

CI Nursing program rated in the top 25 in California

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CSUCI's Nursing program was also chosen because of the program's high student retention rate and the high number of CSUCI nursing graduates who pass the National Council Licensure Examination or NCLEX.

Chair and Professor of Nursing Karen Jensen was thrilled to hear the news. She credits the success of the program to its faculty and the quality of the students, who are carefully selected from a large pool of applicants.

"Out of a pool of 500 applicants we select 44 for the Camarillo campus and out of 150 we select 22 for the Goleta campus," Jensen said. "We look at their grade point average in all of the pre-requisite courses and their overall GPA. We also look at supplemental criteria, such as if they've worked in the healthcare field before or done volunteer hours, or if they're bilingual."

Jensen and CSUCI's Nursing faculty look for a combination of academics and experience because the nursing field has become more challenging in the 21st century.

"The work is so much more complex," she said. "There's technology, electronic medical records, medication dispensing systems, and the patients tend to be sicker. You have to be someone secure with technology and you have to be smart enough to realize when there's a problem and compassionate enough to make the patient feel comfortable."

The CSUCI Nursing program was awarded an official badge to show their ranking.

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