiences and receive feedback from their peers and the professor.

At least 1,500 hours of practicum training are required for a student to graduate from the program. Students are encouraged to manage their time carefully to ensure that all practical and academic requirements are met.

Internship
To obtain an APA internship, students will participate in the AAPIC match system. Internships are full time commitments and take up the entirety of the 4th or 5th year in graduate school.

All students must apply to APA internships as part of the College of Psychology curriculum; however, some may not obtain a position through the match system. If this occurs, the student may apply the following year, keeping in mind that they must complete all graduation requirements in 7 years. They may also work with a private psychologist to earn their internship hours as a psychological associate.

PSY Course Descriptions

YEAR 1

PSY 605 History and Systems of Psychology
This course examines the origins and development of the discipline of psychology. It moves through historical changes in the profession while examining the social and cultural factors that contributed to the advent of particular theories. The course also examines the changes that have occurred in the discipline, its expanding role in healthcare, and its current state as a profession.

PSY 603 Psychopathology: Adult
This class reviews DSM-5 conditions found in adult patients. Attention will be given to the construction of the DSM and a comparison to the ICD 11.

PSY 613 Research Methods
This class prepares students to critically read research, understand research design, and to begin work on their dissertation. They will learn the strengths and limitations, means of interpretation, and the technical aspects of rigorous case study. Students will learn the difference between correlational, descriptive, and experimental research designs and will be introduced to qualitative methods including meta-analysis and quasi-experimentation.

PSY 608 Ethical and Legal Standards
This course reviews the current American Psychological Association's Ethics and Professional Code through the lens of real-world cases.

PSY 650 Foundational Skills
This course provides foundational learning to prepare students for academic and clinical success in our program.

PRC 750 Practicum 1
Each practicum lasts between 9-12 months. Practicums vary in setting, patient population, and difficulty as the student progresses through the program. Students may apply to potential practicum sites based on their developmental level, but the Field Placement Office has final approval on practicum selection.

PSY 720 Assessment Series: Intellectual
This class focuses on intellectual assessment of both children and adults. It introduces students to assessment writing and the various components necessary in client interviews.

PSY 801 Individual and Cultural Diversity
This course will review the social and cultural context of both patient care groups and clinicians. Students are expected to challenge their own preconceptions and attitudes about cultural attitudes and norms and the way human diversity affects psychological treatment.

PSY 604 Psychopathology: Child/Adolescent
This course will review DSM-5 diagnoses that are found among children or adolescents. Special attention will be given to the autistic spectrum and learning disabilities.

PSY 614 Statistical Analysis
In this course, students will learn to engage in mathematical modeling, analysis of psychological data, description, inference, univariate and multivariate analysis, null-hypothesis testing, power, and estimation.

PSY 713 Practicum Case Conference 1
This seminar series takes place while the student is in practicum and provides a space where participants can share their clinical experiences and receive feedback from their peers and the professor.

PRC 751 Practicum 1

YEAR 2

PSY 607 Social Aspects of Behavior
The study of social and cultural behavior includes group process, attributions, discrimination, societal attitudes, and the interface between the subjects of sociology and psychology.

PSY 721 Assessment Series: Personality and Emotion
This class focuses on tests that gauge a patient's personality and emotional state. Measurements include detection of personality disorders and

mood disturbances.

PSY 601 Biological Aspects of Behavior
This course focuses on the biological underpinnings of behavior including neural, physiological, anatomical, and genetic influences.

PSY 715 Interventions: Psychodynamic
This course examines treatments for psychological conditions through the lens of psychodynamic theories.

PSY 714 Practicum Case Conference 2

PRC 850 Practicum 3

PSY 606 Cognitive Aspects of Behavior
This course examines the ways in which humans learn, elements that effect memory, how thought processes are categorized.

PSY 861 Dissertation Seminar 1
This class assists students in completing their dissertation. Students will find a supportive environment where they can work through challenges, seek feedback, and progress in a systematic fashion towards finishing this task.

PSY 722 Assessment Series: Neuropsychological
This course is the culmination of the assessment series, using knowledge students have gained about both brain function and the capabilities of psychological assessment they will complete full neuro-psychological batteries and review cases of severe impairment, injury, stroke, and dementia.

PSY 711 Interventions: CBT
This course examines treatments for psychological conditions through the lens of cognitive behavioral theories.

PSY 813 Practicum Case Conference 3

PRC 851 Practicum 4

YEAR 3

PSY 710 Interventions: Family Systems
This course examines treatments for psychological conditions through the lens of family system theories.

PSY 703 Psychometrics
This course reviews theory and techniques of psychological measurement, scale and inventory construction, reliability, validity, evaluation of measurement quality, classical and contemporary measurement theory, and standardization.

PSY 862 Dissertation Seminar 2
This is a continuation of Dissertation Research Seminar 1.

PSY 602 Developmental Aspects of Behavior
This class focuses on the human lifespan, transitions through various stages of growth, and the intellectual and behavioral changes that occur across an individual's lifespan.

PSY 814 Practicum Case Conference 4

PRC 950 Practicum 5

PSY 815 Affective Aspects of Behavior
This course examines response, mood, feeling states, and the interplay between behavior and emotion.

PSY 804 Interventions: Consultation and Supervision
All psychologists will be consulting throughout their career, whether it is with other psychologists and healthcare providers or with members of the public and professional organizations. This course also addresses effective means of supervision and spotlights ethical issues that present themselves in the supervisor/supervisee relationship.

PSY 808 Psychopharmacology
Students learn about the medications that can be used to treat disorders, the resultant physiology, and their overall effectiveness.

PSY 712 Interventions: Groups
This course focuses on interventions for groups, with special attention given to the ethical and professional issues that differentiate work with groups from that of individuals.

PSY 913 Practicum Case Conference 5

PRC 951 Practicum 6

YEAR 4/5

PSY 960 Internship
Students must participate in an APA internship or work with a private psychologist to earn their internship hours as a psychological associate. Part-time is available and requires 24 months to complete.

PSY 961 Dissertation
Dissertations represent an opportunity to create original scholarly work that contributes new information to the field's body of knowledge.

Curriculum

1st Year	Course #	Course Title	Credits
FALL			
	PSY 605	History and Systems of Psychology	3
	PSY 603	Psychopathology: Adult	3
	PSY 613	Research Methods	3
	PSY 608	Ethical and Legal Standards	3
	PSY 650	Foundational Skills	3
	PCR 750	Practicum 1 (CCAPS)	4
SPRING			
	PSY 720	Assessment Series: Intellectual	3
	PSY 801	Individual and Cultural Diversity	3
	PSY 604	Psychopathology: Child/Adolescent	3
	PSY 614	Statistical Analysis	3
	PSY 713	Practicum Case Conference 1	3
	PCR 751	Practicum 2 (CCAPS)	4
		Total	**38**
2nd Year			
FALL			
	PSY 703	Psychometrics	3
	PSY 721	Assessment Series: Personality and Emotion	3
	PSY 601	Biological Aspects of Behavior	3
	PSY 715	Interventions: Psychodynamic	3
	PSY 714	Practicum Case Conference 2	3
	PSY 850	Practicum 3	5
SPRING			
	PSY 606	Cognitive Aspects of Behavior	3
	PSY 861	Dissertation Research Seminar 1	3
	PSY 722	Assessment Series: Neuropsychology	3
	PSY 711	Interventions: CBT	3
	PSY 714	Practicum Case Conference 3	3
	PSY 851	Practicum 4	5
		Total	**40**
3rd Year			
FALL			
	PSY 710	Interventions: Family Systems	3
	PSY 607	Social Aspects of Behavior	3
	PSY 862	Dissertation Research Seminar 2	3
	PSY 602	Developmental Aspects of Behavior	3
	PSY 814	Practicum Case Conference 4	3
	PSY 950	Practicum 5	6
SPRING			
	PSY 815	Affective Aspects of Behavior	3
	PSY 804	Interventions: Consultation and Supervision	3
	PSY 808	Psychopharmacology	3
	PSY 712	Interventions: Groups	3

	PSY 913	Practicum Case Conference 5	3
	PSY 951	Practicum 6	6
		Total	**42**
4th Year			
FALL			
	PSY 960	Internship/Dissertation	*14/1*
SPRING			
	PSY 961	Internship/Dissertation	14/1
		Total	**28**
5th Year			
FALL			
	PSY 960	Internship/Dissertation	*14/1*
SPRING			
	PSY 961	Internship/Dissertation	14/1
		Total	**28**

Total Program Credit Hours = 148

Academic Calendar
2026-2027

Summer Semester 2026

	Start Date	End Date
Summer Practicums	05/19/2025 - Monday	08/15/2025 - Friday

Fall 2026

	Start Date	End Date
Orientation & Welcome Ceremony	08/10/2026 - Tuesday	08/14/2026 - Friday
Start of Instructional Courses	08/17/2026 - Monday	
Holiday – Labor Day	09/07/2026 - Monday	
Holiday – Thanksgiving Break	11/24/2026 - Monday	11/28/2026 - Friday
Final Exams	12/07/2026 - Monday	12/10/2026 - Thursday
Holiday – Winter Break	12/11/2026 - Friday	01/17/2027 - Friday
Final Grades Due	12/31/2026 - Friday	

Winter Intersession 2026-2027

	Start Date	End Date
Winter Intersession (Practicums only)	12/11/2026 - Friday	01/15/2027 - Friday

Spring 2027

	Start Date	End Date
Start of Instructional Courses	01/19/2027 – Tuesday	
Holiday – Martin Luther King Jr.	01/18/2027 – Monday	
Holiday – President's Day	02/15/2027 – Monday	
Holiday – Spring Break	03/08/2027 - Monday	03/12/2027 - Friday
Classes Resume	03/15/2027 - Monday	
Final Exams	05/10/2027 - Monday	05/13/2027 - Thursday
Grades Due	06/03/2027 - Friday	

Practicum Schedule

	Start Date	End Date

Summer Term	05/18/2026 - Monday	08/14/2026 - Friday
Fall Term	08/17/2026 - Monday	12/10/2026 - Thursday
Winter Intercession	12/11/2026 - Friday	01/17/2027 - Friday
Spring Term	01/19/2027 - Monday	05/13/2027 - Thursday

University Holidays

	Start Date	End Date
Independence Day	07/04/2026	
Labor Day	09/07/2026	
Thanksgiving	11/24/2026	11/28/2026
Martin Luther King Day	01/18/2027	
President's Day	02/15/2027	
Juneteenth	06/19/2027	

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MASTER OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

Mission and Vision

Mission: To advance the science of pharmaceutical research by developing future scientists trained to promote health through knowledge, research, and social responsibility.

Vision: Preeminence in pharmaceutical sciences research, drug development skills, and integrated education abilities.

Accreditation

Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western
Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).
California Northstate University is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, #100, Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001

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Program Overview

The option of One year and Two Years Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences (MPS) program offered by CNU is designed to provide fundamental knowledge and skills in the pharmaceutical sciences field to enable students to pursue careers in academia, the pharmaceutical industry, regulatory affairs, and government positions upon graduation.
This program also provides advanced training in theory and laboratory- based settings to students opting for higher education in the health-related professions (MD/PharmD, MD/Ph.D., and PharmD/Ph.D.) and graduate schools (Ph.D.). In addition, this program provides a sufficient foundation in basic pharmacology, molecular biology and biochemistry to allow the students the

flexibility to pursue careers in pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, as well as regulatory affairs.

Program Objectives

- Expand the students' foundation of Basic Pharmaceutical Sciences with emphasis in drug design, drug development or drug delivery.
- Expand the students' pharmaceutical research skills.
- Develop the students' ability to identify problems, formulate hypotheses, plan and execute experiments, analyze data and present results.

MPS at CNU: Strengths & Unique Features

- Two track options: 1) One Year Capstone Paper Track (Non-thesis), and 2). Two Year Thesis Track
- Foundational core courses are complemented by a broad spectrum of well-designed electives.
- Multiple teaching pedagogical formats maximize learning and subject retention.
- Small class sizes suitable for individualized education and research skills.
- Close proximity and ties to the Colleges of Pharmacy, College of Dental and College of Medicine, with course paths to prepare students seeking entry into pharmacy, dental or medical schools.
- Established collaborations with regional clinical centers, and pharmaceutical industries, providing an array of cooperative educational opportunities.
- Located in Elk Grove, California, the second largest city in the Greater Sacramento Metropolitan Area. Northern California is the hub for many biopharmaceutical companies.

Curriculum

MPS students have two course of study track options:

1) a one-year Capstone paper track; and 2) a two-year Thesis track.

Thesis/Course Track

Core Courses (31 credits)

- MPS 501 Introduction to Pharmaceutical Sciences I (3 cr)
- MPS 511 Introduction to Pharmaceutical Sciences II (3 cr)
- MPS 512 Principal of FDA Regulatory Affairs and Drug Discovery (3 cr)
- MPS 513 Biostatistics & Research Methods (3 cr)
- MPS 514 Clinical Biochemistry (3 cr)
- MPS 515 Medical Immunology (3 cr)
- MPS 518 Advances in Drug Delivery (2 cr)
- MPS 506 Research and Thesis-I (3 cr)
- MPS 516 Research and Thesis-II (3 cr)
- MPS 607 Introductory Human Anatomy (3 cr)
- MPS 503 AI in Healthcare (2 cr)

Capstone/Course Track

Core Courses (31 credits)

- MPS 501 Introduction to Pharmaceutical Sciences I (3 cr)
- MPS 511 Introduction to Pharmaceutical Sciences II (3 cr)

- MPS 512 Principal of FDA Regulatory Affairs and Drug Discovery (3 cr)- (Only offered for MPS and MPS-to-MD Pathway)
- MPS 513 Biostatistics & Research Methods (3 cr)
- MPS 514 Clinical Biochemistry (3 cr)
- MPS 515 Medical Immunology (3 cr)
- MPS 518 Advances in Drug Delivery (2 cr)
- MPS 507 Capstone Paper-I (3 cr)
- MPS 517 Capstone Paper-II (3 cr)
- MPS 607 Introductory Human Anatomy (3 cr)
- MPS 503 AI in Healthcare (2 cr)
- MPS 509 Integrated Oral Health Biology- (only offered for MPS-Oral Health to Dental Medicine Pathway)

MPS to MD (1+4) and (2+4)-Pathway

The (1+4) and (2+4) MPS *to* MD (Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences + Doctor of Medicine) pathway at California Northstate University is designed to offer a unique opportunity (pathway) for students to enter medical school. This combined program will significantly increase the chances to enter medical school, receiving competitive clinical residencies and pursue career opportunities in advanced medicine. For this MPS-MD pathway, the students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 in the MPS program and require MCAT score to grantee interview in CNUCOM.

Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs)

PLO 1: Foundational Knowledge in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Demonstrates the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and ethics that are required as scientists or scientific advocates

1.1. Demonstrate essential knowledge of pharmaceutical sciences needed to advance these sciences

1.2. Evaluate scientific literature and scientific products

PLO 2: Exposure to research instrumentation and laboratory techniques of pharmaceutical sciences

2.1. Demonstrate technical proficiency with basic laboratory techniques for pharmaceutical sciences

2.2. Utilize innovation in research instrumentation and laboratory techniques in basic science and drug discovery/ development

PLO 3: Critical thinking skills and problem-solving abilities

3.1. Demonstrate skillful research design and adaptation

3.2. Apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills to make decisions in developing, testing, and producing pharmaceutical products

PLO 4: Critical writing skills and data presentation abilities

4.1. Demonstrate writing skills needed for a career in pharmaceutical sciences and effective communication of scientific ideas in oral and visual formats appropriate for key audiences

4.2. Work effectively in a collaborative scientific setting and demonstrate appropriate intercommunication skills

PLO 5: Promote scientific and technique development of pharmaceutical sciences

5.1. Demonstrate ability to design mechanism-based drugs

5.2. Utilize scientific and technical skills needed to advance the discovery and management of new drugs and other therapeutic products.

MPS-Oral Health to Dental Medicine Pathway

The One-Year MPS-Oral Health to Dental Medicine (MPS-OH to DM) Pathway is a specialized pathway offering an in-depth understanding of oral health biology. MPS-OH to DM Pathway will help students to build a strong foundation in oral biology including oral cavity histology, pathology, microbiology, immunology, pharmacology and head & neck anatomy. Also, to enhance the research background of the graduate students in the MPS-OH to DM Pathway, the students are required to complete a capstone paper project in oral-pathophysiology field. Therefore, the MPS-OH to DM Pathway is a great preparation for students pursuing a career in dental field. Because MPS-OH to DM Pathway curriculum is significantly overlapping with the foundation curriculum of the first-year dental school, thus, it will enhance students' academic credibility leading to significant increase in their chances to get accepted in different dental programs

Job Classification per United States Department of Labor's Standard Occupation Codes: 19-1042, Medical Scientists, Except Epidemiologists.

Admissions

Educational Prerequisites

- A bachelor's degree (B.S. or B.A.) or higher in Biology, Chemistry or relevant science disciplines, or one year of biology and
- year of chemistry.
- A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 for MPS, (GPA) of 3.2 for MPS-to- MD Pathway and (GPA) of 3.0 for MPS-OH to DM Pathway is considered competitive. When evaluating applicants, greater emphasis will
- be placed on courses that are relevant to our program.
- Completion of the GRE is preferred but not required.

Applying to M.S. in Pharmaceutical Sciences:

- The online application must be completed fully.
- Application Fee: $60 for applicants
- Personal Statement: Please provide a personal statement describing your professional goals as well as the characteristics you possess that make you a qualified candidate for entry into the Masters of Pharmaceutical Sciences Program.
- Official Transcripts: Your academic records from each college-level institution you have attended are required. Canadian applicants and all other foreign applicants must submit a foreign coursework evaluation; CNU accepts evaluations from ECE, IERF, WES, and Education Perspectives.
- Transcripts from undergraduate and graduate institutions attended must be sent directly from the institution, even if a degree was not awarded.
- Minimum requirement GPA 2.5
- Official GRE General Test scores is preferred, but not required
- Official TOEFL scores for international applicants
- Letters of Recommendation: At least two letters must be submitted from faculty members who are knowledgeable about your academic capabilities and interests.
- Official letters of recommendation should be mailed directly to CNU Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences at the following address:

California Northstate University Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences
Admissions
9700 W. Taron Dr.
Elk Grove, CA 95757

Additional Admission Requirements

Applicants are strongly encouraged to communicate with potential CNU research advisors listed

in the graduate program prior to the admissions process. It is important to identify a research mentor and anticipated area of research prior to beginning the program. Formal research laboratory rotations with faculty members will be implemented after your admission. Onsite interviews are also provided to enable applicants to familiarize themselves with CNU faculty and their research areas.

For international students, MPS helps in issuing the I-20 form that is required for students' visas along with providing any supporting documentation such as acceptance letter and research plan.

Deadlines

The deadline to submit an application for Fall enrollment will be August 15th of the same year. All supporting documents must be received prior to August 1st for a Fall enrollment and official transcripts must be received by September 30th of the same year. The online application must be fully completed to be accepted.

Student Enrollment Agreement

The Student Enrollment Agreement must be completed and submitted to the college in order to show intent to enroll in the program. The Student Enrollment Agreement is a legally binding contract when it is signed by the incoming student and accepted by the institution.
By signing the Enrollment Agreement, the student acknowledges that the catalog, disclosures, and information located on the website have been made available to the student to read and review. Any questions or concerns regarding the Student Enrollment Agreement should be directed to the college or university department.

Catalog and Website

Before signing the Student Enrollment Agreement, the prospective student is strongly urged to visit the University and College website at www.cnsu.edu, and to read and review the CNU General Catalog.
The Catalog contains important information and policies regarding this institution.

Student's Right to Cancel and Refund

You have the right to cancel the Student Enrollment Agreement until 12:01 AM on the first calendar day after the first classroom instruction session attended, or until 12:01 AM on the eighth calendar day after a student has signed the Enrollment Agreement, whichever is later. Cancellation shall occur when you give written notice of cancellation to the University at the University's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement. You can do this by hand delivery, email, facsimile, or mail. Written notice of cancellation sent by hand delivery, email, or facsimile is effective upon receipt by the University. Written notice of cancellation sent by mail is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed with postage

prepaid.

After the cancellation period described above, you have the right to withdraw from the University at any time. Withdrawal shall occur when you give written notice of withdrawal to the Registrar at the university's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement.

Student's Right to Withdraw and Refund

After the cancellation period described above in "Student's Right to Cancel and Refund," you have the right to withdraw from the University at any time. Withdrawal shall occur when you give written notice of withdrawal to the Registrar at the University's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement. You can do this by hand delivery, email, facsimile, or mail. Written notice of withdrawal sent by hand delivery, email, or facsimile is effective upon receipt by the Registrar. Written notice of withdrawal sent by mail is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed with postage prepaid.

The written notice of withdrawal should be on the Official College Withdrawal Form provided by the Office of the Registrar but may also be in any writing that shows you wish to withdraw from the University. Please include your student ID number on your notice. A withdrawal may also be effectuated by the student's conduct showing intent to withdraw, including but not necessarily limited to the student's continuing and unexcused failure to attend all classes.

If you withdraw before or at completion of 60% (and no more) of the current term, you will be eligible for a pro-rata refund for such term. The University will perform a pro-rata calculation of current term tuition as follows:

Step 1) **Refundable Institutional Charge** = total institution charge – non-refundable charges
Step 2) **Daily Charge** = **Refundable Institutional Charge** / number of days in program
Step 3) **Amount Owed to Institution** = **Daily Charge** × days attended by the student prior to withdrawal, or those that were scheduled to attend but was absent
Step 4) **Refundable Amount** = total amount student paid – non-refundable charges
Step 5) **Refund Owed to Student** = **Refundable Amount** – **Amount Owed to Institution**

* Total calendar days include weekends and holidays, except:

- Scheduled break of five or more consecutive days when no classes are offered.
- Days of leave of absence are not included in the total days.

**Current term generally means the current semester, but when tuition is charged for the entire period of enrollment rather than by semester, then the current term shall mean that period of enrollment.

***Institutional charges excluded from the pro-rata refund are: (1) non-refundable registration fee (applicable to first year, first semester students only), (2) all other non-refundable fees as described in the current General Catalog, (3) Student Tuition Recovery Fund fee, and (4) Student

Health Insurance premium estimated at $3,200.00, if applicable; institutional charges included in the pro-rata refund include: (1) current term tuition.

There is no refund for students who withdraw after completing more than 60% of the current term.

If the amount of the current term payments is more than the amount that is owed for the time attended, then a refund of the difference will be made within 45 days after the notice of withdrawal is received by the Office of the Registrar. Refunds owed to the student as a result of a pro-rata calculation will be done in the following order:

- Private Educational Loan(s);
- To the student.

If the amount of the current term payments is less than the amount that is owed for the time attended, it is the sole responsibility of the student to contact the University to make appropriate payment arrangements.

Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Disclosures

The State of California established the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at a qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, and suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition. You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program.

It is important that you keep copies of your enrollment agreement, financial aid documents, receipts, or any other information that documents the amount paid to the school. Questions regarding the STRF may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, 1747 North Market Blvd., Suite 225, Sacramento, California, 95834, (916) 574-8900 or (888) 370- 7589. To be eligible for STRF, you must be a California resident or are enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid or deemed to have paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following: 1. The institution, a location of the institution, or an educational program offered by the institution was closed or discontinued, and you did not choose to participate in a teach-out plan approved by the Bureau or did not complete a chosen teach-out plan approved by the Bureau. 2. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution within the 120 day period before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, or were enrolled in an educational program within the 120 day period before the program was discontinued. 3. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution more than 120 days before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, in an educational program offered by the institution as to which the Bureau determined there was a significant decline in the quality or value of the program more than 120 days before closure. 4. The institution has been ordered to pay a refund by the Bureau but has failed to do so. 5. The institution has failed to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federal student loan program as required by law, or has failed to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the institution in excess of tuition and other costs. 6. You have been awarded restitution, a refund, or other monetary award by an arbitrator or court, based on a violation of this chapter by an institution or representative of an institution, but have been unable to collect the award from the institution. 7. You sought legal counsel that resulted in the cancellation of one or more of your student loans and have an invoice for services rendered and evidence of the cancellation of the student loan or loans.

To qualify for STRF reimbursement, the application must be received within four (4) years from the date of the action or event that made the student eligible for recovery from STRF. A student whose loan is revived by a loan holder or debt collector after a period of noncollection may, at any time, file a written application for recovery from STRF for the debt that would have otherwise been eligible for recovery. If it

has been more than four (4) years since the action or event that made the student eligible, the student must have filed a written application for recovery within the original four (4) year period, unless the period has been extended by another act of law. However, no claim can be paid to any student without a social security number or a taxpayer identification number.

Disclosures

All tuition, fees, expenses, and policies listed in this publication are effective as of June 2021 and are subject to change without notice by California Northstate University.
In the tables below, MPS1 and MPS2 indicate the student's year in the program, e.g. MPS1 is a first-year student; MPS2 is a second-year student.
Tuition is charged on a full-time, semester basis. Generally, tuition and fees are charged to a student's account thirty (30) days prior to the start of each semester term. The above is based on the assumption that a student will attend each semester term on a full-time basis, which allows for a student to graduate after successfully completing two (2) years of coursework consisting of 31 semester credit hours.
International students are not charged additional fees or charges associated with vouching for student status.

While CNU does not have on-campus housing, MPS assists students with sharing information on housing amenities, we send out list of apartments near the elk grove campus and CNU housing page information on Facebook for students looking for roommates.

Payment deadlines, loan obligations, refund calculations due to cancellation and withdrawal, and the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) disclosures are located on page 196 of the General Catalog.

Notice Concerning Transferability of Credits and Credentials Earned at California Northstate University

The transferability of credits you earn at California Northstate University is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the units and degrees you earn in the MPS program is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the units and degrees that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all your coursework at that institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending California Northstate University to determine if your units and degrees will transfer.

California Northstate University does NOT accept or otherwise participate in any federal direct student loan program (Title IV) funding, any federal veterans' benefits program (Title 38) funding, or any other government student loan program funding. California Northstate University does not participate in any state-administered financial aid program that requires an institutional agreement, certification, or disbursement role.

If a student obtains a loan to pay for an educational program, the student will have to repay the full amount of the loan plus interest.

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Incoming Students: 1- YEAR CAPSTONE

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for the period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences program at California Northstate University:

Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences Degree Program - Tuition & Fees for Academic Year: 2027-2028

Tuition and Fees for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

Tuition & Fees	Amount	Class
Tuition - Fall 2027	$15,206	MPS1
Tuition - Spring 2028	$15,206	MPS1
Tuition - Summer 2028	$15,206	MPS1
Student Activity Fee	$100	MPS1
Technology Fee	$50	MPS1
Pharma Sci Lab Fee	$700	MPS1
Orientation Fee	$50	MPS1
Student Tuition Recovery Fee (STRF) (nonrefundable)[4]	$0	MPS1
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$100	MPS1
Graduation Fee	$250	MPS1
Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year	**$46,868**	MPS1

Total estimated tuition & fees for the entire program is $46,868.

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs per Year[1]	Amount	Class
Health Insurance Premium[2]	$4,708	MPS1
Books and Supplies	$1,600	MPS1
Room and Board (based on 12 months)	$21,696	MPS1
Transportation (based on 12 months)	$3,000	MPS1
Total Estimated Costs per Year[3]	**$77,872**	MPS1

[1] Estimated costs and expenses a student may incur during the applicable year of the program, whether or not paid directly to CNU or MPS. These expenses include estimated out-of-pocket cost of living expenses for the year.

2 Optional, estimated, and will increase based on number of insured members.

3 Includes total of Tuition & Fees and Other / Optional Estimated Educational Related Costs tables, including some out-of-pocket cost of living expenses as described in footnote 3 above.

4 Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Incoming Students: 2-YEAR THESIS TRACK

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for the period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences program at California Northstate University:

Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences Degree Program - Tuition & Fees for Academic Year: 2027-2028

Tuition & Fees For the Error! Reference source not found.**–**Error! Reference source not found. **Academic Year**

Tuition & Fees	**MPS1**	**MPS2**
Tuition	$39,848	$41,044
Student Activity Fee	$100	$100
Technology Fee	$50	$50
Pharma Sci Lab Fee	$700	$700
Orientation Fee	$50	$0
Student Tuition Recovery Fee (STRF) (nonrefundable)[4]	$0	$0
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$100	$0
Graduation Fee	$0	$250
Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year	**$40,848**	**$42,144**

Total estimated tuition & fees for the entire program is $82,992.

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs per Year[1]	**MPS1**	**MPS2**
Health Insurance Premium[2]	$4,708	$4,708
Books and Supplies	$1,600	$1,600
Room and Board (based on 12 months)	$21,696	$21,696
Transportation (based on 12 months)	$3,000	$3,000
Total Estimated Costs per Year[3]	**$71,852**	**$73,148**

1 Estimated costs and expenses a student may incur during the applicable year of the program, whether or not paid directly to CNU or MPS. These expenses include estimated out-of-pocket cost of living expenses for the year.

2 Optional, estimated, and will increase based on number of insured members.

3 Includes total of Tuition & Fees and Other / Optional Estimated Educational Related Costs tables, including some out-of-pocket cost of living expenses as described in footnote 3 above.

4 Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

General Policies Orientation & Registration

Registration for classes requires:

1. All admission contingencies be fulfilled.
2. Financial aid clearance from the Financial Aid Officer.
3. Completion of all new student paperwork.

Admission contingencies include proof of medical insurance coverage and any other institutional requirements.

Students may enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan to satisfy the insurance requirement.

New students must submit the *Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form* to the Office of the Registrar by the end of Orientation. To make updates, a new form must be submitted to the Registrar. The Office of the Registrar requires submission of the Authorization to Release Student Records if a student desires to grant a personal third-party (such as a parent, spouse, etc.) access to his/her student record. Please refer to the Directory Information and Access to Student Records section of this catalog for more information.

New students should review their local, home, and billing contact information via the Student Portal and update as needed. It is the student's responsibility to maintain valid contact information throughout their enrollment at CNU. Instructions for accessing the Student Portal is sent by the CNU IT department to the student's CNU email address.

Registration is conducted by the Registrar prior to the start of each semester for new and continuing students. Students with business, financial, or other registration holds on their account will not be registered until the Registrar is notified that the hold has been cleared. Students who are incompliant with institutional requirements or who have a hold on their student account at the time of registration are required to satisfy the requirement and may also be required to submit the Course Add/Drop form by the end of the Add/Drop period to register or make schedule changes.

Address Where Instruction Will Be Provided

Class sessions are conducted at MPS classroom at 9700 West Taron Drive, Elk Grove CA 95757.

Catalog, School Performance Fact Sheet, and Website

As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this catalog before signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you before signing an enrollment agreement.

The SPFS contains important performance data for the institution. The Catalog contains

important information and policies regarding this institution. By signing the Enrollment Agreement, the student is acknowledging that the catalog, disclosures, and information located on the website have been made available to the student to read and review.

Instruction/Course Delivery

All courses for MPS are 84% face-to-face on-campus teaching, with the exception of two courses: MPS 512 and MPS 518

Discovery and Development. This comprehensive course is designed using a hybrid teaching format, combining direct faculty-student interaction and eLearning.

All courses are taught in English and English language services are not provided.

EVALUATION OF TRANSFER CREDIT POLICY

A maximum of 13 credits will be considered for transfer of graduate-level courses from other accredited graduate programs. The CNUMPS cumulative grade point average (GPA) is based solely upon course work taken at CNUMPS. For more information please refer to the MPS Credit Transfer Policy.

Description of Facilities

Information on research laboratories and facilities utilized by California Northstate University in conjunction with the delivery of instruction for all CNU Colleges, can be located on page 229 of the General Catalog.

Academic Policies and Procedures

Academic Calendar

The academic calendar consists of two semesters lasting approximately 15 weeks long.

Credit Hour Policy

Code	Course Type	Code	Course Type
AL	Active Learning	**LEC**	Lecture course
LAB	Laboratory	**SEM**	Seminar

For each 15-week semester,
one (1) unit of credit is
assigned per hour each week of classroom and a minimum of two (2) hours of out-of-class student work (homework) *(LEC/SEM*). For courses that include workshop and/or laboratory time, one (1) unit of credit is assigned per two (6) hours each week of student time spent in this

activity (LAB/AL) course.

Grading

A letter grade equal to or greater than C is considered satisfactory performance (passing) for completion of a course. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. The breakdown for assignment of letter grades and grade points for each letter grade are as follows:

Grade	Definition	GPA Unit
A	90.0 – 100%	4.00
B	80.0 – 89.9%	3.00
C	70.0 – 79.9%	2.00
D	60.0 – 69.9%	1.00
F	<60%	0.00
I	Incomplete	Not in GPA

GPA Calculation

To calculate cumulative GPA, letter grades will be converted to their numeric grade point value using the grading convention table above, and then added together. The sum is then divided by the number of courses taken. Grades received in retaken classes
will be used in determining cumulative GPA. The grade initially received in the course will not be included in the calculation but is recorded on the transcript.

Course Add/Drop Procedure

Changes in course registration may be made without penalty up to the end of the first week (5 class days) for fall and spring terms. Specific add/drop deadlines will apply for courses offered during the summer term.

Incomplete or Withdrawal from a Course

During a semester, a student may withdraw or fail to complete all required assignments and/or examinations due to extenuating circumstances, such as, but not limited to, an illness or a family emergency. In such cases, the course coordinator may give a grade of Incomplete for the course.
All missed assignments and exams must normally be completed within 10 business days after the end of the semester in which the Incomplete was received, or within a timeframe determined by

the course coordinator. Failure to successfully complete the course will result in an earned F grade for the course and placement on Academic Probation.

Withdrawal from a course must first be approved by the course coordinator and the Office of Academic Affairs. Where a student has had to withdraw from a course a grade of W will be applied, and the student will have to repeat the course next time it is offered.

Grade Appeals Procedure

A student can file an appeal if there is a disagreement with a final course grade. The appeal must be submitted within ten (10) business days of online grade posting. The student must initiate a formal grade appeal process in writing and present the appeal to the course coordinator.

The faculty member will respond to the student in writing within ten (10) business days. If the appeal cannot be resolved, the student has two (2) business days to appeal in writing to the MPS Director who renders a decision in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the formal appeal. (If the course Coordinator is the MPS Director, then the student may appeal the decision directly to the Dean. The student has two (2) business days to submit an appeal in writing to the Dean. The Dean will render a decision in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the formal appeal).

If the MPS Director cannot resolve the appeal, the student has two (2) business days to submit an appeal in writing to the Dean. The Dean will render a decision in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the formal appeal.

If a grade appeal is approved, the course coordinator must complete a Grade Change Form and submit the form to the MPS Director for final approval. The form must then be submitted to the Registrar so that the grade can be changed on the transcript.

A record of the final decision concerning the appeal will be kept on file in the MPS Director office.

Academic Progression Policy

The Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences (MPS) at California Northstate University has a rigorous academic progression policy to ensure students' progression through the curriculum in a timely manner.

The purpose of the academic progression policy is to ensure students in the MPS program reach and maintain a high standard of course learning and successfully complete course credits and thesis or capstone paper within required time frame.

Students in the MPS program must pass all courses each semester with at least a grade of C and maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.0. A grade of D or below in a course indicates a lack of understanding of the fundamental knowledge of the course necessary for

progression.

Students struggling with academic courses must complete the MPS program either within 2 years (1-year program) or 3 years (2-year program) from the time they register and attend their first core course if insufficient knowledge has been identified and remediated.

Remediation

Remediation is provided to students who earn a letter grade lower than C in any course in the MPS curriculum. The course coordinator/instructors determine the format of remediation examination that covers the course material presented throughout the course. Preparation of the remediation exam is the sole responsibility of the student. A grade of C to this course will be reported to the Registrar if the remediation examination was satisfactorily completed.

Dismissal

A student may be dismissed from the MPS program if any of the following conditions occur, and the Professional and Academic Standards Committee determines that dismissal is warranted:

a. Failure to meet any terms of remediation or academic probation.
b. Conduct subject to dismissal as described in the Student Handbook.
c. Failure to complete the degree requirements in three (two-year program) or five (dual degree) consecutive academic years from the date of the first day the student begins the program.

Appeal of Dismissal

Students dismissed from the MPS program may appeal the decision in writing within thirty calendar days of notification of dismissal to the Dean of the College. The Dean will render a decision in writing within 15 calendar days of the receipt of the formal written appeal. The Dean's decision is final.

Degree Requirements

The Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences degree is a Two-Year Thesis program or a One Year Capstone Track program.

Degree requirements for the Thesis-based track and the Capstone/Course track are as follows:

Thesis-based Track:

To graduate from the M.Sc. program, students in this track must earn a minimum of 31 credits. In addition to the course requirements, students must pass and complete a thesis.

Capstone/Course Track:

Students in this track must pass a minimum of 31 credits and a capstone paper that consists of conducting a detailed literature review.

Comparison of Thesis-based and Capstone Track

	Thesis Track	Capstone Track
Years	2	1
Total Credits	31	31
Core Course Credits	31	31
Written Examination	Yes	Yes
Thesis	Yes	Capstone paper

Attendance Policy

The MPS program will follow MPS Excused Absence Policy which requires mandatory attendance for all students. Specifically, students are expected to attend and participate in all classes and complete all exams and assessments as scheduled (together defined as "coursework").

However, occasionally an absence from coursework will be unavoidable. The policy described below delineates the circumstances when an absence will be considered excused along with expectations for timely communication with the Course Coordinator and makeup of missed coursework.

EXCUSED ABSENCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set the criteria and procedures under which CNUMPS students can request an excused absence to make-up coursework, assignments, quizzes, tests, and exams.

II. SCOPE/COVERAGE

This policy applies to all students who want to request an excused absence and guides the MPS administration, faculty and staff on criteria and procedures when a student requests an excused absence.

III. POLICY STATEMENT

The MPS program recognizes that legitimate circumstances occasionally result in a student being absent from a class or laboratory learning session. An excused absence is defined as a properly documented absence according to the criteria in this policy.

IV. PROCEDURE

A. MPS program recognizes as legitimate circumstances and valid reasons for a student to apply for excused absences:

1. Illness or Hospitalization: Includes office visits for medical or dental appointments, admission into a hospital or emergency room, or physician or legally verified quarantine. In order for the absence to be granted, proper supporting documentation must be provided. Acceptable documentation for illness or hospitalization includes:

a) Medical and dentist office visit notes. In order to be accepted, such notes must indicate date and time of the visit, date the note was issued, be signed by the professional and include their full name and license number. Proof of scheduling an appointment or appointment reminder notes is not accepted. Note: MPS considers a conflict of interest a medical and/or dentist note issued by the student's parents or siblings, and as such does not accept as valid documentation for excused absences.

b) Hospital or emergency room admittance document, issued in the hospital's official letterhead and signed by an authorized hospital official, identified by their registration number.

c) Official medical or state document attesting the quarantine recommendation with the period covered by the quarantine.

2. Death of an immediate family member: MPS defines an immediate family member as the student's parent, grandparent, legal guardian, spouse or life partner, child, sibling, as well as step- and in-laws of the same relationship.

3. Jury Duty and Court Subpoena: A student who is required and selected to participate in any jury duty, and/or required to appear in court as a witness, victim of a crime, or other court-required appearance has an excused absence. Supporting court documents such as the jury summons or note from the appropriate jury commissioner or clerk of the court, as proof of attendance, is required for the excused absence to be granted.

4. Professional School Entrance Exams or Interviews: Exams such as MCAT, DAT or other required exam for admission in professional schools are considered circumstances in which application for excused absences are allowed. In such cases, only the exam day is counted towards the excused absence and one additional day if the exam site is distant more than 200 miles from CNU Elk Grove campus. Proof of registration for the exam or official confirmation of interview must be presented.

5. Religious Holidays: CNUMPS may recognize selected religious holidays for the purpose of

excused absences. Such holidays may include, but are not limited to, Eid-Al-Fitr, Eid-AlAdha, Diwali, Holi, Good Friday, Chanukah, and Passover.
6. Personal Emergency: Under this category, students can request an excused absence in cases of fire at home, flooding, natural disasters, traffic accidents, being victim of a crime or domestic violence, and a life-threatening situation. Students must provide supporting documentation that includes, but is not limited to, police reports, insurance claims, or hospital summary.

B. If the excuse for absence meets one of the above circumstances, the student will complete a "Request for Excused Absence" form and submit to the Office of MPS Director and MPS administrative assistance as per instructions provided in the form. Please note:
1. Excused absences are not counted against any attendance requirements and do not relieve students from their responsibilities for completing any course work, assignments, or assessments/evaluations assigned or due during their absence.
2. The Dean of College of Graduate Studies or MPS Director may grant excused absences for special reasons, not included in this policy, as long as the request is supported by documentation and represents an event in which the student absence was mandatory. Family reunions, birthdays, weddings, vacations, and other private/family celebrations are not justifiable excused absence in any circumstances.
3. All documents requesting an excused absence must be provided, whenever possible, by the day of the absence. When this is not possible, supporting documents must be provided no longer than five (5) business days after the absence event. If documentation is not supplied within this timeframe, the student waives the right to request an excused absence. Documents are accepted in hard copies or pdf format; no pictures or jpeg documents are accepted.
4. An excused absence must be requested by the student through an official "Request for Excused Absence" form as indicated above, that must be sent with supporting documentation, to the Office of MPS Director and MPS administrative assistant through email (ahmed.elshamy@cnsu.edu) and (aashna.pillay@cnsu.edu) or hand delivered directly to MPS administrative assistant.
5. Once the "Request for Excused Absence" form is received, the MPS Director will evaluate the students request for an excused absence, the student will be notified of the approval or denial of the request via CNSU email within two (2) business days. The Office of MPS Director will notify the faculty of approved excused absences via CNSU email.
6. Faculty should not grant any make-up or extend deadlines for assignments without a notice from the Office of MPS Director that an excused absence was officially granted.
7. To avoid chronic absenteeism, a maximum of 2 excused absence events/didactic course may

be granted to a student per semester. An event is considered a single (1) completed and approved excused absence form.

8. If a student has 3 or greater absences from any didactic course, the student will be subjected to losing the attendance and professionalism grades of this course.

9. Faculty should make all necessary efforts to provide students with a way to effectively learn the missed course content and make-up all assignments, tests, and exams, within ten (10) business days of the excused absence event at the faculty's discretion. The Office of MPS Director will provide support when needed. End of the semester make-ups cannot exceed ten days after the final exam date.

Leave of Absence

A leave of absence is approved for a specific period of time, not to exceed more than a year, and the institution agrees to permit the student to return to the University/College without formally reapplying for admission to the University/College.

The student will be required to return to the University/College at the beginning of the semester in which the leave was granted. All students requesting a Leave of Absence should fill out a Leave of Absence Form after discussing their decision with the Academic Official for Academic Affairs. If a student is requesting a leave of absence, the Academic Official for Academic Affairs must sign the form. If the student is approved for a leave of absence, the student is eligible to return without reapplication if the absence is within the approved time frame. A student requesting a leave of absence should also meet with the Financial Aid Manager and Business Office to determine the impact of their decision and any requirements needing fulfilment prior to the leave.

Non-attendance does not constitute notification of intent to apply for leave of absence status. The date of leave status is the date the Registrar receives the signed form.

Return from Leave of Absence

The Office of the Registrar will contact a student on Leave of Absence (LOA) approximately 90 days before the LOA expires via certified US mail and the email addresses on record. The student will receive the Intent to Return Form and instructions for re- enrollment and for withdrawing from the University.

The student will have 30 days of the date of the notice to reply to the Office of Registrar with their intent to return to the University/College or officially withdraw.

If a student does not return within 1 year of approved LOA they are no longer eligible to return as a continuing student and must reapply to the University/College for admission.

Thesis Guidelines

The thesis is a vital portion of the curriculum for graduate students choosing the thesis-based track. These students will conduct hands-on, original research in CNU's state-of-the-art laboratories, mentored by faculty with experience in the biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences. Students will select their research topics after consultation with their major advisors. This course will examine student capabilities in scientific literature review, research design, research execution, statistics, result analysis & discussion, and written skills as required to produce a laudable thesis. Lab-based thesis research starts in the summer of the 1st year and proceeds through the entire 2nd year, with 1 credit in each semester. Students will be evaluated each semester, and their progress monitored closely by their thesis advisors. The components of this course evaluation include the following comprehensive elements: literature review; experimental design; research performance; statistical analysis; result presentation and discussion, and conclusion.

Defense of thesis or capstone paper project

Defense of thesis or capstone paper project is the final step for MPS students. This process tests the depth and breadth of knowledge in pharmaceutical sciences and will assess the overall understanding of scientific inquiry. Students will be expected to justify their decisions in study design and interpretation of data. The advisory committee will make the recommendation based on the quality of the project, answers to all questions, and other factors.

Requirements for Laboratory-based Research

Laboratory research is one of the essential components for graduate students in the Master's program in Pharmaceutical Sciences at California Northstate University (CNU). Any student working in the Lab must abide by the following standards.

1. Students must complete the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) training and relevant biosafety training that are required for the personnel working in the Lab at CNU. CITI is an on-line service program providing research ethics and related modules to faculty, staff, and students working for research projects or courses. Students must present completion certificates to their major advisors prior to self- directed work in the labs. Students must complete and pass the Responsible Conduct of Research course and the student Biosafety and Biosecurity Course. Additional courses may be recommended or required by their instructors.
2. Students must respect all ethical standards and must observe all federal, state, local, and institutional regulations.
3. Students must abide by all safety regulations while present in the labs, including those regarding appropriate clothing and shoes. Students must wear lab coats, gloves, and other appropriate personal protective equipment when performing procedures in the Lab.
1. Students must follow all standard operating procedures and protocols when conducting research.

2. Students must work in their designated areas. All shared equipment and instruments must be cleaned and stored in their original (one) Location after completing experiments.

3. Students must maintain original research records, catalogs, and research materials following good practices. Computer records must be consistent with the notebooks. Students are strongly encouraged to discuss the records and seek approval from the advisors.

4. All packages, containers, buffers and reagents in the Lab must have discernible, compliant labels that include name, date, identity, and sources.

5. Eating, drinking, or smoking in the Lab are strictly prohibited. Violators will be excluded from research projects or relevant courses.

6. Hand washing with clean, running water is good practice before leaving the Lab, and is required after certain procedures.

7. It is expected that all students will exercise professionalism and decorum while in the Labs. Horseplay, practical jokes, pranks or other inappropriate or distracting behaviors will result in a loss of Lab privileges and may impact student graduation.

8. Please report all unexpected issues to your advisors or Lab Manager.

Student Grievance Policy

If a student wishes to file a grievance, they can submit a written complaint using the Complaint/Grievance form placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the Vice President of Academic Affairs or submit an online Anonymous Report available on the CNU website. The Vice President of Academic Affairs will handle the complaint in accordance with University policies and after a review of the facts will attempt to resolve the issue. Any resolution will be provided to the student in writing within 4 weeks of the form submission, excluding holidays and University breaks.

For complaints related to accreditation standards can be found on page 10 of the General Catalog.

A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling (916) 574-8900 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's internet website https://www.bppe.ca.gov/enforcement/complaint.shtml.

Student Services

Information on Student Services can be located on page 223 of the General Catalog.

MPS Course Descriptions

Core Courses

MPS 501 Introduction to Pharmaceutical Sciences-I (3 cr)

This course introduces the basic mechanisms of pathophysiology and pharmacology, and then integrates these disciplines through the study of the etiology, pathogenesis, clinical manifestations, treatment and prevention of major neurologic, psychiatric, and neuroendocrine diseases/disorders. Following an introduction to normal tissue types and adaptive responses, the course will cover basic etiological and pathophysiological mechanisms; mechanisms of injury will be reviewed; the central and peripheral nervous systems (CNS & PNS) are reviewed, major CNS, PNS and neuroendocrine diseases and disorders are covered, Students will learn the mechanism(s) of action and common or serious adverse effects of pharmacological agents and identify appropriate pharmacological treatments or adjust pharmacotherapy in the face of adverse effects. In addition, each student team will research a topic in depth, including a systematic search of peer- reviewed literature, to develop and present a formal case study, given at a level appropriate for an audience of healthcare professionals. To promote information literacy, teams will use systematic PubMed searches using MESH terms to identify and incorporate current literature reviews, guidelines, or other advanced professional sources, and carefully cite the information and sources on their slides.

MPS 506 Research and Thesis - I (3 cr)

This course is designed to provide hands-on research experience in laboratories of biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences. Students will choose the research topics after consultation with their major advisors. This course will exam the students' capabilities in original article review, research design, research execution, statistics, result analysis & discussion, and written skills of thesis.

MPS 507 Capstone Paper - I (3 cr)

This course is designed to advance critical thinking and written skills in the identification and synthesis of contemporary topics in the broad area of pharmaceutical sciences. MPS 504

(Literature & Technical Writing Skills) is divided into two sections for the graduate students in Plan B (Capstone Track):

(i) section I delineates the basic skills and techniques in reference search, review, and writing exercise; and (ii) section II is designed to evaluate the students' capabilities in integration of science, literature, and communication skills. Successful and timely completion of capstone paper is mandatory for students in this track.

MPS 511 Introduction to Pharmaceutical Sciences– II (3 cr)

This course is designed to provide students with the deep understanding of the drug physicochemical properties and its effects on drug formulation and computing, dosage form as well as an understanding of the interactions between drug delivery systems and biological systems The course covers the traditional and non-traditional dosage forms as well as drug delivery systems. The course also covers pharmaceutical calculations and an overview of drug quality control and regulation.

MPS 512 Principal of FDA Regulatory Affairs and Drug Discovery (2 cr)

This course focuses on regulatory strategy, guidance and regulatory compliance, legal and ethical issues, processes for product development and the business components of regulation in clinical research, all while reinforcing the science behind the methods. The regulatory affairs course provides students with the knowledge and understanding for the key elements of the regulatory process in various industries, governmental agencies, and consultancies worldwide.

MPS 513 Biostatistics & Research Methods (3 cr)

This course is designed to introduce major concepts in biostatistics and pharmacoepidemiology. Students will develop the ability to interpret and critically evaluate medical literature and to identify findings that have implications for their practice. Emphasis will be placed on an examination of how observational study designs draw upon epidemiologic techniques to address drug effectiveness, safety, outcome assessment and regulatory decision making. Students will also acquire skills in applying statistical analysis concepts learned throughout this course with the use of common computer software.

MPS 514 Clinical Biochemistry (3 cr)

Clinical Biochemistry (MTMS 514) course provides to MPS students a clear and comprehensive

introduction to the biochemical basis of disease processes, how these diseases are investigated in biomedical laboratories, and selected clinical cases as framework for class discussion activities. This class is one of the major courses with great benefit for prospective medical students. The course is established on organ base system study that is compatible with the teaching module in medical program.

This course prepares prospective medical students to do well in step one exam in medical school. The students taking this class are particularly enthusiastic and love the class because the exams in this class are also given in USMLE style, preparing the students to be familiar with the exam (Step 1, 2 & 3) styles they will be facing in medical school. In the class, the students learn new trends of clinical cases and their biochemical basis to further emphasize the link between theory and practice while helping them engage with emerging diseases and how to treat them. In addition, the course provides a biochemical foundation for the understanding of drug action, drug absorption and drug metabolism in the treatment of these diseases.

MPS 515 Medical Immunology (3 cr)

MPS 515 is a broad-spectrum course that covers the fundamentals and clinical aspects of Immunology. The course is divided into 4 major modules: (1) Introduction to Immunology, (2) Innate and adaptive Immunity, (3) T and B cells development and (4) Clinical Immunology. Each module will be followed by an exam covering all the discussed topics within that module. In addition, students will be engaged in journal club activity for classical articles known to be the pillars in the Immunology field.

MPS 516 Research and Thesis - II (3 cr)

This course is designed to provide hands-on research experience in laboratories of biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences. Students will choose the research topics after consultation with their major advisors. This course will exam the students' capabilities in original article review, research design, research execution, statistics, result analysis & discussion, and written skills of thesis.

MPS 518 Advances in Drug Delivery Systems (3cr)

This course gives the students an overview on Drug Delivery Systems in terms of Formulation, Manufacture, and Quality Control. Students will learn Oral, Topical, Parenteral, Transdermal and other Modified-release Drug Delivery Systems. Details are given with respect to advanced

technologies such as 3D Printing for Personalized Medicine and Nanoparticle Delivery Systems for Protein and Vaccine Therapeutics. The course also covers basic Pharmacokinetics and Pharmacodynamics considerations, Pharmaceutical Compounding and Calculations.

MPS 607 Introduction Human Anatomy (3 cr)

Designed for students in MPS program with applications to activities involving medical terminology and introductory human anatomy. The emphasis is on the structural, physiological, and positional relationships of the skeleton, joints, muscles, head and neck, blood vessels and peripheral nerves in the trunk and limbs as well as the abdominal and pelvic viscera.

MPS 503 AI in Healthcare (2 cr)

This course provides an overview of Artificial Intelligence (AI) applications in the healthcare sector, exploring its transformative potential, challenges, and ethical considerations. Students will learn the fundamental AI techniques used in healthcare, including machine learning, deep learning, natural language processing, and computer vision. The course will examine real-world applications, such as diagnostic imaging, predictive analytics, personalized medicine, and patient care automation. Emphasis will be placed on understanding the regulatory and ethical issues unique to healthcare AI.

MPS 509: Integrated Oral Health Biology (3cr)

This course provides an integrated foundation in oral health biology through a multidisciplinary exploration of tooth development, oral histology, cariology, oral microbiology, salivary gland biology, oral immunology, oral cancer biology, anesthesia, medically complex dental care, and advanced drug delivery approaches for oral and dental applications. The course emphasizes the biologic principles underlying oral health and disease and connects basic science concepts to clinical relevance, therapeutic strategies, and emerging translational applications.

MPS Curriculum

Example of Schedule for Capstone Paper Track

Curriculum Layout of MPS-Oral Health to Dental Medicine Pathway		
Fall (2025)	**Spring (2026)**	**Summer (2026)**
MPS501 (3cr)- Intro. PharmScien.I	MPS511 (3cr)- Intro. PharmScien.II	MPS509 (3cr)- Integrated Oral Health Biology
MPS515 (3cr)- Medical Immuno	MPS513 (3cr)- Biostatistics	MPS503 (2cr)- AI in Healthcare

MPS514 (3cr)- Clinic. Biochemistry	MPS506 (3cr)- Intro. Human Anatomy	MPS517 (3cr)- Capstone Paper II
	MPS518 (2cr)- Drug Delivery	
	MPS507(3cr)- Capstone Paper I	

Curriculum Layout of MPS Capstone Track		
Fall (2025)	**Spring (2026)**	**Summer (2026)**
MPS501 (3cr)- Intro. PharmScien.I	MPS511 (3cr)- Intro. PharmScien.II	MPS503 (2cr)- AI in Healthcare
MPS515 (3cr)- Medical Immuno	MPS513 (3cr)- Biostatistics	MPS517 (3cr)- Capstone Paper II
MPS514 (3cr)- Clinic. Biochemistry	MPS506 (3cr)- Intro. Human Anatomy	
MPS512 (3cr)- FDA Regulations	MPS518 (2cr)- Drug Delivery	
	MPS507(3cr)- Capstone Paper I	

Example of Schedule for Thesis Track

Curriculum Layout of MPS Thesis Track				
Fall (2025)	**Spring (2026)**	**Summer (2026)**	**Fall (2026)**	**Spring (2027)**
MPS501 (3cr)- Intro. PharmScien.I	MPS511 (3cr)- Intro. PharmScien.II	MPS503 (2cr)- AI in Healthcare	MPS514 (3cr)- Clinic. Biochemistry	MPS506 (3cr)- Intro. Human Anatomy
MPS515 (3cr)- Medical Immuno	MPS513 (3cr)- Biostatistics		MPS512 (3cr)- FDA Regulations	MPS518 (2cr)- Drug Delivery
MPS506 (3cr)- Capstone Paper I	MPS506 (3cr)- *Continue* Capstone Paper I		MPS516 (3cr)- Capstone Paper II	MPS516 (3cr)- *continue* Capstone Paper II

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR MASTER of PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES DEGREE = 31

After completing the MPS degree, the graduates leave with enhanced academic credentials, enhanced hands-on research skills, improved admission into healthcare profession schools, and competitive advantage in the market of Pharmaceutical and Biomedical Sciences.
Graduates of this program can pursue a variety of career opportunities within the pharmaceutical industry field. MPS graduates are also positioned to work as researchers at universities, government agencies (i.e. NIH, FDA, CDC) agencies, and non-profit organizations. California Northstate University (CNU) is located in the Greater Sacramento Metropolitan Area, and provides unique opportunities for students to network with nearby biomedical, biotechnology, pharmaceutical companies, and government agencies.

COLLEGE OF GRADUATE STUDIES

CGS Administration

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Dean; Vice President of Academic Affairs, Associate Dean of Medical Education

MASTER OF PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCES

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PhD, Tufts University

MASTER OF HEALTHCARE ADMINISTRATION

Mission and Vision

Mission: To advance the art and science of healthcare management

Vision: To provide innovative graduate education in healthcare management and delivery to meet the complexities and challenges in the evolution of healthcare.

Accreditation

Senior Colleges and Universities of the Western
Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC).
California Northstate University is accredited by the
Accrediting Commission for Senior Colleges and
Universities of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, #100,
Alameda, CA 94501, 510.748.9001

BPPE

Any questions a student may have regarding this catalog that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education at P.O. Box 980818, West Sacramento, CA 95834, bppe.ca.gov, (916) 574-8900.

BPPE's The Office of Student Assistance and Relief is available to support prospective students, current students, or past students of private postsecondary educational institutions in making informed decisions, understanding their rights, and navigating available services and relief options. The office may be reached by calling (888) 370-7589, option #5 or by visiting osar.bppe.ca.gov..

Program Overview

Optimize your future by investing in yourself at CNU, where we strive to deliver the best graduate healthcare management education in the field. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) projects that health care jobs will grow 13% from 2021 to 2031, which is faster than the average for all occupations. Several factors contribute to this growth, including an aging population, increasing rates of chronic diseases, and growing demand for mental health services. Healthcare is currently 18% of the U.S. gross domestic product (GDP).

Our Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) degree complements the University's mission to prepare early to mid-careerists with the industry knowledge and business administration skills required to pursue potential leadership positions in healthcare management such as: health service administrators, managers, analysts, entrepreneurs, and eventually, executive leadership. We cultivate entrepreneurial mindsets geared towards innovating and engineering healthcare systems of the future while corresponding to the societal need of producing ethical and responsible leaders. Through this transformational change, leaders will deliver improved healthcare delivery systems through operational excellence. (https://www.bls.gov/ooh/management/medical-and-health-services-managers.htm)

Foundational concepts and competencies prescribed by the Healthcare Leadership Alliance (HLA) have been incorporated into the curriculum. Our pedagogy includes the Interprofessional Education framework that will yield

collaborative leaders who aim to communicate empathetically among their teams. Students include aspiring medical doctors, nurses, psychologists, pharmacists, administrators, marketers, operation managers, data analysts, accountants, health insurance managers, IT managers and engineers, start-up owners and anyone who seeks to complement their field of studies in healthcare. The Interprofessional Education pedagogy has been touted by the World Health Organization as "a necessary step" in preparing a collaborative practice - ready health workforce.

Program Objectives

- Summarize and evaluate foundational business functions and management theories.
- Evaluate healthcare delivery models and stakeholders.
- Explore and evaluate the role of leadership and ethics in healthcare management.
- Incorporate critical thinking and optimal decision-making skills to produce an integrated analysis that enhances healthcare management.
- Evaluate the role of healthcare delivery as it relates to individual and organizational differences.

MHA at CNU: Strengths & Unique Features

- 39 credit units in one or two academic years (less than 21 months)
- Three unique concentrations: 1) Leadership, 2) Analytics and Intelligence (A.I.), and 3) Service Excellence
- Integrated core curriculum complemented by a broad spectrum of well-designed electives.
- We serve as the West Coast educational catalyst to deliver cutting-edge and proven technologies in analytics and intelligence (A.I.) that will optimize healthcare delivery systems.
- Classes are delivered in a HyFlex format (hybrid or distance education)
    - 1-year track is delivered with one course at a time over 4-week blocks.
    - 2-year track is delivered with one course at a time over 4-week blocks.
- Classes meet on weekends.
- 1-year track is offered Fridays from 4:30 to 8:30pm and Saturdays 8am to 3:30pm with every 3rd week online or 100% synchronous distance education during in-person weekends.
- 2-year track is offered Saturdays from 9am to 6pm with every 2nd and 4th week online or 100% synchronous distance education during in-person weekends.
- Our HyFlex model offers flexibility to working professionals as well as students taking other degree programs in parallel.
- We offer cohort-based education with small class sizes centered around focused student learning experiences.

The cohort includes students from various backgrounds in healthcare or those aspiring to enter the field. The cohort environment fosters collaborate learning, camaraderie and life-long bonds

- The program blends world-class business and healthcare faculty from the Northern California region.
- College of Graduate Studies courses incorporate industry leaders and professionals to integrate real-world experience and case studies. Instructors are accessible and serve as mentors during all stages of a student's academic journey.
- Proximity and ties to other Colleges on campus, with transfer credit opportunities (up to 3 master's level courses

9 units); equivalency of courses to be reviewed by MHA faculty).

- Established collaborations with regional healthcare organizations providing an array of internship, residency, and cooperative educational opportunities for the capstone project.
- Research-based thesis-track option for the A.I. concentration.
- Located in the Greater Sacramento Metropolitan Area. Northern California is the hub for many healthcare and hospital systems as well as information technology and biotechnology companies.

Notice Concerning Transferability of Credits and Credentials Earned at California Northstate University

The transferability of credits you earn at California Northstate University is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the units and degrees you earn in the MHA program is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the units and degrees that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all your coursework at that institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending California Northstate University to determine if your units and degrees will transfer.

Curriculum

39 credit units in total that include 21 units of core courses and 6 units of capstone. Three concentrations are available: 1) Leadership (12 units), 2) Analytics and Intelligence (A.I.) (12 units), and 3) Service Excellence (12 units)

Core Curriculum

Core Courses (21 credit units)

- MHA 501 Introduction to healthcare systems, policies, markets, economics
- MHA 502 Legal, ethical, and regulatory principles in healthcare
- MHA 503 Data, information and technology systems management in healthcare
- MHA 504 Operations and supply chain management in healthcare
- MHA 505 Accounting and financial management in healthcare
- MHA 506 Organizations and human capital management in healthcare
- MHA 507 Healthcare marketing and communications strategies

Capstone 1 (after core courses; 3 credit units)

- MHA 600 Practicum/service-learning activity

Capstone 2 (final capstone after all courses; 3 credit units)

- MHA 601 Thesis or
- MHA 602 Residency/service-learning activity
- Leadership Concentration

<u>Leadership Concentration</u>

Required Courses (6 credit units)

- MHA 511 Strategic analysis and planning for healthcare

- MHA 512 Change management and leadership

Elective Courses (6 credit units depending on cohort choice)

- MHA 521 Executive decision making for healthcare
- MHA 522 Global Procurement and supply management
- MHA 523 Healthcare in the global marketplace
- MHA 524 Public health, compliance, and risk management
- MHA 525 Innovation, entrepreneurship and new venture financing

Analytics and Intelligence (A.I.) Concentration

Required Courses (6 credit units)

- MHA 531 Data analytics and predictive models for business intelligence
- MHA 532 Optimization and prescriptive decision models

Elective Courses (6 credit units depending on cohort choice)

- MHA 533 Systems simulation and design for healthcare delivery
- MHA 541 Introduction to analytics programming
- MHA 542 Machine learning and artificial intelligence for healthcare
- MHA 534 Health Record Management and cybersecurity
- MHA 552 Lean Six Sigma and project management for healthcare
- MHA 525 Innovation, entrepreneurship and new venture financing

Service Excellence Concentration

Required Courses (6 credit units)

- MHA 551 Healthcare delivery and service management
- MHA 552 Lean Six Sigma and project management for healthcare

Elective Courses (6 credit units depending on cohort choice)

- MHA 533 Systems simulation and design for healthcare delivery
- MHA 522 Global Procurement and supply management
- MHA 531 Data analytics and predictive models for business intelligence
- MHA 532 Optimization and prescriptive decision models
- MHA 534 Health Record Management and cybersecurity

Program Learning Outcomes

1.0 Summarize foundational business functions and management theories (Domain 1: Business skills and knowledge)

1.1 Organize and manage the human, financial and physical resources of the organization to achieve input, buy-in and optimal performance.

1.2 Determine the efficacy of interrelationships among access, quality, technology, cost, resource allocation, decisions, accountability, and community.

1.3 Use data to inform decision making in regard to documentation, analysis and design of business and/or clinical

processes.

1.4 Assess projects related to performance, structure and outcomes of health services.

2.0 Evaluate healthcare delivery models and stakeholders. (Domain 2: Knowledge of the Healthcare environment)

2.1 Explain the roles, responsibilities, structures and influence governing bodies hold in health care organizations.

2.2 Identify circumstances causing major changes and reform to the structure of U.S. health care delivery systems and explain the impact on the delivery of health services to populations at a local, regional, and national level.

2.3 Analyze health-related legal principles including standards, regulations and risk management specific to the funding and payment mechanisms of the healthcare systems as well as private insurance.

2.4 Identify and explain the major factors in health status to health care professionals and the various roles and expectations of stakeholders.

3.0 Explore and evaluate the role of leadership and ethics in Healthcare Management (Domain 3: Leadership)

3.1 Demonstrate reflective leadership and an understanding that all leadership begins from within. Exhibit how to hold self and others accountable for personal and organizational goal attainment. Determine how to establish an organizational climate that encourages teamwork that values and supports diversity.

3.2 Apply evidence-based decision-making techniques to health care questions. Be able to assess the potential impacts and consequences of decisions in a broad variety of situations including internal and external. Synthesize and integrate divergent viewpoints for the good of the organization. Demonstrate how to promote and manage change.

3.3 Cultivates a climate of mutual respect and shared values while applying ethical business principles and exhibiting ethical behaviors.

4.0 Incorporate critical thinking and optimal decision-making skills to produce an integrated analysis that enhances healthcare management. (DOMAIN 4: Communication and Relationship Management)

4.1 Builds collaborative relationship and negotiation skills with sensitivity to diverse cultures while constructively supporting conflict resolution. Recognize and use non-verbal forms of communication.

4.2 Demonstrate effective interpersonal relations by practicing value-shared decision making to build trust among team; including: peers, staff, other disciplines, physicians, vendors, community leaders, legislators, nursing, and other educational programs.

4.3 Prepare business communications and demonstrate effective oral communication and

4.4 Communicate a shared organizational mission, vision, and priorities. Accomplish objectives through persuasion appropriate to each stakeholder/audience.

5.0 Evaluate the role of healthcare delivery as it relates to individual and organizational differences. (DOMAIN: 5 Professionalism)

5.1 Professional and community contribution: Lifelong learning through professional societies and memberships to foster professional contributions to the field.

5.2 Working in teams: Demonstrate effective interpersonal relations by practicing value-shared decision making to build trust among team; including: peers, staff, other disciplines, physicians, vendors, community leaders, legislators, nursing, and other educational programs.

5.3 Regulations, values and ethics: Promotes a climate of mutual respect and shared values. Adheres to legal and regulatory standards while upholding ethical business principles. Applying to Master of Healthcare Administration

Requirements for Admission to the Master of Healthcare Administration Program Critical Date:

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Requirements for Admission to the Master of Healthcare Administration Program Critical Date:

The deadline to apply for Fall 2026 enrollment is July 11, 2026, while the Spring 2026 enrollment deadline is December 18, 2026.

All supporting documents must be received prior to the deadline and official transcripts must be received within 30 days after the deadline. The online application must be completed fully.

Bachelor's Degree: accredited, four-year equivalent program.

a. Minimum requirement: GPA 2.5 Official GRE/GMAT or waiver.
b. A waiver can be granted for those with demonstrated and relevant work experience (10 years+) or for a relevant Master's degree, Doctorate, or Doctoral program enrollment.
c. A waiver can be granted for a satisfactory LSAT/MCAT/DAT/OAT/PCAT score within 5 years.
d. Other special conditions approved by the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Official TOEFL/IELTS scores for international applicants.
e. TOEFL 80-Internet based b. IELTS 6.5 minimum

*International applicants are exempt only if you are a native English speaker or have completed at least two years as a full-time student at a college or university where English is the primary language of instruction at the time in which you apply.

The CNU Master of Healthcare Administration program has been approved by SEVIS to accept international students. MHA can issue I-20's for F-1 Visa's for international students who are admitted to our program.

While CNU does not provide housing on campus, we provide students with listings of apartments in the area as well as Facebook groups and Discords.

Requirements and Materials for Applying to Master of Healthcare Administration:

1. Application Fee: $115. Applicants who demonstrate financial need can request an application fee waiver.
2. Personal Statement: Please provide a personal statement describing your professional goals as well as the characteristics you possess that make you a qualified candidate for entry into the Master of Healthcare Administration Program.
3. Official Transcripts: Your academic records from each college-level institution you have attended are required and must be directly submitted from your institution or educational credential evaluators. Canadian applicants and all other foreign applicants must submit a foreign coursework evaluation; CNU accepts evaluations from ECE, IERF, WES, and Education Perspectives.
4. Official GRE General or GMAT Test scores, or an approved Waiver Request
5. Official TOEFL or IELTS scores for international applicants as the MHA degree program is delivered in English.
6. A minimum of Two Letters of Recommendation: At least one of the two letters must be submitted from faculty

members who are knowledgeable about your academic capabilities and interests. The letter can also come from your direct supervisor in a professional setting. You will be asked to list the names and contact information for those references as well. They will each receive instructions for uploading their letter of recommendation.

7. An official interview conducted by the faculty admissions committee. The interview is typically scheduled shortly after the application submission.

For current CNU students

If you are currently enrolled in a different program at CNU and interested in also getting an MHA to enhance your marketability and upward mobility and be prepared to build and lead the future of healthcare, please contact us for information regarding benefits, course articulation opportunities and our convenient schedules, and to make an appointment for a virtual or in-person meeting with our team.

Candidates with an MBA or Doctoral Degree

Candidates with an MBA (Master of Business Administration) or a Doctoral Degree have the option to waive 3 course or 9.0 units of course work. After acceptance, the candidates' transcripts will be reviewed by faculty for course equivalency and articulation. Following approval, an individual academic plan and degree requirements will be developed.

PharmD + MHA Double Degree Candidates

California Northstate University College of Pharmacy students with a minimum cumulative GPA of a 2.5 are eligible to apply for the Doctor of Pharmacy/Masters of Healthcare Administration (PharmD/MHA) double-degree pathway program, which runs concurrently.

While the MHA degree alone takes approximately 21 months, current pharmacy students may opt to complete the PharmD/MHA double degree program requirements (totaling 17-months or 12-months with our 1-year track to complete) within the three-year time frame of the PharmD program.

Job Classification per United States Department of Labor's Standard Occupation Codes: 11-9111.00 Medical and Health Services Managers.

Student Enrollment Agreement

The Student Enrollment Agreement must be completed and submitted to the college in order to show intent to enroll in the program. The Student Enrollment Agreement is a legally binding contract when it is signed by the incoming student and accepted by the institution.

By signing the Enrollment Agreement, the student acknowledges that the catalog, disclosures, and information located on the website have been made available to the student to read and review.

Any questions or concerns regarding the Student Enrollment Agreement should be directed to the college or university department.

As a prospective student, you are encouraged to review this catalog before signing an enrollment agreement. You are also encouraged to review the School Performance Fact Sheet, which must be provided to you before signing an

enrollment agreement.

Catalog, Performance Fact Sheet, and Website

Before signing the Student Enrollment Agreement, the prospective student is strongly urged to visit the University and College website at www.cnsu.edu, and to read and review the CNU General Catalog and School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). The SPFS contains important performance data for the institution. The Catalog contains important information and policies regarding this institution.

Student's Right to Cancel and Refund

You have the right to cancel the Student Enrollment Agreement until 11:59 PM on the orientation day.
Cancellation shall occur when you give written notice of cancellation to the University at the University's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement. You can do this by hand delivery, email, facsimile, or mail. Written notice of cancellation sent by hand delivery, email, or facsimile is effective upon receipt by the University. Written notice of cancellation sent by mail is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed with postage prepaid.
After the cancellation period described above, you have the right to withdraw from the University at any time. Withdrawal shall occur when you give written notice of withdrawal to the Registrar at the University's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement.

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After the cancellation period described above in "Student's Right to Cancel and Refund," you have the right to withdraw from the University at any time. Withdrawal shall occur when you give written notice of withdrawal to the Registrar at the University's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement. You can do this by hand delivery, email, facsimile, or mail. Written notice of withdrawal sent by hand delivery, email, or facsimile is effective upon receipt by the Registrar. Written notice of withdrawal sent by mail is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed with postage prepaid.
The written notice of withdrawal should be on the Official College Withdrawal Form provided by the Office of the Registrar but may also be in any writing that shows you wish to withdraw from the University. Please include your student ID number on your notice. A withdrawal may also be effectuated by the student's conduct showing intent to withdraw, including but not necessarily limited to the student's continuing and unexcused failure to attend all classes.
If you withdraw before or at completion of 60% (and no more) of the current term, you will be eligible for a pro-rata refund for such term. The University will perform a pro-rata calculation of current term tuition as follows:

Step 1) **Refundable Institutional Charge** = total institution charge – non-refundable charges
Step 2) **Daily Charge** = **Refundable Institutional Charge** / number of days in program
Step 3) **Amount Owed to Institution** = **Daily Charge** × days attended by the student prior to withdrawal, or those that were scheduled to attend but was absent
Step 4) **Refundable Amount** = total amount student paid – non-refundable charges
Step 5) **Refund Owed to Student** = **Refundable Amount** – **Amount Owed to Institution**

* Total calendar days include weekends and holidays, except:

- Scheduled break of five or more consecutive days when no classes are offered.
- Days of leave of absence are not included in the total days.

**Current term generally means the current semester, but when tuition is charged for the entire period of enrollment rather than by semester, then the current term shall mean that period of enrollment.
***Institutional charges excluded from the pro-rata refund are: (1) non-refundable registration fee (applicable to first year, first semester students only), (2) all other non-refundable fees as described in the current General Catalog, (3) Student Tuition Recovery Fund fee, and (4) Student Health Insurance premium estimated at $3,200.00, if applicable; institutional charges included in the pro-rata refund include: (1) current term tuition.
There is no refund for students who withdraw after completing more than 60% of the current term.
If the amount of the current term payments is more than the amount that is owed for the time attended, then a refund of the difference will be made within 45 days after the notice of withdrawal is received by the Office of the Registrar.
Refunds owed to the student as a result of a pro-rata calculation will be done in the following order:

- Private Educational Loan(s);
- To the student.

If the amount of the current term payments is less than the amount that is owed for the time attended, it is the sole responsibility of the student to contact the University to make appropriate payment arrangements.

Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) Disclosures

Information on the Student Tuition Recovery Fund disclosures (STRF) can be found on page 220 of the General Catalog.

The State of California established the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at a qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, and suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition. You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program.

It is important that you keep copies of your enrollment agreement, financial aid documents, receipts, or any other information that documents the amount paid to the school. Questions regarding the STRF may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, 1747 North Market Blvd., Suite 225, Sacramento, California, 95834, (916) 574-8900 or (888) 370- 7589. To be eligible for STRF, you must be a California resident or are enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid or deemed to have paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following: 1. The institution, a location of the institution, or an educational program offered by the institution was closed or discontinued, and you did not choose to participate in a teach-out plan approved by the

Bureau or did not complete a chosen teach-out plan approved by the Bureau. 2. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution within the 120 day period before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, or were enrolled in an educational program within the 120 day period before the program was discontinued. 3. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution more than 120 days before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, in an educational program offered by the institution as to which the Bureau determined there was a significant decline in the quality or value of the program more than 120 days before closure. 4. The institution has been ordered to pay a refund by the Bureau but has failed to do so. 5. The institution has failed to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federal student loan program as required by law, or has failed to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the institution in excess of tuition and other costs. 6. You have been awarded restitution, a refund, or other monetary award by an arbitrator or court, based on a violation of this chapter by an institution or representative of an institution, but have been unable to collect the award from the institution. 7. You sought legal counsel that resulted in the cancellation of one or more of your student loans and have an invoice for services rendered and evidence of the cancellation of the student loan or loans.

To qualify for STRF reimbursement, the application must be received within four (4) years from the date of the action or event that made the student eligible for recovery from STRF. A student whose loan is revived by a loan holder or debt collector after a period of noncollection may, at any time, file a written application for recovery from STRF for the debt that would have otherwise been eligible for recovery. If it has been more than four (4) years since the action or event that made the student eligible, the student must have filed a written application for recovery within the original four (4) year period, unless the period has been extended by another act of law. However, no claim can be paid to any student without a social security number or a taxpayer identification number.

Tuition & Fees

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Incoming Students: 20226 STARTS

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for the period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Master of Healthcare Administration Degree program at California Northstate University:

Master of Healthcare Administration Degree Program - Tuition & Fees per year for 2026 Tuition & Fees	**Amount**	**Class**
Tuition – Spring 2026	**$14,333**	**MHA1**
Tuition – Summer 2026	**$14,333**	**MHA1**
Tuition – Fall 2026	**$14,333**	**MHA1**
Student Activity Fee	**$100**	**MHA1**

Technology Fee	**$50**	**MHA1**
Orientation Fee	**$50**	**MHA1**
Student Tuition Recovery Fee (STRF) (nonrefundable)4	**$0**	**MHA1**
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	**$100**	**MHA1**
Graduation Fee	**$250**	**MHA1**
MHA1 Total Tuition & Fees per Year	**$43,549**	

Total cost for the 1-year Master of Healthcare Administration Degree Program is $43,549.

Other Educational Related Costs1	**Amount**	**Class**
Health Insurance Premium2	**$3,841**	**MHA1**
Books and Supplies	**$1,600**	**MHA1**
Room and Board (based on 12 months)	**$24,000**	**MHA1**
Transportation (based on 12 months)	**$5,362**	**MHA1**
MHA1 Total Estimated Cost per Year3	**$78,352**	

1	**Estimated costs and expenses a student may incur during the applicable year of the program, whether or not paid directly to CNU or MHA. These expenses include estimated out-of-pocket cost of living expenses for the year.**
2	**Optional, estimated, and will increase based on number of insured members.**
3	**Includes total of Tuition & Fees and Other / Optional Estimated Educational Related Costs tables, including some out-of-pocket cost of living expenses as described in footnote 3 above.**
4	**Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one**

thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Continuing Students

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for the period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Master of Healthcare Administration Degree program at California Northstate University:

Master of Healthcare Administration Degree Program - Tuition & Fees per year for 2027-2028

Tuition and Fees for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

Tuition & Fees	Amount	Class
Tuition - Spring 2027	$14,763	MHA1
Tuition - Summer 2027	$14,763	MHA1
Tuition - Fall 2027	$14,763	MHA1
Student Activity Fee	$100	MHA1
Technology Fee	$50	MHA1
Orientation Fee	$50	MHA1
Student Tuition Recovery Fee (STRF) (nonrefundable)[4]	$0	MHA1
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$100	MHA1
Graduation Fee	$250	MHA1
Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year	**$44,839**	MHA1

Total estimated tuition & fees for the entire program is $44,839.

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs per Year[1]	Amount	Class
Health Insurance Premium[2]	$4,708	MHA1
Books and Supplies	$1,600	MHA1
Room and Board (based on 12 months)	$21,696	MHA1
Transportation (based on 12 months)	$3,000	MHA1
Total Estimated Costs per Year[3]	**$75,843**	MHA1

1 Estimated costs and expenses a student may incur during the applicable year of the program, whether or not paid directly to CNU or MPS. These expenses include estimated out-of-pocket cost of living expenses for the year.

2 Optional, estimated, and will increase based on number of insured members.

3 Includes total of Tuition & Fees and Other / Optional Estimated Educational Related Costs tables, including some out-of-pocket cost of living expenses as described in footnote 3 above.

4 Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

General Policies

Orientation & Registration

Registration for classes requires:

1. All admission contingencies be fulfilled.
2. Financial aid clearance from the Financial Aid Officer.
3. Completion of all new student paperwork.

Admission contingencies include proof of medical insurance coverage and any other institutional requirements.

Students may enroll in the Student Health Insurance Plan to satisfy the insurance requirement.

New students must submit the Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form to the Office of the Registrar by the end of Orientation. To make updates, a new form must be submitted to the Registrar. The Office of the Registrar requires submission of the Authorization to Release Student Records if a student desires to grant a personal third-party (such as a parent, spouse, etc.) access to his/her student record. Please refer to the Directory Information and Access to Student Records section of this catalog for more information.

New students should review their local, home, and billing contact information via the Student Portal and update as needed. It is the student's responsibility to maintain valid contact information throughout their enrollment at CNU. Instructions for accessing the Student Portal is sent by the CNU IT department to the student's CNU email address.

Registration is conducted by the Registrar prior to the start of each semester for new and continuing students. Students with business, financial, or other registration holds on their account will not be registered until the Registrar is notified that the hold has been cleared. Students who are incompliant with institutional requirements or who have a hold on their student account at the time of registration are required to satisfy the requirement and may also be required to submit the Course Add/Drop form by the end of the Add/Drop period to register or make schedule changes.

Address Where Instruction Will Be Provided Class sessions are conducted at:

2910 Prospect Park Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

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Catalog, School Performance Fact Sheet, and Website

Before signing the Student Enrollment Agreement, students are strongly encouraged to visit the College website at http://www.cnsu.edu/ and to read and review the CNU General Catalog and School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). The SPFS contains important performance data for the institution. The catalog contains important information and policies regarding this institution.

By signing the Enrollment Agreement, the student acknowledges that the catalog, disclosures, and information located on the website have been made available to the student to read and review.

Instruction/Course Delivery

All courses for MHA, with the exception of capstone courses, are hybrid with 60% face-to-face teaching and 40% distant learning or 100% online (synchronous during in-person weekends). All courses are taught in English and English language services are not provided.

Description of Facilities

Information on research laboratories and facilities utilized by California Northstate University in conjunction with the delivery of instruction for all CNU Colleges, can be located on page 229 of the General Catalog.

Academic Policies and Procedures

Academic Calendar

The academic calendar consists of two semesters lasting approximately 15 weeks long and one summer term lasting approximately 10 weeks. MHA courses are delivered one at a time in 4-week (1-year track) or 5-week (2-year track) blocks. A student can take approximately three MHA courses in a Fall or Spring semester, and two in the summer, and is expected to complete the degree program in approximately three terms (1-year track) or five terms in two academic years (2-year track).

Credit Hour Policy

Three (3) units of credit is assigned 45 contact hours and 90 hours of out-of-class student work. For one (1) unit of credit assigned per hour minimum of two (2) hours of out-of- class student work (homework).

1-year track courses are delivered in 4-week blocks with 11.25 hours of instruction per week and 22 hours of out-of-class student work (homework) expected. Courses are delivered in 5-week blocks with 9 hours of instruction per week and 18 hours of out-of-class student work (homework) expected.

Code	Course Type	Code	Course Type
AL	Active Learning Course	LEC	Lecture Course
		SEM	Seminar

Grading

A letter grade equal to or greater than C is considered satisfactory performance (passing) for completion of a course. Students must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. The breakdown for assignment of letter grades and grade points for each letter grade are as follows:

Grade	Definition	GPA Unit
A	90.00-100%	4.00
B	80.00-89.99%	3.00
C	70.00-79.99%	2.00
D	60.00-69.99%	1.00
F	<60%	0.00
I	Incomplete	Not in GPA
S	Satisfactory	Not in GPA
U	Unsatisfactory	Not in GPA
W	Withdrawal	Not in GPA

GPA Calculation

To calculate cumulative GPA, letter grades will be converted to their numeric grade point value using the grading convention table above, and then added together. The sum is then divided by the number of courses taken. Grades received in retaken classes will be used in determining cumulative GPA. The grade initially received in the course will not be included in the calculation but is recorded on the transcript.

Changes in course registration may be made without penalty up to the end of the first week (5 class days) for fall and spring terms. Specific add/drop deadlines will apply for courses offered during the summer term.

Incomplete or Withdrawal from a Course

During a course, a student may withdraw or fail to complete all required assignments and/or examinations due to extenuating circumstances, such as, but not limited to, an illness or a family emergency. In such cases, the course coordinator may give a grade of Incomplete for the course. The general requirement for receiving an Incomplete is that the student has completed 70% of the course's coursework with a satisfactory (70%) performance.

All missed assignments and exams must normally be completed within 10 business days after the end of the course in which the Incomplete was received, or within a timeframe determined by the course coordinator. Failure to successfully complete the course will result in an earned F grade for the course and placement on Academic Probation.

Withdrawal from a course must first be approved by the course coordinator and the Office of Academic Affairs. Where a student has had to withdraw from a course a grade of W will be applied, and the student will have to repeat the course next time it is offered.

Grade Appeals Procedure

A student can file an appeal if there is a disagreement with a final course grade. The appeal must be submitted within ten (10) business days of online grade posting. The student must initiate a formal grade appeal process in writing and present the appeal to the course coordinator.

The faculty member will respond to the student in writing within ten (10) business days. If the appeal cannot be resolved, the student has two (2) business days to appeal in writing to the appropriate Assistant Dean who renders a decision in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the formal appeal. (If the course Coordinator is the Assistant Dean, then the student may appeal the decision directly to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The student has two (2) business days to submit an appeal in writing to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The Vice President of Academic Affairs will render a decision in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the formal appeal).

If the Assistant Dean cannot resolve the appeal, the student has two (2) business days to submit an appeal in writing to the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The Committee will make a decision in writing within ten (10) business days of receipt of the formal appeal.

If a grade appeal is approved, the professor must complete a Grade Change Form and submit the form to the Vice President of Academic Affairs for final approval. The form must then be submitted to the Registrar so that the grade can be changed on the transcript. A record of the final decision concerning the appeal will be kept on file in the Vice

President of Academic Affairs office.

Academic Progression Policy

The Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) at California Northstate University has a rigorous academic progression policy to ensure students' progression through the curriculum in a timely manner.

The purpose of the academic progression policy is to ensure students in the MHA program reach and maintain a high standard of course learning and successfully complete course credits and thesis or capstone paper within the required time frame.

Students in the MHA program must pass all courses each semester with at least a grade of C and maintain a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0. A grade of D or below in a course indicates a lack of understanding of the fundamental knowledge of the course necessary for progression.

Students struggling with academic courses must complete the MHA program within 3 years (1-year and 2-year track program(s) from the time they register and attend their first core course if insufficient knowledge has been identified and remediated.

Remediation

Remediation is provided to students who earn a letter grade lower than C in any course in the MHA curriculum. The course coordinator/instructors determine the format of remediation examination that covers the course material presented throughout the course. Preparation of the remediation exam is the sole responsibility of the student. A grade of C to this course will be reported to the Registrar if the remediation examination was satisfactorily completed.

Academic Probation

If a student fails a course or remediation is taking place for three or more courses, the student will be automatically placed on academic probation for a three- year plan (2-year program) from the time they register and attend their first core course. An academic plan for probation must be documented and approved by the Dean of the College of Graduate Studies.

Dismissal

A student may be dismissed from the MHA program if any of the following conditions occur and the Professional and Academic Standards Committee determines that dismissal is warranted:

a. Failure to meet any terms of remediation or academic probation.
b. Conduct subject to dismissal as described in the Student Handbook
c. Failure to complete the degree requirements in three (two-year program) consecutive academic years from the date of the first day the student begins the program.

Appeal for Dismissal

Students dismissed from the MHA program may appeal the decision in writing within thirty calendar days of notification of dismissal to the Dean of the College. The Dean will render a decision in writing within 15 calendar days of the receipt of the formal written appeal. The Dean's decision is final.

Degree Requirements

The Master in Healthcare Administration degree offers a one-year or a two year (21-24 months) program. All requirements must be fulfilled within a period of two academic years following initial registration, although course credit is not nullified until three years after completion of a course. Any student who has not achieved candidacy by the end of their second year will be reviewed by the Thesis/Capstone Committee for placement on academic probation, regardless of grade point average, and recommendations for progress will be established.

Degree requirements for the Thesis-based track and the Capstone track are as follows:

Thesis-based Track:

To graduate from the MHA program, students in this track must earn a minimum of 39 credits. In addition to the course requirements, students must pass a proposal examination and complete a thesis.

Capstone Track:

Students in this track must pass a minimum of 39 credits along with successfully completing a written proposal examination, and a capstone report paper in lieu of a thesis.

Attendance Policy

The MHA program will follow University guidelines in attendance policy, which requires mandatory attendance for all students. Specifically, students are expected to attend and participate in all classes and complete all exams and assessments as scheduled (together defined as "coursework").

However, occasionally an absence from coursework will be unavoidable. The policy described below delineates the circumstances when an absence will be considered excused along with expectations for timely communication with the Course Coordinator and makeup of missed coursework.

A. Approval of Absence

Students should seek approval for an absence from the course coordinator well in advance of the absence, if possible, by completing an Excused Absence Request Form. In the case of emergency absence, students should complete and submit the Excused Absence Request Form within 3 business days of returning to campus after the absence. Regardless of whether an absence is excused or unexcused, students are expected to demonstrate professionalism and to follow procedure when requesting an absence.

B. Duration of Absence A student may request no more than three academic days of excused absences per semester. Absences exceeding five academic days per semester may require a student to request a Leave of Absence or a Withdrawal. Students must contact the Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) if any one absence period exceeds five days to discuss these options.

C. Type of Excused Absence

A student may request an excused absence, from the course coordinator, only for reasons listed below:

- Medical (self or immediate family)
- Military duty
- Immigration & Naturalization
- Jury duty

- Legal
- Bereavement (first degree relative)
- Involvement in traffic accident documented by law enforcement report
- Professional Leave – conferences, invited presentations/posters, competitions, (requires verification of academic standing).

D. Makeup Allowances

Students are responsible for contacting the course coordinator to arrange makeup of coursework, otherwise they will receive a zero grade. A student seeking an excused absence should complete the Excused Absence Request Form and seek the Course Coordinator's signature for each course the student was absent within three business days upon return to courses or campus. The form must then be given to the Dean of Academic Affairs, who will approve or not the absence request. The OAA will notify the student and course coordinator of the outcome of the absence request.

If an absence is excused, students will be allowed the option to make up missed coursework, rotations, or missed assessments. The nature and type of makeup, makeup time, date, format, duration, and grading is at the sole discretion of the Course Coordinator, but in general Coordinators will draw the following distinction between "high" and "low" stakes assessments/coursework, and professional leave:

A student who is absent for a "high stakes" exam or other such activity considered high stakes, provided the absence has been excused, will be required and allowed to make up the work.

If a student is absent for a "low stakes" assessment the Course Coordinator may choose to drop the missed coursework from the gradebook or provide a makeup opportunity.

A student requesting an absence to attend a professional meeting must demonstrate they are in good academic standing. Requests for professional leave must be submitted at least 10 business days in advance of the professional conference attendance. If attendance coincides with a high stakes exam it is highly likely that the absence will be denied.

Leave of Absence

A leave of absence is approved for a specific period of time, not to exceed more than a year, and the institution agrees to permit the student to return to the University/College without formally reapplying for admission to the University/College.

The student will be required to return to the University/College at the beginning of the semester in which the leave was granted. All students requesting a Leave of Absence should fill out a Leave of

Absence Form after discussing their decision with the Academic Official for Academic Affairs. If a student is requesting a leave of absence, the Academic Official for Academic Affairs must sign the form. If the student is approved for a leave of absence, the student is eligible to return without reapplication if the absence is within the approved time frame. A student requesting a leave of absence should also meet with the Financial Aid Manager and Business Office to determine the impact of their decision and any requirements needing fulfilment prior to the leave.

Non-attendance does not constitute notification of intent to apply for leave of absence status. The date of leave status is the date the Registrar receives the signed form.

Return from Leave of Absence

The Office of the Registrar will contact a student on Leave of Absence (LOA) approximately 90 days before the LOA expires via certified US mail and the email addresses on record. The student will receive the Intent to Return Form and instructions for re- enrollment and for withdrawing from the University.

The student will have 30 days of the date of the notice to reply to the Office of Registrar with their intent to return to the University/College or officially withdraw.

If a student does not return within 1 year of approved LOA they are no longer eligible to return as a continuing student and must reapply to the University/College for admission.

MHA Thesis/Capstone Advisory Committee

This committee, which is recommended by the MHA Program Director and approved by the Dean, shall consist of at least two faculty members. All members of the committee shall be members of the Graduate Program Faculty. The students Major Advisory (Thesis Mentor) typically serves as Chair of the committee.

Thesis Guidelines

The thesis is a vital portion of the curriculum for graduate students choosing the thesis-based track. These students will conduct hands-on, original research mentored by faculty with experience in the relevant field. Students will select their research topics after consultation with their major advisors. This course will examine student capabilities in literature review, research design, research execution, result analysis & discussion, and written skills as required to produce a laudable thesis.

Thesis research can start as soon as the student completes MHA 601 and passes a proposal examination. Students will be evaluated each term, and their progress monitored closely by their thesis advisors. The components of this thesis evaluation include the following comprehensive elements: literature review; research design; research performance; Analytics; result presentation and discussion, and conclusion.

- Literature review: 5%
- Research design: 20%
- Research performance: 15%
- Analytics: 15%
- Result presentation: 10%
- Discussion: 5%
- Total quality: 20%
- Oral presentation: 10%

Final grades for the student thesis will be indicated as Satisfactory (S) or Unsatisfactory (U) without any computation of grade points for the course into the semester or cumulative grade point average (GPA). A Satisfactory score in this course is granted based on the evaluation results with 70% or above. Unsatisfactory for Research & Thesis will be indicated if the net result of evaluation components is less than 70% in two semesters. Extension to the 3rd year for students with “U” grade will be reviewed by the thesis committee and approved by the Dean of College of Graduate Studies. Only one year extension is allowed for students with “U”. For details, please refer to the Graduate Student

Handbook.

Thesis Defense

Defense of thesis is the final step for graduate students on the thesis-based track. This process tests the depth and breadth of knowledge in healthcare analytics and intelligence and will assess the overall understanding of theory and practice as they relate to the thesis. Students will be expected to justify their decisions in study design and interpretation of outcome. The advisory committee will make the recommendation based on the quality of thesis, answers to all questions, and other factors. The Dean of College of the Graduate upon the recommendation of committee.

Student Grievance Policy

If a student wishes to file a grievance, they can submit a written complaint using the Complaint/Grievance form placed in a sealed envelope and delivered to the Vice President of Academic Affairs or submit an online Anonymous Report available on the CNU website. The Vice President of Academic Affairs will handle the complaint in accordance to University policies and after a review of the facts will attempt to resolve the issue. Any resolution will be provided to the student in writing within 4 weeks of the form submission, excluding holidays and University breaks. For complaints related to accreditation standards can be found on page 10 of the General Catalog.

A student or any member of the public may file a complaint about this institution with the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education by calling (916) 574-8900 or by completing a complaint form, which can be obtained on the bureau's internet website https://www.bppe.ca.gov/enforcement/complaint.shtml.

Student Services: Information on Student Services can be located on page 223 of the General Catalog.
**While faculty serve as incredible mentors to our students and we have many local connections to the community, placement services are not offered.*

MHA Course Descriptions

Core Courses :

MHA 501 Introduction to healthcare systems, policies, markets, economics (3 cr)

An introductory course that focuses on the system of health and welfare. An integrated understanding of economic principles and healthcare practices sets the foundation for the professional development of healthcare leaders with the objective to lead improvements and transformational changes in healthcare organizations and systems. Topics include healthcare systems, accountable care, managed care, healthcare economics and insurance, policy changes and reform strategies, global markets and health supply chains, and the roles of healthcare stakeholders.

MHA 502 Legal, ethical, and regulatory principles in healthcare (3 cr)

Explores and analyzes legal, regulatory, and ethical issues facing healthcare professionals. Topics include government regulations and laws for providers, the court system and healthcare decisions, patient rights and informed consent, information management and privacy, tax exemption, insurance and risk management, liability risk and prevention, licensure and accreditation, ethical and political dilemmas, as well as cutting-edge legal and ethical issues involved in

research, intellectual property development and the use of emerging technologies.

MHA 503 Data, information and technology systems management in healthcare (3 cr)

The CIO's perspective for driving digital transformation in healthcare. The ability to use data such as electronic health records, financial data, claims, and surveys - and cutting-edge analytics and technologies through the information technology system to improve quality and operational effectiveness and support strategic and managerial decisions is a differentiating factor for today's healthcare managers.

Topics include the core information technology elements and management issues in healthcare delivery, strategic planning and innovation, data analytics for prediction, evaluation and decision support, regulation, governance, infrastructure, portfolio and contract management, as well as discussions on trending issues such as Internet of Things, big data, artificial intelligence, cloud computing, cybersecurity and blockchain.

MHA 504 Operations and supply chain management in healthcare (3 cr)

Provides an integrated approach to designing, improving, and optimizing healthcare processes and supply chain systems to achieve competitive advantages: cost, quality, service, flexibility, adaptability, and sustainability, which support healthcare organizations' strategies of efficiency and service excellence. Topics include the operations research framework, resource and capacity planning, process analytics and throughput management, queueing and the impact of variability, procurement, inventory, and supply chain management, continuous quality improvement, and business model innovation.

MHA 505 Accounting and financial management in healthcare (3 cr)

Learn to speak the language of a healthcare CFO for the effective development and allocation of financial resources to maximize value and outcomes. The goal is to develop a framework with methods and models for making sound financial decisions in healthcare organizations and systems. Topics include financial accounting, managerial accounting, and corporate finance.

MHA 506 Organizations and human capital management in healthcare (3 cr)

Managing people and teams is essential to modern healthcare systems. This course explores how organizational theory methods, models and principles help healthcare organizations succeed. Topics include talent management in healthcare, retention improvement, compensation and job design, credentialing and professional growth, emotional intelligence, performance measurement, motivation and incentive structures, conflict and negotiation, leadership and communication, technology support, and decision-making.

MHA 507 Healthcare marketing and communications strategies (3 cr)

The course is aimed at providing frameworks and tools for analyzing healthcare markets to address who to market to and how to market questions and developing strategies and marketing plans for successfully competing in the healthcare marketplace. Topics include marketing research, market segmentation, branding, pricing,

promotion and advertising, patient behavior and relationship management, digital and social media marketing, fundraising, public relations, and corporate communications.

MHA 600 Practicum/service-learning activity (3 cr)

This course and its successor, MHA601 or MHA602, are required for the MHA degree program. The purpose of these courses is to accomplish a capstone project or thesis in the field of Healthcare Management. The goal of this course is for students to gain first- handed experience in a fieldwork setting and complete a project or thesis proposal that serves as an entry point into their last course.

MHA601 Master's Thesis or MHA602 Residency/Service

Learning Activity, in which they will complete the cumulating project.

MHA 601 Thesis (3 cr)

This course or its equivalent, MHA 602, is required for the MHA degree program. The purpose of this course is to complete a capstone research project in the field of Healthcare Management with a focus on the applications of Analytics and Intelligence (A.I.) methods, culminating students' experiences in the MHA Program. Based upon the thesis proposal and thesis work completed under the supervision of the student's faculty advisor(s) and with the approval of the MHA faculty, students should be undertaking this course to complete their thesis writing and successfully defend their theses.

MHA 602 Residency/Service-Learning Activity (3 cr)

This course or its equivalent, MHA 601, is required for the MHA degree program. The purpose of this course is to complete a capstone project in the field of Healthcare Management, culminating students' experiences in the MHA Program. Based upon the project proposal and project work completed under the supervision of the student's faculty advisor(s) and with the approval of the MHA faculty, students should be undertaking this course to complete their project report writing and successfully present their projects.

Elective Courses

MHA 511 Strategic analysis and planning for healthcare (3 cr)

From the viewpoint of a healthcare CEO, a senior executive, a board member, a public officer, or an entrepreneur, this course focuses on developing an integrated framework for formulating a strategic plan or a strategic decision through the exercise of identifying opportunities, evaluating alternatives, redesigning systems, and fostering innovations in order to maximize value and optimize care quality and patient outcomes, employee satisfaction, as well as institutional efficiency, accountability, and sustainability through strategic thinking and leadership.

MHA 512 Change management and leadership (3 cr)

Changing management and leadership have become essential skills for managers in the ever- changing healthcare industry. Transforming healthcare needs tremendous leadership. In these courses, students are introduced to the

concepts and practice of leadership and complex change leadership issues in healthcare organizations. Behavior models and a 360-degree approach of leadership assessment are introduced through experiential activities that set the foundation for developing leadership action plans and managing transformational changes on a continuous basis.

MHA 521 Executive decision making for healthcare (3 cr)

This course is designed to provide a framework that integrates quantitative and qualitative analyses for effective evidence- based, value-shared decision making in healthcare. Topics include decision styles of healthcare professionals, leaders and stakeholders, ethical judgment and behavior decision making, group and organizational decisions, multi-objective optimization and decision making under uncertainties, planning, implementation, and communication of decision making, and executive decision making with modern technologies such as data sciences and artificial intelligence.

MHA 522 Global Procurement and supply management (3 cr)

Public health crises expose problems in the healthcare supply chain. This course provides an overview of sourcing strategies in the global marketplace that can potentially create value for all healthcare stakeholders. Topics include demand management, procurement and purchasing, insourcing, outsourcing and multi- sourcing, group purchasing, supplier selection and management, global logistics, inventory control, security and compliance, information infrastructure, knowledge management, and supply chain leadership.

MHA 523 Healthcare in the global marketplace (3 cr)

Global healthcare is a $10 trillion market that keeps growing and offers significant opportunities of investment, innovation and collaboration. This course provides a global perspective on various healthcare economics and delivery models in developed and developing countries, social and environmental issues, mental health, disease control, complementary medicine, nutrition, and other issues, and explores opportunities for proactively engaging in and capitalizing on the globalization of healthcare with cost reduction, patient and provider mobility, value-based collaboration, technology and care model innovation, and digital transformation.

MHA 524 Public health, compliance, and risk management (3 cr)

Explores external risk factors such as social, cultural, behavioral, environmental and regulatory factors that affect public health and healthcare outcomes, as well as risk management strategies for patient care, emergency preparation, financial and personnel management, and medical research. Topics include regulatory review and assessment of safety and compliance risks, risk remediation, risk monitoring, risk auditing and reporting, risk management plans and implementation, and preparation for future policy changes.

MHA 525 Innovation, entrepreneurship, and new venture financing (3 cr)

The entrepreneur's perspective on fostering market-driven product and service innovations and initiating new ventures. Students learn to serve as leaders with the knowledge and management skills to develop, scale and deliver breakthrough solutions to healthcare problems, and write a comprehensive business plan that include the new product

or service and its technology innovation, mission and vision of the organization, value proposition, market analysis and marketing plan, pricing, financial analysis and projections, operations and human capital strategies, organizational design, supply chain design and fulfillment plans, compliance and ethical risks, and social and environmental impacts. Students are also prepared to make key decisions on valuating the company, raising money from individual investors, ventral capital or private equity, and structuring funding, employment contracts and exit strategies.

MHA 531 Data analytics and predictive models for business intelligence (3 cr)

Examines real-world cases of how analytics and innovations have been used to support decisions and transform healthcare delivery. Through these cases, the following cutting-edge data analytics and prediction methods are covered under an optimization framework: data visualization, regression, machine learning, decision trees, classification, clustering, and text analysis, with applications in various areas, e.g., demand management, forecasting and inventory planning, dashboards and scorecards, cost control, care performance and quality improvement, cybersecurity, personalized medicine, disease prevention and control, safety, clinical research, etc.

MHA 532 Optimization and prescriptive decision models (3 cr)

Introduces the frameworks, algorithms and applications of optimization modeling and operations research methods that can help healthcare professionals, managers and organizations prescribe optimal decisions and solutions. Real-world cases will be discussed with applications of linear programming, network flows, integer programming, nonlinear programming, heuristics, as well as stochastic methods, to motivate the use of optimization to support managerial decision making and problem solving and develop relevant skills for identifying opportunities and managing the implementation of optimization.

MHA 533 Systems simulation and design for healthcare delivery (3 cr)

Introduces key elements of computer simulation of healthcare delivery systems that can provide healthcare managers and professionals a unique decision support tool to evaluate design alternatives in complex systems subject to uncertainty, without interrupting the actual process. Topics include simulation modeling with a software package, design of simulation experiments, input modeling, output analysis, cost analysis, verification and validation, systems comparison, optimization via simulation, and visualization and communication. Real-world examples include simulating patient flows at a major hospital for resource allocation and scheduling; disease spread for evaluating mitigation strategies; a pharmaceutical distribution center for congestion reduction; and a pharmaceutical market for evaluating promotion strategies among others.

MHA 534 Health Record Management and cybersecurity (3 cr)

Explores the roadmap of design, implementation and optimization of electronic health record systems, as well as the prevention of cybercrimes which threaten patient privacy and safety, clinical outcomes and healthcare organizations' financial performances. Topics include budgeting, workflows, vendor selection, governance, communication and training, privacy and security compliances, strategies for improving cybersecurity, technology and infrastructure, systems optimization, and implications on medical decisions and outcomes.

MHA 541 Introduction to analytics programming (3 cr)

Students will gain a fundamental understanding of a popular programming language with a simple syntax and a powerful set of libraries by creating a variety of scripts for analytics, database access, and web applications. Programming for analytics is becoming an integral part of many professions ranging from finance and insurance to education and healthcare, and an essential skill for many professionals including healthcare researchers, practitioners and managers. This course is suitable for students without any prior programming experience. Students learn to implement basic coding skills for practical, real-world applications, which can be built in a simple cloud-based environment and will be able to organize and analyze data efficiently by writing scripts.

MHA 542 Machine learning and artificial intelligence for healthcare (3 cr)

Explores various ML/AI technologies, applications and opportunities for healthcare as more real-world applications emerge. This course is aimed to provide a fundamental understanding of the potential for AI innovations to transform healthcare through the efforts of leaders and professionals from both the healthcare and technology industries. Students will have the experiential learning opportunity to practice data organization, data aggregation and ML model building using case data or real data organization, data aggregation and ML model building using case data or real data with various healthcare applications. Prerequisite: MHA 541 or permission of the instructor.

MHA 551 Healthcare delivery and service management (3 cr)

Explores value-based healthcare delivery with focuses on improved quality, lower cost and patient satisfaction for achieving service excellence as a competitive advantage. Topics include service systems and strategies for delivering customer value, communication, staffing and training, motivation and empowerment, financial incentives and risk sharing, accountable care organizations, impact of population health and public policies, informational technology infrastructure, quality and safety improvement, waste elimination, contract management, and systems integration.

MHA 552 Lean Six Sigma and project management for healthcare (3 cr)

Lean Six Sigma combines the methodologies of six sigma quality management and the lean enterprise to enable fact-based management and change management and create an efficient organization that maximizes value. Students will practice business problem solving and process improvement through experiential learning activities, and experience a project-based approach for defining, measuring, analyzing, improving and controlling healthcare outcomes. In addition to Lean Six Sigma methodologies, topics also include the essentials of project management including initiating, planning, implementing, managing, and controlling a project, which drives innovations and changes in healthcare organizations.

MHA 2026-2027 Academic Calendar

FALL 2026

Fall Semester:08/14/2026 – 12/19/2026

Event	Start Date	End Date
Orientation	08/14/2026-Friday	08/15/2026-

Instructional Period	**08/14/2026- Friday**	**12/19/2026 -** 12/19/2026 -
First Day of Classes	08/21/2026 - Friday	Saturday
Final Grades Due	12/30/2026- Friday	

SPRING 2027

Spring Term: 01/08/2027 – 05/01/20267

Event	Start Date	End Date
Instructional Period	**01/08/2027 - Friday**	**05/01/2027 - Saturday**
First Day of Classes	01/08/2027 - Friday	05/01/2027 - Saturday
Final Grades Due	05/17/2027- Friday	

SUMMER 2027

Summer Semester: 05/07/2027 – 8/21/2027

Event	Start Date	End Date
Instructional Period	**05/07/2027 - Friday**	**08/21/2027 - Saturday**
First Day of Classes	05/07/2027 - Friday	08/21/2027 - Saturday
Final Grades Due	09/07/2027- Friday	
Clearance Day	TBD	

HOLIDAYS

Holiday	Date	Holiday	Date
Labor Day	09/06/2026 (weekend off)	Independence Day	07/04/2027 (weekend off)
Thanksgiving Day	11/26/2026 (weekend off)	Labor Day	09/07/2027 (weekend off)
Christmas Day	12/25/2026 (weekend off)	Thanksgiving Day	11/26/2027 (weekend off)
		Graduation	**TBA**

Martin Luther King	01/18/2027 (weekend off)
President's Day	02/15/2027 (weekend off)
Memorial Day	05/31/2027 (weekend off)
Juneteenth	06/19/2027 (weekend off)

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COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES

The California Northstate University College of Health Sciences (CNUCHS) offers two Bachelor of Science degree programs: the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences (BSBMS) and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). The BSN program is approved by the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) as required by the California Nursing Practice Act (Article 4, Sections 2785 to 2789).
In addition, CNUCHS offers pathways to other CNU colleges and programs for students who already hold a Bachelor's degree.. These tracks and pathways are supported with curriculum-designed to enhance the application portfolio for those who want to apply to health sciences professional schools (PHPB – Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate).

I. Mission, Vision, and Values

Mission: To advance the science and art of healthcare through education, service, research, personal wellness, and social accountability.

Vision: We envision challenging undergraduate students with comprehensive academic programs that prepare them for success and leadership in a professional healthcare career. Quality education for students pursuing a career in healthcare professions begins with rigorous study of core sciences such as biology, chemistry, mathematics, and physics that are intertwined with humanities and social sciences disciplines in such way that infuses in students' essential skills such as scientific literacy, problem solving, cultural sensitivity, communication, professionalism, and collaboration. The program of education must further empower students to apply quantitative methods and critical thinking to the practice of healthcare. Strength of character and interpersonal skills essential for work in healthcare-related fields are developed and enhanced through a well-crafted and aligned curriculum. Along with traditional lectures and lab courses, the opportunity to perform community service-learning projects and independent scholarly research provides important capstone experience in applying concepts and theory learned in the classroom to real-world situations.

Values: Integrity, Ethical Conduct, Empathy, Inter-Personal Collaboration, Respect, Social Accountability, Civic-Minded Commitment to Service, Respect for Human Diversity.

II. Educational Philosophy

At our College of Health Sciences, we are passionate about shaping future healthcare leaders through innovative, rigorous academic programs in Biomedical Sciences and Nursing. Our philosophy centers on the belief that exceptional healthcare begins with a strong scientific foundation, clinical excellence, and a deep commitment to compassionate care and community service.
Our Biomedical Sciences major offers outstanding preparation for students aspiring to careers in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, and other health professions. Students gain in-depth knowledge of biological and chemical sciences, engage in challenging laboratory work, and develop critical thinking skills that prepare them for the demands of advanced professional study. Our graduates stand out as competitive candidates for medical, dental, pharmacy, and other health-related professional schools.
Our Nursing program combines rigorous academic study with extensive clinical experience, preparing students to deliver high-quality, patient-centered care in diverse healthcare environments. Students build strong clinical skills, master evidence-based practice, and cultivate the compassion and cultural competence essential for nursing leadership.
Across both programs, we place a strong emphasis on communication skills, ethical practice, and cultural awareness, empowering students to build meaningful connections with patients, families, and communities.
Through community engagement, service-learning opportunities, and partnerships with healthcare organizations, our students gain valuable real-world experience while making a positive impact on public health and social well-being.
We are dedicated to graduating future healthcare professionals who are not only scientifically and

clinically prepared but also driven by compassion, integrity, and a lifelong commitment to learning and service.

III. Learning Outcomes

The goals of our Bachelor of Science degree programs are defined and assessed by sets of carefully designed Program Learning Outcomes and General Education Learning Outcomes. These outcomes specify the intellectual substance and interpersonal communication skills that our students are expected to demonstrate by the time they graduate. Every course delivered at CNUCHS has specific learning outcomes measured by various forms of assessment. The assessment results are used to make changes that continually improve upon teaching and the curriculum.

As overarching educational standards, Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) define the primary learning agenda and the associated platform of assessment that measures teaching effectiveness and student competency.

BSBMS Program Learning Outcomes

Courses satisfying a Program Learning Outcome (PLO) must be completed at CNUCHS. While a transferred equivalent course cannot satisfy a PLO, it can count toward general elective degree credit. In some instances, a course may satisfy more than one PLO. In such instances. Honor's Track and Pathway coursework requirements may require students to complete more than one course per Program Learning Outcome category.

Upon successful completion of the CNUCHS Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences, students will be able to demonstrate the following Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs):

PLO 1: Biomedical Science Knowledge. Demonstrate knowledge and skills in biomedical sciences by explaining and integrating core concepts, analyzing scientific data, and communicating scientific information effectively.
Mapped Courses: BIOL310; BIOL310L; BIOL340; BIOL410; BIOL420; BIOL430; BIOL440; BIOL450; BIOL460; BIOL465; BIOL470; CHEM 310

PLO 2: Science, Technology, and Humanities. Analyze how science, technology, and humanities shape new healthcare solutions and influence patient care, society, and healthcare systems.
Mapped Courses: BIOT250; HUMN250; MEDS399

PLO 3: Critical Thinking. Demonstrate critical thinking and problem-solving skills by analyzing issues, evaluating evidence from multiple perspectives, and developing logical, evidence-based solutions.
Mapped Courses: COLL310; COLL320; COLL499

PLO 4: Professional Communication. Demonstrate professional communication by conveying information clearly and respectfully, incorporating empathy, cultural awareness, and ethical considerations across varied contexts.
Mapped Courses: COLL320; COLL430; COLL499

PLO 5: Community Engagement. Contribute to the well-being of communities through ethical action, informed awareness of societal issues, and engagement in activities that promote the public good.
Mapped Courses: COLL430

BSN Program Learning Outcomes

PLO 1: Knowledge of Nursing Practice. Apply foundational knowledge from the natural, behavioral, and social sciences to inform critical thinking and clinical reasoning within the discipline and practice of nursing.

PLO 2: Person-centered Care. Demonstrate person-centered care that is ethically driven, and considers access, connection and engagement of individuals, families, and populations, especially the underserved.

PLO 3: Population Health. Integrate knowledge of health promotion, health prevention, health policy, and population
health that applies advocacy strategies, collaborative activities, and healthcare to aggregate populations.

PLO 4: Scholarship for Nursing Practice/Discipline. Analyze and apply knowledge from nursing research and evidence-based practice to improve patient outcomes.

PLO 5: Quality and Safety. Apply knowledge of healthcare systems and principles of quality improvement to promote safety, optimize care, and reduce costs.

PLO 6: Interprofessional Partnerships. Engage with the healthcare team across professions in activities to improve quality of care and patient outcomes.

PLO 7: Informatics and Healthcare Technologies. Apply healthcare technology, information literacy, and knowledge of healthcare systems to improve patient and healthcare outcomes.

PLO 8: Personal, Professional, and Leadership Development. Integrate personal, professional, and leadership development activities to foster reflection and promote accountability, life-long learning, resilience, and professional identity formation.

The Program Learning Outcomes are fulfilled by completion of the following courses: HSCI410; HSCI430; NURS200; NURS210; NURS220; NURS220CL; NURS230; NURS230CL; NURS300; NURS310; NURS3210CL; NURS320; NURS320CL; NURS330; NURS340; NURS340CL; NURS350; NURS350CL; NURS360; NURS360CL; NURS370; NURS370CL: NURS420; NURS420CL; NURS490.

General Education Learning Outcomes (GELOs)
Upon successful completion of any CNUCHS Bachelor of Science program, students will be able to demonstrate the following general education learning outcomes:

GELO1: Written Communication (6 cr). Demonstrate the ability to write coherent, supported and logically structured prose.
Mapped Courses**:** ENGL 110 (3 cr); ENG 120 (3 cr)

GELO2: Oral Communication (3cr). Listen and speak effectively in formal communication.
Mapped Courses: COMM 110 (3 cr)

GELO3: Information Literacy (3 cr). Identify and search relevant libraries of information and databases; synthesize information obtained from primary literature using properly referenced citations.
Mapped Courses: ENGL 120

GELO4: Critical Thinking (3cr). Exercise reasoned judgement to assess technical information and make well-informed decisions using evidence-based approaches.
Mapped Courses: ENGL 120

GELO5: Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative Reasoning (12 cr). Demonstrate knowledge of the complexity of biological systems and chemistry of matter through research with the use of mathematics and statistics in problem solving.
Mapped Courses (12 cr):

- Biology (3 cr): BIOL 110/L (3 cr/1 cr) or BIOL130 (3cr)
- Chemistry (3 cr): CHEM 110/L (3 cr/1 cr) or CHEM130 (3cr);
- Math (6 cr): MATH110 (3cr) MATH 120 (3 cr); MATH 125 (3 cr), or MATH 130 (3 cr)

GELO 6: Liberal Arts. Demonstrate knowledge of diverse human cultures and influences of social forces, economic principles, and human interactions within the framework of social sciences.

- Fine Arts (3 cr): ARMU 120 (3 cr) or approved elective
- Humanities (3 cr): ANTH 210 (3 cr) or approved elective
- Social Sciences (3 cr): ECON 210 (3 cr), GOVT 110 (3 cr), PSYC 110 (3 cr), PSYC 110x (3 cr) SOCL 110 (3 cr), or approved elective
- Social Accountability and Community Service (3 cr): COLL210 (2 cr) and COLL220 (2 cr); or COLL430 (3 cr)

The GE Requirements encompass a suite of courses that provide a broad educational framework for students. The GE curriculum at CNUCHS is designed to provide students with a solid foundation for advanced studies and essential skills needed to work effectively in diverse health-related careers. As required by the California Code of Regulations – Title 5 – Article 2 on Admissions and Academic Achievement Standards "At least 25 percent of the credit requirements for a Bachelor's degree shall be in general education." Accordingly, the GE courses comprise approximately 34 credit units of the minimum 120 required credits for graduation (28% of total degree credits). Each Bachelor of Science program may have different GE requirements to comply with all regulations.

Co-Curricular Learning Outcomes
Upon successful completion of the CNUCHS Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Science, students will be able to demonstrate the following co-curricular learning outcomes:

Social Awareness and Cultural Sensitivity. Demonstrate awareness of and responsiveness to social and cultural differences by adapting behaviors appropriately and using effective interpersonal skills.

Self-Awareness and Learning. Demonstrate self-awareness through reflection and the development of appropriate plans for self-directed learning and development.

Service and Leadership. Demonstrate the ability to lead and work collaboratively with others to accomplish a shared goal.

Professionalism. Demonstrate professional behavior and effective interactions with others.

Oral Communication. Demonstrate appropriate delivery techniques when communicating materials to an audience.

IV. Academic Programs, Tracks, and Pathways
Undergraduate Programs
Bachelor's Degrees: California Northstate University College of Health Sciences (CNUCHS) offers two Bachelor of Science degree programs: the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences (BSBMS) and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN).

The Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences is designed to prepare students to apply to professional healthcare programs or careers in the biomedical sciences. US Department of Labor's Standard Occupational Classification Codes: 29-0000 Healthcare Practitioners and Technical Occupations or 19-1020 Biological Scientists.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing is a baccalaureate pre-licensure program that prepares graduates to test for RN licensure. US Department of Labor's Standard Occupational Classification Code: 29-1141 Registered Nurses.
(5, CCR §74112 (d)(3))

Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences BSBMS
The Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences BSBMS program provides a solid foundation in the biological, physical, and social sciences, and the humanities, applied to the health sciences. Students may choose to graduate with no concentration or from two concentrations aligned with specific options for career paths in healthcare: Human Biology or Biopsychology. Each concentration has a defined curriculum progressing from introductory to advanced courses. All concentrations include the same General Education (GE) requirements that fulfill a common set of learning outcomes spanning communication and critical thinking skills, natural sciences, liberal arts, and the social sciences. This comprehensive program delivers a robust university education that prepares graduates to think independently and creatively, as well as training them for practical occupations in health science, equipping them with a strong foundation to pursue professional and graduate education in the field.
Post-Baccalaureate Coursework: CHS also offers a curriculum designed for those who already have a Bachelor's degree and want to meet prerequisites for professional schools in the health professions, as well as to improve their academic credentials and application portfolio to those schools: the Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate curriculum (PHPB). The PHPB curriculum is not a program and does not lead to a diploma or a degree.

BS Biomedical Sciences Concentrations
In accordance with CHS 3130 Concentration Policy, Students may earn a concentration within their coursework for the BS in Biomedical Sciences degrees. Up to two concentration can appear on the transcript. Only one course may overlap between two concentrations. Concentrations will not be awarded after the degree has been conferred.

Human Biology: This concentration is appropriate for students who are seeking focused coursework in biomedical sciences. It is a challenging curriculum that focuses upper division coursework on advanced topics of human biology such as Functional Anatomy, Human Genetics, Microbiology, Immunology, and Pharmacology. Students who complete this concentration are expected to be exceptionally well-prepared for a variety of professional health programs and employment in a variety of healthcare-related professions.
Requirements to Earn: Fifteen (15) credit hours of courses with an upper division (300 or 400 level) BIOL reference at CNUCHS.

Biopsychology: This concentration is also appropriate for students headed for professional health programs, since it includes many of the same rigorous basic science courses as the Human Biology concentration. However, students following this plan of study choose from a suite of psychology courses in the science of human behavior, mental health and mental illness. Such courses include Developmental Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Health Psychology, and Abnormal Psychology. In addition to professional school options, students choosing this concentration will have a strong academic background for graduate schools that provide specialized training and certification for occupations such as clinical psychologists, psychiatrists, and counselors.
Requirements to Earn: Six (6) credit hours of courses with an upper division (300 or 400 level) BIOL reference and nine (9) credits hours of courses with an upper division (300 or 400 level) PSYC reference at CNUCHS.

BS Biomedical Sciences Honors Tracks

BS MD Honors Track
The CNU Bachelor of Science (BS) to Medical Doctor (MD) Honors Track (BS-MD) is a partnership between CNU's Undergraduate College of Health Sciences and CNU's College of Medicine.

CNU's BS-MD Honors Track is designed for first-time undergraduate freshmen interested in becoming a doctor. Students are selected by both the College of Health Sciences and the College of Medicine Admissions Committees.

The CNU BS-MD Honors Track provides an extraordinary, innovative opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career in medicine. The BS-MD Honors Track provides a focused, rigorous curriculum, fostering a strong foundation in medicine. The thoughtful alignment between undergraduate and medical school curriculum, interaction with faculty and advisors, and experiential learning provides highly motivated students with exceptional preparation and opportunities for success.
Maintenance and Progression Criteria for the BS MD Honors Track
All of the following requirements must be satisfied for BS-MD Honors Track students to be admitted to the CNU College of Medicine (COM). Failure to meet any requirement at any time will revoke conditional acceptance to CNU COM.

1. Maintain a cumulative College of Health Sciences (CHS) GPA of at least 3.6 each semester and complete all coursework required by the CHS Biomedical Sciences Program, including the BS-MD Honors Track coursework;
2. Complete all coursework with a grade of B (grade point 3.0) or higher on the first attempt (a grade of B- will not meet the requirement);
3. Maintain full-time status (at least 12 units) for Fall and Spring terms;
4. Participate in a minimum of one professional or academic activity offered by CNU COM each year;
5. Complete a capstone research project, thesis, or experience in biomedical sciences, global health, or health equity;
6. Complete CHS Service-Learning experiential coursework;
7. Score at least 511 on the MCAT, after at most three (3) attempts;
8. Meet the CNU COM Technical Standards;
9. Provide a letter of recommendation from the CNU CHS Health Professions Advising office;
10. Maintain good academic and professionalism standing; and
11. Submit an AMCAS application for validation of benchmark achievements.

In the event that any of the above criteria are not met, the student will lose conditional acceptance to CNU COM. If a student loses standing with the BS-MD Honors Track, they will be eligible to complete the BS Biomedical Sciences (BS BMS) degree at the CNU CHS. The student may also be eligible for the CNU CHS Pathways opportunities.

BS DMD Honors Track
The CNU Bachelor of Science (BS) to Doctor of Medical Dentistry (DMD) Honors Track (BS-DMD) is a partnership between CNU's Undergraduate College of Health Sciences and CNU's College of Dental Medicine.

CNU's BS-DMD Honors Track is designed for incoming applicants interested in becoming a dentist. Students are selected by both the College of Health Sciences and the College of Dental Medicine Admissions Committees.

The CNU BS-DMD Honors Track provides an extraordinary, innovative opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career in dentistry. The thoughtful alignment between undergraduate and dental school curriculum, interaction with faculty and advisors, and experiential learning provides highly motivated students with opportunities for success.
All of the following requirements must be satisfied for BS-DMD Honors Track students to be admitted to the CNU College of Dental Medicine (CDM). Failure to meet any requirement at any time will revoke conditional acceptance to CNU CDM.

1. Maintain a cumulative College of Health Sciences (CHS) GPA of at least 3.6 each semester and complete all coursework required by the CHS Biomedical Sciences Program, including the BS-DMD Honors Track coursework;
2. Complete all coursework with a grade of B (grade point 3.0) or higher on the first attempt (a grade of B- will not meet the requirement);
3. Maintain full-time status (at least 12 units) for Fall and Spring terms;
4. Participate in a minimum of one professional or academic activity offered by CNU CDM each year;
5. Complete a capstone research project, thesis, or experience in biomedical sciences, global health, or health equity before DMD coursework begins;
6. Complete CHS Service-Learning experiential coursework before DMD coursework begins;
7. Score at least 440 on the DAT, after at most three (3) attempts by May of year 3;
8. Achieve a Z score greater than -1 on the Casper situational judgement test. Scores of -1 or below will require a satisfactory supplemental CDM interview and full committee review to progress;
9. Meet the CNU CDM Technical Standards;
10. Provide a letter of recommendation from the CNU CHS Health Professions Advising office;
11. Maintain good academic and professionalism standing; and
12. Submit an AADSAS application for validation of benchmark achievements.

In the event that any of the above criteria are not met, the student will lose conditional acceptance to CNU CDM. If a student loses standing with the BS-DMD Honors Track, they will be eligible to complete the BS Biomedical Sciences (BS BMS) degree at the CNU CHS. The student may also be eligible for the CNU CHS Pathways opportunities.

Pre-Health Professions Pathways

A Pathway is not a program, but a guided path within the BSBMS program that offers students a dedicated route to earn an interview with our CNU professional schools and graduate school programs, provided they reach and maintain certain benchmarks while working towards their bachelor's degree in health sciences. Our Pre-Health Professions (PHP) Pathways establish CNUCHS as a premier destination for students pursuing health professions careers. In addition to our strong academic preparation and

embedded research and service-learning experiences, our CNUCHS PHP Pathways offer undergraduates focused, personalized health professions academic and career advising from our academic and faculty advisors. While earning the BS degree in Biomedical Sciences, our CNUCHS PHP Pathway undergraduates, upon meeting the required benchmarks, can also earn a priority interview to any of our CNU professional or graduate schools of their choice:

- College of Dental Medicine
- College of Medicine
- College of Pharmacy
- College of Psychology
- College of Graduate Studies
- Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Master of Healthcare Administration

To earn the priority interview, our CNUCHS PHP Pathway students will need to meet or exceed the established benchmarks between CNUCHS and the CNU Professional school pathway of choice. Benchmarks differ between the CNU Colleges. CNUCHS PHP Pathway students may pursue more than one CNU College Pathway at the same time if they choose. Earning an interview does not imply guaranteed admission.

General Benchmarks of the Pre-Health Professions Pathways
Pathway students who complete the rigorous academic and good conduct benchmarks and entry requirements of their chosen CNU Professional School shall be granted an interview at the professional school upon completion of the CNUCHS program of study.

To provide a general benchmark overview a CNUCHS PHP Pathway student must attain or exceed to earn an interview at the CNU Professional School of choice, PHP Pathway Students must:

- Complete all the CNU benchmarks and professional school pre-requisite coursework as defined by the CNU College of choice
- Earn and maintain the required cumulative GPA for Pathway Students as required by each respective Professional School
- Be in good academic and conduct standing each semester at CNUCHS
- Maintain full-time enrolled student status each semester at CNUCHS
- Meet and/or exceed the minimum acceptable standardized test score for Pathway Students as required by each respective Professional School
- Participate in at least one professional or academic activity per year offered by the corresponding CNU Professional School while attending CNUCHS
- Submit a completed and verified application to CNU professional school application portal before the deadline published by the corresponding CNU Professional School
- Submit a completed supplemental application as required by some of our CNU Professional Schools
- Attend all CNUCHS Annual Summer Pathway preparation workshops while enrolled at CNUCHS
- Satisfy the CNU professional school's technical standards

The specific benchmarks for each CNUCHS PHP Pathway can be found in our Progressions Criteria section of this catalog.

Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate (PHPB) Coursework

The Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate coursework is designed to enhance the academic credentials and application portfolio of students aiming for a professional degree in the health professions (Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Psychology, etc.). The post-baccalaureate coursework provides a comprehensive educational experience that may include coursework in biomedical science, prerequisite coursework, extracurricular support, and test preparation for professional school admission (i.e., MCAT and DAT exams).

Students will complete a minimum of 27 credit hours of advanced or prerequisite undergraduate coursework in the natural and social sciences over the course of at least two semesters. Students can enroll in prerequisite courses that they need to apply for professional schools. Students can also enroll in elective courses to engage in a community service-learning project or serve as a standardized patient in role-play mode with medical and pharmacy students as supervised by medical school faculty. PHPB coursework is a planned one-year course of study.

Topics covered in career-building workshops for professional schools' admissions include career seminars, MCAT and DAT exams skill-building and practice testing, application procedures (AMCAS, AACOMAS, AADSAS, PHARMCAS, PSYCAS), interview coaching, and portfolio fine-tuning. A comprehensive letter of recommendation will be provided for students who complete the course of study with good academic performance and no record of academic integrity and good conduct.

PHPB Pre-Health Professions Pathways

PHPB students may be admitted in the PHPB Pre-Health Professions Pathways. In the "Full PHPB Pathway," students are able to earn an interview with all CNU professional colleges (Medicine, Dental Medicine, Psychology, Pharmacy) and the Graduate School programs (Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Master of Healthcare Administration). In the "Limited PHPB Pathway," students are able to earn an interview with CNU colleges of Pharmacy and School of Graduate Studies (Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Master of Healthcare Administration). Criteria for admission in the PHPB pathways are included under the Admissions to the College of Health Sciences section of this catalog.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

CNUCHS's Bachelor of Science in Nursing is a three-year, year-round entry program (Summer, Fall, and Spring entry) with a curriculum that incorporates a solid foundation in natural, behavioral, social, and nursing sciences. CHS's general education coursework provides a solid basis for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) major requirements. All BSN graduates from CHS must complete the service-learning curriculum and a capstone project. The Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs) are designed to align to the AACN Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education (2021); the Quality and Safety in Nursing Education (QSEN) competencies; and the American Nurses Association (ANA) Scope and Standards of Practice (2021). The BSN curriculum is aligned with the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) requirements for required content for licensure. CNUCHS BSN is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and as such, the curriculum complies with all required content areas of the Nursing Practice Act Regulation 1426 – Required Curriculum. The curriculum comprises of 127 semester-credits, 21 clinical credits, and 1,008 clinical hours.

Learning and instructional outcomes are focused on delivering safe, therapeutic, effective, patient-centered care; practicing evidence-based practice; working as part of interdisciplinary teams; focusing on quality improvement; and using information technology. Instructional content includes, but is not limited to, the following: critical thinking, personal hygiene, patient protection and safety, pain management, human sexuality, client abuse, cultural diversity, nutrition (including therapeutic aspects), pharmacology, patient advocacy, legal, social, and ethical aspects of nursing, and nursing leadership and management.

V. Admission to the College of Health Sciences

(CEC §94909(a)(8)(A), and 5, CCR §71770)

This section provides an outline of the criteria and requirements for admission to CNUCHS. We are committed to creating a diverse and inclusive community of learners, fostering intellectual curiosity, and nurturing personal growth. Admission to CNUCHS is governed by CHS 3201 Admissions Policy, CHS 3202 Definition of Categories for Student Admission Policy, CHS 3203 Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit Evaluation Policy, and CHS 3404 Transfer Student Enrollment and Evaluation of Transfer Credit Policy.

A. Applicant Categories

(CEC §94909(a)(8)(A), and 5, CCR §71770)

First-Time College Student: CNUCHS defines as a first-time college student any applicant who is either currently enrolled in, or has graduated from, a high school and has not registered in a regular session at any collegiate level institution since high school graduation. An applicant who has completed college courses while in high school or in a summer session immediately following high school graduation is still considered a first-time college student applicant. To start attending classes at CNUCHS as a first-time college student, the applicant must have earned a high school diploma or equivalent.

Transfer Student: CNUCHS defines transfer student as any applicant who has been a registered student in a regular term at a community college, college, university or in college-level extension classes since graduating from high school and has completed at least 25 college credits. A summer session attended immediately following high school graduation is excluded in this definition. Transfer applicants may not disregard any of their college records or apply for admission as a first-time college student. The college has not entered into an articulation or transfer agreement with any other college or university.

International Student: CNUCHS defines international student as any applicant with citizenship from and residence in any country other than the United States of America.

Non-degree Seeking Student: CNUCHS defines a non-degree seeking student as any applicant who wants to enroll in the college on a term-by-term and course-by-course basis without aiming to earn a degree or certificate from the college. Non-degree seeking students may enroll full- or part-time at any given term and are subjected to the same admissions requirements as of any degree-seeking student. If a non-degree seeking student wants to earn a degree from CNUCHS, they must re-apply for admissions as a degree seeking student. The non-degree seeking status does not grant any privilege for changing student categories.

Post-Baccalaureate Student: A post-baccalaureate applicant is one who has earned or will earn a Bachelor's degree prior to their enrollment at CNUCHS.

B. General Eligibility Requirements

The College degree programs aim to attract high school graduates who showed notable academic and co-curricular accomplishments and an interest in serving society in the health professions. The goal of the admission process is to identify and select applicants that have excellent chances of success, are most likely to thrive at our campus, and will enhance the university's academic and cultural community. Applications are evaluated by the college's Admissions Committee following a holistic review process, in which each applicant is evaluated using multiple measures of academic and personal achievement. Comprehensive review considers the context for each academic and personal achievement of the applicant. CNSU does not discriminate based on race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry,

medical condition, marital status, sex, age, or physical disability.

Please note: CNU does not participate in Title IV funding. (CEC §94909(a)(10))
All students applying for admission at CNUCHS must fulfill all the following general eligibility requirements:

- Be a US citizen or legal permanent resident if not applying as an international student.
- Submit current transcripts from all high schools (first-time college student applicants only) and colleges (all applicants who have college credit) attended for evaluation by the Admissions Committee. All incoming CNUCHS students must submit their final Official Transcripts by the end of the 8th week of instruction during the first term at CNUCHS.
- If applicable, submit official test scores for AP and/or IB courses directly from the testing agency to receive consideration for course credit.
- Submit a record of service activities in the community and/or school, employment, athletic accomplishments, and/or other extra-curricular accomplishments.
- Submit a personal statement.
- Disclose any academic integrity or conduct issues in their educational record. The Admissions Committee has the discretion to analyze any academic or conduct issue in the educational record to recommend the acceptance or denial of the application.

Additionally, CNUCHS prefers official standardized SAT or ACT test scores from first-time college students to be submitted as part of the application.
All accepted students must meet the CNU immunization and health insurance requirements. CNUCHS accepts high school diploma or equivalent (a General Education Development certificate, a California High School Proficiency Examination certificate, other official completion documentation recognized by the state of California) for first-time college students.

C. Admission Criteria for Transfer Students
Transfer students are defined in sub-section A of section V of this catalog. To be considered for admission transfer students must officially apply to the college. Prospective transfer students must have a GPA of 2.70 or higher in college coursework to be considered for transfer to the BSBMS degree or to the BSN degree. In addition, they must comply with all applicable general eligibility requirements as indicated in this catalog to be considered for admission at CNUCHS.

Transfer student applicants with GPA from 3.40 and above may be considered for CNUCHS's BSBMS Pre-Health Professions Pathway status, if approved by the CNUCHS Admissions Committee. Admission into a BSBMS pathway is not guaranteed, and if admitted, students do not have guaranteed progression to any CNU professional or graduate schools and programs. The BS Biomedical Sciences Honors Tracks do not accept transfer applicants at this time. Transfer student applicants for the BSN will be considered on equal grounds as first-time college students. Submission of a transfer application does not guarantee admission to the program.

D. Guidelines for Evaluation of Transfer Credits

For applicants seeking to matriculate to CNUCHS as a transfer student from another college or university, the following general standards apply to the acceptance and award of transfer credits:

- CNUCHS will consider transfer of credit for college-level (not remedial) courses in which the student has earned a minimum grade of "C" (2.0 = "C" Grade Point Equivalent) (4.00 = "A") or higher from regionally accredited colleges and universities.

- A maximum of 60 credit hours will be considered for transfer from regionally accredited community colleges, junior colleges, two-year and/or four-year colleges and universities, and other regionally accredited colleges and universities, with exception of certain unrecognized programs. All upper division courses are not transferable and must be taken at CNUCHS.
- Acceptance of any course for transfer credit granted toward a degree program is subject to evaluation of the course equivalence (topic, content, and teaching methodologies/ pedagogy) by a CNUCHS expert faculty in that discipline.
- Credit for equivalent courses will be awarded from only one source toward course equivalency. CNUCHS does not award duplicate credit. Students are advised to speak with an academic advisor to determine which course (s) will provide the greatest benefit.
- CNUCHS adopts the semester-based credit hour. Course credits earned at other institutions based on different credit hours than used by CNUCHS are subject to conversion and possible decrease in credit hour value. Transfer students are subject to the same graduation requirements for the B.S. degree.
- CNUCHS cumulative grade point average (GPA) is based solely upon coursework taken at CNU.

E. Types of Transfer Credits NOT Accepted by CNUCHS

- Courses in which the student earned below "C" (2.0 = Grade Point Equivalent) (4.0 = "A") as the final grade, including "C-"
- Credit awarded by post-secondary schools in the United States that are not accredited by a regional accrediting association.
- Credit awarded by post-secondary schools for life experience.
- Credit awarded by post-secondary schools for courses taken at non-collegiate institutions and society workshops (e.g., governmental agencies, corporations, industrial firms, etc.).
- Credit awarded by postsecondary schools for noncredit courses, workshops, and seminars offered by other postsecondary schools as part of continuing education programs.

F. Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Credits

CHS 3203 Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit Evaluation Policy governs the acceptance of such credits. Credit hours for AP and IB courses will appear on the student's transcript but will not be used in the calculation of the Grade Point Average (GPA) noted on the CNUCHS transcript.

Duplicate credit will not be awarded for equivalent AP/IB test scores and transfer courses.

Students are required to submit official test scores for AP and IB courses directly from the testing agency to the college. The college will evaluate the AP and IB credits and may grant credit to students based on the evaluation charts in the next pages of this catalog.

While some graduate and professional schools accept AP and IB courses to satisfy admissions requirements pertaining to course subject preparation, many do not. Undergraduate students planning to apply to graduate or professional schools bear the responsibility to carefully research admission requirements of the graduate and professional schools before deciding to use AP/IB credits to opt out of required college courses.

G. International Students

(5, CCR §71810(b)(3) (5, CCR §71810(b)(4))
(5, CCR §71810(b)(5))
International applicants must submit a completed application at least 3 months prior to the start of classes

to allow processing time of necessary admission documents and issuance of the I-20. Accepted students are responsible for obtaining their F-1 entrance visa. CNUCHS does not provide visa services.

CNUCHS accepts applications from graduates of foreign institutions only for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences and requires transcripts and coursework from such institutions to be evaluated by WES, ECE, or IERF. Official evaluations must be sent in a sealed envelope directly to CNUCHS Admissions Office and must include semester units and letter grades for each course and cumulative GPA. When possible, it is advisable to include the science GPA.

Please note: CNUCHS does NOT accept applications from international students for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, the PHPB coursework, the BS-MD/BS-DMD HT, or the full PHP Pathways.

International applicants are subjected to all applicable general eligibility requirements as outlined in this catalog (Section V Admission to the College of Health Sciences, sub-section B General Eligibility Requirements). International students are not accepted into the Full PHP Pathway that includes the CNU Colleges of Medicine and Dental Medicine.

All coursework is taught in English. CNUCHS does not offer English language services. Applicants who received their degree from a non-English speaking country and/or whose courses were not taught in English are required to submit official scores from the TOEFL Examination or IELTS at least 30 days before the first day of class with the following minimum scores:

Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL): minimum 510 paper/88iBT

International English Language Testing System (IELTS) (Academic): minimum 6.5

This requirement does not apply if an additional degree has been obtained at a U.S. institution.

Applicants must have the test score sent directly to the College of Health Sciences at:
College of Health Sciences California Northstate University
2910 Prospect Park Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

TOEFL: The official TOEFL score report can be sent directly to CNUCHS from the Educational Testing Service. For information about this test and registration procedures, contact:

ETS
PO Box 6151
Princeton, NJ 08541-6151, USA
or visit www.toefl.org.

IELTS: For information about this test and registration procedures, contact:

IELTS Office
University of Cambridge Local Examination Syndicate
1 Hills Road, Cambridge/CB1 2EU, UK
or visit www.ielts.org.

AP Credit Courses Chart

List of AP courses from: https://aphighered.collegeboard.org/exams

Examination	Score	Credit Hours	Equivalency	GE Area
Art: Art History	3, 4, or 5	3	ARMU 110	Liberal Arts: Fine Art
Biology	4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Chemistry	4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Economics: Macroeconomics	3, 4 or 5	3	ECON 110	Liberal Arts: Social Science
Economics: Microeconomics	3, 4 or 5	3	ECON 120	Liberal Arts: Social Science
English: Language/Composition	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	Written Communication
English: Literature/Composition	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	Written Communication
Environmental Science	3, 4 or 5	3	Biology Elective	
Comparative Government/Politics	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	
U.S. Government/Politics	3, 4 or 5	3	GOVT 110	Liberal Arts: Social Science
History: European	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	
History: U.S.	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	
History: World	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Human Geography	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Chinese Language/Culture	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	
French Language	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	
French Literature	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Japanese Language/Culture	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Latin	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Spanish Language	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Spanish Literature	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Math: Calculus AB/AB subscore	4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Math: Calculus BC	4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Physics AP 1 Mechanics	4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Physics AP 2 Electricity and	4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Physics AP Mechanics C	4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Physics AP Electr/Magnet C	4 or 5	3	General Elective	
Psychology	4 or 5	3	PSYC 110	Liberal Arts: Social Science
Statistics	3, 4 or 5	3	General Elective	
* No credit is awarded if the language is the student's native language. For tests not listed, scores will be evaluated				

IB Credit Courses Chart

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma/Certificate				
Examination*	**Score**	**Credit Hours**	**Equivalency**	**GE Area**
Art/Design	5, 6, or 7	3	ARMU 110	Liberal Arts: Fine Art
Biology	5,6, or 7	3	General Elective	
Business and Management	5, 6, or 7	3	General Elective	
Chemistry	5,6 or 7	3	General Elective	
Classical Languages (Latin)	5, 6, or 7	3	General Elective	
Economics	5, 6, or 7	3	ECON 110	Liberal Arts: Social Science
English A	5, 6, or 7	3	General Elective	Written Communication
English B	No credit	0	None	
Geography	5, 6, or 7	3	General Elective	
History—American	5, 6, or 7	3	General Elective	
History—East and Southeast and Oceania	5, 6, or 7	3	General Elective	
History—European	5, 6, or 7	3	General Elective	
Mathematics	5,6, or 7	3	General Elective	Scientific Inquiry and Quantitative
Music	5, 6, or 7	3	ARMU 120	Liberal Arts: Fine Art
Modern Languages	5, 6, or 7	3	General Elective	
Physics	5,6, or 7	3	General Elective	
Psychology	5, 6, or 7	3	PSYC 110	Liberal Arts: Social Science
Social and Cultural Anthropology	5, 6, or 7	3	General Elective	
Theatre	5, 6, or 7	3	General Elective	Liberal Arts: Fine Art
Visual Arts	5, 6, or 7	3	General Elective	Liberal Arts: Fine Art
* No credit is awarded if the language is the student's native language. For tests not listed, scores will be evaluated independently.				
List of IB curriculum from: http://www.ibo.org/en/programmes/diploma-programme/curriculum/				

H. Admissions Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences (BSBMS)

Applicants who meet or exceed the general eligibility requirements outlined in this catalog (Section V Admission to the College of Health Sciences, sub-section B General Eligibility Requirements) are qualified to be considered for admission into the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences degree program.

In addition, first-time college student applicants (CHS 3202 Definition of Categories for Student Admission Policy) must have a minimum High School GPA of 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale) and have completed the following classes with a grade of C or better:

- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics (4 recommended)
- 2 years of natural sciences (3 recommended)
- 2 years of social sciences
- 2 years of a language other than English

I. Admission into the BS Honors Tracks

BS MD Honors Track
To be eligible for BS-MD Honors Track consideration applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Complete four (4) years of high school with:
    - 4 years of mathematics
    - 3 years of laboratory science
    - 3 years of social science or electives
    - At least 3 years of a language other than English
    - 4 completed honors, AP, or IB courses in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math, English or equivalent.
- Score a minimum of 1400 for SAT or 31 for ACT.
- Demonstrate a significant commitment to a career in healthcare (volunteering, shadowing, research).
- Submit a personal statement that describes the student's motivation for pursuing a career in dental medicine and clearly demonstrates an understanding of the dentist's role in healthcare.
- Submit letters of recommendation:
    - One from a STEM teacher
    - One from a guidance counselor
    - (Optional) One from a healthcare professional (if student has worked in healthcare).
    - Max of 4 letters of recommendation will be accepted.
    - Have letter writers directly send their letter to Admissions.CHS@cnsu.edu
- Students must complete their CNU application and pay the application fee by the stated deadline.
- Students must be a US Citizen or have permanent residence.
- Candidates will be screened by CNU Admissions Committees. Finalists will be selected to interview with the College of Medicine Admissions Committee.
- Students admitted to the BS-MD Honors Track will be termed "conditionally accepted" to the MD program at CNU's College of Medicine. Such acceptance may be revoked if the student fails to maintain eligibility criteria during their time at CNU's College of Health Sciences.

BS DMD Honors Track
To be eligible for BS-DMD Honors Track consideration applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Complete four (4) years of high school with:

    - 4 years of mathematics
    - 3 years of laboratory science
    - 3 years of social science or electives
    - At least 3 years of a language other than English
    - 4 completed honors, AP, or IB courses in Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Math, English or equivalent.
- Score a minimum of 1400 for SAT or 31 for ACT.
- Demonstrate a significant commitment to a career in healthcare (volunteering, shadowing, research).
- Submit a personal statement that describes the student's motivation for pursuing a career in dental medicine and clearly demonstrates an understanding of the dentist's role in healthcare.
- Submit letters of recommendation:
    - One from a STEM teacher
    - One from a guidance counselor
    - (Optional) One from a healthcare professional (if student has worked in healthcare).
    - Max of 4 letters of recommendation will be accepted.
    - Have letter writers directly send their letter to Admissions.CHS@cnsu.edu
- Students must complete their CNU application and pay the application fee by the stated deadline.
- Students must be a US Citizen or have permanent residence.
- Candidates will be screened by CNU Admissions Committees. Finalists will be selected to interview with the College of Dental Medicine Admissions Committee.
- Students admitted to the BS-DMD Honors Track will be termed "conditionally accepted" to the DMD program at CNU's College of Dental Medicine. Such acceptance may be revoked if the student fails to maintain eligibility criteria during their time at CNU's College of Health Sciences.

J. Admission into the BSBMS Pre-Health Professions Pathways (PHP)

CNUCHS offers a Pre-Health Professions Pathway (PHP) to highly qualified students who want to pursue professional careers in health sciences with CNU professional and graduate schools. A pathway is not a program; it is a structured roadmap that CNUCHS may offer to highly qualified students based on certain admission benchmarks. Students who are offered admission to a pathway must comply with very strict progression benchmarks in order to earn an interview at a CNU graduate or professional school.

Please note: A pathway is not a program.

Admission in a pathway does not imply guaranteed admission at any CNU professional or graduate school.

To be considered for a PHP admission offer, the applicant must comply with all the following requisites:

- Meet all general eligibility requirements outlined in this catalog (Section V Admission to the College of Health Sciences, sub-section General Eligibility Requirements).
- First-time college students must:
- Have a minimum high school GPA of 2.7 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Have completed at least one high school course in each of the following areas with a grade of C or better: Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. The course(s) should be honors, AP or IB-level course(s) if available at the applicant's high school.

- Have completed a pre-calculus course or higher-level math course with a grade of C or better. The course(s) should be honors, AP or IB-level course(s) if available at the applicant's high school.

Transfer students must:

- Have a cumulative college GPA of 3.4 (on a 4.0 scale).
- Have completed natural sciences courses with a grade of C or better.
- Have completed precalculus or higher-level math course with a grade of C or better.
- Have completed all courses eligible for transfer within the past 8 years.

First-time college and transfer student applicants not considered for the PHP Pathways but admitted into the BSBMS may request reconsideration to PHP Pathway after one year of residence at CNUCHS. Admission to the PHP Pathway is not guaranteed.

K. Admissions Requirements for the Pre-Health Post Baccalaureate (PHPB) Coursework

Post-Baccalaureate applicants who meet or exceed the applicable general eligibility requirements outlined in this catalog (Section V Admission to the College of Health Sciences, sub-section B General Eligibility Requirements) are eligible for admission into the Pre-Health Postbaccalaureate coursework (PHPB) at CNUCHS. The following are the admissions requirements for the PHPB:

- Complete the application to the PHPB coursework on an approved CNUCHS application portal.
- Have a minimum cumulative baccalaureate degree GPA of 2.6 (on a 4.0 scale) and a minimum 2.6 BCPM GPA.

The following prerequisite coursework must be completed within the last 8 years, with a grade of C or better:

- 2 semesters, 3 quarters, or 1 year of college level English.
- 2 semesters, 3 quarters, or 1 year of General Biology with Laboratory.
- 2 semesters, 3 quarters, or 1 year of General Chemistry with Laboratory.
- 2 semesters, 3 quarters, or 1 year of Organic Chemistry with Laboratory.
- 2 semesters, 3 quarters, or 1 year General Physics with Laboratory.
- 2 semesters, 3 quarters, or 1 year of college level Math (Statistics and/or Calculus Preferred).

Prerequisite coursework taken more than 8 years prior to application, or not taken during the baccalaureate coursework, must be taken/re-taken while the student is engaged in the post-baccalaureate coursework.

L. Admissions into the PHPB Pathways

CNUCHS offers two PHPB Pathways to highly qualified post-baccalaureate students who want to pursue professional careers in health sciences with CNU professional and graduate schools: the Full PHPB Pathway and the Limited PHPB Partway. A PHPB pathway is a structured coursework that CNUCHS may offer to highly qualified students based on certain admission benchmarks. Students who are offered admission on a PHPB pathway must comply with very strict progression benchmarks in order to earn an interview at a CNU graduate or professional school.

The Full PHPB Pathway allows for the student to earn an interview with CNU Colleges of Medicine, Dental Medicine, Psychology, Pharmacy, and Graduate Studies, if all progression benchmarks are met. The Limited PHPB Pathway allows for the student to earn an interview with CNU Colleges of Pharmacy and Graduate Studies, if all progression benchmarks are met.

In order to be competitive to be offered admission in one of the PHPB pathways, the applicant must:

Comply with all admissions requirements as outlined in this catalog for the PHPB Coursework (Section V Admission to the College of Health Sciences, Sub-Section F Admissions Requirements for the PHPB Coursework).

Have minimum GPAs and BCPM GPAs as indicated in the table below:

PHPB Pathway	Cumulative GPA	BCPM GPA
Full PHPB Pathway	2.95	2.95
Limited PHPB Pathway	2.70	2.60

M. Admissions Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)
Applicants who meet or exceed the general eligibility requirements outlined in this catalog (Section V Admission to the College of Health Sciences, sub-section B General Eligibility Requirements) are qualified to be considered for admission into the Bachelor of Science Nursing (BSN). The CNUCHS BSN degree program offers three additional admission pathways: for military personnel, for LPNs/LVNs who want to earn their BSN, and for LPNs/LVNs who want to complete a 30-unit non-degree option.

Admission into programs leading to licensure and credentialing, such as the BSN, does not guarantee that students will obtain a license or credential. Licensure and credentialing requirements are set by agencies that are not controlled by or affiliated with CNU and requirements can change at any time. Students are responsible for determining whether they can meet licensure or credentialing requirements. CNUCHS will not refund tuition, fees, or any associated costs, to students who determine subsequent to admission that they cannot meet licensure or credentialing requirements.

To be considered for admission in the BSN degree program, applicants must fulfill all the requirements outlined below:

- Complete the application to the BS in Nursing on a CNUCHS designated application portal.
- Have completed the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) within the last 3 years with a recommended minimum composite score of 65%.
- Submit a personal statement according to the submission criteria set in the application portal.
- Submit 2 recommendation letters according to the submission criteria set in the application portal.
- Meet all Technical Standards, Immunization Requirements, and Health Insurance Requirements for the BSN as described in this catalog.

First-time college students must:

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 from high school.
- Have completed the following classes with a grade of **B-** or better:
- 4 years of English
- 3 years of mathematics at the level of Algebra I or higher.
- 2 years of natural science with lab (minimum).
- 2 years of social sciences

Transfer students must:

- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7 from college.
- Abide by all criteria outlined in this catalog for the transfer of credits.
- Have achieved a minimum grade of “B” in all college-level natural and behavioral courses for them to be eligible for transfer.

BSN Technical Standards for Admission and Progression

CNUCHS values inclusivity. We celebrate diversity and acknowledge the adaptations that we all implement to navigate our world in different ways. To that end, we encourage potential applicants and students who identify as having a disability to see the following technical standards as examples of how to navigate the physicality and environment of nursing.

In learning to ensure the best patient care, BSN students will engage in a range of diverse and complex practices specific to the various constituencies and settings that nurses serve. While students may aim to practice in a particular subset of nursing, they will learn and demonstrate competence across the full curriculum. The examples offered do not encompass the entirety of what students may be required to perform. To uphold the ethical commitments of nursing, and CNU's commitment to patient care, students will need the following capabilities or their equivalent:

Behavioral and Emotional/Social Standards

Applicants and BSN students must be able to engage with patients in stressful situations in complex, heightened environments. They will need to:

- utilize appropriate and competent judgement in clinical decision-making.
- demonstrate behavior appropriate to their specific situations.
- cope with stress in healthy ways within their support systems.
- establish responsive, professional, and effective relationships with patients even and especially under stressful conditions.
- respect differences in ethnicity, social and economic positions, cultural practices, religious and political preferences, gender and sexuality, and physical and cognitive abilities.

Interpersonal Communication Standards

Applicants and BSN students must be able to interact with patients, colleagues and other professionals in the care team, and navigate those various relationships. This includes clear articulation of their own ideas, feelings, and boundaries, and engaged understanding of others' ideas, feelings, and boundaries in the context of patient-centered care. They will need to be able to:

- Maintain healthy and mature relationships with patients, other students, faculty, staff, and all other professionals in a team.
- Communicate effectively through speaking and writing, using appropriate technologies as necessary.
- Convey and exchange information clearly and efficiently (example: taking patient health history; explanation of treatment to patients; communicating between healthcare professionals).
- Receive critique and feedback respectfully and integrate it appropriately into their practice.

Observation Standards

Applicants and BSN students must be able to assess and evaluate patient responses and perform care interventions safely and accurately using a variety of instruments. Using reasonable adaptations as necessary, students will need the following acuity:

- Sufficient use of **visual, auditory, and olfactory** senses in combination to perform their duties (examples: perform a physical examination; note patient distress; attend to visual or auditory alerts from instruments).
- Ability to perform physical inspections using instruments as necessary (examples: palpation, auscultation, percussion).

Motor/Physical Standards

Applicants and BSN students must be able to manipulate a variety of instruments, aid patients in movement, and navigate busy environments. They will need to:

- Navigate clinical settings and environments.

- Continue to provide care in physically strenuous situations (examples: aiding in an operating room; assisting in labor and delivery; moving patients' bodies).
- Achieve competence in gross and fine-motor abilities to provide therapeutic nursing interventions according to safety standards (examples: placing a catheter; drawing blood; moving a patient on/to a bed; administering medication).

Admission through the Military to BSN Option

CNUCHS offers persons with applicable military education and experience who wish to become a Registered Nurse an option to have credit evaluated and applied toward completion of prelicensure nursing education. It includes the use of challenge examinations and is contingent upon seats availability. United States (US) Veterans with military education and experience planning to enroll into nursing courses must first be accepted by and fulfill all matriculation requirements of CNUCHS. The following are the specific eligibility criteria to be admitted in the "Military to BSN" option:

- Be a veteran of the United States military, honorably discharged.
- Provide a DD form 214 "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty" showing proof of healthcare specialist rating, or;
- Be serving in active-duty status with the United States military and provide proof of healthcare specialist rating or;
- Be classified with a healthcare specialist rating (i.e., Navy HM, AF 4NOX1, Army 68W) while serving in the military or;
- Submit proof of a minimum of 2 years or equivalent experience as a healthcare specialist or comparable role within the past 3 years.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all college-level courses completed and must complete all pre-clinical nursing requirements. To be accepted into the BSN Program, applicants must also meet the general eligibility requirements as outlined in this catalog (Section V Admission to the College of Health Sciences, sub-section B General Eligibility Requirements).
- Generic military credit is not given. If admitted to the CNUCHS BSN Program, veterans may submit a portfolio to demonstrate theoretical and clinical learning, and work experience. The portfolio will be the basis for evaluating eligibility. The portfolio will include the following:
- Documentation of Military Health Care Occupation (Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (Navy HM or Air Force BMTCP), Army HealthCare Specialist (68W Army Medic) or Air Force Independent Duty Medical Technician (IMDT 4NOXIC) with an honorable discharge.
- Official military transcript with ACE recommendations.
- Copy of any licenses or certifications.
- Two references letters, including one from an immediate supervisor who has worked with the applicant for at least 5 months.
- Educational and work resume of accomplishments outside of the military.

Military Corpsmen will be eligible for a challenge examination option of NURS220 Nursing Fundamentals Theory, and NURS220CL Nursing Fundamentals Clinical Lab.

NURS220 Nursing Fundamentals Theory will be challenged through a written test. Upon challenge examination confirmation, students will be given course materials (syllabus, content outline, bibliography/textbook list). NURS220CL Nursing Fundamentals Clinical Skills Lab challenge examination will require the validation of skills included in the NURS220CL course curriculum.

To earn proficiency credit, students must pass the written exam before being allowed to schedule validation of clinical skills with the instructor. Students must pass both parts of the challenge examination

process to earn proficiency credits.

Admissions Requirements for the LPN/LVN to BSN Option
(5, CCR §71810(b)(7) and 5, CCR §71770(c))
CNUCHS provides applicants with a qualified LPN/LVN license an opportunity to earn up to 7 credits in the BSN program through proficiency testing. Proficiency exams are national exams to be scheduled after acceptance to the BSN. Eligible applicants must be admitted to the BSN degree program before applying for LPN/LVN advance standing through the successful completion of the proficiency exams and criteria described below:

- Maintenance of an active unencumbered LPN/LVN license from a jurisdiction recognized by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)
- Employed as an LVN/LPN within the last twelve months.

To earn proficiency credits for NURS220 Fundamentals Theory and NURS220CL Fundamentals Clinical, students must successfully complete the Nursing Fundamentals standardized assessment and the nursing skills validation.

- Students must take the assessment test to qualify for the skills assessment. Both competencies must be passed to receive credit for NURS220 and NURS220CL.
- To earn proficiency credits for PSYC310 Developmental Psychology, students must successfully complete the Lifespan Development proficiency exam.

The scheduling of the proficiency examination is determined by Admissions. Students are responsible for proficiency examination costs.

Admissions Requirements for the LPN/LVN 30 Unit Option

CNUCHS offers applicants with a qualified LPN/LVN license an opportunity for the LPN/LVN 30-unit Non-Degree Option, as per CA regulations. Intention for the 30-unit, non-degree option must be submitted at the time of application. Acceptance is limited to seat availability. Applicants pursuing the LPN/LVN 30-unit Non-Degree Option are required to:

- Submit an official high school transcript with documentation of graduation or GED certificate.
- Submit official transcripts with documentation of completion from LVN program.
- Submit a copy of the current/valid California LPN/LVN license.
- Submit all department and clinical agency documents, including a criminal background check, drug screening, CPR for healthcare professionals, physical examination and immunizations, and a valid government-issued form of identification.
- Submit an academic and work experience portfolio. Applicant will be given credit for previous successful completion of required courses at another accredited institution. Additional prerequisites may be required and are determined individually.
- Be subject to writing, theory, skills and math testing and additional faculty costs for indicated remediation.

LPN/LVN 30-unit course requirements are:

Courses	Theory Credits	Clinical Credits	Totals
NURS320/320CL Adult Health II	4	4	8
NURS340/340CL Psych/ Mental Health Nursing	3	1	4
NURS420/420CL Leadership	3	4	7
NURS490 Capstone	3	--	3
BIOL220/220L Human Physiology with lab	4	--	4
BIOL310 Microbiology with lab	4	--	4
TOTALS ……	21	9	30

VI. Progression Criteria

Progression criteria is regulated by CHS 3101 Academic Progression Policy, CHS 3126 Academic Standing and Formal Warning Policy, CHS 3127 Course Failure Remediation Policy, CHS 3129 Course Repeat Policy, CHS 3124 Graduation Requirements for the BSBMS and CHS 3125 Graduation Requirements for the BSN, and dispositions in this catalog.

Once admitted to CNUCHS, students must achieve and maintain certain requirements to progress towards earning a Bachelor's degree. Progression requirements are regulated by CHS 3101 Academic Progression Policy. CNUCHS students bear the responsibility to review their progress toward meeting all degree requirements as prescribed by the curriculum plan.

Please note: CNUCHS students must comply with the course sequence prescribed by the curriculum plan. If any change is desirable, students must consult with an academic advisor. The college will not provide any accommodation for student progression based on unilateral course sequence change made by the student.

General Progression Criteria:

1. Students must maintain good academic integrity, professionalism and conduct standing in compliance with CHS 3701 Academic Integrity and Good Conduct Policy.
2. Students who take a leave of absence for one or more terms will need to enroll in the term immediately following the leave (pending seat availability) to remain in good academic standing. All leave of absence periods are included in the maximum time frame allowed to complete the program, as per the CHS 3702 Leave of Absence Policy. Courses taken outside CNUCHS while in Leave of Absence are not transferrable towards the degree.
3. Students not meeting academic progression requirements are expected to repeat courses at CNUCHS the next time they are offered, if/when seats are available, as per CHS 3127 Course Failure Remediation and CHS 3129 Course Repeat policies.
4. Students who do not successfully complete a prerequisite course to a successive course must retake the prerequisite course in the next term it is offered (pending seat availability) and prior to enrolling in the successive course. See CHS 3129 Course Repeat Policy.
5. Students who are not academically progressing may not be eligible for financial aid.

A. BSBMS Progression Criteria and Degree Requirements
(CEC §94909(a)(5))
Students must comply with all general progression criteria as outlined above.
The Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences (BSBMS) is designed to be completed in at minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 years, with 4 years as a standard completion length for first-time college students without transferring college credits.

To successfully progress through the BSBMS, students must maintain a minimum CNUCHS cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 per semester/term. Failure to meet this requirement subjects the student to be placed in academic warning, academic probation, or having their enrollment terminated for academic reasons, as per CHS 3126 Academic Standing and Formal Warning Policy.

The BSBMS degree requires a minimum of 120 semester credit hours for the degree to be granted, provided they took a minimum of 36 upper division credits at CNUCHS and all courses that are degree requirements.

C. BSDMD Honors Track Progression Criteria
All of the following requirements must be satisfied for BS-DMD Honors Track students to be admitted to the CNU College of Dental Medicine (CDM). Failure to meet any requirement at any time will revoke conditional acceptance to CNU CDM.

1. Maintain a cumulative College of Health Sciences (CHS) GPA of at least 3.6 each semester and complete all coursework required by the CHS Biomedical Sciences Program, including the BS-DMD Honors Track coursework;
2. Complete all coursework with a grade of B (grade point 3.0) or higher on the first attempt (a grade of B- will not meet the requirement);
3. Maintain full-time status (at least 12 units) for Fall and Spring terms;
4. Participate in a minimum of one professional or academic activity offered by CNU CDM each year;
5. Complete a capstone research project, thesis, or experience in biomedical sciences, global health, or health equity before DMD coursework begins;
6. Complete CHS Service-Learning experiential coursework before DMD coursework begins;
7. Score at least 440 on the DAT, after at most three (3) attempts by May of year 3;
8. Achieve a Z score greater than -1 on the Casper situational judgement test. Scores of -1 or below will require a satisfactory supplemental CDM interview and full committee review to progress;
9. Meet the CNU CDM Technical Standards;
10. Provide a letter of recommendation from the CNU CHS Health Professions Advising office;
11. Maintain good academic and professionalism standing; and
12. Submit an AADSAS application for validation of benchmark achievements.

In the event that any of the above criteria are not met, the student will lose conditional acceptance to CNU CDM. If a student loses standing with the BS-DMD Honors Track, they will be eligible to complete the BS Biomedical Sciences (BS BMS) degree at the CNU CHS. The student may also be eligible for the CNU CHS Pathways opportunities.

D. PHP Progression Requirements
Students admitted into the BSBMS PHP must comply with all general progression and BSBMS progression criteria and degree requirements as outlined above, and the following additional requirements, to earn an interview at the CNU graduate or professional schools of their choice:

1. Successfully complete all the prerequisite coursework for the colleges of their choice.

2. Earn the BSBMS degree at CHS prior to matriculation at the CNU graduate school or at a professional CNU school.
3. Maintain a cumulative GPA according to the table below, that includes all attempted college level coursework:

CNU Colleges/Programs	**Cumulative GPA**
CDM (College of Dental Medicine)	3.30
COM (College of Medicine)	3.50
COP (College of Pharmacy)	3.00
PSY (College of Psychology)	3.20
GRAD (Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences)	3.00
GRAD (Master of Healthcare Administration)	2.50

4. Maintain full-time enrollment status (12+ credits) each required semester while at CNUCHS. BSBMS students are not required to maintain full-time status during the summer term.
5. Submit a complete and verified application to the colleges of their choice, using the specific portal for each college (e.g. ADEA – Dental; AMCAS – Medicine; PharmCAS – Pharmacy; PSYCAS – Psychology; PharmGrad – Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences; HAMPCAS – Master of Healthcare Administration) by the deadline set by each college.
6. Submit a completed supplemental application (CDM, COM, COP, and Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences) as required, by the deadline set by each college.
7. Reach the minimum scores in the entrance exams for the following colleges:

CNU College	**Entrance Exam**	**Min. Score**
CDM	DAT Academic Average	19
	DAT Perceptual Ability	19
	CASPer exam	N/A
COM	MCAT	510
MHA*	GMAT, or	500
	GRE	320

* Master of Healthcare Administration

8. Satisfy all professional schools' technical standards, as published on CNU website.
9. Attend all CNUCHS Annual Summer Pathway preparation workshops while attending CNUCHS.
10. Participate in at least one professional or academic activity per year with the graduate or professional schools of their choice while at CNUCHS.
11. Satisfy all other admission requirements established by the graduate or professional schools of their choice.

Please note: Admission processes at CNUCHS and any other CNU colleges or graduate school are independent, and admission decisions are at the sole discretion of each college according to their own criteria and standards.
Earning an interview at a CNU professional or graduate school does NOT imply guaranteed

admission.

E. PHPB Pathways Progression Requirements

Students admitted into the Full- and Limited-PHPB Pathways must comply with all specific benchmarks as outlined below to earn an interview with CNU professional and graduate schools:

1. Successfully complete all the prerequisite coursework for the schools of their choice.
2. Maintain a cumulative GPA according to the table below while at CNUCHS:

CNU Colleges/Programs	CHS GPA
CDM (College of Dental Medicine)	3.30
COM (College of Medicine)	3.50
COP (College of Pharmacy)	3.00
PSY (College of Psychology)	3.20
GRAD (Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences)	3.00
GRAD (Master of Healthcare Administration)	2.50

3. Maintain full-time enrollment status (12+ credits) each semester while at CNUCHS.
4. Submit a complete and verified application to the colleges of their choice, using the specific portal for each college (e.g. ADEA – Dental; AMCAS – Medicine; PharmCAS – Pharmacy; PSYCAS – Psychology; PharmGrad – Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences; HAMPCAS – Master of Healthcare Administration) by the deadline set by each college.
5. Submit a completed supplemental application (CDM, COM, COP, and Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences) as required, by the deadline set by each college.
6. Reach the minimum scores in the entrance exams for the following colleges:

CNU College	Entrance Exam	Min. Score
CDM	DAT Academic Average	19
	DAT Perceptual Ability	19
	CASPer exam	N/A
COM	MCAT	510
MHA*	GMAT, or	500
	GRE	320

* Master of Healthcare Administration

7. Satisfy all professional schools' technical standards, as published on CNU website.
8. Attend all CNUCHS Annual Summer Pathway preparation workshops while attending CNUCHS.
9. Participate in at least one professional or academic activity per year with the graduate or professional schools of their choice while at CNUCHS.
10. Satisfy all other admission requirements established by the graduate or professional schools of their choice.

Please note: Admission processes at CNUCHS and any other CNU colleges or graduate school are independent, and admission decisions are at the sole discretion of each college according to their own criteria and standards.

Earning an interview at a CNU professional or graduate school does NOT imply guaranteed

admission.

F. BSN Progression Criteria and Degree Requirements
(CEC §94909(a)(5))
BSN students must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.7 per semester/term for satisfactory academic progression.

In order to satisfy graduation requirements, a minimum of 127 semester credit hours is required. Students must have completed all related natural science prerequisite coursework, 6 credit hours in communication skills, 4 credit hours in service-learning, and at least one hour of implicit bias training. All service-learning, NURS coded courses and upper division BSN degree required courses must be completed at CNUCHS.

Students must complete the required clinical hours, as defined by the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN), while at CNUCHS in the five following areas: geriatrics, medical-surgical, mental health/psychiatric nursing, obstetrics, and pediatrics.

BSN students must successfully complete all clinical and pre-professional practice requirements before moving into clinical classes/activities, such as background checks, drug screenings, immunizations, and any other tests or required activities mandated by laws and regulations, as well as by the college.

If a BSN student takes a Leave of Absence longer than one semester starting in Term 6 in the program or later, the student will need to demonstrate retention of clinical skills by assessment with faculty before being allowed to re-enroll.

BSN students must comply with all clinical course requirements and protocols as indicated in the course syllabus and college policies, including but not limited to CHS 3301 Clinical Practice Guidelines, CHS 3302 Clinical and Laboratory Dress Code, CHS 3303 Safe Clinical and Laboratory Practice, and CHS 3305 Confidentiality and Protection of Privacy.

Clinical course evaluation is based on a pass/no pass basis. The clinical course must be initially taken concurrently with its lecture companion course.

Behavior that jeopardizes patient safety is grounds for immediate removal from clinical environments and/or dismissal from the program. A student dismissed from a clinical placement for unsafe practice will not be eligible for readmission to the program until the review and appeal process has been completed.

A student who receives an Early Academic Alert notice must comply with all provisions indicated in the academic recovery agreement, as indicated in CHS 3127 Course Failure Remediation Policy.

A student who fails more than one NURS-coded course will be dismissed from the program.

Students who withdraw from a NURS-coded course due to pending failure will be marked WF (CHS 3106 Grading Convention Policy) and their grade will be considered as one of the two failures before final dismissal from the program. Re-entry, if allowed, will depend on seat availability. Progression in the program will be contingent upon successful completion of the course in which the WF grade was received.

VII. Tuition & Fees

All tuition, fees, expenses, and policies listed in this catalog are subject to change without notice by California Northstate University. In the tables below, Y1, Y2, Y3, and Y4 indicate the student's year in the program (e.g. Y1 is a first-year student; Y2 is a second-year student, etc.).

Tuition is charged on a full-time, semester basis. Generally, tuition and fees are charged to a student's account thirty (30) days prior to the start of each semester. The above is based on the assumption that a student will attend each semester on a full-time basis, which allows for a student to graduate after successfully completing four (4) years of coursework consisting of 120-125 semester credit hours, depending on concentration. Tuition and fees are due to be paid in full by 10 business days before the start of each semester, with the exception of Y1s (who should refer to the EA).

Out-of-state students are not charged additional fees or charges associated with vouching for student status.-Payment deadlines, loan obligations, refund calculations due to cancellation and withdraw, and the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) disclosures are located in FINANCIAL SERVICES & DISCLOSURES (page 219).

Cost of Attendance – Incoming Students

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Incoming Students: BSBMS SPRING 2027 STARTS

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences program at California Northstate University.

Tuition and Fees for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

Tuition & Fees	Amount	Class
Tuition - Year 1 - Spring 2027	$29,884	Y1
Tuition - Year 1 - Fall 2027	$31,380	Y1
Tuition - Year 2 - Spring 2028	$31,380	Y2
Tuition - Year 2 - Fall 2028	$32,322	Y2
Tuition - Year 3 - Spring 2029	$32,322	Y3
Tuition - Year 3 - Fall 2029	$33,291	Y3
Tuition - Year 4 - Spring 2030	$33,291	Y4
Tuition - Year 4- Fall 2030	$34,290	Y4
Student Association and Activity Fee	$200	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4
Technology Fee	$50	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4
Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) (nonrefundable)[5]	$0	Y1
Lab Fee	$700	Y1, Y2
Lab Fee	$400	Y3
Graduation Fees	$300	Y3
Orientation Fee	$75	Y1
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$100	Y1
Y1 Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year	**$62,389**	
Y2 Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year	**$64,652**	
Y3 Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year	**$66,563**	
Y4 Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year	**$67,831**	

Total estimated tuition & fees for the entire program is $261,435.

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs per Year[1]	Amount	Class
Health Insurance Premium[2]	$4,708	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4
MyRecordTracker Fee	$25	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4
Books and Supplies	$1,600	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4
Access to BluePrint for MCAT Preparation	$2,400	Y2
Laptop	$1,100	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4
Room and Board[3] (based on 12 months)	$21,696	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4
Transportation[3] (based on 12 months)	$3,000	Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4
Y1 Total Estimated Costs per Year[4]	**$94,518**	
Y2 Total Estimated Costs per Year[4]	**$99,181**	
Y3 Total Estimated Costs per Year[4]	**$98,692**	
Y4 Total Estimated Costs per Year[4]	**$99,960**	

[1] Costs a student may incur as part of participation in the applicable year of the program, whether or not paid directly to CNU.

[2] Optional, estimated, and subject to modification based on number of insured members.

[3] (Based on 12 months) Estimated amount of student's individual housing, transportation, and food costs, not operated or charged by CNUCHS.

[4] Includes tuition, fees, and other estimated educationally related costs.

[5] Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Incoming Students: BSBMS SUMMER/FALL 2027 STARTS

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences program at California Northstate University.

Tuition and Fees for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

Tuition & Fees	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
Tuition	$62,761	$64,644	$66,583	$68,580
Student Association and Activity Fee	$200	$200	$200	$200
Technology Fee	$50	$50	$50	$50
Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) (nonrefundable)[5]	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lab Fee	$700	$700	$400	$0
Graduation Fees	$0	$0	$300	$0
Orientation Fee	$75	$0	$0	$0
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$100	$0	$0	$0
Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year	**$63,886**	**$65,594**	**$67,533**	**$68,830**

Total estimated tuition & fees for the entire program is $265,843.

Estimated Other Educational Related Costs per year[1]	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
Health Insurance Premium[2]	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708
MyRecordTracker Fee	$25	$25	$25	$25
Books and Supplies	$1,600	$1,600	$1,600	$1,600
Access to BluePrint for MCAT Preparation	$0	$2,400	$0	$0
Laptop	$1,100	$1,100	$1,100	$1,100
Room and Board[3] (based on 12 months)	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696
Transportation[3] (based on 12 months)	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000
Total Estimated Costs per Year[4]	**$96,015**	**$97,723**	**$99,662**	**$100,959**

1 Costs a student may incur as part of participation in the applicable year of the program, whether or not paid directly to CNU.
2 Optional, estimated, and subject to modification based on number of insured members.
3 (Based on 12 months) Estimated amount of student's individual housing, transportation, and food costs, not operated or charged by CNUCHS.
4 Includes tuition, fees, and other estimated educationally related costs.

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Incoming Students: BS-MD SUMMER/FALL 2027

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences program at California Northstate University.

Tuition and Fees for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

Tuition & Fees	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
Tuition	$62,761	$64,644	$66,583	$68,580
Student Association and Activity Fee	$200	$200	$200	$200
Technology Fee	$50	$50	$50	$50
Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) (nonrefundable)[5]	$0	$0	$0	$0
Lab Fee	$700	$700	$400	$0
Graduation Fees	$0	$0	$300	$0
Orientation Fee	$75	$0	$0	$0
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$100	$0	$0	$0
MCAT Preparation Fees (for BS-MD Honors Track program only)	$0	$500	$2,399	$0
Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year for BS Biomedical Sciences Undergraduate Program	**$63,886**	**$65,594**	**$67,533**	**$68,830**
Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year for BS-MD Honors Track Program	**$63,886**	**$66,094**	**$69,932**	**$68,830**

Total estimated tuition and fees for the entire BS Biomedical Sciences undergraduate program is $265,843.

Total estimated tuition and fees for the entire BS-MD Honors Track program is $268,742.

Estimated Other Educational Related Costs per Year[1]	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4
Health Insurance Premium[2]	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708
MyRecordTracker Fee	$25	$25	$25	$25
Books and Supplies	$1,600	$1,600	$1,600	$1,600
Laptop	$1,100	$1,100	$1,100	$1,100
Room and Board[3] (based on 12 months)	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696
Transportation[3] (based on 12 months)	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000
Total Estimated Costs per Year for BS Biomedical Sciences Undergraduate Program[4]	**$96,015**	**$97,723**	**$99,662**	**$100,959**
Total Estimated Costs per Year for BS-MD Honors Track Program[4]	**$96,015**	**$98,223**	**$102,061**	**$100,959**

1 Costs a student may incur as part of participation in the applicable year of the program, whether or not paid directly to CNU.

2 Optional, estimated, and subject to modification based on number of insured members.

3 (Based on 12 months) Estimated amount of student's individual housing, transportation, and food costs, not operated or charged by CNUCHS.

4 Includes tuition, fees, and other estimated educationally related costs.

5 Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Incoming Students: PHPB SPRING 2027 STARTS

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureeate program at California Northstate University.

Pre-Health Post-Baccalaureate Program - Tuition & Fees per Year for 2027

Tuition and Fees for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

Tuition & Fees	Amount	Class
Tuition - Spring 2027	$23,228	PHPB
Tuition - Fall 2027	$23,925	PHPB
Student Tuition Recovery Fee (STRF) (nonrefundable)[5]	$0	PHPB
Technology Fee (Spring 2027 - nonrefundable upon start of instructions)	$50	PHPB
Scholar Activity Fee (Spring 2027 - nonrefundable upon start of instructions)	$100	PHPB
Orientation Fee (Spring 2027 - nonrefundable upon orientation)	$50	PHPB

Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$100	PHPB
Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year	**$47,453**	

Total estimated tuition & fees for the entire program is $47,453.

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs per Year[1]	Amount	Class
Health Insurance Premium[2]	$4,708	PHPB
Books and Supplies[3]	$1,000	PHPB
Access to BluePrint for MCAT Preparation	$2,400	PHPB
Room and Board[3] (based on 12 months)	$21,696	PHPB
Transportation[3] (based on 12 months)	$3,000	PHPB
Total Estimated Costs per Year[4]	**$80,257**	

1 Costs a student may incur as part of participation in the applicable year of the program, whether or not paid directly to CNU.

2 Optional, estimated, and subject to modification based on number of insured members.

3 (Based on 12 months) Estimated amount of student's individual housing, transportation, and food costs, not operated or charged by CNUCHS.

4 Includes tuition, fees, and other estimated educationally related costs.

5 Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Incoming Students: NON-DEGREE SEEKING SUMMER 2027, FALL 2027, SPRING 2028 STARTS

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Non-Degree Seeking program at California Northstate University.

Tuition and Fees for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

Tuition ($2,615 per unit of credit) Total Units:	$
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$100.00
Orientation Fee (nonrefundable upon session)	$75.00
Lab Fee (per course, nonrefundable upon first session)	$150.00
Technology Fee (nonrefundable upon first class session)	$50.00
Student Tuition Recovery Fee (STRF) (nonrefundable)[1]	$0.00
Total Tuition and Fees	$

1 Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

Cost of Attendance and Tuition and Fees for Incoming Students: BSN SPRING 2027, SUMMER 2027, FALL 2027 STARTS

The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. These educational expenses are calculated as described below and apply to all students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at California Northstate University.

BSN SPRING 2027 STARTS

Tuition and Fees for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

	Y1	Y2	Y3
Tuition	$50,000	$52,500	$55,125
Student Association & Activity Fee	$200	$200	$200
Technology Fee	$50	$50	$50
Lab Fee	$200	$200	$0
Simulation Lab Fee	$0	$350	$420
Student Liability Coverage	$0	$40	$40
Student Disability & Needle Stick Coverage	$200	$200	$200
Educational System Software Fee (including NCLEX Preparation Package)	$0	$2,189	$2,188
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$100	$0	$0
Orientation Fee	$100	$0	$0
Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF)[6]	$0	$0	$0
CPR Fee	$0	$60	$0
Graduation Fees[2]	$0	$0	$300
Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year[1]	**$50,850**	**$55,789**	**$58,523**

Total estimated tuition & fees for the entire program is $165,162.

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs per Year	Y1	Y2	Y3
Health Insurance Premium[3]	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708
MyClinicalWallet	$60	$0	$0
myClinicalExchange or Other Agency Mandated Placement Costs	$0	$40	$40
Nursing Uniform and Kit	$0	$350	$0
Books and Supplies	$1,000	$500	$500
TracPrac Fee	$0	$75	$75
Background Check/Drug Screening/Fingerprinting[7]	$0	$45	$200
Laptop	$1,100	$1,100	$1,100
Room and Board (based on 12 months)[4]	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696
Transportation (based on 12 months) [4]	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000
Total Estimated Costs per Year[5]	**$82,414**	**$87,303**	**$89,842**

1 Tuition, fees and charges are determined for the entire length of the program at the time of signing an Enrollment Agreement with CNU so long as state, federal and oversight fees do not change in any substantive way.

2 Covers diploma cover, transcripts, etc.

3 Optional, estimated, and subject to modification based on number of insured members.

[4] (Based on 12 months) Estimated amount of student's individual housing, transportation, and food costs, not operated or charged by CNUCHS.

[5] Includes tuition, fees, and other estimated educationally related costs.

[6] Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

[7] Agency mandated requirements for clinical placements based on site specifications may be required

BSN SUMMER 2027 STARTS

Tuition and Fees for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

	Y1	Y2	Y3
Tuition	$50,000	$52,500	$55,125
Student Association & Activity Fee	$200	$200	$200
Technology Fee	$50	$50	$50
Lab Fee	$200	$200	$0
Simulation Lab Fee	$0	$350	$420
Student Liability Coverage	$0	$40	$40
Student Disability & Needle Stick Coverage	$200	$200	$200
Educational System Software Fee (including NCLEX Preparation Package)	$0	$2,189	$2,188
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$100	$0	$0
Orientation Fee	$100	$0	$0
Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF)[6]	$0	$0	$0
CPR Fee	$0	$60	$0
Graduation Fees[2]	$0	$0	$300
Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year[1]	**$50,850**	**$55,789**	**$58,523**

Total estimated tuition & fees for the entire program is $165,162.

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs per Year	Y1	Y2	Y3
Health Insurance Premium[3]	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708
MyClinicalWallet	$60	$0	$0
myClinicalExchange or Other Agency Mandated Placement Costs	$0	$40	$40
Nursing Uniform and Kit	$0	$350	$0
Books and Supplies	$1,000	$500	$500
TracPrac Fee	$0	$75	$75
Background Check/Drug Screening/Fingerprinting[7]	$0	$45	$200
Laptop	$1,100	$1,100	$1,100
Room and Board (based on 12 months)[4]	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696
Transportation (based on 12 months) [4]	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000
Total Estimated Costs per Year[5]	**$82,414**	**$87,303**	**$89,842**

[1] Tuition, fees and charges are determined for the entire length of the program at the time of signing an Enrollment Agreement with CNU so long as state, federal and oversight fees do not change in any substantive way.

[2] Covers diploma cover, transcripts, etc.

[3] Optional, estimated, and subject to modification based on number of insured members.

[4] (Based on 12 months) Estimated amount of student's individual housing, transportation, and food costs, not operated or charged by CNUCHS.

[5] Includes tuition, fees, and other estimated educationally related costs.

[6] Effective April 1, 2024, the STRF assessment rate will change from two dollars and fifty cents ($2.50) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges to zero dollar ($0.00) per one thousand dollars ($1,000) of institutional charges.

[7] Agency mandated requirements for clinical placements based on site specifications may be required

BSN FALL 2027 STARTS

Tuition and Fees for the 2027-2028 Academic Year

	Y1	Y2	Y3
Tuition	$50,000	$52,500	$55,125
Student Association & Activity Fee	$200	$200	$200
Technology Fee	$50	$50	$50
Lab Fee	$200	$200	$0
Simulation Lab Fee	$0	$350	$420
Student Liability Coverage	$0	$40	$40
Student Disability & Needle Stick Coverage	$200	$200	$200
Educational System Software Fee (including NCLEX Preparation Package)	$0	$2,189	$2,188
Enrollment Agreement Fee (nonrefundable)	$100	$0	$0
Orientation Fee	$100	$0	$0
Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF)[6]	$0	$0	$0
CPR Fee	$0	$60	$0
Graduation Fees[2]	$0	$0	$300
Total Estimated Tuition & Fees per Year[1]	**$50,850**	**$55,789**	**$58,523**

Total estimated tuition & fees for the entire program is $165,162.

Estimated Other Optional Educational Related Costs per Year	Y1	Y2	Y3
Health Insurance Premium[3]	$4,708	$4,708	$4,708
MyClinicalWallet	$60	$0	$0
myClinicalExchange or Other Agency Mandated Placement Costs	$0	$40	$40
Nursing Uniform and Kit	$0	$350	$0
Books and Supplies	$1,000	$500	$500
TracPrac Fee	$0	$75	$75
Background Check/Drug Screening/Fingerprinting[7]	$0	$45	$200
Laptop	$1,100	$1,100	$1,100
Room and Board (based on 12 months)[4]	$21,696	$21,696	$21,696
Transportation (based on 12 months) [4]	$3,000	$3,000	$3,000
Total Estimated Costs per Year[5]	**$82,414**	**$87,303**	**$89,842**

[1] Tuition, fees and charges are determined for the entire length of the program at the time of

signing an Enrollment Agreement with CNU so long as state, federal and oversight fees do not change in any substantive way.

[2] Covers diploma cover, transcripts, etc.

[3] Optional, estimated, and subject to modification based on number of insured members.

[4] (Based on 12 months) Estimated amount of student's individual housing, transportation, and food costs, not operated or charged by CNUCHS.

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Please note:

Failure to comply with payment deadlines may result in:

- **A business hold on the student account.**
- **Student losing access to the Learning Management System (CANVAS).**
- **Student being prevented from registering for courses.**
- **Student being prevented from obtaining official transcripts.**

A. Student's Right to Cancel, Withdraw, and Refund

You have the right to cancel the Student Enrollment Agreement until 12:01 AM on the first calendar day after the first classroom instruction session attended, or until 12:01 AM on the seventh calendar day after a student has signed the Enrollment Agreement, whichever is later.

Cancellation shall occur when you give written notice of cancellation to the Admission Office at the University's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement. You can do this by hand delivery, email, facsimile, or mail. Written notice of cancellation sent by hand delivery, email, or facsimile is effective upon receipt by the University. Written notice of cancellation sent by mail is effective when deposited in the mail properly addressed with postage prepaid.

After the cancellation period described above, you have the right to withdraw from the University at any time. Withdrawal shall occur when you give written notice of withdrawal to the Registrar at the University's address shown at the top of the first page of the Enrollment Agreement. When withdrawing from the college/university, please complete the Official College Withdrawal form available from the Registrar's request form website: http://www.cnsu.edu/office-of-the-registrar/registrar-services. Do not use this form to indicate your intent to cancel your enrollment agreement.

For information on refund calculations due to cancellation or college withdrawal, please see the FINANCIAL SERVICES & DISCLOSURES on page 219 of this catalog.

B. Catalog, Performance Fact Sheet, and Website

Before signing the Student Enrollment Agreement, the prospective student is strongly urged to visit the University and College website at www.cnsu.edu, and to read and review the CNU General Catalog and School Performance Fact Sheet (SPFS). The SPFS contains important performance data for the institution. The Catalog contains important information and policies regarding this institution.

C. Scholarships

Merit Scholarships
CHS offers generous merit scholarships to qualified applicants for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences program ranging in value from $5,000-$10,000. There are three award levels: Scholastic Award, Dean Scholarship Award, and the President Scholarship Award. Incoming freshman will be evaluated using their weighted high school GPA, SAT, or ACT scores if available. The student will be awarded the highest level of scholarship possible in accordance with the criteria listed. The merit scholarships are awarded each academic year and the student must maintain the GPA requirements listed in the notification letter while enrolled at CHS to continue receiving the scholarship.

Continuing Student Need-Based Scholarship
The CSNB Scholarship is available in fall and spring terms to all current CNUCHS students (including PMPBs) not receiving the Merit Scholarships or the Nursing Scholarship. This scholarship serves to act as partial aid for current CNUCHS students who may need supplementary assistance during their time at CNUCHS. To be considered for a CSNB Scholarship, students must have a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00, be in good academic and conduct standing, and have attended at least one term as a CNUCHS full-time student at the time of the award. Awards range from **$500.00 to $3,000.00.** Awards are applied to tuition.

CHS Nursing Scholarship
The CNUCHS Nursing Scholarship recognizes the academic achievement and potential of students who will enhance the CNUCHS BSN program through academic excellence and campus community involvement. This scholarship is open to all students who have been accepted to the CNUCHS Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program who meet the required criteria The scholarship amount of $18,000 is awarded upon enrollment and renewed annually when students maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0, maintain full-time enrollment status, maintain good academic and conduct standing, and make satisfactory progress toward degree completion. The scholarship amount of $18,000, which is given as a tuition credit divided equally among the three academic terms.

Financial aid awards
Eligibility for student financial aid awards is determined based on enrollment status, satisfactory academic progress, and cost of attendance. Our programs define full-time enrollment at 12 semester credits, and half-time enrollment at 6 semester credits. A student must complete a minimum of 12 semester credits each academic year to be eligible to advance to the next grade level for purposes of student financial aid eligibility.

Enrollment Status
A student must be enrolled at least half-time each semester term to attain and/or maintain eligibility for student financial aid. A student enrolled less than half-time in a semester term will not be considered eligible for a student financial aid award in that term.

Satisfactory Academic Progression
Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements are used to ensure a student progresses through his/her program at a pace necessary to successfully complete the program with progression limits. A student must meet all SAP requirements to remain eligible for student financial aid. For details about SAP, see the CNU General Catalog.

Cost of Attendance
The cost of attendance is an estimate of expected educational expenses for a period of enrollment. California Northstate University utilizes the consumer expenditure survey data published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics to project the costs associated with other educationally related expenses (e.g.

room and board, transportation, etc.). The cost of attendance is the cornerstone of establishing a student's financial need, as it sets a limit on the total aid a student may receive for a given period of enrollment.

VIII. General Policies

A. Orientation and Course Registration

Mandatory orientation for new students is held during the days preceding the start of classes. Since attendance is mandatory, new students must notify the Office of Academic and Student Affairs if they are unable to attend scheduled orientation due to illness or emergency. Notification may be sent to chs.studentaffairs@cnsu.edu.

New student registration for classes requires:

All admission contingencies be fulfilled.

Financial aid clearance from the Financial Aid Office.

Completion of all new student paperwork.

Admission contingencies include a final, official high school transcript evidencing high school graduation, or equivalent, required immunizations, evidence of health insurance coverage, and any other institutional requirements.

New students must submit the *Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form* to the Office of Student Affairs by the end of Orientation. To make updates, a new form must be submitted to the Office of Student Affairs. New students should review their local, home, and billing contact information via the Student Portal and update as needed. It is the student's responsibility to maintain valid contact information throughout their enrollment at CNU. Instructions for accessing the Student Portal are sent by the CNU IT department to the student's CNU email address.

The Office of the Registrar requires submission of the Authorization to Release Student Records if a student desires to grant a personal third-party (such as a parent, spouse, etc.) access to his/her student record. Please refer to the Directory Information and Access to Student Records section of this catalog for more information.

The Registrar acting in conjunction with the Office of Academic and Student Affairs at CHS is responsible for managing course registration for incoming freshmen, non- degree seekers, transfer students, PHPB students, and continuing students.
Student registration calendar is based on the student standing classification as below:

Classification	Number of Credits
Freshmen	Less than 30
Sophomore	30 to 59 credits completed
Junior	60 to 89 credits completed
Senior	90+ credits completed
Non-degree seeker	N/A
PHPB	N/A
Transfer	25 credits or more completed

All CHS students will be pre-registered by the Office of Curriculum and Assessment, in conjunction to the Office of the Registrar, according to the curriculum plan.

There are certain courses that require approval from faculty and from the Office of Academic and Student Affairs with proper paperwork. Those courses are COLL 220 Service-Learning Practicum, COLL 490a Peer-Assistant Learning, COLL 490b Research Experience, COLL 490c Student Services Assistant, and MEDS 410 a and b Standardized Patient Clinical Experience. Registration forms for those courses can be found at the "CHS Academic and Student Affairs" CANVAS page.

Students with business, financial, or any other registration holds on their accounts will not be registered until the hold has been cleared. To be able to register for courses, students must be in compliance with all immunizations and health insurance requirements as indicated in this catalog. If not able to register during the registration period, students must submit an "Course Add/Drop Form" during the add/drop period as specified in the academic calendar. Form can be found at the "CHS Academic and Student Affairs" CANVAS page. Students who are not able to register for courses during the regular registration and during the add/drop periods cannot attend classes on that term. Please note that all students with business, financial, immunization, health insurance, or other registration holds on their account will lose access to the course management system (CANVAS) until the hold is removed.

B. Limitations to Registration

Course Registration at CNUCHS is regulated by CHS 3703 Student Standing Classification and Course Registration Policy. In addition to the limitations indicated above, students must be mindful of the following restrictions:

A minimum of 12 credit hours is required to be considered a full-time student.

A maximum of 20 credit hours is allowed per full 15-week term. During condensed summer session (10 weeks or less), when offered, a maximum of 10 credit hours is allowed.

When registering for any COLL 490 courses (a, b, or c) students must follow the maximum credit hours allowance as indicated in the table below:

COLL 490 (a, b, c) # of credit hours	**Max. credit hours allowance for other courses**
No Credit	17 Credit hours
1 Credit hour	17 Credit hours
2 Credit hours	16 Credit hours
3 Credit hours	15 Credit hours

When registering online, students must follow their curriculum plan to ensure proper course sequence and compliance with all degree requirements. Students are highly encouraged to see an academic advisor to discuss their registration each term.

C. Add/Drop and Withdrawal

Course Add/Drop and Withdrawal is governed by CHS 3128 Course Add/Drop and Withdrawal Policy.

Course Add/Drop:

Students are able to make minor adjustments in their course registration during the add/drop period at the beginning of each term. The add/drop period is included in the academic calendar. Courses dropped during the add/drop period will the record of class enrollment is removed from the transcript without

showing "W. To add or drop a course, students must note the conditions below:

- Students may only add or drop a course during the add and drop period by submitting an add/drop form via CANVAS Academic and Student Affairs page.
- Students who submitted an add/drop form must not stop or start attending a course until the add/drop chance is effectively reflected in their student portal.
- Approval for an add or for a drop is not automatic or guaranteed and may be denied.
- Students may add up to four and drop up to four courses per term (two in a condensed summer term).
- Students cannot add or drop the same course more than once per term.

Faculty sponsored courses (COLL 490a, b, c) and courses that require community service placement (COLL 220) cannot be added or dropped during the add/drop period. They require a petition to the course instructor and approval from the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

Course Withdrawal:
After the add/drop period, students may withdraw from a course until the end of the 10th week of classes (5th week in a condensed summer term). Course withdrawal is documented by a course grade of "W" or "WF" with no credit noted in the transcript. A grade of WF indicates that the student had a failing grade at the withdrawn date (CHS 3106 Grading Convention Policy).

When withdrawing from a course, a student must complete a "Course Withdrawal Form" available at the CANVAS Academic and Student Affairs page or on the CNSU website and submit directly to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, in person, or via email (academicaffairs.chs@cnsu.edu).

Students are limited to a maximum of four course withdrawals during their tenure at CNUCHS. Please note that course withdrawal may increase the time of completion to graduation.

D. Evidence of Health Insurance and Immunization Requirements
All CNUCHS students are required to maintain health insurance while enrolled at the college and must provide health insurance evidence of coverage. Evidence must be from a current provider or MediCal to include dates of coverage. Health insurance cards are NOT acceptable. The expiration date should be the final date of coverage or July 31st of the following year, whichever comes first. Students MUST upload their proof of health insurance coverage into MyRecordTracker (MRT) for BSBMS or PHPB students and Clinical Wallet (CW) for BSN students, no later than the first day of class. The Office of Student Affairs manages MRT and CW at the college level and is able to help students with any difficulties uploading their health insurance and immunization documentation.

Please note: If a student fails to meet the requirement of providing evidence of health insurance coverage by the deadline set by CNU, the student will be automatically enrolled in the CNU Student Health Plan. ONCE ENROLLED, THE ENROLLMENT FEE IS NOT REFUNDABLE.

To Help students meet the health insurance requirement, CNU offers a student health plan through United Healthcare. The policy allows full-time students and their dependents to have continuous health coverage throughout the year. Students who have other current health insurance and have uploaded proof of insurance into My Record Tracker (MRT) or Clinical Wallet (CW), may opt out of the United Healthcare plan by completing an online waiver at United Healthcare Student Resources page. Submitting a waiver must be done annually, before the annual deadline, and is only valid for the current academic year. Students who do not submit an approved waiver before the annual deadline will automatically be charged for the yearly insurance premium. There are no refunds or cancellations after the deadline. Please contact

CNUCHS Office of Student Affairs for more information.

All CHS students must submit the required immunization documentation through a third party vendor prior to the start of classes. Students who are enrolled in the BSN program will have additional requirements for immunizations and skill certificates that must be uploaded into the third-party system. Failure to do so will prevent a BSN student from participating in the required clinical training necessary to complete their degree.
The following vaccinations are required for all CHS students prior to the first day of class:

- Varicella (Chicken Pox)
- Tuberculosis
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, & Pertussis (TDAP)
- Meningococcal Vaccine
- Measles, Mumps & Rubella (MMR)
- Hepatitis B
- COVID-19 Vaccination (MANDATORY FOR BSN STUDENTS, waiver is permitted ONLY for Non-BSN students)
- Health Insurance Coverage

The following vaccinations and certificates are required for all BSN Students:
Prior to the first day of class (Term 1):

- Technical Standards Form (See Attached Technical Standards)
- Health Insurance Card

Prior to the first day of class Term 4:

- HIPPA Certificate
- Drug Screening
- Background Check
- Further Vaccinations as required by clinical partners

Prior to the first day of class Term 5:

- American Heart Association BLS CPR Card

E. Delivery of Instruction

Address Where Instruction Will Be Provided
Class sessions are conducted at the CNUCHS Rancho Cordova campus located at 2910 Prospect Park Drive and 2920 Prospect Park Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 and 9700 West Taron Drive, Elk Grove, CA 95757. Experiential education and service-learning activities are conducted at assigned locations and community sites as established by agreement among the student, and College. BSN students have some of their clinical instruction off campus at selected clinical placement sites.

F. Instruction/Course Delivery
(5, CCR §71810(b)(3) (5, CCR §71810(b)(4)) (5, CCR §71810(b)(5))
The College of Health Sciences utilizes a variety of active learning pedagogical approaches within a classroom setting and through integrated research and teaching. CNUCHS utilizes CANVAS as a Learning Management System and many additional resources to augment learning are posted on CANVAS by course instructors.
All courses are delivered in English and English language services are not provided.

G. Disability Accommodations

Any student requiring disability assistance may apply for services through the CNUCHS Office of Student Affairs. The college is committed to promoting equal access to programs and facilities, thereby ensuring that students with disabilities experience the opportunity to participate fully in all academic experiences. Specialized services and academic accommodations are provided to meet the individual needs of students with disabilities to help them to achieve successful completion of their degree or course of study.

Students with disabilities, whether hidden or visible, who wish to seek special accommodations must make a request for accommodations in writing and submit appropriate documentation listed in this section. If the disability develops during the school year and accommodations are requested, the student must notify the Director of Student Affairs in writing as soon as they become aware of the disability. The Director of Student Affairs serves as the advisor to students with disabilities and as a liaison between students with disabilities and the faculty.

Eligibility for Services

The federal definition of "disability" encompasses a physical or mental impairment which substantially limits one or more major life activities such as walking, breathing, seeing, hearing, learning, working, and performing manual tasks.

Types of Disabilities

Some common types of disabilities include, but are not limited to, physical disabilities, learning disabilities, psychiatric disabilities, and attention deficit hyperactivity disorders (ADHD).

Students Responsibility

Students enrolled at CNU are required to self-identify if they are seeking services on the basis of a disability. Students are required to meet with the Director of Student Affairs for an initial intake and are required to provide appropriate documentation of the disability. Students must provide documentation, at the student's expense, of the disability before the provision of services is reviewed. Since medical conditions change reapplication for accommodation services must be submitted annually and may require submission of updated documentation.

Documentation Guidelines

Both medical and functional elements of disability must be explicitly documented on CHS special Accommodations/Disability Verification form. Additional documentation must be printed on appropriate letterhead and prepared by a qualified health care provider who has professional training and practice to diagnose and treat the impairment that led to the disability.

Documentation of the disability should include, but is not limited to:

- A diagnostic statement identifying the disability
- Date of the current diagnostic evaluation (must be within the past three (3) years)
- Date of the original diagnosis
- A description of the diagnostic criteria used
- A description of the current functional impact of the disability
- Treatments and medications, assistive devices currently prescribed or in use
- A description of the expected progression or stability of the disability over time
- Specific recommendations for accommodations and an explanation of why each recommendation is needed
- Impact the disability has on specific major life activities
- Credentials of the diagnosing professional

- In addition to the above documentation, students are required to submit additional documentation based on the specific disability.

Documentation Guidelines for Learning Disabilities
Students applying for services and accommodations on the basis of a learning disability should fill out the CHS Special Accommodations/Disability Verification form and submit a comprehensive report of a psycho-educational assessment performed by a licensed psychologist. The assessment, should contain the following:

- A complete intellectual assessment with all subtests and standard scores reported.
- A comprehensive academic achievement battery with subtests, standard scores, current levels of academic functioning in reading, mathematics, and oral and written language.
- Short and long-term memory, sequential memory, auditory and visual processing, processing speed, executive functioning, and motor ability.
- A clinical summary of the supported judgment of the health care provider conducting the assessment justifying the diagnosis and suggested accommodations that would be appropriate to strengthen the students relative learning deficits.

Students applying for services and accommodations on the basis of a psychiatric disability should fill out the CHS Special Accommodations/Disability Verification form and submit a comprehensive report completed by a psychiatrist or licensed psychologist who has experience diagnosing and treating the student's condition. The assessment should include the following:

- DSM-IV diagnosis.
- Psychological test(s) and all scores used to support the diagnosis.
- Medications needed, side effects affecting academic performance, and compliance with the therapeutic plan.
- Any accommodation(s) that may jeopardize therapeutic interventions.

Students applying for services and accommodations on the basis of ADD/ADHD should fill out the CHS Special Accommodations/Disability Verification form and submit a comprehensive report of a psycho-educational assessment performed by a psychiatrist, licensed psychologist, and/or licensed medical doctor who has expertise in diagnosing and treating ADD/ADHD. The assessment should include the following:

- DSM-IV diagnosis.
- Description of supporting past and present symptoms.
- Summary of assessment procedures.
- Fluctuating symptoms and prognosis.
- Medications needed, side effects affecting academic performance.
- Recommendations for reasonable accommodations.

Recommendations for Accommodations
The student's request for accommodation will be assessed by the Director of Student Affairs who will determine eligibility for available services and accommodation. Approval of the recommendations requested are based on the diagnostic report submitted by an appropriate health care provider rather than the student's request alone. Prior history of accommodations does not guarantee provisions of a similar accommodation. Accommodations are not retroactive and begins only after appropriate documentation is received and a reasonable time for accommodation development exists. Once registered, the Director of Student Affairs will work collaboratively with the student and faculty to provide the best reasonable accommodation for the student to achieve academic success.

Disability Services and Accommodations

Academic Accommodations include but are not limited to:

- Extended exam times
- Exams in distraction-free environment

H. Research Instruction

CNUCHS embeds research in its BSBMS curriculum from the very first day. The Freshmen Research Experience is part of the core curriculum. Students enrolled in freshman biology and chemistry participate in original research projects during the entire first year of course work. The project is called the Interdisciplinary Science Learning and Novel Discovery (ISLaND) project and is a cross disciplinary innovation where student teams research the relationship between organismal health and environmental variables within a local ecosystem. This is an embedded research experience in the curriculum and all BSBMS Freshmen students are required to participate. ISLaND represents the first formal research experience for all students at CHS, in their freshman year.

All BSBMS students are required to take COLL 310 Research Methods (a degree requirement) to prepare for other research experiences within the college. This course serves as a foundation for COLL 320 Scholarly Project, which focuses on the language, ethics, approaches, and challenges of the research process. COLL 320 is also a BSBMS degree requirement and is a research experience (3 units) in which students engage with faculty members in specific research activities designed to enhance students' research experience. Students will work in collaborative course-based teams to further develop research projects with assigned faculty mentors.

BSN students participate in a capstone research course in the final semester of the curriculum. This course facilitates development in the scholarship of nursing.

In addition, students can participate in structured research experience with individual faculty members, following an apprenticeship model in which a faculty acts as a mentor (COLL 490b Research Experience). Students can enroll in COLL 490b either for credit (1 – 3) or no credit. Only two (2) credits will count towards upper division credit requirements for graduation.

I. Community Service-learning

Service-learning is a critical learning component that CHS requires of all undergraduate students. CHS offers a unique approach that includes academic studies, experiential learning, and professional development that leads to meaningful work in the community.

J. Learning and Library Resources

(5, CCR §71740 and §71810(b)(10))

The CNU Learning Resource Center is available for students, faculty, and staff. It is located at the Elk Grove campus and houses the library collection and provides space for individual and group study. This program includes an initial 5000 square feet of space devoted to the following resources:

- Library Facility and Collection
- Computer resources
- Interlibrary Loan Program

CNUCHS Library Facility

The library facility is located on the 2nd floor in Building 2910 and provides a quiet space for study. The CHS Library is managed and operated by a health sciences librarian. The librarian provides training and consultation to students and faculty on how to access effective information and efficiently use electronic resources. The librarian works to update, maintain, and operate electronic systems in the resource center. The library subscribes to over 1,000 scholarly electronic journals. These resources can be found at https://www.cnsu.edu/library/ .

CNUCHS Library Computer System

A designated area of the learning resource center is dedicated as a computer lab in Room 107 in Building

2910. Computers in the lab are available to students, and they can access electronic resources as well as electronic library materials. Additionally, the lab provides students with general PC software, access to the Internet, and the ability to print desired materials.

Library Collection Interlibrary Loan Program
The library subscribes to over 1,000 scholarly electronic journals. With the large number of colleges and universities in the Northern California and across the United States, CNUCHS is developing affiliation agreements with the libraries at other institutions to facilitate interlibrary loans. Please see the librarian for details.

K. Address Where Instruction Will Be Provided
Didactic, laboratory, and simulation class sessions are held at:

CNU College of Health Sciences
2910 and 2920 Prospect Park Drive
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

Experiential learning and clinical sessions are held at various partner locations in the greater Sacramento region.
(CEC §94909(a)(4))

CNUCHS does not offer career placement services.

IX. Academic and Student Affairs Policies

IMPORTANT!

This Catalog provides a general summary of CNUCHS Academic Policies. Students must consult the full policies in the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

A. Academic Calendar and Curriculum Plans

The academic calendar and the curriculum plans are important academic resources for students, since they bring all critical academic dates and course sequence that allow for the students to stay organized, meet deadlines, and comply with all degree requirements.

In the Academic Calendar, all major academic events and deadlines are outlined. It covers the length of an entire academic year, consisting of three full academic terms: Summer, Fall, and Spring. At CNUCHS, the academic year starts with the summer term each year and consists of three 15 + 1 -week terms. The Academic Calendar covers important deadlines such as the mandatory orientation and townhall meetings, deadlines for add, drop and withdraw from courses, final exams periods, date final grades are due, grade appeal deadlines, and graduation dates.

Each degree program, pathways, and PHPB curriculum has its own dedicated curriculum plan. A curriculum plan is a roadmap that students take to fulfill the requirements for a degree or to apply for professional schools. The curriculum plan outlines the timeline in which the student must take the necessary courses and the sequence in which the courses must be taken. The curriculum plan provides the student with the expected course load for each academic term. It keeps the student on track, provides a balanced schedule, and avoids the student taking unnecessary courses or delaying required ones. Students must strictly follow the curriculum plan and, if any change is desirable, it must be made in consultation with our academic advising team. **Course enrollment is not guaranteed if the student deviates from the curriculum plan**. The Academic Calendar and Curriculum Plans are available on the CNSU website and the CANVAS Academic and Student Affairs page.

Academic Calendar 2026-2027

SUMMER 2026

Summer Term: 05/04/2026 – 08/20/2026

Event	Start Date	End Date	Day
Orientation (New Students)	04/30/2026	05/01/2026	Thursday & Friday
Academic Session Begins	05/04/2026		Monday
Mandatory Student Townhall	05/14/2026		Thursday
Course Add/Drop Deadline	05/15/2026		Friday
Course Withdraw Deadline	07/10/2026		Friday
Last Day of Instruction	08/14/2026		Friday
Final Exams	08/17/2026	08/20/2026	Monday – Thursday
Final Grades Due	08/24/2026		Monday
Last Day for Grade Appeal	09/01/2026		Tuesday

FALL 2026

Fall Semester: 08/31/2026 – 12/17/2026

Event	Start Date	End Date	Day
Orientation (New Students)	08/27/2026	08/28/2026	Thursday & Friday
Academic Session Begins	08/31/2026		Monday
Mandatory Student Townhall	09/10/2026		Thursday
Course Add/Drop Deadline	09/11/2026		Friday
Course Withdraw Deadline	11/06/2026		Friday
Last Day of Instruction	12/11/2026		Friday
Final Exams	12/14/2026	12/17/2026	Monday - Thursday
Final Grades Due	12/21/2026		Monday
Last Day for Grade Appeal	12/28/2026		Monday

SPRING 2027

Spring Semester: 01/05/2027 – 04/23/2027

Event	Start Date	End Date	Day
Orientation (New Students)	01/03/2027	01/04/2027	Sunday and Monday
Academic Session Begins	01/05/2027		Tuesday
Mandatory Student Townhall	01/14/2027		Thursday
Course Add/Drop Deadline	01/15/2027		Friday
Course Withdraw Deadline	03/12/2027		Friday
Research Day / Service-Learning Showcase	04/15/2027		Thursday
Last Day of Instruction	04/19/2027		Monday
Final Exams	04/20/2027	04/23/2027	Tuesday-Friday
Final Grades Due	04/27/2027		Tuesday
Last Day for Grade Appeal	05/04/2027		Tuesday
Graduation Clearance Day	04/16/2027		Friday
Graduation Ceremony	05/15/2027		Saturday

UNIVERSITY HOLIDAYS

Holiday	Date
Memorial Day	05/25/2026
Juneteenth	06/19/2026
Independence Day	07/03/2026
Labor Day	09/07/2026
Thanksgiving	11/26 - 11/27/2026

Holiday	Date
Martin Luther King Day	01/18/2027
President's Day	02/15/2027

B. Course Repeat and Course Placement
Course repeat is governed by CHS 3129 Course Repeat Policy; placement for first-year courses is governed by the CHS3122 Placement for First-Year Courses Policy; transfer of credits is governed by CHS 3204 Transfer Student Enrollment and Evaluation of Transfer Credit Policy.

Course Repeat
Students may only repeat a course in which they have received a grade of D, F, or WF. CNUCHS does not allow a student to repeat a previously passed course with a grade of "C" or better under the premise of improving the course grade. CHS 3129 Course Repeat Policy governs the topic.

BSBMS students may repeat a course up to two times while BSN students may repeat a course only once. If a BSBMS student wants to repeat a course for the second time, they need to petition to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs with documentation supporting an extenuating circumstance that may have caused the student to fail the course for the second time. If the second repeat is granted, the Office of Academic and Student Affairs will authorize the registration for a second course repeat. Please note that there is no exception for allowing a student to repeat a course a third time.

There is a maximum of 24 credits any student may repeat throughout their tenure at CNUCHS. If a student fails a course after having taken the 24 credit allowance, the student will be blocked from progressing towards the degree at CNUCHS.

Failed (D, F grades) and withdrawn failed (WF grade) courses with course IDs MATH, BIOL, CHEM, NURS, and PHYS may be repeated only at CNUCHS and must be taken the next time it is offered and seats are available. Courses other than the ones mentioned in this paragraph require authorization from the Office of Academic and Student Affairs to be taken outside CNUCHS (CHS 3131 Taking Pre-Approved Extramural Courses and Academic Remediation and Graduation Policy); such courses, when authorized, may satisfy degree requirements, but the CNUCHS course grade and GPA remain unchanged.

Once a student repeats a previously failed course at CNUCHS, the original grade is replaced with the new course grade and the GPA is recalculated. Failed course notation remains in the transcript and is marked as "Repeated" (R).

Course Placement Freshmen and transfer students enrolling at CNUCHS will take course placement diagnostic tests in English and Mathematics. Students will undergo academic advising and course placement based on their performance on the placement test as indicated in this policy.

1. CNUCHS accepts AP/IB results as elective credits only for English and mathematics, as indicated in CHS 3203 Advanced Placement (AP) & International Baccalaureate (IB) Credit Evaluation Policy.

2. First time college students and transfer students enrolling at CNUCHS who have approved English and/or mathematics equivalent credits to be transferred are not subjected to take the placement diagnostic tests. CNUCHS accepts equivalent courses that have been taken within five (5) years, as per CHS 3204 Transfer Student Enrollment and Evaluation of Transfer Credit Policy.

3. Freshmen and transfer students enrolling at CNUCHS who have no approved English and/or mathematics equivalent credits to be transferred will complete course placement diagnostic tests in English and/or mathematics before or during orientation, prior to the first day of classes. Placement diagnostic tests result keys are depicted in the table below:

Subject	Placement Test Result	Action
English	70% or above	Register in ENGL 110 English Communication
	69% and below	Register in ENGL 110 and ENGL 110L
Mathematics	70% or above	May register in MATH 130 Diff. & Integral Calculus
	69% and below	Must take MATH 125 Pre-calculus

4. Both English and Mathematics placement diagnostic tests will be designed and administered under the responsibility of the Office of Curriculum and Assessment. The Office of Curriculum and Assessment must publish specific procedures to operationalize the tests administration in consultation with the CNUCHS Assessment Committee.

5. Test results must be communicated to the student within 24 hours.

6. The Office of Curriculum and Assessment will provide the Office of Academic and Student Affairs with the official results of all diagnostic tests no later than the first day of class.

7. The Office of Academic and Student Affairs will make sure all students are registered in the right classes according to the placement diagnostic tests results, no later than 24 hours after receiving the tests results.

8. Students who fail to take the tests will be compulsorily registered in ENGL 110, ENGL 110L, and/or MATH 125 as indicated in Table 1.

9. Once the test day(s) and time(s) is scheduled before the start of classes there is no opportunity to take the tests on a different day or time, however special accommodations for testing may be granted by the Office of Student Affairs.

10. There is no opportunity for the students to re-take the course placement diagnostic exams, under any circumstances.

11. Students may appeal the results of the course placement diagnostic exams to the Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs within 5 days from the test date. Only appeals related to content aspects of questions, with supporting documentation, will be considered. No appeal for personal reasons or circumstances will be considered.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

The maximum allowance for transfer credits varies according to the degree program but no more than sixty (60) course credit hours from other regionally accredited institutions and/or AP and IB hours can be transferred to CNUCHS.

College-level Credits

CNUCHS may consider transfer of credits for certain college-level courses taken at regionally accredited 2- or 4-year institutions of higher education. Guidelines for evaluation of transfer credits are regulated by the CHS 3204 Transfer Student Enrollment and Evaluation of Transfer Credit Policy. Please see Section V Admission to the College of Health Sciences, Sub-section B General Eligibility Requirements, Item 2 Guidelines for Evaluation of Transfer Credits.

CNUCHS does not accept any upper division courses to be transferred, nor any credit for prior experiential learning.

C. Taking Extramural Courses for Transfer
CHS 3131 Taking Pre-Approved Extramural Courses for Remediation and Graduation Policy governs all requirements and conditions that regulate the authorization processes for the transfer of credits to be taken outside of CNUCHS.

Once registered as a CNUCHS student, transfer of credits must be previously approved by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs. Students interested in taking extramural courses must fill a "Transient Student Credit Request" form (available at the Academic and Student Affairs CANVAS page) and submit to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs for approval, which may take up to 10 business days, and the decision is final, not subjected to appeal.

Courses taken outside CNUCHS without prior approval from the Office of Academic and Student Affairs while enrolled at CNUCHS or while on leave of absence, will not be accepted for transfer by CNUCHS.

A registered student must have a minimum cumulative CNUCHS GPA of 2.0 and be in good standing with the college when requesting authorization to take courses outside CNUCHS.

Courses with IDs BIOL, CHEM, MATH, NURS, and PHYS are not allowed to be taken outside of CNUCHS, and as such are not allowed to be requested to be part of a "Transient Student Credit Request" form. See CHS 3131 Taking Pre-approved Extramural Courses for Academic Remediation and Graduation Policy, and CHS 3129 Course Repeat Policy.

Enrollment status (full-time/part-time) is determined by CNUCHS credits attempted only.

D. Credit Hour, Grading Convention, and GPA Calculation

Credit Hour

One credit hour is the amount of work that represents one hour of direct instructional activities per week ("in-class" time), plus a reasonable approximation of a minimum of two and a maximum of three hours of preparation/homework (outside-class" time) per week over a 15-week term (CHS 3117 Credit Hour Policy).

For didactic/lecture courses, one credit hours is equivalent to one hour lecture with two-minute recess per week for a duration of 15 weeks. For laboratory and experiential learning courses, one credit hour is assigned per three 55-minute hours each week of student time spent in this activity. For clinical courses/activities, one credit hour is assigned for each 48 hours spent in clinical activities over the course of 16 weeks.

CNUCHS adopts the semester-based criteria (15-week of instruction, one week for final exams; 16 weeks for clinical experiences) for assigning credit hours. Any credit transferred from an institution who adopts the quarter system will be converted considering 1 quarter-system credit equals to 2/3 (0.66) of a semester credit.

CHS 3117 Credit Hour Policy governs the assignment of credit hours within the college.

Grading Convention
(5, CCR §71810(b)(8))

CHS 3106 Grading Convention Policy regulates grade assignment to students.

All courses are assigned student performance grades by the teaching faculty, according to the following grade point and letter grade convention:

Grade Point Equivalent	Letter Grade & Definition		Score %
4.00	A+	Outstanding	97-100%
4.00	A	Excellent	94 - 96%
3.70	A-	Very good	90 – 93%
3.30	B+	Commendable	87 - 89%
3.00	B	Good	84 - 86%
2.70	B-	Fair	80 – 83%
2.30	C+	Satisfactory	75 - 79%
2.00	C	Pass	70 - 74%
1.00	D	Unsatisfactory	60 - 69%
0.00	F	Fail	< 60%
Incomplete	I	Incomplete	n/a
Withdraw	W	Withdraw	n/a
Withdraw Failing	WF	Withdraw Failing	n/a
Audit	X	Audit	n/a
Pass	P	Passes Course	≥ 70%
No Pass	NP	Not Passing Course	< 70%

Each course syllabus defines the criteria for grade assignment and follows the grading convention above.

Please note: CNUCHS does not allow any course instructor to "grade on a curve".
CNUCHS does not offer the student a grade choice such as letter grade or pass/no pass. Courses with letter grade cannot be changed to pass/no pass and vice-versa.

Only final grades can be rounded up, and they can only be rounded up at 0.50% and above by one hundredth of a decimal point. For example, grades of 69.50% and above will be rounded up to 70%. A grade of 69.49% and below will not be rounded up to the next integer.

Pass/No Pass
A course grade of "P" (Passing Course) will be recorded on student transcripts when students take a course on a Pass/No Pass basis. A "P" grade indicates that the student achieved 70% or higher in the course. A course grade of "NP" (Not Passing Course) indicates that the student earned less than 70% in the course. Courses taken on a P/NP basis will count toward the total hours earned but will not be used to satisfy degree/program completion. Courses with a P/NP grade from another institution cannot be transferred to CNUCHS. "P/NP" grades are not calculated into the GPA, thus, have no effect on the term or cumulative GPA. Undergraduate and PHPB students may take only 10% of their courses with a P/NP grading option approximately 12 credit hours for undergraduate students and 2-3 credit hours for PMPB students.

A course grade of "P" (Pass) is to be placed on the transcript in lieu of an "A-F" letter grade in cases where the course is not required for degree completion and the student earns 70% or higher in the course.

A course grade of "NP" (No Pass) is to be placed on the transcript in lieu of an "A-F" letter grade in cases where the course is not required for degree completion and the student earns less than 70% in the course.

Incomplete Grade
A course grade of "I" (Incomplete) may be recorded on the student transcript in cases where extenuating circumstances prevent a student from completing assignments or exams by the end of an academic term. Granting a grade of "I" is at the discretion of the instructor of the course and is subjected to the approval of the Dean of Academic and Student Affairs. Students must request an incomplete grade directly to the course instructor within two weeks of the extenuating circumstance by submitting an Incomplete Grade form. The form is available on the CANVAS Academic and Student Affairs page.

If the course instructor approves of the granting of an "I" grade for the course, they will finalize the Incomplete Grade Form and send it to the Dean of Academic and Student Affairs for approval. If the Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs approves the incomplete, the "I" is then transmitted to the Registrar by the grade submission deadline and the "I" is noted on the transcript for the corresponding course. Note that neither the student nor the course instructor should send the Incomplete Grade Form directly to the Registrar, without the approval from the Dean of Academic and Student Affairs.

Removal of the "I" grade from the transcript is contingent upon the completion of missed assignments and exams within 21 days after the final grades were submitted. Failure to complete the coursework within the 21-day extension period will result in automatic conversion of "I" to the previously calculated grade for the course.

GPA Calculation
The running and final grade point average (GPA) is calculated according to the following formula where C_1 = credit hours of Course1 and GP_1 = grade points of Course1, etc.:
GPA = $\{(C_1 \times GP_1) + (C_2 \times GP_2) + \ldots + (C_n \times GP_n)\} \div$ (Total Credit Hours)

Note that GPAs recorded on semester grade reports and transcripts are calculated on the basis of grade point credits only from courses taken at CNU. Scores from Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and college level courses reported and/or transferred as credits toward the CNU degree are listed on the transcript but are not included in the GPA calculation.

E. Academic and Degree Honors
Undergraduate students who earn 12 or more graded semester hours during a semester in residence at CNUCHS can qualify for term honors. The honor is noted on the transcript for the term it is earned.

- **President's List:** Term GPA of 3.75 or higher
- **Dean's List:** Term GPA of 3.50 or higher

Students who complete the BS degree requirements with specified CHS grade point averages (GPAs) will have an Honors designation placed on their transcripts. Coursework completed at other institutions are not considered in calculating degree honors. The requirements for graduating with honors are as follows:

- Summa Cum Laude: 3.80 – 4.00 GPA
- Magna Cum Laude: 3.65 – 3.79 GPA
- Cum Laude: 3.50 – 3.64 GPA

Course Auditing
A course grade of "X" (Audit) will be recorded on a student transcript when a student has been granted permission to audit a course and enrolls in the course. "X" notations have no grade point value. Students are charged tuition for courses taken as audit. Students may only audit one course per semester and a total of only two courses in their time in the College.

CNU students may audit lecture courses (i.e., attend lectures without receiving credit or calculated grade)

only with advance permission of the Dean of Academic and Student Affairs. The instructor will inform the student of the amount of participation that is expected in the course. Laboratory, clinical, experiential learning, and NURS-coded courses cannot be audited. The responsibility of course instructors is to first meet the needs of officially registered students. Faculty are not obligated to review work submitted by course auditors.

F. Grade Appeal and Grade Change

Grade appeal is regulated by CHS 3120 Course Grade Appeal Policy, while CHS 3121 Course Grade Change Policy regulates grade changes.

Course Grade Appeal:

Students are permitted to appeal a final course grade only if:

- the assigned course grade is inaccurate based on calculation error by the course instructor(s), or;
- the assigned grade was calculated based on unpublished criteria, not indicated in the course syllabus, or;
- the assigned grade was based on procedures inconsistent with specific course, college, or university policies.

To appeal from a final grade, students must fill out a "Course Grade Appeal Form" (available at the CANVAS Academic and Student Affairs page) and follow strictly the process below:

- Students must communicate with faculty regarding the grade appeal within five (5) business days from the day final grades are posted, as per the academic calendar. Communication must be through email, with the Course Grade Appeal Form attached. Faculty has up to five (5) business days to respond to the student from the day they received the grade appeal.
- If not satisfied, student may appeal to the Department Chair within five (5) business days from the receipt of the faculty response. Faculty response and the original Course Grade Appeal Form must be submitted to the Department Chair. The Department Chair has up to five (5) business days to respond to the student from the day the grade appeal is received.
- If not satisfied, students may appeal to the Dean of Academic and Student Affairs within five (5) business days from the receipt of the Department Chair response. Department Chair and faculty responses, and the original Course Grade Appeal Form must be submitted to the Associate Dean. The Dean has up to ten (10) business days to respond to the student from the day the grade appeal is received.
- If still not satisfied, students may appeal to the Dean of the College within five (5) business days from the receipt of the Dean of Academic and Student Affairs response. Dean of Academic and Student Affairs, Department Chair, and faculty responses, as well as the original Course Grade Appeal Form must be submitted to the Dean of Academic and Student Affairs. The Dean has up to five (5) business days to respond to the student from the day the grade appeal is received. Dean's decision is final.

Students filing a grade appeal must provide all the following information attached to the Course Grade Appeal Form:

- A description of their attempt at resolution of the grade dispute with all instances as applicable (Faculty, Department Chair, Associate Dean of Academic and Student Affairs).
- Evidence of graded assignments and any other relevant materials that support the dispute.
- Decisions on grade appeals, at all levels, are based on evidence, not on feelings. Please be professional and do not include any personal statements that are negative or disrespectful.

Course Grade Change:

Course grade changes are permissible only under the following circumstances:

- When a faculty member has issued a grade of Incomplete (I) and the course has subsequently been completed. The "I" grade can be changed to the grade earned.
- When a grade appeal process results in the legitimate change of grade.
- When there has been a calculation or procedural error in the posting of a course grade.

To change a student's final grade, the faculty member must complete and sign a CNU Grade Change Form with an explanation of the circumstances for the change and submit it to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs. The request will be reviewed in accordance with the policy statement outlined above and either approved or denied. If approved, the completed form will be sent by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs directly to the Office of the Registrar for processing.

Please note that there are no other permissible reasons other than the enumerated above to change a grade.

G. Attendance, Excused Absences, College Withdraw, and Leave of Absence
Attendance
Regular attendance fosters engagement and enhances academic success, while habitual lack of attendance may put students at academic disadvantage. CHS 3102 Attendance Policy governs expectations, rules, and attendance requirements for all CNUCHS students.

While all students are expected and highly encouraged to attend all curricular and mandatory co-curricular activities, the following rules apply:
For laboratory, clinical, and experiential learning courses/activities, students cannot have more than three (3) absences per term, excused or unexcused, sequentially or not, due to the nature of the activity. A fourth absence will automatically flag the student for absenteeism and the student will be administratively withdrawn from the course/activity with a "W" or "WF" recorded in the transcript (CHS 3106 Grading Convention Policy) and required to repeat the course/activity next time it is offered, and seats are available.

Attendance in online synchronous activity requires the student to have the camera active during the time of the activity, to be considered present.

Students must follow all attendance requirements included in the course syllabus for all courses, (e.g. attendance requirements, penalties, attendance incentive measures, tardiness, etc.).

Attendance criteria for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing are stated in NURS coded course syllabi, following all Board of Registered Nursing's regulations.

Students who have five or more consecutive unexcused absences will be subjected to the provisions set forth on CHS 3702 Leave of Absence Policy.

Excused Absences
CHS 3706 Excused Absence Policy regulates the criteria and procedures for students to request an excused absence. All excused absence requests must be sent through email to the Office of Student Affairs at chs.studentaffairs@cnsu.edu . Students requesting an excused absence must fill the "Request for Excused Absence Form" available at the CANVAS Academic and Student Affairs page and send attached to the email with all supporting documentation.

CNUCHS may grant an excused absence only under the following circumstances:
Illness or Hospitalization: Includes office visits for medical or dental appointments, admission into a hospital or emergency room, or physician or legally verified quarantine. In order for the absence to be granted, proper supporting documentation must be provided. Acceptable documentation for illness or

hospitalization includes:

Medical and dentist office visit notes. In order to be accepted, such notes must indicate date and time of the visit, date the note was issued, be signed by the professional and include their full name and license number. Proof of scheduling an appointment or appointment reminder notes are not accepted. **NOTE:** CNUCHS considers a conflict of interest a medical and/or dentist note issued by the student's parents or siblings, and as such does not accept as a valid documentation for excused absences.

Hospital or emergency room admittance document, issued in the hospital's official letterhead and signed by an authorized hospital official, identified by their registration number.

Official medical or state document attesting the quarantine recommendation with a period covered by the quarantine.

Death of an immediate family member: CNUCHS defines an immediate family member as the student's parent, grandparent, legal guardian, spouse or life partner, child, sibling, as well as step- and in-laws of the same relationship.

Jury Duty and Court Subpoena: A student who is required and selected to participate in any jury duty, and/or required to appear in court as a witness, victim of a crime, or other court-required appearance has an excused absence. Supporting court documents such as the jury summons or note from the appropriate jury commissioner or clerk of the court, as proof of attendance, is required for the excused absence to be granted.

Professional School Entrance Exams or Interviews: Exams such as MCAT, DAT or other required exam for admission in professional schools are considered circumstances in which application for excused absences are allowed. In such cases, only the exam day is counted towards the excused absence and one additional day if the exam site is distant more than 200 miles from CNUCHS campus. Proof of registration for the exam or official confirmation of interview must be presented.

Religious Holidays: CNUCHS may recognize selected religious holidays for the purpose of excused absences. Such holidays may include, but are not limited to, Eid-Al-Fitr, Eid-Al- Adha, Diwali, Holi, Good Friday, Chanukah, and Passover.

Personal Emergency: Under this category, students can request an excused absence in cases of fire at home, flooding, natural disasters, traffic accidents, being victim of a crime or domestic violence, and a life-threatening situation. Students must provide supporting documentation that includes, but is not limited to, police reports, insurance claims, or hospital summary.

Please be aware of the following rules pertained to excused absences:

Excused absences are not counted against any attendance requirements and do not relieve students from their responsibilities for completing any course work, assignments, or assessments/evaluations assigned or due during their absence.

The College Dean may grant excused absences for special reasons, not included in this policy, as long as the request is supported by documentation and represents an event in which the student absence was mandatory. Family reunions, birthdays, weddings, vacations, and other private/family celebrations are not justifiable excused absence in any circumstances.

All documents requesting an excused absence must be provided, whenever possible, by the day of the

absence. When this is not possible, supporting documents must be provided no longer than five (5) business days after the absence event. If documentation is not supplied within this timeframe, the student waives the right to request an excused absence. Documents are accepted in hard copies or pdf format; no pictures or jpeg documents are accepted.

An excused absence must be requested by the student through an official "Request for Excused Absence" form as indicated above, that must be sent with supporting documentation, to the Office of Student Affairs through email (chs.studentaffairs@cnsu.edu) or hand delivered directly at the Office of Student Affairs.

Once the Office of Student Affairs receives and evaluates the students request for an excused absence, the student will be notified of the approval or denial of the request via CNSU email within two (2) business days. The Office of Student Affairs will notify the faculty of approved excused absences via CNSU email.

Faculty should not grant any make-up or extend deadlines for assignments without a notice from the Office of Student Affairs that an excused absence was officially granted.

To avoid chronic absenteeism, a maximum of 4 excused absence events from lecture/didactic courses may be granted to a student per semester/term, if it does not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total number of instructional hours. An event is considered a single (1) completed and approved excused absence form. An excused absence event cannot be granted for a period equal to or greater than 5 consecutive business days. For extended periods of absence, student should consider a leave of absence.

Experiential/laboratory courses require students to be present and actively engaged to meet the learning objectives. As such, students who have 4 or more absences (excused or unexcused) in experiential/laboratory courses will be administratively withdrawn from the experiential/laboratory course, with a "W" recorded in the transcript and required to repeat the course.

Faculty should make all necessary efforts to provide students with a way to effectively learn the missed course content and make-up all assignments, tests, and exams, within ten (10) business days of the excused absence event at the faculty's discretion. The Office of Student Affairs will provide support when needed. End of the term make-ups cannot exceed fourteen days after the final exam date.

College Withdraw

If for any reason a student decides to withdraw from the college, student must fill an "Official College Withdrawal Form" available at the CANVAS Academic and Student Affairs page, collect all necessary signatures and deliver the form to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.

It is important that the student consult the Enrollment Agreement to get acquainted with the rules and criteria for tuition reimbursement if it is the case. Questions on tuition reimbursement and on financial aid must be directed to CNU Business Office and CNU Financial aid, respectively.

If a student does not fill in an Official College Withdrawal Form, the student may have some financial responsibilities associated with the lack of proper notification.

Leave of Absence

CHS 3702 Leave of Absence Policy regulates the criteria for CNUCHS students to request a leave of absence.

A Leave of Absence (LOA) is defined as an absence of longer than five consecutive academic days from college enrollment but may not exceed one academic year. CNUCHS grants an approved LOA to students

for properly documented maternity, military, family, personal or medical reasons. Non-attendance in courses does not constitute notification of intent to apply for LOA status.

A student requesting a Leave of Absence (LOA) should fill out a "Leave of Absence Form" (available at the CANVAS Academic and Student Affairs page) after discussing their decision with a CNUCHS health professions advisor. The Leave of Absence form must be signed by the student and approved by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs, the Business Office, and Financial Aid representatives before it is forwarded to the Office of the Registrar for official notation on the transcript.

A LOA may have progression timing consequences. Students are advised to meet with a CNUCHS health professions advisor to create an academic plan supporting the LOA request. Before a student considers a LOA, they should consult with the Financial Aid Office, in order to make an informed decision to apply for a LOA. A student returning from a Leave of Absence may need to reapply for financial aid. Any student taking a LOA who does not return at the end of the excused absence is subject to dismissal and may trigger repayment of student loans.

The student must return his or her student ID badge to IT or the Office of Student Affairs at the time of signing the LOA form. CNSU email will remain active during the term of LOA.

The LOA may not exceed more than one academic year in length. Students with leave extending beyond one year must reapply for admissions consideration.

The student is required to complete the **Notice of Intent to Return Form** or the **College Withdrawal Form** at least 30-days prior to their return date. If the student fails to submit either form, the student will be notified by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs prior to the return date requesting the student to submit one of the above-mentioned forms or be administratively withdrawn. If a student does not respond to the notification, they will be administratively withdrawn from the college effective one day after the LOA return date.

H) Course Failure and Remediation

Any letter grade less than a "C" is a failing grade and must be remediated or repeated in order to earn credit for required graduation units. Credit hours from courses with a grade of NP, D, F, or WF are not counted as credit hours toward graduation.

Remediation of "D" grades, and only "D" grades, up to a "C" grade may be offered to students who have complied with all expectations, conditions, and requirements outlined in the "Academic Recovery Plan" established between the student and the faculty member as a result of the "Early Academic Alert" as indicated below. There are two types of remediation offered by the college:

Just-in-time remediation - comprises the processes that happen throughout the term and include students who are identified in potential danger of failing a course (below "C"). In just-in-time- remediation, student and instructor work together on an academic recovery plan that offers a possibility of learning improvement on the course.

End-of-the-term remediation – refers to the process in which students who were involved in just-in-time remediation, complied with all requirements set forth in the academic recovery plan and still end the term with a grade of D, participate in remediation activities after final grades are entered, according to the rules and criteria set forth in this policy. If a student was performing as "C" and ended up with a D as a final grade, the student may be eligible for end-of-the-term remediation, at the discretion of the course instructor.

Just-in-time remediation starts with the student been notified that they are in potential danger of failing a

course. Such notifications usually happen two times each term and are issued be the Office of Curriculum and Assessment via CNSU email.

Notified students must contact the corresponding faculty member for the course and set up a meeting to create a formal academic recovery plan. The student will report regularly to the course instructor and as needed, to the faculty advisor according to the academic recovery plan. The student must comply with all provisions established in the academic recovery plan; If the student does not follow the plan built with their instructor, that student is not eligible for end-of-term remediation.

I. Early Academic Alert and Academic Standing

CHS 3126 Academic Standing and Formal Warning Policy, CHS 3127 Course Failure Remediation Policy, and CHS 3703 Student Standing Classification and Course Registration Policies regulate student academic standing at CNUCHS.

Academic Alert

CNUCHS has implemented an early academic alert system to bring awareness to students who are underperforming and may be at risk of failing a course. The system, managed by the Office of Curriculum and Assessment, collects data on course performance at two different points on each term and notifies each individual student who is identified as being at risk. The objective is to diagnose and provide appropriate support/intervention to help students to be academically successful. The early academic alert is at the core of just-in-time remediation.

Once a student receives the academic alert email, student must contact the course instructor and, if needed, the faculty advisor, to set up an "Academic Alert and Recovery Plan" form (available at the CANVAS Academic and Student Affairs page) outlining all necessary actions and support for the student to remediate their academic performance in the course. Students are highly encouraged to seek support from the Office of Student Affairs to help them throughout the recovery plan.

As mentioned before, students must comply with all recommendations in the academic recovery plan to be eligible for the end-of-the-term remediation.

Academic Warning and Academic Probation

CHS 3126 Academic Standing and Formal Warning Policy defines the criteria and procedures for monitoring academic standing, warning students of academic performance, and determining the dismissal of students on academic performance.

Students who fall below a 2.00 term GPA (Biomedical Sciences) or 2.7 (BSN) is subjected to formal academic warning or academic probation, as detailed below:

Academic Warning: A term GPA (Summer, Fall, or Spring) of less than 2.00 will result in a record of "Academic Warning" placed on the official transcript.

Academic Probation: After receiving an "Academic Warning", if during a subsequent term (Summer, Fall, or Spring), sequentially or not, a student earns a term GPA of 2.00 or less, a record of "Academic Probation" will be placed in the official transcript.

Dismissal from the College on Academic Grounds

After being placed on academic warning and subsequent academic probation, a student who incurs in a third term (Summer, Fall, or Spring), sequentially or not, with a term GPA of less than 2.00, will be dismissed from the university on academic grounds. An "Academic Dismissal" note will be placed

permanently on the student transcript. Academic dismissal represents a separation from the university and termination of enrollment for academic reasons.

J. Exam Taking, Academic Integrity and Good Conduct
Exam taking at CNUCHS is governed by CHS3103 Exam Taking Policy; CHS 3701 Academic Integrity and Good Conduct Policy governs integrity and conduct at CNUCHS.

Exam Taking Policy
The purpose of this policy is to establish rules and procedures for students taking exams in didactic, laboratory, experiential learning, and clinical courses at California Northstate University College of Health Sciences (CNUCHS).

1. All final exams including make-ups in any course, including hybrid and online courses offered by CNUCHS, must be in-person. Other exams may be administered using different delivery strategies, such as online, take-home, group, etc.

2. When taking an in-person exam, students must leave backpacks, purses, and any other bags in front of the room, in a dedicated area designated by the course instructor. Faculty is charged with the responsibility to strictly enforce this disposition. Any violation is considered subject to CHS 3701.

3. When taking an exam, students are strictly forbidden to have smartwatches, handheld devices, and cell phones with them. Students cannot use these devices to perform calculations during the exam. Instructors may allow the use of a calculator. All electronic devices must be turned off. It is required that such devices must be put inside of the student's bag kept in the area indicated in item 2 above. Any violation is considered subject to CHS 3701.

4. Faculty must define in the course syllabus which materials students can have in their possession during the exam.

5. Faculty are responsible for proctoring exams and ensuring compliance with exam procedures stated in the syllabi and in this policy. At any sign of undue communication between students, either visual, written or verbal**,** faculty are expected to promptly intervene and take action that may include removing the student(s) from the exam room. Faculty are encouraged to have clear rules and consequences for cheating in their syllabi.

6. Faculty may assign random seating to students in the exam room and students are required to comply with the seat assignment in all circumstances.

7. Punctuality is essential. At the faculty's discretion, a student may be able to start the exam after the start time, as long as no student has finished taking the exam and left the exam room. Please note that when a student arrives late and is allowed into the exam room, they will not be granted extra time to finish the exam. All such criteria are recommended to be included in the course syllabus.

8. Any student who is suspected of cheating will face the consequences set forth in CHS 3701 Academic Integrity and Good Conduct Policy and are subjected to all penalties included in the course syllabus.

9. If a student is granted an excused absence for any exam, the exam re-take must occur within two (2) business days after the approval date of the excused absence.

10. All grades from exams must be released to the student within 10 calendar days from the exam date.
11. Faculty have the right to include additional exams rules and procedures in their syllabi, not conflicting

with this policy, and require students to comply with them.

Code of Honor
The college's Code of Honor aligns with the Academic Integrity and Good Conduct Policy by emphasizing core principles all college community members are expected to exemplify: Respect, Honesty and Integrity, Professionalism, and Legal and Ethical Behavior.

Respect
CNUCHS is dedicated to the pursuit of education, scholarly activity, research, and service in an open, honest and responsible manner. We extend respect to all persons and disavow none. We promote goodwill within our diverse population and uphold the autonomy, dignity, and moral integrity of all. We respect the abilities, customs, beliefs, values, and opinions of others. We exemplify respect within and beyond the college. The college curriculum provides a variety of lectures and seminars on student success and leadership featuring professional standards of personal ethics and emphasizes how to model respectful behavior and exemplify good conduct.

Respect for diversity is our lighthouse. We celebrate differences, we listen without judgment, learn with wonder, and grow with understanding. We do not accept discrimination of any type, including but not limited against race, religion, sexual orientation, physical disabilities, national origin, and social and economic backgrounds. In fact, we believe that by respecting our differences we discover our richest treasures. Breaches in respect, including respect for diversity are subject to disciplinary action.

Honesty and Integrity
CNUCHS is committed to teaching, scholarly activity, and professional growth in a community-based learning environment, as the basis to maintain a thriving and ethical community. Academic and personal honesty and integrity are required in all aspects of education, scholarly activity, research, and service. Members are to be truthful in their personal, academic and professional relationships. Individual work must result from individual effort. Work assigned to a team, whether students, staff or faculty, requires both individual contribution and collaborative effort inclusive of all team members. Examinations, projects, in-class and laboratory work, and off-campus assignments and activities, whether individual or team-based, are to be accomplished with honesty and integrity. Cheating, plagiarism, commercial purchase of term paper assignments, and other forms of academic dishonesty are prohibited. Upholding confidentiality and anonymity when required are one hallmark aspect of honesty and integrity expected from any future healthcare professional. Breaches of honesty and integrity are subject to disciplinary action.

Professionalism
CNUCHS abides by high standards of professionalism in learning, teaching, scholarly activity, research, clinical and laboratory activities, and service. In educating students, the college cultivates professional virtues and provides opportunities for professional development. All members of the college community are required to meet expectations for participation and timeliness, seek and accept feedback and constructive instruction, admit to and assume responsibility for mistakes, be mindful of demeanor, language, and appearance, and be accountable to all individuals in the college, our partner organizations, clinical sites, and the broader community. Students, staff, preceptors, clinical supervisors, and faculty serve as positive role models by striving for excellence in the performance of their duties, while protecting the health and autonomy of classmates, colleagues, patients, and clients, and in serving individual, community, and societal needs. Good judgment, accuracy and honesty are expected in all social media communications, and members should take care to do no harm to themselves, others and the college. College members should strive to communicate respectfully with each other and maintain correspondence that is informative, clear, polite and reasonably succinct. Civility and respect should prevail in the classroom and beyond. Breaches in academic professionalism, a core competency of the

college, are subject to disciplinary action.

Legal Standards and Ethical Behavior
The college is dedicated to behavior that follows legal and ethical standards in learning, teaching, scholarly activity, clinical and laboratory activities, research, and service. The commitment extends to following all federal, state, and local laws and regulations, and professional practice standards. Members of the college community are expected to develop and maintain a culture of consideration for the codes of ethics, values, and moral convictions of those who could be affected by our decisions and actions. Whenever appropriate, members should seek advice and counsel to make the best decision and determine the appropriate course of action on behalf of those who depend on them to do so. Members of the college community must be particularly attentive to all social media activities that may cause harm to others. Acts in violation of the legal standards and ethical behavior principle are subject to disciplinary actions.

Academic Integrity and Good Conduct
CNUCHS students must follow the provisions of CHS 3701 Academic Integrity and Good Conduct Policy. Each student is personally responsible and accountable for maintaining the culture and environment of honesty, integrity, legal and ethical behavior, professionalism and respect, both within and beyond the College campus.

Therefore, students are expected to:

- Know the Code of Honor and its standards of behavior.
- Uphold the Code of Honor in daily life whether on-campus or off-campus.
- Promote the Code of Honor through a culture and environment of respect, honesty, integrity, legal and ethical behavior, and professionalism.
- Report potential violations of Academic Integrity and/or Good Conduct to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs using the Incident of Misconduct Form.
- When unsure of the process, seek advice from the Office of Academic and Student Affairs.
- Cooperate with investigations of Academic Integrity and Good Conduct violations.

Violation of Academic Integrity
Attempts to be dishonest or deceptive in the performance of academic work whether face-to-face or online, in or out of the classroom, laboratory, clinical site, or community partner site, alterations of academic records, alterations of official data on paper or electronic documents, or unauthorized collaboration with another student are violations of academic integrity. Knowingly allowing others to represent one's work as their own is as serious an offense as submitting another's work as one's own. They include but are not limited to:

Cheating on Assignments or Exams
Any attempt by a student to alter her/his performance on an assignment or examination in violation of specific rules set by the professor/proctor administering the exam. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Communicating answers with another person during an exam.
- Preprogramming a device to contain answers or other unauthorized information for exams.
- Use of unauthorized materials, prepared answers, written notes, or concealed information during an exam.
- Sharing answers unless specifically authorized by course instructor.
- Tampering with an exam after it has been graded and returning it in an attempt to earn more credit.

- Violating any requirements set forth in CHS 3103 Exam Taking Policy and/or in the course syllabus.

Plagiarism
Taking someone's work and presenting it as your own, with no proper attribution. This includes your own previous work (self-plagiarism). Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Buying, stealing or borrowing a paper or portions of a paper.
- Hiring another person to write a paper.
- Claiming authorship of written material not so authored.
- Lack of attribution of cited material.
- Using a source too closely when paraphrasing.
- Changing key words or phrases but retaining essential content of the source.
- Including citations to non-existent or inaccurate information about sources.
- Reusing large portions of a work produced in one class for submission in another class without prior approval.
- Including proper citation but the paper includes almost no original work.
- Citing sources that do not exist.
- Purposefully misinterpreting a source or citing a source out of context.
- Claiming personal credit for research performed by others.
- Claiming participation on a team project while not participating on the project.
- Representing AI (Artificial Intelligence) work as your own. Artificial Intelligence cannot replace the student's own thinking, research, or writing. Use of AI tools, when approved by the course instructor, must be attributed and cited as any other source would be, following the style manual approved by the instructor.

Additional Actions of Academic Misconduct include, but are not limited to:

- Furnishing false information in the context of an academic assignment.
- Theft or destruction of academic materials, including research data, owned by CNUCHS or a member of the CNUCHS community. Publishing of research data without the faculty mentor's approval is considered theft of academic materials.
- Contamination of laboratory samples or altering indicators during a practical exam, such as moving a pin in a dissection specimen for an anatomy course.
- Selling, distributing, website posting, or publishing course lecture notes, handouts, readers, recordings, or other information provided by an instructor, or using them for any commercial purpose without the express permission of the instructor.
- Failure to identify one's role in an academic incident.
- Fabrication or alteration of information or data and presenting it as legitimate.
- Providing false or misleading information to an instructor or any other College official.
- Forgery of an instructor's signature on a letter of recommendation or any other document.
- Violation of course rules as indicated in the course syllabus.

Violation of Good Conduct
Personal misconduct involves behaviors that disrespect the rights and dignity of others both within and outside of the College community. Professional misconduct includes disrespectful and discourteous interactions with colleagues, faculty, staff, and members of the broader community outside the College such as community partners, patients, and personnel at clinical sites. The list is not exhaustive as there are many additional forms.
Harassment: Conduct that is sufficiently severe, pervasive or persistent to create a hostile environment

that interferes with or diminishes the ability of an individual to participate in or benefit from activities in the College.

Bullying: Intentional and repeated aggressive behavior that causes another person who is in a disadvantaged situation either emotionally, mentally, or physically that results in injury, harm, or discomfort. Bullying may take different forms such as physical, verbal, emotional, or social.

Cyberbullying: A specific type of bullying that represents a willful and repeated taunting, threatening, harassing, or intimidation inflicted through the medium of electronic text, images, videos, or social media posts. It includes propagating false or unauthorized information about other people.

Sexual misconduct: Sexual discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, interpersonal violence and stalking.

Harmful behavior: Action that threatens the health and/or safety of another person.

Hate crime: Prejudice motived action in which one targets another person or person's property motivated by a bias against a race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, ethnicity, gender or gender identity.

Stalking: A course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others.

Disruptive conduct: Inappropriate actions that have the potential to interfere with or disrupt student learning, research, administration or other authorized activity. Attempt to violate any College rule.

Theft and/or property damage: Action that damages, defaces, destroys, tampers with or takes without authorization property of the college or property of another person.

Firearms, dangerous materials and prohibited items: Possession, use or display of any firearm, dangerous material, and/or prohibited items that could be used as a weapon.

Drugs and alcohol: Possession or use of prohibited or recreational substances on college grounds, including but not limited to cigarettes, e-cigarettes, and vapes.

Additional actions of personal and professional misconduct:
Defamation: the action of damaging the good reputation of another person, group, or entity through false information. The defamation can be heard by another person via spoken word (slander) and/or seen by another person such as in writing, print, and/or art (libel).

Intentional false accusation of misconduct, forgery, alteration, or misuse of any College document, record, or identification.

Providing a college official any information known to be false.

Assuming another person's identity or role through deception or without proper authorization. Communicating or acting under the guise, name, identification, e-mail address, signature, or other indications of another person or group without proper authorization or authority.

Knowingly initiating, transmitting, filing, or circulating a false report or warning concerning an impending bombing, fire, or other emergency or catastrophe; or transmitting such a report to an official or an official agency.

Unauthorized release or use of any university access codes for computer systems, duplicating systems, and other university equipment.

Actions that endanger one's self, others in the university community, or the academic process.

Unauthorized entry, use, or occupancy of college facilities.

Violating any rules of safety and dress code in laboratory and clinical settings as specified in CHS 3302 Clinical and Laboratory Dress Code and CHS 3303 Safe Clinical and Laboratory Practice.

Any behavior that violates federal, state or local laws, of any University/College or formal affiliate policy or rule.

Any act that represents discrimination against race, religion, sexual orientation, disability status, and social and economic backgrounds directed to any member of the college community, community partners, clinical site personnel, both within and outside campus, by any means.

Any act that represents a breach of confidentiality and violation of FERPA, HIPAA, or any other federal, state, or local laws and regulations.

Action on Suspected Violations
Cases of undisputed academic misconduct by first-time offenders
If the student admits to academic misconduct and has not been found guilty of previous violations, the faculty member may sanction the student by means of a course related penalty. The faculty member will enter into a written agreement with the student outlining the option given to agree to a course penalty. This written agreement is formalized using the Faculty Report of Academic Integrity Incident form and submitted to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs as a Faculty Disposition matter (matter has been resolved by the faculty). The accused student is not compelled to sign such an agreement and may instead choose to have the case moved to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs. Depending on the seriousness of the matter, the faculty may report directly to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs to be resolved by the Academic Integrity and Good Conduct Committee.

Cases of disputed academic misconduct or repeat offenders
If the student disputes the alleged misconduct, the case moves to the Office of Academic and Student Affairs. If the Office of Academic and Student Affairs determines that the violation likely did not occur, the process ends without further reporting. If the Office of Student Affairs determines that the violation may have occurred, the charge and supporting evidence move to the Academic Integrity and Good Conduct Committee to review evidence. In all cases involving possible repeat offenders, the OASA will send the case and supporting documents to the Academic Integrity and Good Conduct Committee. In the event of disputed cases, the faculty member will refrain from applying any course related penalty until the case is resolved.

Possible Disciplinary Actions for Violation of the Academic Integrity and Good Conduct Policy
Actions include but are not limited to:

- Written warning or censure to be kept in the student academic records at the college level.
- Loss of assignment credit.
- Special assignment such as attending a workshop, writing a paper, etc.
- Disciplinary probation for a term, with a permanent or temporary record on transcript.
- Suspension from classes for a semester.

- Delayed graduation.
- Restriction from University and/or College activities or functions.
- Restitution to repair or compensate for loss or damages.
- Holds on transcripts.
- Notation on transcript of academic dishonesty or violation of good conduct, on a permanent or temporary basis.
- Dismissal from the College

Non-Retaliation
The college does not tolerate retaliation against individuals who report dishonest, illegal, unethical, unprofessional, hateful, or otherwise inappropriate acts. Anyone who retaliates against reporting or whistle-blower individuals is in violation of the Code of Honor and is subject to appropriate disciplinary action for that violation including suspension or termination of enrollment.

Maintenance of Disciplinary Records
If a student is found in violation of Academic Integrity and Good Conduct as indicated in this policy, her/his file is converted to an academic disciplinary record retained by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs and noted in the student's academic record at the college level. The information in the file may be retained for statistical or record keeping purposes for up to 5 years, or as required by the law and university regulations.

K. Student Complaints and Grievances
CHS 3704 Student Complaint and Grievance Policy regulates the matter at CNUCHS. CNSU does not discriminate on the basis of race, religious creed, color, national origin, ancestry, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, or physical disability, and denial of family care leave.

Students who wish to appeal a grade should refer to CHS 3120 Course Grade Appeal Policy. To file an anonymous complaint please refer to the form on the University website: https://CaliforniaNorthstateUniversity.formstack.com/forms/anonymousreportcnu.

It Is the intent of the college for individuals with a complaint to address concerns at the most appropriate level through interactive problem resolution and communication. However, under certain circumstances, the person with the complaint or concern may self-determine to file a complaint form. The college will treat all persons who file complaints and grievances with fairness, impartiality, timeliness, confidentiality, and will follow the due processes as set forth in CHS 3704 Student Complaint and Grievance Policy. It is expected from all students filing a complaint or grievance to strictly follow the principles of honesty, civility, and truthfulness throughout the entire process.

Types of Complaints and Grievances
Academic matters (excluding grade disputes and appeals included in CHS 3120 Course Grade Appeal Policy).

Misconduct related to students, faculty, staff, and college administration.

Discrimination, harassment, and/or aggression from students, faculty, staff, and college administration (verbal, written, and/or physical).

Confidentiality and Limited Disclosure of Information
In the course of investigation or resolution of a complaint, any individual involved with the process of resolution is considered to have access to private information as needed. Any individual so authorized in

the process of resolution is bound by confidentiality of the information received by whatever legal authority controls.

Filing a Complaint or a Grievance
A student who wants to file a complaint or a grievance against any member of the college community must fill out and submit the "Complaint and Grievance Form" online via the CNUCHS website, providing all necessary and required information. The submitted form will be routed to the appropriate college office.

The administration official will convene an investigation team of 3 people which will examine the complaint or grievance and provide a written report with a recommended resolution to the administration official within 30 business days. The administration official will provide the person who filed the grievance with the notice of case adjudication within 10 business days after receiving the written report from the investigation team.

Students filing a grievance must provide a detailed account of the issue and specific evidence supporting the allegation. When appropriate, the student may suggest a possible approach to resolution.

Any information about sanctions is protected by full confidentiality, and any administrative or disciplinary sanctions applied to a faculty, staff, or student will not be disclosed to student(s) filing complaints/grievances.

All documents related to student complaints and/or grievances are filed in the Office of the Dean.

L. Clinical and Laboratory Dress Code and Safe Practice
Clinical and laboratory procedures are governed by CHS 3302 Clinical and Laboratory Dress Code, CHS 3303 Safe Clinical and Laboratory Practice, and CHS 3305 Protection of Clinical Confidentiality and Practice.

Dress Code
Personal appearance is expected to be professional and must conform to the dress code and appropriate dress standards as outlined in CHS 3302 Clinical and Laboratory Dress Code Policy.

Students on clinical assignments must properly wear the designated clinical uniform in campus activities when required, and in all off campus clinical assignments. A clinical uniform consists of a tunic and pants as designated by CNUCHS. No uniform other than the officially adopted CNUCHS uniform is considered compliant for attending clinical activities on and off campus. Appropriate clinical dress clothing for psych/mental health and public health settings may vary from the usual clinical uniform apparel, with some sites having guidelines for street clothing. Students on clinical assignments must also wear ID badges above the waist, visible to the public, while in clinical work.

Students in the laboratory must always wear appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) that includes appropriate clothing and other protective devices that vary per laboratory as indicated below in this catalog.

Students who fail to fully comply with all dress code mandates will be dismissed from that clinical or laboratory work session, which would not count as an excused absence in any case.

Clinical Setting Dress Code Standards
Uniforms must be freshly laundered and unwrinkled and must not be worn two days in a row without laundering.

Shoes must be clean and comfortable, and must fully enclose the foot and heel, and must be slip and fluid resistant. No sandals, flip flops, open-toed shoes, or fabric shoes (cloth or other absorbent material) are allowed.

Crew socks, anklet/athletic socks must be worn with uniform pants.

Fingernails must be maintained in such a way that the tips of the nails do not extend past the ends of their fingers. Artificial nails/wraps/acrylic overlays or gel and/or gel polish are not permitted in clinical settings.

No jewelry is allowed in clinical settings, except for:
Rings – one ring is allowed as long as it does not pose a threat to the patients' skin integrity. Please note that a wedding set constitutes one ring. Rings may be worn around the neck on a simple chain if kept under the uniform.

Earrings – Preferred not to wear, but one pair of inconspicuous pierced earrings is accepted. Hoops, gauges, or dangling-off-the-earlobe earrings are not allowed.

Other piercings – Small nose jewelry studs no larger than two (2) millimeters in diameter or clear studs are permitted. Piercings not located in the ear (except small nose studs) must be removed or covered with clothing while working. Nose rings, eyebrow rings, tongue rings, lip rings, or rings attached to other visible body parts (except ears) by piercing are prohibited.

Hair must be clean and contained away from the face. Long hair must be confined (tie back or put in a bun). Hair should be in a naturally occurring color (i.e. no purple, pink, blue, green, etc.).

Facial hair must be clean and neat. Long beards must be appropriately covered per safety/clinical guidelines.

Good personal hygiene is required. When using deodorant, use only a non-fragrance deodorant. Perfume or cologne is not allowed in the clinical setting. The absence of the odor of cigarette smoking is expected.

Hand to mouth activity in a patient area and nurses' station is a serious breach of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulations. Among such activities, it is strictly prohibited: chewing gum, sucking on lozenges, eating food, drinking fluids, applying lipstick or lip balm, etc.

Cell phones and other communication devices must never be in the student's possession during a clinical setting.

Other PPE may be required by the instructor, clinical supervisor, or preceptor, such as gloves, face masks, goggles, bouffant caps, disposable shoe covers, etc. Students are required to comply with all PPE requirements as requested by the course instructor, clinical supervisor, or preceptor.

Visible undershirts must be either white or black. Undergarments are not to be exposed through the uniform.

Tattoos must be covered per clinical site guidelines.

To be completely outfitted for clinical assignments, the student is expected to bring and maintain the following equipment: stethoscope, watch with second hand, pen light, bandage scissors, black ink pen,

and hemostat forceps.

Laboratory Dress Code Standards
All people in a laboratory room must wear closed laboratory coats that fully cover their torso and arms.

Shoes must fully enclose the foot and heel and must be slip and chemical resistant. No sandals, flip flops, open-toed shoes, or fabric shoes (cloth or other absorbent material) are allowed.

All people in a laboratory room must wear pants or skirts that fully cover their legs. No shorts, short skirts, short dresses, or capris allowed.

Artificial nails/wraps/acrylic overlays or gel and/or gel polish are not permitted in laboratory rooms.

All people when entering a laboratory room must remove dangling jewelry such as earrings, necklaces, and bracelets.

Hair must be contained away from the face. Long hair must be confined (tie back or put in a bun).

Chewing gum, sucking on lozenges, eating food, drinking fluids, and applying lipstick or lip balm is strictly prohibited in laboratory rooms.

Electronic devices must remain in a personal bag in a designated area; the use of cell phones or any other electronic devices not related to the laboratory is expressly prohibited.

Specific PPEs may be required by the instructor or laboratory manager/supervisor depending on the laboratory and its content. It may include but is not limited to gloves, face masks, goggles, bouffant caps, etc. Students are required to comply with all PPE requirements as requested by the course instructor, clinical supervisor, or preceptor.

Clinical and Laboratory Safe Practice
The following rules must be strictly followed by all personnel, including students, when attending a laboratory or clinical activity:

- Proper personal protective equipment (PPE) and appropriate apparel must be worn while in the laboratory or clinical setting.
- Electronic devices must remain in a personal bag in a designated area; the use of cell phones or any other electronic devices not related to the laboratory or clinical activity is expressly prohibited.
- Personal bags must be placed in designated areas, away from laboratory benches and clinical work areas.
- Accidents must be immediately reported (burn, cut, spills, broken glass, etc.) to the instructor or clinical supervisor, regardless of how minor the accident seems. All accidents are to be recorded in writing by either the instructor or clinical supervisor.
- Chemical waste, biological waste, sharps, and broken glass must be placed in specifically designated containers.
- Any rashes or open wounds must be covered with a bandage before commencing laboratory or clinical activities.
- Personal work areas and sinks must be cleaned, using the specific cleaning chemical approved for the laboratory or clinical setting, before leaving the room at the end of each laboratory/clinical period.

- Hands must be thoroughly washed at the start of a shift, after restroom visit, and before leaving the laboratory or clinical area.
- Food or beverages of any sort, including water, must never be brought into the laboratory or clinical area.

Laboratory and Clinical Training
Prior to engaging in clinical and laboratory work, students, staff, instructor, or supervisor must complete a CNUCHS-approved general laboratory safety-training course designed to cover the basic rules and procedures to follow when conducting laboratory and/or clinical work to maintain a safe environment.

All instructors, technicians, and managers are CITI trained and receive a certificate of completion in handling and disposing hazardous wastes and laboratory accidents.

The training mentioned in item 1 above must also cover the procedures to follow in case of an accident or emergency. Students are required to renew the general laboratory safety training at least every year while faculty and staff are required to renew general laboratory safety training at least every three years.

As a supplement to the general laboratory safety training as indicated in item 2 above, laboratory course-specific training led by the course instructor or supervisor must be completed at the start of the semester/term where the following must be covered if applicable:

Specific Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that is required for the laboratory or clinical course (clothing, safety googles, safety glasses, gloves, etc.) in order to protect against injury or infection.

Location of the sharps waste container, glass waste container, biological waste disposal, chemical waste disposal, eye wash station, safety shower, fire blanket, fire extinguisher, laboratory safety information, safety data sheets, chemical and biological spill kits.

Response to chemical, biological, and/or fire accidents.

Emergency evacuation routes.

Reporting of laboratory incidents.

Laboratory Emergency Response
Chemical or Biological spill: The standard operating procedure (SOP) for each type of spill (chemical or biological) is located in the laboratory safety binder in each laboratory and must be followed. Students and personnel who are not trained to clean up chemical or biological spills should leave the room and may return once the spill has been contained and properly cleaned up, and the instructor/supervisor has given permission. If a chemical or biological spill occurs on the skin or PPE of an individual, then the exposure procedure within the safety data sheet should be followed for the given chemical or biological agent.
Electrical or Chemical fire: All personnel should evacuate the building by following their designated evacuation route. Only a person who is trained to use a fire extinguisher may attempt to use one, as per established fire safety guidelines.

Laboratory Incident Reporting
All Laboratory incidents requiring emergency response must be reported using the Incident Report Form. Both the assigned instructor/supervisor(s) in addition to the student(s) directly involved in the incident must complete and submit an Incident Report Form, along with appropriate supporting documentation and/or images, to the CHS Safety & Security committee. In addition, the Dean must be notified of all incidents requiring an emergency response. If the incident caused injury or property damage then Incident

Report documentation must be submitted within 3 hours of the occurrence of the incident, otherwise the Incident Report documents must be submitted within 3 days. Laboratory incidents that do not require emergency response or result in injury/property damage must be documented and submitted at the end of each semester to the CHS Safety & Security committee for review. Instructors or supervisors are encouraged to identify potential hazards, and work with their immediate supervisor in the laboratory courses they teach to minimize potential incidents before they occur. Any identified hazards must also be reported to the CHS Safety & Security committee for review even if they have already been addressed internally.

M. Protection of Clinical Confidentiality and Privacy
CHS 3305 Protection of Clinical Confidentiality and Privacy governs all HIPAA requirements in clinical settings.

Confidentiality of Patient Information
No one is allowed to access confidential patient information unless that individual (faculty, preceptors, students) is performing, providing, or under training to provide care for a patient.

Confidential information includes, but is not limited to, medical records, personal identifiers, health history, treatment plans, evaluation charts or reports, grades, and any other information obtained during clinical, laboratory, lecture, experiential learning courses, or any other academic activity.

All protected (e.g. HIPAA) information obtained or accessed by students, faculty, staff, or preceptors during clinical, laboratory, lecture, experiential learning, or any other academic activity, must be treated as confidential.

Protection of Privacy and Security Measures
Access to patient protected information is restricted to the course of providing care in service to the patient.

Patient case presentation during clinical rounds shall be conducted in the patient's room or restricted area for patient information protection and privacy.

No individual (student, faculty, or preceptor) shall be allowed to copy or duplicate by any technological means or remove from the patient care setting protected patient information.

Access portal to protected patient information must be logged off at the end of the permissible use.

Adequate security measures must be in place to safeguard protected information, including but not limited to patient information, from unauthorized access, theft, or disclosure. This includes the protection of electronic records with passwords and encryption to prevent unauthorized access.

Training
No individual shall be allowed access to HIPAA information without completing HIPAA training and with a retained record of successful completion of such HIPAA training.

Reporting Violations
Any suspected or actual breaches of confidentiality or privacy must be reported immediately to the compliance officer in charge of such clinical practice setting. Patient's subject to unauthorized disclosure of HIPAA information must be informed of such unauthorized disclosure within 60 calendar days of the discovery of the breach. Failure to protect HIPAA information, and failure to comply with HIPAA policy shall be subject to personnel action including and up to termination of employment, dismissal from

education program, and notification to governmental agencies as required by law.

N. Community and Clinical Placements
(CEC §94909(a)(13))

Faculty and Administration work collaboratively to select community and clinical partner organizations.

Placements in the BSN program include the 5 content areas required for licensure as well as providing the minimum number of direct patient care hours in each of the five areas. Placements are in acute, non-acute and community services providers. Each clinical partner is vetted according to BRN regulations with the appropriate documents approved and on file with the BRN.

X. ACCREDITATION AND LICENSING INFORMATION

Western Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC)

California Northstate University is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Senior University/Colleges and Universities of the Western Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC), 985 Atlantic Avenue, #100, Alameda, CA 94501, 510-748-9001. The WSCUC web site is http://www.wascsenior.org. Interested parties may obtain and review additional information describing accreditation, approval and licensing about WSCUC accreditation through the address and web sites listed above.

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE)

Approval to operate as a degree-granting institution was obtained from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) in 2007. Approval to operate means compliance with state standards as set forth in the California Education Code. The Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (Bureau) is a state regulatory agency within the California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), established in January 1998. The Bureau is responsible for approving and regulating private postsecondary and vocational institutes of education in California. The Bureau was established to foster and improve the educational programs and services of these institutions while protecting the citizens of the state from fraudulent or substandard operations (California Education Code - 94705). In addition, the Bureau mediates complaints between students and institutions and investigates schools as necessary.

California Board of Registered Nursing (CA BRN)

Approval to operate as a bachelor's degree-granting pre-licensure education program in California was obtained from the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) on May 23, 2024.
Approval to operate means compliance with state standards as set forth in the California Nursing Practice Act. The California Board of Registered Nursing is a state regulatory agency within the California Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA). The BRN protects the health, safety, and well-being of the public through the fair and consistent application of the statutes and regulations governing nursing practice and education in California. For more information regarding the BRN, its website can be found at rn.ca.gov.

Licensing and Credentialling

California Northstate University (CNU) provides required disclosures to students pursuing professional licensure and credentialing. Admission into programs leading to licensure and credentialing, such as the BSN, does not guarantee that students will obtain a license or credential. Licensure and credentialling requirements are set by agencies that are not controlled by or affiliated with CNU requirements and can change at any time. Students are responsible for determining whether they can meet licensure or credentialing requirements. CNU will not refund tuition, fees, or associated costs, to students who determine subsequent to admission that they cannot meet licensure or credentialing requirements.
Federal regulations require higher education institutions that offer professional programs that lead to licensure and certification to disclose whether the program meets licensure and certification requirements in other states. The disclosure is presented publicly in the CNU general catalog. CNU's programs for professions that require licensure or certification are intended to prepare students for California licensure and certification requirements. CNU has not determined whether its programs meet other states' educational or professional requirements for licensure and certification. Students planning to pursue licensure or certification in other states are responsible for determining whether, if they complete a CNU program, they will meet their state's requirements for licensure or certification. This disclosure is made pursuant to 34 CFR §668.43(a)(5)(v)(C).
Students are responsible for confirming their eligibility for any licensing and/or certification. Additionally, students are encouraged to understand any changes or additional requirements that may apply to the licensure, certification, or registration requirements. Further information on becoming a registered nurse may be obtained on the Board of Registered Nursing, http://www.rn.ca.gov/. To gain

employment as a Registered Nurse in California, graduates must successfully pass the NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensing Examination) exam to become registered by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). Licensing and/or certifications examinations or processes are the student's responsibility. CNU will provide students with information regarding the examinations, application processes, testing dates and locations, and fees for the required and optional examinations whenever possible. Students should be aware that all test fees, unless stated in the enrollment agreement, are in addition to the tuition paid to California Northstate University. Students who choose to participate in licensing and/or certification examinations are responsible for payments to the sponsoring organization(s).
Other Requirements to Become a Registered Nurse May Include Such Requirements As:
• Be at least 18 years old; and
• Have a social security number; and
• Graduate from an accredited high school or acceptable equivalent (furnish proof); and
• Complete and sign the "Application for Registered Nursing Licensure" and the "Record of Conviction" form; and
• Submit the required Department of Justice (DOJ) and Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) fingerprints. Note: A License will not be issued until the board receives the background information from DOJ.
• In order to be licensed in California, applicant must submit an application fee along with the required forms to the BRN. One of these forms is called a "Record of Conviction."
• Applicants will need to be fingerprinted for the Department of Justice and FBI to process the fingerprint card.
• You will also receive an application to the National Council of the State Boards of Nursing to take the National Council Licensure Examination for the Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). There is a fee to register by mail. Once you have submitted this form, you will receive an Authorization to Test and the information to take an exam.
• Once you have successfully completed the NCLEX-RN, you will need to apply for licensure to the Board of Registered Nursing with an initial license fee and application.
• Further information on becoming registered may be obtained on the Board of Registered Nursing, http://www.rn.ca.gov/.
• Graduates must satisfy all requirements for certification at the time of Application.
• Current CPR and AED Certification
Public Health Nurse Certificate The State of California requires all registered nurses who use the title "Public Health Nurse" to possess a CA Public Health Nurse (PHN) Certificate. The CNU BSN program satisfies the educational requirement for the Public Health Nurse Certificate. This certificate is obtained through a registration process with the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). Applicants for the certificate must be a BSN Graduate.
Other Requirements to Become a Certified Public Health Nurse May Include:
• Documentation regarding educational background
• Completed Public Health Nurse Certification
• Application Fee.

XI. Faculty and Staff Directory
(CEC §94909(a)(7) and 5, CCR §71720)

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XII. CHS Course Descriptions

(CEC §94909(a)(5))
NOTICE CONCERNING TRANSFERABILITY OF CREDITS AND CREDENTIALS EARNED AT CALIFORNIA NORTHSTATE UNIVERSITY (CEC §94909(a)(15)

The transferability of credits you earn at California Northstate University is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the degree, diploma, or certificate you earn in Biomedical Sciences or Nursing is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the credits or degree, diploma, or certificate that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason, you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending California Northstate University to determine if your credits or degree, diploma or certificate will transfer.

ANTH 210 Cultural Anthropology (3 cr)
Human experience unfolds in diverse cultural configurations, some visible and familiar, others subtle or hidden. Whether close to home or across the globe, our world is saturated with cultural meaning. Culture is not a single story, nor a fixed path. Instead, it is a vast, dynamic field of human expression. Cultural Anthropology introduces students to the myriads of ways in which humans interpret and engage the world. Students explore how beliefs, behaviors, and material practices shape lived experience. The course emphasizes ethical approaches to cultural research, encourages openness to multiple worldviews, and fosters the ability to apply anthropological perspectives and approaches to community and healthcare settings. Learners develop cultural awareness and sensitivity, critical skills for making a positive impact in healthcare environments across local and global contexts.
Prerequisites: sophomore year standing or administrative approval.
Curriculum map: *GELO 6.2*

ARMU 120 Music and Healing (3 cr)
In this course, students will survey an array of musical styles and techniques from early to present-day. By examining progressions and fundamental concepts through active engagement with composer narratives, instruments and technologies, and cultural and historical contexts, students shall consider how contemporary tools and progressions influence the creation, performance, and experience of music in the modern era. Students shall learn to practice deep and reciprocal listening across musical forums and develop skills in emotional intelligence and technical analyses through hands-on projects, scenario-based assignments, and active lectures which encourage meaning-making regarding musical creativity throughout the ages. Students shall also engage with musical themes as they apply to healthcare, communication, and treatment, to bridge the gap between the arts and caring professions. The course also invites reflection on the cultural and ethical dimensions of music making and listening in a rapidly changing technological landscape.
Prerequisites: ENGL 110 or equivalent
Co-requisite: ENGL 110
Curriculum map: GELO 6.1

BIOL 110 General Biology I (3 cr)
Step into the world of biology as you uncover the incredible diversity of life and the evolutionary forces that shape it. In this course, you'll investigate how organisms interact with each other and their environments and discover the fascinating links between form and function. Hands-on experiences in the companion lab (BIOL110L) bring concepts to life as you observe, analyze, and experiment with living systems.
Prerequisites: None.

Co-requisite: BIOL 110L.
Curriculum map: GELO 5

BIOL 110L Biology I Lab (1 cr)
Roll up your sleeves and dive into hands-on biology! In this lab, you'll explore core concepts in organismal biology while launching the year-long Interdisciplinary Science and Novel Learning Discovery (ISLaND) research project. As part of ISLaND, you'll analyze indicator species and environmental samples across biology and chemistry labs to uncover how environmental changes impact local ecosystems. Along the way, you'll master essential lab techniques, design experiments, and communicate your findings like a scientist.
Prerequisites: None.
Co-requisite: BIOL 110.
Curriculum map: GELO 5

BIOL 120 Biology II (3 cr)
Take a deep dive into the molecular machinery of life! Building on the foundations of BIOL110, this course immerses you in the dynamic world of cells exploring how structure drives function and how molecular processes sustain life. You'll investigate biomolecules, energy flow, gene expression, and signaling pathways, while uncovering the mechanisms behind DNA replication, protein synthesis, and cellular respiration. Through case studies and analysis of current research, you'll connect molecular biology to health, disease, and real-world challenges. Designed for students on pre-health, pre-medical, and science-intensive tracks, BIOL120 sharpens your critical thinking, scientific communication, and ability to interpret cutting-edge literature.
Prerequisites: BIOL 110, CHEM 110.
Co-requisite: BIOL 120L.

BIOL 120L Biology II (1 cr)
Step into the role of a researcher as you master essential techniques in cell and molecular biology. This lab combines guided experiments with original student-led investigations through the year-long ISLaND research project. You'll design hypotheses, run multi-week experiments, and analyze data using cutting-edge methods including bacterial transformation and DNA barcoding to PCR, gel electrophoresis, and bioinformatics. Utilize protein extraction, SDS-PAGE, and Western blotting to reveal how cells respond to stress. Along the way, you'll sharpen your skills in experimental design, data integrity, and scientific communication, culminating in formal research posters and peer-reviewed presentations. BIOL120L prepares you for advanced study that can lead to careers in molecular biology, biotechnology, and the biomedical sciences.
Prerequisites:
Co-Requisite: BIOL 120.

BIOL 130 Foundations of Biology (3 cr)
An introductory biology course for nursing majors that provides a foundational background in biomolecules, organism taxonomy, evolution, organ systems, and genetics, with particular focus on relevance to the health professions and allied sciences.
Prerequisite: None.
Curriculum map: GELO 5

BIOL 140 Human Nutrition (3 cr)
This course describes the nutrient requirements of the human body, the principles that define the relationship between diet and good health, and nutrition considerations for patient care.
Prerequisites: BIOL 120 or BIOL 130

BIOL 210 Systemic Human Anatomy for Clinical Foundations (3 cr)
We are all anatomists in our daily lives. Bodies carry us from birth to death, here to there, and through each day. Yet the integrated parts that form the whole are largely out of view, and the linkage between body structure and body function is not always understood. Here is your chance to explore the biological machinery that drives the human body. In this course, students develop a comprehensive understanding of human anatomy at the cellular, tissue, organ, and systems levels. Through lectures, hands-on laboratory activities, 3D visualization tools, and case-based exploration, they learn the structural organization of the body and examine how anatomical form gives rise to function. As students move through each system, they build a precise vocabulary of anatomical terminology that enables them to communicate effectively and professionally about the human body. They learn to locate and identify structures using a systems-based perspective and to observe and describe differences among basic tissue types so that they can infer tissue and organ function from structural characteristics. Throughout the course, students investigate the interrelationships within and between anatomical systems, gaining an integrated view of how the body's components work together to sustain healthy function. Learning is grounded in an evidence-based approach that encourages students to evaluate information critically, interpret imaging and scientific data, and apply anatomical knowledge to broader questions about human structure and biological organization. By cultivating observational acuity, analytical reasoning, and scientific literacy, the course prepares students for more advanced study in the health sciences and establishes a strong foundation for future clinical training.
Prerequisite: BIOL 110 or BIOL 130.
Co-requisite: BIOL 210L.

BIOL 210L Systemic Human Anatomy for Clinical Foundations Lab (1 cr)
Human anatomy laboratory emphasizes the relationship between form and function through interactive exercises and hands-on experiences complementing the systemic study of human anatomy covered in the lecture. Gross and microscopic anatomy is studied through histology, use of anatomical models, and with organ dissections which may include the kidney, heart, brain, and eye. In addition, students will learn how to use precise anatomical and directional terminology to describe the human body.
Prerequisite: BIOL 110 or BIOL 130. BIOL 210 if not taken concurrently.
Co-requisite: BIOL 210.

BIOL 220 Human Physiology (3 cr)
A contemporary and comprehensive approach to human physiology, emphasizing the molecular basis and applied aspects of organ function at the system level. As a discipline, it connects science, medicine, and health, and creates a framework for understanding how the human body adapts to stresses, physical activity, and disease.
Prerequisites: BIOL 211 and BIOL 211L, or concurrent.
Curriculum map: BIOL 220 is a degree requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

BIOL 220L Human Physiology Laboratory (1 cr)
A comprehensive study of the functioning, integration, and interrelationships of the organ systems of the human body using inquiry-based and exploratory lab exercises to understand human health.
Prerequisites: BIOL 211, BIOL 211L, and BIOL 220 if not taken concurrently.
Co-requisite: BIOL 220.
Curriculum map: BIOL 220L is a degree requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

BIOL221 Systemic Physiology I (3cr)
Systemic physiology I introduces foundational principles of human physiology through a systems-based lens and is designed for students majoring in pre-health or life-sciences. Students explore the nervous system, special senses, cardiovascular system, respiratory system, muscle physiology, and an introduction to the endocrine system. Emphasis is placed on homeostatic regulation, signal transduction, and

physiological integration. Clinical case discussions, active learning, and formative assessments promote the development of critical reasoning skills essential for success in healthcare and biomedical fields.
Prerequisites: BIOL 210 and BIOL 210L, or concurrent.
Co-requisite: BIOL 220L.

BIOL222 Systemic Physiology II (3cr)
Systemic physiology II continues the systems-based study of human physiology from Systemic physiology I with a focus on advanced integration and clinical relevance. Students examine the renal system, digestive system, immune system, and reproductive systems. In addition, regulation of homeostasis, metabolism, fluid balance, host defense, and reproduction by the endocrine system is explored. Emphasis is placed on feedback regulation, multi-system interactions, and the physiological basis of common clinical conditions. Through case-based learning, applied problem-solving, and targeted assessments, students strengthen their ability to synthesize and apply physiological principles in preparation for success in healthcare and biomedical fields.
Prerequisites: BIOL 221 and BIOL 220L, or concurrent.
Co-requisite: None

BIOL 230 Genetics – From Genes to Genomes (3 cr)
BIOL 230 explores the molecular, cellular, and evolutionary foundations of genetics, from the structure and function of DNA to the organization, expression, and inheritance of whole genomes. Students will examine classical Mendelian inheritance alongside modern genomic analysis, population genetics, and the genetic basis of human disease. Topics include DNA structure and replication, gene expression and regulation, chromosome behavior, genetic mapping, molecular evolution, mutational mechanisms, bacterial and viral genetics, cancer genetics, and emerging biotechnologies. Emphasis is placed on how genetic mechanisms are harnessed for modern applications in bioengineering, sequencing, and diagnostics. Students engage with real-world examples and primary literature to interpret genetic variation, track allele frequencies, analyze gene function, and assess the impact of mutations. By the end of the course, students will be able to critically evaluate genetic data, apply fundamental genetic principles to complex biological systems, and communicate findings in both written and oral scientific formats. This course is intended for students pursuing advanced studies or careers in biomedical science, health professions, and biotechnology.
Prerequisite: BIOL 120 or administrative approval.

BIOL 310 General Microbiology (3 cr)
BIOL 310 provides an in-depth introduction to the biology of microorganisms, emphasizing their structure, physiology, genetics, ecology, and roles in human health and disease. Students will study bacteria, archaea, viruses, fungi, and protozoa, examining their classification, metabolic diversity, and evolutionary history. The course explores microbial interactions with the human body, mechanisms of pathogenesis, immune responses, and the principles of infection control and antimicrobial therapy. Special emphasis is placed on molecular genetics, biotechnology, and recombinant DNA technologies, with applications in clinical diagnostics, public health, and microbial engineering. Students analyze current topics in immunology, microbial resistance, and epidemiology while evaluating real-world case studies of infectious disease. Through interactive lectures, case-based learning, and multimedia resources, students develop a conceptual and applied understanding of microbiology that prepares them for careers in health professions, biomedical sciences, and biotechnology.
Prerequisite: BIOL 120 or BIOL 130
Co-requisite: BIOL 310L.
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 1

BIOL 310L General Microbiology Laboratory (1 cr)
BIOL 310L is the laboratory companion to BIOL 310, designed to provide students with practical

experience in microbiological techniques critical to clinical, research, and public health settings. Students develop skills in aseptic technique, microbial culture and isolation, and the use of selective and differential media for bacterial identification. Throughout the semester, students perform microscopy, dilution and plate counting, Gram and simple staining, catalase and oxidase testing, biochemical assays (e.g., IMViC, starch hydrolysis), and antibiotic susceptibility testing (Kirby-Bauer method). Molecular biology tools such as whole-cell PCR, gel electrophoresis, and BLAST sequence analysis are also introduced to reinforce microbial identification strategies. A signature feature of the course is the Unknowns Project, where students apply a full range of techniques to identify an unknown bacterial species from environmental or laboratory isolates. The course emphasizes accurate record-keeping via an eNotebook, scientific reasoning, safe lab practices, and clear communication of experimental findings. This course prepares students for advanced laboratory work and research in microbiology, biotechnology, and the health sciences. It must be taken concurrently with or after BIOL 310.
Prerequisites: BIOL 120 or BIOL 130.
Co-requisite: BIOL 310.
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 1

BIOL 340 Immunology (3 cr)
Unlock the secrets of the body's defense system in this advanced exploration of immunology. You'll examine innate and adaptive immunity at the cellular and molecular levels, investigating how immune cells, tissues, and signaling networks protect, and sometimes harm, the body. Core topics include antigen recognition, lymphocyte development, cytokine signaling, immune tolerance, hypersensitivity, and the mechanisms behind autoimmune disorders and immunodeficiencies. Beyond fundamentals, you'll tackle applied immunology through case studies on vaccines, transplantation, tumor immunity, and emerging research in neuroimmunology and infectious disease. By analyzing scientific literature and real-world clinical scenarios, you'll learn to interpret immunological data and connect immune mechanisms to health, disease, and therapeutic innovation. This course is designed to prepare students for success in advanced biomedical studies, including the first year of medical school.
Prerequisites: BIOL220
Curriculum plan: BSBMS PLO 1

BIOL 410 Neurobiology and Neurology (3 cr)
Take a deep dive into the inner workings of the nervous system and discover how molecular, cellular, and systems-level processes drive neural activity, behavior, and disease. You'll start by mapping the brain's architecture and decoding the electrical signals that power communication including ion channels, action potentials, and synaptic transmission. Then, explore neurotransmitter systems, brain development, and sensory pathways before moving into systems and clinical applications. Along the way, you'll investigate pain circuits, emotion and reward networks, and the neural basis of movement and cognition. In the second half of the course, you'll analyze neurological disorders such as stroke, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, autism, and even gut-brain interactions. The experience culminates in collaborative research proposals, where you synthesize cutting-edge findings and evaluate their impact on medicine and society. Expect to interpret real experimental data, think like a neuroscientist, and connect research to real-world health challenges.
Prerequisites: BIOL 120, CHEM 120.
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 1

BIOL 420 Advanced Cell and Molecular Biology (3 cr)
BIOL420 explores advanced concepts in cell biology, with emphasis on the molecular mechanisms that drive human health and disease. Topics include membrane transport, signal transduction, bioenergetics, cell cycle regulation, gene expression, cell migration, cancer biology, and programmed cell death. Students connect these cellular processes to real medical and physiological scenarios, strengthening readiness for health professions programs and advanced biomedical study. Completion of BIOL 210 and

CHEM 310 is strongly recommended.
Prerequisites: BIOL 120.
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 1

BIOL 430 Pharmacology (3 cr)
BIOL430 provides an integrated overview of clinically important drug classes and the scientific principles behind modern drug discovery. Students examine how drugs act at the molecular, cellular, and whole-organism levels to alter physiological function, treat disease, and manage symptoms. Emphasis is placed on mechanisms of action, therapeutic applications, and how pharmacology bridges basic science with clinical practice, making it ideal preparation for BSMD and advanced health-science pathways.
Prerequisites: BIOL220 and CHEM310 or Post Baccalaureate standing or administrative approval.
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 1

BIOL 440 Pathophysiology (3 cr)
This course introduces healthcare students to the foundational principles of pathophysiology, focusing on common diseases and disorders across major body systems. Students examine clinical presentations and explore how these conditions disrupt normal physiological function and homeostasis. The curriculum emphasizes the interpretation of medical investigatory techniques including laboratory tests and imaging as well as the evaluation of underlying pathological processes to support accurate diagnoses. Students learn common medical interventions and their effectiveness to restore physiological balance and improve patient outcomes. Throughout the course, students articulate the decision-making process and the role of healthcare professionals in recognizing, assessing, and managing pathophysiological conditions using professional and medical terminology.
Prerequisites: CHEM120 or CHEM130, BIOL 210, BIOL220, BIOL310 (may be taken concurrently), or Post Baccalaureate standing.
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 1

BIOL 450 Molecular Genetics (3 cr)
Human molecular genetics, emphasizes concepts and applications most relevant to future healthcare professionals. Students examine the molecular basis of gene structure, replication, mutation, and expression, and investigate how genetic variation contributes to human health and disease. Topics include gene regulation, epigenetics, chromosomal abnormalities, molecular diagnostics, and the genetic basis of complex diseases, connecting molecular mechanisms to clinical scenarios encountered in healthcare. The course integrates modern genetic technologies such as CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing, next-generation sequencing, and molecular diagnostic assays highlighting their use in research, genetic counseling, and precision medicine. Special focus is given to preparing students for the healthcare field, including interpretation of genetic data, understanding genetic risk assessment, and considering the ethical and social implications of genetic testing. Through lectures, literature analysis, and case-based discussions, students gain the skills needed to apply molecular genetics knowledge to clinical reasoning and evidence-based practice. This course is designed for students pursuing careers in medicine, dentistry, or biomedical fields who seek a strong molecular foundation for future professional study and clinical decision-making.
Prerequisites: BIOL230
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 1

BIOL 470 Integrated Biological Problem Solving (3 cr)
This advanced course focuses on developing critical thinking and applied problem-solving skills by examining the biological foundations of clinical presentations. Students will engage in case-based learning activities that require the integration of core concepts from cell biology, biochemistry, immunology, genetics, and pharmacology. Through collaborative analysis and guided inquiry, students will apply their understanding of the basic sciences to interpret clinical data, identify underlying mechanisms, and propose evidence-based explanations for biological phenomena. Emphasis is placed on

interdisciplinary reasoning, scientific communication, and the ability to synthesize complex biological information in a clinical context. This course is ideal for students preparing for medical school or graduate programs in biomedical sciences.
Prerequisites: CHEM 210 and BIOL 220 or Post Baccalaureate standing.
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 1

CHEM110 General Chemistry I (4 cr)
General Chemistry I introduces the fundamental principles of chemistry using an "atoms-first" approach. The course builds from an understanding of atomic theory and quantum mechanics to chemical bonding and molecular geometry, and ultimately to molecular reactions and interactions. Emphasis is placed on quantitative reasoning, symbolic representations, and connecting microscopic models to macroscopic phenomena. Designed for students in pre-medical, pre-dental, and other pre-professional tracks, General Chemistry I provides a strong conceptual and problem-solving foundation for subsequent coursework in chemistry and biology.
Prerequisites:
Co-requisite: CHEM110L.
*Curriculum map:*GELO 5

CHEM 110L General Chemistry I Laboratory (1 cr)
General Chemistry I Laboratory is the laboratory companion to General Chemistry I. The course provides students with hands-on experience applying core concepts of general chemistry through structured experimentation. Emphasis is placed on the development of safe laboratory practices, accurate measurement techniques, and the ability to observe, analyze, interpret, and communicate experimental results. Students will perform experiments including calorimetry, spectrophotometry, molecular modeling, and quantitative chemical analysis. In coordination with General Biology I Laboratory, students will initiate their Interdisciplinary Science Learning and Novel Discovery (ISLaND) project involving collection and analysis of local environmental samples. also participate in an interdisciplinary research project (ISLaND) involving environmental sample analysis using techniques such as titration, gravimetric analysis, and spectrophotometric quantification. Goals of the course include building foundational skills in critical thinking, quantitative analysis, and scientific communication essential for success in chemistry and the broader sciences.
Prerequisite: CHEM 110 if not taken concurrently.
Co-requisite: CHEM 110 if not taken concurrently.
Curriculum map: GELO 5

CHEM 120 General Chemistry II (4 cr)
General Chemistry II continues the general chemistry sequence with a focus on transformation of chemical systems, specifically chemical kinetics and equilibrium. Emphasis is placed on critical thinking, quantitative reasoning, and symbolic representation, integrating atomic- and molecular-level perspectives with macroscopic observations. Designed for students in pre-medical, pre-dental, and other pre-professional tracks, General Chemistry II builds the foundational competencies necessary for advanced study in chemistry and biology.
Prerequisites: CHEM 110 and CHEM 110L.
Co-requisite: CHEM 120L.

CHEM 120L General Chemistry II Laboratory (1 cr)
CHEM 120L is the laboratory component of General Chemistry II, designed to deepen students' understanding of chemical concepts through practical, hands-on experimentation. The course emphasizes quantitative analysis, chemical kinetics, equilibrium, acid-base titrations, thermochemistry, and electrochemistry. Students will gain proficiency in lab techniques including spectrophotometry, titration, gravimetric analysis, pH measurement, and electrochemical cell construction. Students will also

participate in a collaborative capstone research project (ISLaND), which involves environmental sample analysis and culminates in a formal written report and professional poster presentation. Throughout the course, students develop core competencies in laboratory safety, experimental design, data analysis (including statistical and error analysis), and scientific communication. This course is essential for science majors and pre-professional students, reinforcing lecture content while cultivating transferable skills in data literacy, critical thinking, and research presentation.
Prerequisite: CHEM 110 and CHEM 110L.
Co-requisite: CHEM 120.

CHEM 130 Foundations in General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry (3 cr)
This course provides broad introductions to general, organic, and biological chemistry. Throughout the course students will explore the scientific method, measurements, atomic structure, radioactivity, ionic and covalent compounds, reactions, oxidation-reduction, solutions, acids and bases, organic compounds, and biological macro-molecules.
Prerequisite: None.
Co-requisite: None.
Curriculum map: CHEM 130 is a course for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing that contributes toward GE requirements for scientific inquiry and quantitative reasoning in the chemistry sub-area.

CHEM 210 Organic Chemistry I (4 cr)
Organic Chemistry I expands upon the fundamental chemical principles introduced in the General Chemistry sequence and applies them to carbon containing and biologically relevant molecules. Starting with the electron as the central actor, the course uses orbital theory and thermodynamic principles to establish a framework for understanding and predicting chemical properties and reactivity. Students will learn to predict reaction outcomes, propose chemically reasonable reaction mechanisms, and analyze spectroscopic data to determine molecular structures. The course prioritizes conceptual reasoning, problem-solving, and the development of a deep understanding of molecular interactions. Organic Chemistry I builds the foundation necessary for advanced coursework in organic chemistry II (CHEM220), biochemistry (CHEM310).
Prerequisites: CHEM 120 .
Co-requisite: CHEM 210L.

CHEM 210L Organic Chemistry I Laboratory (1 cr)
CHEM 210L is the laboratory companion to CHEM 210, providing hands-on experience with essential techniques in organic chemistry. Students will develop skills in extraction, purification, melting point determination, recrystallization, and chromatography, along with the use of infrared (IR) spectroscopy for functional group identification and structural analysis. These methods support the separation and characterization of organic compounds and reinforce key lecture topics. The course emphasizes scientific reasoning, proper lab notebook documentation, and clear communication of experimental results. Students complete an Organic Research Capstone Activity (ORCA), developing and presenting a research proposal that incorporates experimental design, chemical safety, and relevant methodology. Students also gain foundational experience in chemical structure drawing (MarvinSketch, Avogadro) and molecular modeling using GAMESS to support conformational analysis and visualization. CHEM 210L prepares students for advanced laboratory work and research in organic chemistry, chemical biology, and related scientific fields.
Prerequisite: CHEM 120.
Co-requisite: CHEM 210.

CHEM 220 Organic Chemistry II (3 cr)
CHEM 220 is the second course in a two-semester organic chemistry sequence. It expands students' mastery of organic structure, reactivity, and synthesis, with an emphasis on carbonyl-containing

compounds, aromatic substitution, pericyclic reactions, and radical mechanisms. The course integrates theory and application through in-depth exploration of reaction mechanisms, thermodynamics, and kinetic principles. Topics include multicenter molecular orbitals, electrophilic and nucleophilic aromatic substitution, carbon-carbon bond formation, organometallic reactions, protecting group strategies, and modern synthetic methods such as Wittig and Grignard reactions. Students will also explore reaction design, multi-step synthetic pathways, and the use of IR spectroscopy for functional group identification. CHEM 220 places strong emphasis on critical reasoning, mechanism-based prediction, and synthetic strategy, preparing students for careers and further study in medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, biomedical research, and chemical sciences.
Prerequisites: CHEM 210 .
Co-requisite: CHEM 220L.

CHEM 220L Organic Chemistry II Laboratory (1 cr)
CHEM 220L is the companion laboratory course to CHEM 220, providing students with hands-on experience in organic synthesis, analysis, and research methodology. Through experiments aligned with lecture topics, students explore chemical transformations including Diels–Alder reactions, esterification, polymerization, and Wittig reactions. The course emphasizes laboratory safety, careful observation, and accurate record-keeping in electronic laboratory notebooks. Students apply techniques such as recrystallization, extraction, melting point determination, and infrared (IR) spectroscopy to assess compound purity and identify functional groups. Spectroscopic data and experimental outcomes are used to evaluate reaction mechanisms and product structures. A signature feature of this course is the Organic Research Capstone Activity (ORCA), in which student teams design, carry out, and present an original experiment culminating in a professional poster presentation at the CNU College of Health Sciences Research Day. Students develop transferable skills in scientific communication and collaborative research. CHEM 220L builds on foundational lab experience and prepares students for upper-division laboratory work, independent research, and careers in the chemical and health sciences.
Prerequisites: CHEM 210 and CHEM 210L.
Co-requisite: CHEM 220.

CHEM 310 Biochemistry (3 cr)
CHEM310 is the molecular foundation of medicine and the health sciences. This course explores the structure and function of key biomolecules, DNA, proteins, lipids, and carbohydrates, and examines how enzyme action, metabolic pathways, and energy regulation drive human physiology. Students also learn essential biochemical techniques and apply concepts to medical and clinical scenarios, building strong preparation for the MCAT and advanced health-science training.
Prerequisites: CHEM 220.
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 1

COLL 100 Success Strategies for Pre-Health Students A Seminar A (2 cr)
This seminar supports students in successfully transitioning to college, with an emphasis on both academic and professional preparation for careers in the health professions. Designed to boost engagement, motivation, and academic performance, the course equips students with essential skills for thriving in college and beyond. Students will explore strategies used by successful college learners, and develop goal setting, time management, and study skills that translate directly to healthcare environments. The course also introduces students to campus resources, supports career exploration in the health professions, and encourages habits that promote both personal wellness and academic resilience.
Prerequisites: None.

COLL 110X Medical Terminology (2 cr)
This course introduces students to the structure and meaning of medical terminology commonly encountered in healthcare and biomedical science. Emphasizing word roots, prefixes, and suffixes,

students will learn to build, analyze, and interpret medical terms related to anatomy, physiology, pathology, and clinical procedures. Using an interactive, self-paced learning platform, students will develop proficiency in spelling, pronunciation, and application of medical terms across body systems. The course is designed to strengthen students' foundational vocabulary for future study in health sciences, including pre-medical and pre-dental pathways.
Prerequisite: None.

COLL 310 Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis (3 cr)
This course provides an overview of quantitative, qualitative, and mixed-method research methodologies commonly used in the natural, biomedical, and behavioral sciences. Students will examine the full research process from identifying and refining a topic to disseminating scientific findings. Major areas of focus include developing problem statements, formulating research questions and hypotheses, understanding ethical and regulatory considerations (IRB, IACUC, CITI trainings), conducting literature reviews, designing studies, collecting and analyzing data, and effectively reporting results for a scientific audience and the general public.
Prerequisites: MATH 120 Applied Statistics and ENGL 120 or equivalent.
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 3

COLL 320 Scholarly Research II (3 cr)
COLL 320 is the capstone continuation of COLL 310, where students independently design, conduct, and present a research project grounded in scientific inquiry. Emphasizing responsibility, creativity, and applied learning, the course guides students through all stages of the research process from question development and literature review to data collection, analysis, and public presentation. Students engage in collaborative research using real-world data sets or original investigations, with emphasis on ethical considerations, critical thinking, and scientific communication. Key deliverables may include lab notebooks, research posters, peer-reviewed drafts, and a final written report. Seminar presentations and poster sessions prepare students to share findings with both professional and lay audiences. This project-based course strengthens students' research literacy and prepares them for academic, professional, or clinical research environments, particularly in the health sciences.
Prerequisites: COLL 310.
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 3, PLO 4

COLL 420 Leadership (3 cr)
This course invites students to examine their leadership identity and development within the context of the health sciences. Drawing on foundational leadership theories and applied practice, students will explore leadership styles relevant to healthcare and community-based settings, with emphasis on communication, teamwork, ethical decision-making, and cultural humility. Through reflective activities, case studies, simulations, and collaborative projects, students will strengthen interpersonal and leadership competencies while connecting their individual strengths to future roles in health-related fields. The course prepares students to engage thoughtfully and effectively in complex, team-based environments and to contribute with integrity, adaptability, and purpose.
Prerequisites: ENGL120
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 4

COLL 430 Service Learning for Health Care Professionals (3 cr)
This course introduces students to the core principles, frameworks, and reflective practices of community-engaged learning as applied to the health sciences, and guides them through a structured, real-world partnership with a local community organization. Students explore concepts such as social accountability, cultural humility, civic responsibility, and ethical decision-making, examining how authentic, relationship-centered collaboration promotes community well-being and informs future roles in health professions. Through volunteer or project-based engagement, ongoing reflection, supervision, and peer

discussion, students apply theoretical perspectives to issues of health equity, cultural competence, and interprofessional collaboration. Emphasizing reciprocity, respect, and shared problem-solving, the course supports students in developing practical skills for working effectively with diverse communities. Completion of all required service hours and professional expectations are necessary for course credit.
Prerequisites: ENGL120
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 4, PLO 5

COLL 489 PAL Education Seminar (1 cr)
COLL 489 is designed for students who are interested in becoming a peer learning assistant (PAL) for all CHS courses. It is focused on how to effectively facilitate a lecture, laboratory, hold a recitation session, and/or lead a study group. Key learning theories, teaching techniques and methods, ethics and professionalism, and cooperative learning are discussed, among other topics.
Prerequisites: Have taken 12 credits at CHS or 25 college credits outside CHS.
Curriculum Map: COLL 489 is an elective course.

COLL 490a Peer-Assistant Learning (1-3 cr)
Students receive official credit on their transcripts for work as Peer-Assistant Learners (PALs) in lecture or laboratory courses, and/or for tutoring other students that need additional support. Students must have a sponsoring faculty member that will supervise the teaching/tutoring activity.
Course may be taken more than once, but no more than 2 units may be applied to the degree or program requirement. Over the course of the semester, 45 hours of work must be completed to earn the equivalent of 1 credit unit.
Once students have completed pedagogical training during the course of one semester, they are not required to repeat the seminar portion of COLL 490. Students may then request to receive monetary remuneration in lieu of credits if sufficient funds are available.
Prerequisites: Instructor approval.
Curriculum map: COLL 490a is an elective course.

COLL 490b Research Experience (1-3 cr)
COLL 490b provides the opportunity to engage in research with faculty following the apprenticeship concept, while applying their previous experiences and academic background to research. This is a faculty sponsored course and as such faculty must sponsor student participation after an evaluation of the student's research background. Registration is not open directly to the student; faculty must request registration from the Office of Academic and Student Affairs. The course may be taken for no credit or for 1 to 3 credits, more than once, however no more than 2 credits may be applied towards a degree at CNUCHS. A total of 45 hours of effective research work must be completed to earn the equivalent to 1 credit unit. Grading: P/NP only.
Prerequisites: COLL 310, CITI training certificate, faculty sponsorship, and administrative approval.
Curriculum map: COLL 490b is an elective course.

COLL 490c Student Services Assistant (1-3 cr)
Students will receive official credit on their transcripts for work performed as a Student Services Assistant. Students must be approved by the Office of Academic and Student Affairs to work with a faculty or a staff member, based on a specific project. Four hours of work must be completed per week for the semester (6 hours per week during summer) to earn the equivalent of 1 credit unit. Course may be taken more than once, but no more than 2 units may be applied to the degree or program requirement. Grading: P/NP only.
Prerequisites: Faculty/staff sponsorship and administrative approval.
Curriculum map: COLL 490c is an elective course.

COLL 499 Honors Thesis (3 cr)

This capstone course supports BS-MD and BS-DMD students in designing, conducting, and completing an independent research project in the biomedical or health sciences. Under the guidance of a faculty mentor, students identify and refine a research topic, conduct a comprehensive literature review, and develop a formal research proposal grounded in appropriate research design and ethical compliance, including IRB or IACUC training when applicable. Students then implement their study through data collection, analysis, and interpretation or, when relevant, through rigorous evidence synthesis. Seminar discussions and peer workshops strengthen scientific writing, research methods, and scholarly communication. The course culminates in a written honors thesis and a formal oral defense, with encouragement to pursue conference presentation or publication. Satisfactory completion of this course fulfills the honors thesis requirement and provides essential preparation for the research expectations of professional school.
Prerequisites: COLL310, COLL320, and Faculty/staff sponsorship and administrative approval.
Curriculum map: *BSBMS PLO 1, PLO 3, PLO 4*

COMM 110 Interpersonal Communication in the Age of AI (3 cr)
This course introduces students to the principles and practices of interpersonal communication with a focus on verbal interaction, active listening, and emotional intelligence. Students will explore how communication builds relationships, resolves conflict, and conveys identity in traditional face-to-face contexts and through emerging AI-mediated environments. Special attention is given to foundational communication skills for healthcare providers, including empathy, clarity, trust-building, and delivering sensitive information. The course also examines how technologies such as chatbots, virtual assistants, and generative AI are reshaping conversations in clinical, educational, and personal settings. Through role-plays, case studies, and recorded dialogues, students will practice effective verbal communication while developing critical awareness of how AI affects interpersonal connections.
Prerequisites: None.
Curriculum map: GELO 2

ENGL 110 Writing and Information Literacy (3 cr)
This introductory composition course emphasizes foundational writing skills through multimodal and collaborative approaches. Students will develop clear, coherent, and compelling writing by focusing on grammar, vocabulary, and voice while exploring how writing changes across different audiences and purposes. Through frequent practice, students will engage in drafting, peer review, and revision within a collaborative environment. Students will gain experience with multimodal writing that combines text, visuals, audio, and digital media to create meaningful compositions across platforms. Emphasis will be placed on information literacy, including how to locate, evaluate, and ethically integrate sources into their work. Artificial intelligence (AI) tools will be introduced as resources for brainstorming, revising, and editing, with discussion on the ethical and responsible use of such technologies in academic settings.
Prerequisites: None
Curriculum map: GELO 1, GELO 3

ENGL 120 Rhetoric and Argumentation (3 cr)
Building on skills from Writing and Information Literacy, this course deepens students' engagement with academic and public writing through advanced research, audience-specific communication, and multimodal composition. Students will refine their understanding of grammar and sentence-level clarity, expand their academic and disciplinary vocabulary, and enhance their written voice to suit diverse rhetorical contexts. The course places a strong emphasis on collaborative writing processes, peer editing, and team-based projects. Students will use AI-powered tools to support research, drafting, and style development, with a critical lens on issues of authorship, originality, and algorithmic bias. Through case studies and scaffolded research assignments, students will strengthen their information literacy, source evaluation, and citation practices.
Prerequisite: ENGL 110

Curriculum map: GELO 1, GELO 4

HSCI 410 Healthcare Informatics (3 cr)
This course equips healthcare professionals with foundational principles and emerging trends in healthcare informatics, emphasizing the integration of technology into clinical practice to improve patient outcomes. Students actively develop essential skills in accessing, managing, and presenting clinical data, particularly through electronic health records, while strengthening their information literacy and understanding of patient privacy standards. The curriculum explores key topics such as interoperability, cloud computing, consumer informatics, nursing informatics, and the use of social media in healthcare. Through hands-on applications and current content, students gain confidence and expertise to meet the technological demands of modern healthcare environments.
Prerequisites: NURS 200 for Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Curriculum Map: HSCI 410 is an elective course for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences and a degree requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

HSCI 430 Healthcare Policy (3 cr)
This competency-based course introduces students to the evolving healthcare environment, with a focus on leadership, health policy, and political advocacy in nursing. Students will develop competencies in healthcare leadership, conflict management, policy analysis, and community engagement. The course explores the complex business, financial, and political factors that influence care delivery, including economics, lobbying, media use, and strategies for working with communities to drive change. Emphasis is placed on preparing students to assume leadership roles within the four spheres of political influence: the workplace, government, professional organizations, and the community. Through discussion and applied learning, students will strengthen their professional identity and advocacy skills to influence health policy and promote equitable care.
Prerequisites: NURS 200 for Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Curriculum Map: HSCI 410 is an elective course for the Bachelor of Science in Health Science and a degree requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

HUMN 250 Foundations of Ethics in Medicine (3cr)
This course introduces students to the ethical principles, frameworks, and moral reasoning skills essential to contemporary medical and health care practice. Through examination of core concepts such as autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence, justice, and professional integrity, students explore how ethical decision-making is applied in clinical settings and public health contexts. Case studies address issues including informed consent, confidentiality, end-of-life decision-making, reproductive ethics, resource allocation, emerging biotechnologies, and the social determinants that shape health outcomes. Emphasizing critical thinking, cultural humility, and communication, the course prepares students to navigate ethical challenges they will encounter in advanced study and future health professions.
Prerequisites: ENGL120
Curriculum Map: GELO 6.3, PLO 2

MATH 110 College Algebra (3 cr)
MATH 110 is a course focused on the concept of functions and their applications in solving real world problems. The symbolic, numerical, graphical, and narrative representations of functions are discussed in detail. Emphasis is placed on solving problems symbolically, numerically, and graphically while understanding the connections among these methods in interpreting and analyzing results. The course will cover linear, quadratic, polynomial, rational, exponential, and logarithmic functions.
Prerequisites: None.
Curriculum map: GELO 5

MATH 120 Statistics (3 cr)

This course emphasizes the understanding, interpretation, and application of statistical methods and concepts to problems of interest for health science professionals. This course covers key statistical concepts which include: descriptive and inferential statistics. normal distribution, standardization and standard errors, measures of central tendency and variability, hypothesis testing, statistical significance and confidence intervals, correlation, contingence tables, differences between group means (t- tests and ANOVA), regression and chi-square.
Prerequisites: None.
Curriculum map: GELO 5

MATH 121 Applied Biostatistics (3 cr)
This course introduces fundamental statistical concepts with emphasis on applications in the health and biomedical sciences. Topics include descriptive statistics, probability, hypothesis testing, confidence intervals, correlation, regression, t-tests, ANOVA, chi-square methods, and introductory statistical computing using R. Students will develop skills in interpreting data, evaluating scientific evidence, and applying statistical reasoning across a range of health and clinical research contexts.
Prerequisites: None.
Curriculum map: GELO 5

MATH 125 Pre-Calculus (3 cr)
This course reviews and elaborates upon mathematics essential for the study of calculus. Specific topics include polynomial functions and equations, trigonometric functions, exponential and logarithmic functions and equations, and plane geometry (with emphasis on vectors). This course is required to be taken by students who need a thorough review of this material as determined by performance on a mandatory math placement exam given to all first-year students before the start of the Fall semester. Students who do well on the placement exam may skip this course and enroll directly in MATH130 Differential and Integral Calculus offered in the Spring.
Prerequisites: None.
Curriculum map: MATH 125 is a course for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences and contributes toward GE requirements for scientific inquiry and quantitative reasoning in the math sub-area.

MATH 130 Calculus (3 cr)
This course introduces the fundamental concepts of calculus with a focus on applications relevant to health and life sciences. Topics include limits, continuity, derivatives, and integrals, as well as exponential and logarithmic functions, with an emphasis on interpreting and modeling biological and medical phenomena. Students will apply calculus concepts to problems in pharmacokinetics, population dynamics, rates of physiological change, and medical imaging. The course also develops skills in mathematical reasoning, data interpretation, and graphical analysis that are essential for success in scientific coursework and standardized exams such as the MCAT and DAT. Designed for students pursuing pre-medical, pre-dental, or other pre-health tracks, this course provides a strong quantitative foundation for further study in chemistry, biology, physics, and biostatistics.
Prerequisites: MATH 125 or passing math placement exam.
Curriculum map: GELO 5

MEDS 399 Humanized Healthcare/Standardized Patient Clinical Experience (3 cr)
This course explores the principles and practices of humanized healthcare, emphasizing the integration of empathy, storytelling, and communication in clinical and care settings. Grounded in the philosophy of narrative medicine, students will examine how patient stories and lived experiences contribute to more compassionate, effective, and person-centered care. Students will develop skills in interpersonal communication, reflective listening, and emotional intelligence to enhance patient-provider relationships. The course also considers the evolving role of healthcare professionals in the knowledge era, where digital

tools, information overload, and time pressures challenge human connection in care delivery. Through readings, patient narratives, interactive dialogue, and reflective writing, and serving as standardized patients, students will explore how to balance clinical expertise with empathy and communication, ensuring that technological advancement does not come at the expense of the human experience.
Prerequisites: *HUMN250*
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 2, PLO 3, PLO 4

MEDS 410a Standardized Patients Clinical Experience A (3 cr)
MEDS 410a is a combined experiential and seminar course. Students undertake the role of standardized patients in medical education, embodying patients' symptoms, life histories and illness concerns during real-time scenarios with medical students and their faculty preceptors. In seminar students learn to recognize, interpret and represent patient care through study of Narrative Medicine by listening to and telling the complex and unique stories of illness. Students have the opportunity to experience and understand what being a patient with illness is as they develop skills in patient centered health care.
Prerequisites: Senior status with faculty approval, or Post Baccalaureate Standing.
Curriculum map: MEDS 410a is an elective course for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences that contributes toward the Program Area Requirement for professionalism.

MEDS 410b Standardized Patients Clinical Experience B (3 cr)
MEDS 410b is a combined experiential and seminar course. Students undertake the role of standardized patients in medical education, embodying patients' symptoms, life histories and illness concerns during real-time scenarios with medical students and their faculty preceptors. In seminar students learn to recognize, interpret and represent patient care through study of Narrative Medicine by listening to and telling the complex and unique stories of illness. Students have the opportunity to experience and understand what being a patient with illness is as they develop skills in patient centered health care.
Prerequisites: Senior status with faculty approval, or Post Baccalaureate Standing.
Curriculum map: MEDS 410b is an elective course for the Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Sciences that contributes toward the Program Area Requirement for professionalism.

NURS 200 Introduction to Professional Nursing (3 cr)
This course provides an overview of the art and science of nursing, tracing its historical development and examining key concepts and contemporary issues that shape the profession today. Students will explore the foundational elements of nursing as an evolving discipline, including the nursing process, scope and standards of practice, professional roles and competencies, licensure and certification requirements, legal and ethical considerations, and the influence of professional organizations.
Prerequisites: Student must have been admitted into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program.
Curriculum map: NURS 200 is a required foundational course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

NURS210 Pharmacology (3cr)
This course introduces the foundational principles of pharmacology essential to safe and effective nursing care. Students will examine drug classifications, indications for use, mechanisms of action, patient responses, and monitoring strategies. Emphasis is placed on developing competencies in the safe administration of medications, management of adverse reactions and toxicity, understanding contraindications, and identifying drug-drug and food-drug interactions. Learners will gain competency in interpreting pharmacological profiles, applying regulatory guidelines for drug control and storage, and integrating pharmacologic knowledge into patient care planning. The course also fosters interprofessional collaboration with physicians and pharmacists, encouraging critical thinking in the development, implementation, and evaluation of individualized drug therapy plans. Foundational scientific concepts will be reviewed as needed to support pharmacologic understanding.
Prerequisites: NURS 200

Curriculum map: NURS 210 is a degree requirement of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

NURS 220 Fundamentals in Nursing (3 cr)
This foundational course introduces nursing students to essential knowledge, skills, and professional roles that support compassionate, evidence-based, and collaborative care. Through guided instruction and practice, students will begin developing critical thinking abilities in the roles of communicator, educator, and caregiver. Core nursing competencies emphasized in this course include maintaining a safe and hygienic environment, applying principles of medical asepsis and infection control, promoting mobility through proper body mechanics, and providing basic gastrointestinal and urinary care. Students will also gain proficiency in oxygen therapy and airway management, as well as calculating and safely administering drug dosages.
Prerequisites: NURS 200
Co-requisite: NURS 220CL
Curriculum map: NURS 220 is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

NURS 220CL Fundamentals in Nursing - Clinical (1 cr)
This course provides hands-on learning in the skills and simulation lab, where students apply nursing theory, critical thinking, and the nursing process to master essential competencies for professional practice. Emphasis is placed on demonstrating proficiency in fundamental nursing skills and procedures aligned with standards of safe, effective care. Students are required to complete 48 hours of supervised clinical experience, reinforcing skill development and integration of classroom knowledge in real-world settings.
Prerequisites: NURS 200
Co-requisite: NURS 220
Curriculum map: NURS 220CL is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

NURS 230 Health Assessment in Nursing (4 cr)
This course prepares students to develop and demonstrate essential competencies in health assessment across the lifespan. Students will learn to conduct comprehensive health histories and perform physical examinations and system-based assessments. The course emphasizes cultural awareness, psychosocial sensitivity, and the integration of genetic and nutritional factors into patient evaluations. Through guided practice and clinical experience, students will refine their assessment skills, demonstrate competency in systems examinations, and accurately document clinical findings.
Prerequisites: NURS 200
Co-requisite: NURS 230CL
Curriculum map: NURS 230 is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

NURS 230CL Health Assessment in Nursing - Clinical (1 cr)
This competency-based clinical course prepares students to conduct comprehensive health histories and perform head-to-toe physical examinations and system assessments on individuals across the lifespan. Students will develop foundational knowledge and clinical skills while demonstrating competencies in cultural awareness, psychosocial sensitivity, and genetic and nutritional assessment. The laboratory component (48 hours) provides structured opportunities for students to practice system-based examinations, demonstrate clinical competency, and accurately document assessment findings.
Prerequisites: NURS 200
Co-requisite: NURS 230
Curriculum map: NURS 230CL is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

NURS 300 Ethics in Nursing (3 cr)

This competency-based course emphasizes the role of the nurse in delivering ethically grounded care within diverse healthcare settings. As leadership and autonomy in nursing practice expand, so do the ethical responsibility inherent in professional decision-making. Students will gain foundational knowledge in ethics, ethical reasoning, and decision-making strategies to navigate complex and often challenging ethical situations encountered in daily practice. The course introduces decision-making models, rationales for ethical choices, and key topics related to ethical patient care, supporting the development of competencies essential for safe, responsible, and professional nursing practice.
Prerequisites: NURS 210, NURS 220/220CL, NURS 230/230CL.
Curriculum map: NURS 300 is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

NURS 310 Adult Health I (5 cr)
This course introduces Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) students to the foundational principles of medical-surgical nursing, emphasizing the care of adult patients with common acute and chronic health conditions. Geriatric content is integrated throughout both theoretical instruction and clinical application. Students examine pathophysiology, pharmacology, and evidence-based interventions across major body systems while developing clinical judgment, prioritization, and decision-making skills. The course emphasizes patient safety, health promotion, and the nurse's role in interdisciplinary care. Major topics include fluid and electrolyte balance, perioperative care, cardiovascular and respiratory disorders, diabetes management, and infection control. Through structured learning experiences and case-based analysis, students acquire the knowledge and competencies necessary for safe and effective nursing practice in adult health care settings.
Prerequisites: NURS 210, NURS 220/220CL, NURS 230/230CL.
Co-requisite: NURS 310CL
Curriculum map: NURS 310 is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

NURS 310CL Adult Health I Clinical (6 cr)
This competency-based clinical course provides students with hands-on experience in caring for adults across the lifespan who are experiencing acute and chronic health conditions in both acute and sub-acute healthcare settings. Geriatric care is integrated throughout course. Students apply nursing theory, evidence-based practice, and clinical reasoning to deliver safe, patient-centered, and team-based care. Emphasis is placed on developing competencies in pathophysiology, pharmacotherapy, developmental theory, and ethical decision-making. Students demonstrate compassionate, professional nursing care while refining skills in communication, collaboration, and clinical judgment. The course requires 288 hours of clinical experience, encompassing immersive on-campus simulation and direct patient care in acute and community-based settings.
Prerequisites: NURS 210, NURS 220/220CL, NURS 230/230CL.
Co-requisite: NURS 310
Curriculum map: NURS 310CL is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

NURS 320 Adult Health II (4 cr)
This competency-based course builds on the knowledge and competencies developed in Adult Health I. This course prepares students to care for adults across the lifespan with increasingly complex and chronic health conditions in both acute and sub-acute healthcare settings. Geriatric concepts are integrated throughout the theoretical and clinical components. Emphasis is placed on the delivery of safe, patient-centered, and team-based care that incorporates health promotion, disease prevention, and patient and family education. Students continue to refine their clinical judgment and demonstrate competency in managing complex care needs while applying ethical principles, effective communication strategies, and evidence-based interventions.
Prerequisites: NURS 310 and NURS 310CL.
Co-requisite: NURS 320CL

Curriculum map: NURS 320 is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

NURS 320CL Adult Health II - Clinical (4 cr)
This competency-based clinical course provides students with opportunities to develop and demonstrate competencies in psychomotor skills, critical thinking, and clinical judgment necessary to deliver safe, patient-centered, and team-based care to adults across the lifespan, with integrated geriatric content. Emphasis is placed on the nurse's role in providing compassionate, ethically grounded care in diverse healthcare settings. The course requires 192 hours of clinical experience, combining immersive on-campus simulation with direct patient care in acute and community-based settings.
Prerequisites: NURS 300 and NURS 310/310CL.
Co-requisite: NURS 320
Curriculum map: NURS 320CL is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students

NURS 330 Evidenced-Based Practice (3 cr)
This competency-based course introduces the student to the foundational principles of nursing research and evidence-based practice. Students will explore the research process, including qualitative and quantitative methodologies, research design, and data collection techniques. Emphasis is placed on developing the ability to critically read, evaluate, and apply research findings to clinical practice. Through the formulation of clinical questions and appraisal of current literature, students will learn to integrate best available scientific evidence into team-based, patient-centered care to improve healthcare outcomes.
Prerequisites: NURS 200
Curriculum map: NURS 330 is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

NURS 340 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing (3 cr)
This competency-based course provides students with direct patient care experiences in psychiatric and mental health settings. Students develop therapeutic communication skills and apply the nursing process to care for individuals and families across the lifespan experiencing acute and chronic mental health conditions. Emphasis is placed on interdisciplinary collaboration, teaching-learning strategies, behavioral health interventions, and culturally responsive care. Special populations-including individuals experiencing homelessness, substance use disorders, addiction, and other mental health challenges are explored through both clinical practice and reflective learning.
Prerequisites: NURS 320 and NURS 320CL.
Co-requisite: NURS 340CL
Curriculum map: NURS 340 is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

NURS 340CL Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing Clinical (1 cr)
This competency-based clinical course prepares students to provide holistic, patient-centered care to individuals and families across the lifespan who are experiencing acute and chronic psychiatric and mental health conditions. Students develop competencies in therapeutic communication, behavioral health interventions, and interdisciplinary collaboration through the application of the nursing process. Emphasis is placed on health promotion, disease prevention, and culturally responsive care for diverse populations, including individuals affected by homelessness, substance use, addiction, and other mental health disorders. The course requires 48 hours of supervised clinical practice, combining immersive on-campus simulation with direct patient care in acute and community-based mental health settings. Throughout the course, students demonstrate the nurse's role in delivering ethically grounded, compassionate care within psychiatric and mental health environments.
Prerequisites: NURS 320 and NURS 320CL
Co-requisite: NURS 340
Curriculum Map: NURS 340CL is a degree requirement of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

NURS 350 Maternal-Child Nursing (3 cr)
This competency-based course integrates nursing theory and evidence-based practice in the care of maternal and newborn populations. Family-centered care serves as the foundational framework, with a focus on health promotion, disease prevention, and culturally responsive care for diverse families. Students will develop clinical judgment and competencies in the care of women during the Antepartum, Intrapartum, and Postpartum periods.
Prerequisites: NURS 320 and NURS 320CL.
Co-requisite: NURS 350CL
Curriculum map: NURS 350 is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

NURS 350CL Maternal-Child Nursing - Clinical (1 cr)
This competency-based clinical course focuses on the integration of nursing theory and evidence-based practice in the care of maternal and newborn populations. Family-centered care serves as the guiding framework, emphasizing health promotion, disease prevention, and culturally responsive care for diverse families. Students will participate in simulated learning experiences to develop clinical judgment and competencies in the care of women during the Antepartum, Intrapartum, and Postpartum periods. Newborn simulations will focus on delivery, initial assessment, and evidence-based interventions. The course requires 48 hours of clinical experience, combining immersive simulation on campus with direct patient care in acute and non-acute maternal-newborn settings within the community.
Prerequisites: NURS 320 and NURS 320CL.
Co-requisite: NURS 350
Curriculum map: NURS 350CL is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

NURS 360 Pediatrics Nursing (3 cr)
This competency-based course introduces students to core concepts in pediatric nursing, emphasizing evidence-based care for infants, children, and adolescents across acute and chronic conditions. Students examine child growth and development, health promotion and disease prevention, and family-centered care for diverse populations. The curriculum highlights pediatric safety, immunization schedules, nutrition, developmental milestones, chronic condition management, and the nurse's role in advocacy, communication, family centered, and culturally responsive care. Through structured learning and current content, students build the foundational knowledge necessary to support pediatric patients and their families across the continuum of care.
Prerequisites: NURS 320 and NURS320CL
Co-requisite: NURS 360CL
Curriculum Map: NURS 360 is a degree requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

NURS 360CL Pediatrics Nursing – Clinical (1 cr)
This competency-based clinical course provides students with direct patient care experiences in pediatric nursing across a variety of settings, such as acute care, chronic care, ambulatory clinics, or school-based environments. Students will apply evidence-based practice and clinical reasoning to care for children and adolescents with acute and chronic health conditions. Simulated learning experiences support the development of clinical judgment, psychomotor skills, team dynamics, and communication. Emphasis is placed on child growth and development, health promotion, disease prevention, and family-centered care for diverse populations. Under the supervision of clinical faculty and staff nurses, students will demonstrate professional nursing competencies in delivering safe, developmentally appropriate, and culturally sensitive care. This course requires 48 hours of clinical experience that includes both immersive simulation on campus and direct patient care in various settings in the community.
Prerequisites: NURS 320 and NURS 320CL
Co-requisite: NURS 360
Curriculum Map: NURS 360CL is a degree requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

NURS 370 Public and Community Health Nursing (2 cr)
This competency-based course prepares students to meet the Scope and Standards of Practice for Public Health Nursing and become eligible to apply for a Public Health Nurse Certificate. Students will develop and demonstrate competencies in assessing, diagnosing, planning, implementing, and evaluating public health and community-based interventions. The course emphasizes population-focused care, health promotion, disease prevention, emergency and disaster nursing, and restoration of health across diverse communities. Students will apply nursing and public health standards to address the needs of individuals, families, and population groups, with a focus on culturally responsive, evidence-based practice that supports the health of communities.
Prerequisites: NURS 320 and NURS 320CL
Co-requisite: NURS 370CL
Curriculum Map: NURS 370 is a degree requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

NURS 370CL Public Health Nursing – Clinical (2 cr)
This 96-hour competency-based practicum provides students with experiential learning focused on population health and community-based nursing practice. Guided by the American Nurses Association (ANA) Public Health Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice, students will demonstrate competencies in assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation of public health interventions. Clinical experiences across diverse settings support the development of evidence-based strategies to promote health, prevent disease, and restore wellness for individuals, families, and population groups. Students will complete a community-based assessment and intervention plan, applying public health principles, interprofessional collaboration, and culturally responsive care to improve health outcomes within a defined population.
Prerequisites: NURS 320 and NURS 320CL
Co-requisite: NURS 370
Curriculum Map: NURS 370CL is a degree requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

NURS 420 Nursing Leadership (3 cr)
This competency-based course introduces students to leadership and management principles within professional nursing practice. As the final course in a three-part series focused on compassionate care for medical-surgical patients, students will integrate evidence-based practice in the care of adults with emergent and complex health needs. Emphasis is placed on developing leadership competencies including delegation, patient advocacy, time management, prioritization, and organizational skills. Students will explore nursing leadership theories, decision-making models, budgeting, staffing, change management, and evaluation processes, including Joint Commission accreditation standards. Clinical experiences and simulation will support the refinement of clinical judgment and the ability to manage multiple patients, delegate tasks, and collaborate effectively within interprofessional teams. Students will also be introduced to Critical Care Nursing, strengthening their role in coordinating and delivering safe, high-quality care to patients with multi-system disorders.
Prerequisites: NURS 340, NURS 340CL, NURS 350, NURS 350CL, NURS 360, NURS 360CL, NURS 370, NURS 370CL
Co-requisite: NURS 420CL
Curriculum Map: NURS 420 is a degree requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

NURS 420CL Nursing Leadership – Clinical (4 cr)
This competency-based clinical course focuses on the development of leadership, management, and professional identity within the nursing role. Clinical placements are arranged with selected nurse leaders across a variety of healthcare environments, allowing students to observe and participate in leadership practices such as delegation, prioritization, time management, and interprofessional collaboration. Emphasis is placed on the nurse's role in patient advocacy, team coordination, and the delivery of safe,

high-quality care. Students will refine clinical judgment and organizational skills while gaining insight into the responsibilities of nurse managers and leaders in today's complex healthcare systems. This course requires 192 hours of clinical experience that includes both immersive simulation on campus and direct patient care in acute care settings in the community.
Prerequisites: NURS 340, NURS 340CL, NURS 350, NURS 350CL, NURS 360, NURS 360CL, NURS 370, NURS 370CL
Co-requisite: NURS 420
Curriculum Map: NURS 420CL is a degree requirement for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

NURS 490 Capstone (3 cr)
This capstone course supports senior nursing students in demonstrating mastery of knowledge acquired through liberal arts, sciences, and nursing coursework. Designed to facilitate the transition into professional nursing practice, the course explores current trends and issues in healthcare delivery, management, and the nurse's role within legal, ethical, and evidence-based frameworks. Students will synthesize prior learning to design a capstone evidence-based project in accordance with university guidelines for degree completion. Emphasis is placed on professional identity, clinical judgment, leadership, and preparation to take the RN NCLEX, and entry into practice.
Prerequisites: NURS 350/350CL, NURS 360/360CL, NURS 370/370CL and Senior status.
Curriculum map: NURS 490 is a degree requirement course for Bachelor of Science in Nursing students.

PHYS 210 Physics I (3 cr)
This course provides a calculus-based introduction to classical mechanics, covering foundational principles such as motion, force, energy, momentum, rotational dynamics, fluids, oscillations, and basic optics. Emphasis is placed on developing conceptual understanding and problem-solving skills through real-world applications in health and life sciences. Students will explore physical systems using analytical reasoning, vector analysis, and algebraic modeling, preparing them for further study in physics, biology, chemistry, and health professions. Topics are aligned with physics content tested on standardized exams such as the MCAT and DAT, with a focus on interpreting scientific data, applying formulas, and analyzing physical scenarios relevant to biological systems.
Prerequisites: MATH 130.
Co-requisite: PHYS 210L.

PHYS 210L Physics I Laboratory (1 cr)
PHYS 210L is the laboratory component of Physics I, designed to give students hands-on experience with classical mechanics and physical systems through structured experimentation and analysis. Students will investigate concepts such as motion, force, energy, momentum, rotational dynamics, harmonic motion, sound, fluid behavior, and optics. The course emphasizes scientific inquiry, experimental design, and data analysis. Students will develop skills in constructing and interpreting graphs, troubleshooting experimental procedures, and communicating scientific results effectively. A semester-long group project challenges students to design, complete, and present original investigations. PHYS 210L prepares students for advanced laboratory work in science and health disciplines, with an emphasis on measurement accuracy, critical thinking, and collaborative problem-solving.
Prerequisites: PHYS 210 if not taken concurrently.

PHYS 220 Physics II (3 cr)
PHYS 220 is a calculus-based continuation of Physics I, designed for students pursuing careers in health and science professions. This course explores the principles and applications of electricity and magnetism, electromagnetic waves, circuits, optics, thermodynamics, and modern physics topics such as quantum theory and relativity. Emphasis is placed on conceptual reasoning, quantitative problem-solving, and interpreting scientific data in real-world contexts relevant to medicine and technology. Students will learn to analyze physical systems using forces, fields, and potentials; evaluate thermodynamic and

electromagnetic behavior; and apply core physics concepts to modern devices and biological systems. This course prepares students for the physics content on the MCAT and supports critical thinking and analytical reasoning essential for success in professional school.
Prerequisites: PHYS 210.

PHYS 220L Physics II Laboratory (1 cr)
PHYS 220L is the laboratory companion to Physics II, offering hands-on experimentation aligned with concepts in electricity, magnetism, waves, optics, and modern physics. Through structured and open-ended investigations, students will apply theoretical knowledge to explore physical principles such as electric fields, circuits, magnetic induction, diffraction, polarization, and interference. Emphasis is placed on experimental design, critical data analysis, and scientific communication. Students will engage in collaborative projects, design original experiments, and present their findings through oral presentations and written reports. Skills in graphing, error analysis, and interpretation of physical data are reinforced throughout. This course supports analytical and practical competencies required for advanced coursework and professional preparation in health and science disciplines.
Prerequisites: PHYS 220 if not taken concurrently.

PSYC 110 General Psychology (3 cr)
This course provides a scientific overview of the mind, brain, and behavior, covering major areas such as biological foundations, cognition, learning, development, personality, psychological disorders, and social psychology. Emphasizing applications to health and human behavior, the course builds skills in scientific reasoning and data interpretation and supports preparation for the Psychological, Social, and Biological Foundations of Behavior section of the MCAT. Students gain a strong foundation for advanced study in psychology, neuroscience, public health, and the health sciences.
Prerequisites: None.
Curriculum map: GELO 6.3

PSYC 210 Developmental Psychology (3 cr)
This course examines human development across the lifespan, exploring physical, cognitive, and socioemotional changes from infancy through adulthood. Topics include emotional, moral, personality, and stereotype development, as well as the role of culture, environment, and access to resources in shaping developmental pathways. Emphasis is placed on understanding real-world applications of developmental science, particularly in health, education, and social contexts. Students gain a foundational framework for analyzing how humans learn, grow, and adapt throughout life.
Prerequisites: PSYC 110
Curriculum map: GELO 6.3

PSYC 410 Abnormal Psychology (3 cr)
This course explores the nature, causes, and treatment of psychological disorders, including anxiety, mood, psychotic, and personality disorders. Students will examine diagnostic criteria, analyze case studies, and consider major theoretical perspectives alongside current treatment approaches. A key component of the course is engagement with lived experiences through guest speakers in partnership with Stop Stigma Sacramento, providing firsthand insights into mental health, recovery, and the effects of stigma. The course emphasizes reducing misconceptions and fostering empathy among future healthcare professionals.
Prerequisites: PSYC 110
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 3

PSYC 420 Cognitive Psychology (3 cr)
This upper-division course explores how the brain processes information and guides human thought and behavior. Students examine core cognitive functions - including perception, attention, memory, learning,

language, problem solving, decision making, and creativity - while building foundational understanding in cognitive neuroscience. The course also addresses distinctions between conscious and unconscious processes and considers how cognitive systems can break down, leading to deficits in everyday functioning. Emphasis is placed on applying cognitive principles to real-world scenarios, particularly in health, technology, and human behavior contexts.
Prerequisites: PSYC 110
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 3

PSYC 430 Psychology for Healthcare Practitioners (3 cr)
This upper-division course explores key concepts in health psychology and their application to healthcare practice. Students examine the psychological impact of illness, the influence of stress and coping on health outcomes, and the roles of culture, environment, and resource access in shaping patient and community well-being. Emphasizing a biopsychosocial and cross-cultural approach, the course integrates perspectives from both patients and healthcare providers. Students also consider how healthcare systems and health policy affect prevention, diagnosis, and treatment. Real-world applications and case examples prepare students to apply psychological principles in clinical and community health settings.
Prerequisites: PSYC 110
Curriculum map: BSBMS PLO 3

SEMR 410 Health Professions Seminar I (1 cr)
This seminar introduces students to the diverse pathways and professional opportunities within the health professions. Through interactive presentations, guest lectures, and guided discussions, students will explore current issues in U.S. healthcare, professional ethics, and health policy. Activities include faculty-led career talks, analysis of key readings on healthcare systems and reform, and guided preparation for medical and health science graduate programs. Students will also begin developing essential skills for professional communication, networking, and application readiness.
Prerequisites: None.
Curriculum map: SEMR 410 is an elective course.

SEMR 420 Health Professions Seminar II (1 cr)
A continuation of SEMR410 Health Professions Seminar, this advanced seminar deepens students' engagement with the world of health professions through a professional lecture and discussion series. Students will participate in research-focused presentations, interactive career panels, and analysis of current issues in medical literature. Emphasis is placed on connecting academic learning to professional growth to enhance critical thinking, emotional intelligence, research literacy, and readiness for medical school interviews and applications.
Prerequisites: None.
Curriculum map: SEMR 420 is an elective course.

SOCL 110 Sociology (3 cr)
Sociology uses scientific methods to investigate the logical basis of human social behavior. The effect of gender, family upbringing, and education on a person's social behavior are typical examples of sociological inquiry. The conceptual framework of sociology is very useful in addressing issues of health disparity and effectiveness of health care delivery.
Prerequisites: None.
Curriculum map: SOCL 110 satisfies the GE requirements for Liberal Arts – Social Sciences area.