

## **CSUCI Nursing program has 100% pass rate for state nursing boards - again**

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This news is especially welcome because Nursing faculty had just streamlined the nursing program from 136 to 120 units of instruction at the direction of the Chancellor's Office, and there was concern about how this would affect student outcomes.

"The faculty was very careful about not removing too much and still giving them a baccalaureate," Jensen said. "This is the first class that went through the program with 120 units."

Both believe the selection process for Nursing students is also a factor. Out of 400 to 500 candidates, just 40 are accepted.

"I think we do a really good job of selecting students," Jensen said. "It isn't all about grade point average. With our supplemental criteria for admission, we look at whether they have done volunteer work and know about nursing, whether they are bilingual, and we do give an entrance exam."

"You have a strongly motivated group of people who are multicultural and they support one another," Landry said. "They become lifelong friends."

Jensen believes the support the Nursing students give one another can't be underestimated. As an example, Jensen refers to her so-called "miracle class" at the Goleta campus a few years ago.

"We admitted 22, and graduated 22 on time," Jensen said. "And all 22 passed the boards on their first try. I've been in educational administration for 30 years and had never seen that. Never. And they weren't 4.0 students, either. They simply made a pledge that no one was going to be left behind. And when anybody had trouble, they all helped. It was absolutely phenomenal."

*CSUCI offers two Nursing degree programs: Track I generic Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and Track II RN-BSN. The Track I Generic Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Pre-licensure program is offered at the CSUCI main campus in Camarillo and also at the University's satellite campus in Goleta. A Track II RN-BSN degree program, standard and fast-track, offered on the main campus, are administered through Extended University. Visit our website to [learn more](#).*