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To: CSU Presidents

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Subject: Admission of Upper Division Nursing Students: Temporary Authorization

The California State University is supporting efforts to expand enrollment and graduation of baccalaureate nurses. A number of transfer students who completed community college nursing programs leading to licensure as a Registered Nurse are returning to CSU to complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Many of these students are seeking immediate enrollment in a CSU nursing program. However, their Associate Degree in Nursing did not include the general education requirements in critical thinking or math and quantitative reasoning.

In recognition of the serious shortage of qualified nurses, we are temporarily authorizing campuses to admit on a case-by-case basis upper division transfer students to nursing who are otherwise qualified but lack the required general education requirements in critical thinking or math and quantitative reasoning. When students who are missing these courses are admitted, they should be admitted on the condition that these courses must be completed during the first year of enrollment at CSU. This authorization will continue as long as the current need exists.

If you have questions about this please feel free to contact Mr. Allison Jones, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Academic Affairs—Access and Retention. Mr. Jones may be reached by telephone at (562) 951-4744 or by e-mail at < ajones@calstate.edu >.

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