

Pathways to Nursing

Earn a 4 year degree from UCSB

BSN

- 2 years
- Slower pace, more flexibility to work
- Finish with a BSN degree



Take NCLEX Exam



Earn RN licensure

A-BSN

- Accelerated direct entry BSN
- Face-paced, full time
- Expedited entry to licensure
- 11-18 months
- Finish with a BSN degree



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Earn RN licensure

ELMSN (non-specialty)

- Direct entry MSN
- Both accelerated and non-accelerated options available
 - 2-4 years
- Finish with an MSN degree, which can open up opportunities for management, nurse education, etc



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Earn RN licensure

ELMSN (APRN track - specialty)

- Direct entry MSN
- Both accelerated and non-accelerated options available
 - 2-4 years
- Finish with an MSN degree



Take NCLEX Exam, earn RN licensure, gain experience in the field (usually at least 1 year)



Complete APRN certification program (generally 1 year); earn one of the following:

- CNP: Certified Nurse Practitioner
- CNS: Clinical Nurse Specialist
- CNM: Certified Nurse Midwife
- *CRNA: Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist
 - Beginning 2022, a Doctorate (DNP) will be required before completing this specialty