



## Accelerated Option into Nursing for USD Undergraduates (Master's Entry Program in Nursing)

### **Overview**

This option is intended for students who wish to complete their undergraduate degree in ANY chosen major in four years *and* obtain the Master's Degree in Nursing by their fifth or sixth year. These Master's-prepared, advanced generalist nurses will be eligible to take the NCLEX exam to become a licensed, professional Registered Nurse upon completion of their MSN degrees. This is a *very rigorous program*, with competitive admission for undergraduates who will be applying for entry into the MSN program in their sophomore, junior or senior years. Successful candidates will complete their undergraduate degree requirements while also taking graduate-level courses in nursing.

### **Admission**

- Students will apply to the Master's Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN) in the fall of their sophomore, junior or senior year at USD
- Completion of the required prerequisite courses (see below)
- A GPA of 3.30, which must be maintained until the completion of their undergraduate degree
- One official transcript from each college or university attended
- Three letters of reference
- 100 volunteer hours
- Minimum grade of a B in the science prerequisites
- A resume describing the nature, scope and areas of responsibility of all work experience is required including any volunteer or paid healthcare related experience.

### **Prerequisite Course Requirements**

The following are course prerequisites for the Master's Entry Program in Nursing (MEPN):

- Introduction to Psychology
- Cultural Anthropology
- English Composition
- Speech/Public Speaking
- Human Anatomy (with lab)\*
- Human Physiology (with lab)\*
- Microbiology (with lab)\*
- Statistics
- Nutrition

\* At USD, Human Anatomy and Physiology I (Bio 122) and Human Anatomy and Physiology II (Bio 123) meet the Human Anatomy (with lab) and Human Physiology (with lab) requirements.

### **Application**

The application deadline for the Master's Entry Program in Nursing is *November 1*. Applicants are required to complete the Nursing CAS application as well as the USD Supplemental Application.