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The Honorable Jerry Brown
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RE: Report on Enrollment in Nursing Degree Programs

Provision 6 of the California State University's main support item in the 2010 Budget Act specifies the following:

"The amount in Schedule (1) includes \$6,251,000 for the following purposes:

(a) \$6,251,000 to continue increased enrollments in nursing programs beyond the levels served in 2005–06 as follows:

(1) \$560,000 for supplemental marginal cost funding for 280 full-time equivalent students (FTES) in entry-level master's degree nursing programs pursuant to Article 8 (commencing with Section 89270) of Chapter 2 of Part 55 of Division 8 of Title 3 of the Education Code.

(2) \$1,720,000 for full cost of a minimum of 163 FTES in entry-level master's degree nursing programs.

(3) \$371,000 for full cost of 35 FTES in baccalaureate degree nursing programs.

(4) \$3,600,000 for full cost of 340 FTES in baccalaureate degree nursing programs.

(b) The California State University shall report to the Legislature and the Governor by May 1, 2011, on the total enrollment in the 2010–11 academic year in the baccalaureate nursing degree and entry-level master's degree nursing programs."

Nursing data for college year 2010-11 and prior years are provided in the table on the following page.



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**Nursing Enrollments
(in FTES)
California State University**

	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
BS Nursing (BSN)	4,190.0	4,355.7	5,185.6	5,828.6	5,250.2	4,893.0
MS Nursing (traditional MSN)	1,006.5	919.4	928.6	1,016.2	960.0	911.2
Entry-Level MS Nursing (ELM)	N.A.*	554.1	730.6	748.9	773.9	578.7
All Master's Nursing Programs	1,006.5	1,473.5	1,659.2	1,765.1	1,733.9	1,489.8

*The base established for CSU entry-level Master's nursing programs was equal to the 443 FTES funding support level received in 2005-06.

Reductions in BSN and MSN enrollment for 2009-10 and 2010-11 reflect the severity of funding cuts to the CSU and the high cost of nursing instruction. However, the data indicate that the CSU continues to surpass the funded levels of nursing enrollment growth for its ELM and BSN programs and that the university complies with the provisions of the 2010 Budget Act. Moreover, despite the reductions, nursing FTES enrollments for 2010-11 were 16 percent larger than the 818 FTES included in the CSU's 2005-06 nursing enrollment base.

Should you have any questions about this report, please contact Robert Turnage, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budget, at (562) 951-4560 or rturnage@calstate.edu.

Sincerely,

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