



NURSING ALTERNATIVES

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<p><u>Certified Nursing Assistant</u> Provides basic patient care under direction of nursing staff. Perform duties such as feed, bathe, dress, groom, move patients, or linens. May transfer or transport patients.</p>	Range: \$2,149 - \$3,253 Median: \$2,761	Average* (19%)	Sierra College
	Range: \$2,200 - \$2,965 Median: \$2,629		
<p><u>License Vocational Nurse</u> Cares for ill, injured or convalescing patients In hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, private homes, group homes and similar institutions. May work under the supervision of a registered nurse.</p>	Range: \$4,358 - \$5,263 Median: \$4,849	Faster than average (21.4%+)	Sacramento City College Butte
	Range: \$3,509 - \$4,917 Median: \$4,258	Slower than average (0.1%-11.2%)	
<p><u>Anesthesiologist Assistant</u> Highly skilled health professionals who work under the direction of licensed anesthesiologists to implement anesthesia care plans. AAs possess a premedical baccalaureate degree, and also complete a comprehensive didactic and clinical program at the graduate school level.</p>	Range: \$7,679 - \$10,649 Median: \$9,329	Faster than average (21.4%)	Go to www.anesthetist.org/faqs for programs and pre-reqs. No local programs. Start with Biomedical (CSUS), Biology or Biochemistry B.S. (Local salary and growth information not available.)
	Range: \$8,828 - \$10,348 Median: \$8,999	Faster than average (21.4%)	
<p><u>Biotechnology</u> Biotechnologists set up, operate, and Maintain laboratory instruments and Equipment, monitor experiments, make Observations and calculate and record results</p>	Range: \$2,658 - \$3,924 Median: \$3,317	Slower than average (0.1% - 11.2%)	ARC - Degree & Certificate
	Range: \$2,671 - \$3,310 Median: \$2,962	Slower than average (0.1% - 11.2%)	

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<p><u>Cardiovascular Technician</u> Cardiovascular techs help doctors Diagnose and treat patients with Heart and blood vessel problems Doing EKGs, ultrasounds, and stress tests</p>	Range: \$4,350 - \$7,544 Median: \$5,908	Faster than average (21.4%+)	City College of San Francisco
	Range: \$3,079 – \$9,473* Median: \$ 5,621*	Faster than average* (25%)	
<p><u>Cytotechnologist or Clinical Lab Technologist</u> Perform complicated laboratory tests to provide information for use by Physicians in diagnosing and treating diseases.</p>	Range: \$6,175 - \$9,280 Median: \$7,462	Slower than average (0.1%-11.2%)	Loma Linda University UCLA – Cytotechnology – from American Society of Cytopathology CSUS – Biology: Concentration Clinical Lab Science UCD: Post Bachelors: Clinical Lab Science Training Program CSUC – Microbiology: Clinical Lab Science option SDSU – Microbiology: Clinical Lab Science option
	Range: \$6,022 - \$7,994 Median: \$6,769	Average* (19%)	
<p><u>Dental Assistant</u> Receive and prepare dental patients and assist dentists during examination, treatment, or dental surgery. They hand Dentists proper instruments and medication, help with general office management, maintain and sterilize instruments, take and process x-rays, and prepare dental compounds. They may keep medical, appointment, and payment records.</p>	Range: \$2,622 - \$4,138 Median: \$3,407	Average (11.3%-21.3%)	Sacramento City College 49er & Sacramento ROP
	Range: \$2,703 - \$3,802 Median: \$3,227	Slower than average (0.1%-11.2%)	

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<p><u>Dental Hygienist</u> They work under the general supervision of a Dentist, cleaning and polishing teeth, noting conditions of decay and disease for diagnosis by Dentists, and taking and developing x-rays. They may administer anesthesia and perform other procedures as directed by a dentist. They also teach patients proper dental care and may sterilize instruments and keep records.</p>	Range: \$7,875 - \$9,604 Median: \$8,563	Faster than average (21.4%+)	Sacramento City College
	Range: \$3,872 - \$7,615 Median: \$6,001	Slower than average (0.1%-11.2%)	
<p><u>Diagnostic Medical Sonographer</u> Use high frequency sound waves to get a two- dimensional picture recording of the human body. The sound waves produce reflected echoes on a screen which is photographed for a permanent record. They observe the sound wave display screen and monitor the audibility. They photograph the results. Physicians use these recordings to diagnose disease and malfunction of organs. They may also work as Echo, Cardiac, Nuclear Medicine, Neurosonographers, Abdominal in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Radiology Technologists.</p>	Range: \$6,627 - \$9,259 Median: \$7,644	Faster than average (21.4%+)	Cosumnes River College Others on www.careergps.com (but may not be regionally accredited)
	Range: \$5,667 - \$9,289 Median: \$7,391	Faster than average (21.4%+)	
<p><u>Dietitian/Nutritionist</u> Plan nutritious meals to help people maintain or recover good health. Work includes planning menus and diets for therapeutic treatment, supervising the production of food, and managing personnel and food purchases. They may work as management, in research, in the community, as a consultant or in private practice, or in education.</p>	Range: \$5,270 - \$6,575 Median: \$5,878	Faster than average (21.4%+)	CSUS UC Davis American River College Many Others
	Range: \$5,081 - \$7,639 Median: \$6,192	Average* (20%)	

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<p><u>Dietetic Technician</u> Plan menus, test recipes and supervise food production and service. They may take and evaluate a dietary history of a person to help formulate a nutritional program. They work under the direction of a Dietitian.</p>	Range: \$2,085 - \$4,100 Median: \$3,192	Average (11.3%-21.3%)	<p>American River College: Dietary Manager</p> <p>Cosumnes River College: Community Nutrition</p>
	Range: \$2,360 - \$4,462 Median: \$3,473	Average* (16%)	
<p><u>EMT –Emergency Medical Technician</u> Provide out of hospital emergency medical care and transportation for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical services (EMS) system. EMTs have the basic knowledge and skills necessary to stabilize and safely transport patients ranging from non-emergency and routine medical transports to life threatening emergencies. They function as part of a comprehensive EMS response system, under medical oversight and perform interventions with the basic equipment typically found on an ambulance.</p>	Range: \$2,490 - \$4,428 Median: \$3,464	Faster than average (21.4%+)	Sierra
	Range: \$1,758 - \$5,028* Median: \$2,770*	Faster than average* (24%)	
<p><u>Health Care Administration</u> Plans, directs or coordinates medicine and health services in hospitals, clinics, managed care organizations, public health agencies, or similar organizations.</p>	Range: \$7,374 - \$12,651 Median: \$10,516	Average (11.3%-21.3%)	<p>CSUS</p> <p>CSUC</p> <p>SJSU</p> <p>CSUEB</p> <p>CSULB</p> <p>UC Irvine</p>
	Range: \$4,057 - \$8,908 Median: \$8,154	Average (11.3%-21.3%)	

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<p>Health Information Technology Process, analyze, disseminate and maintain medical records of hospital and clinic patients in a manner consistent with medical, administrative, ethical, legal, and regulatory requirements of the health care system. Processes, maintains, compiles, and reports patient information for health requirements and standards in a manner consistent with the healthcare industry's numerical coding system.</p>	Range: \$2,879 - \$5,249 Median: \$4,130	Average (11.3%-21.3%)	Cosumnes River College 49er and Sac. ROP
	Range: \$2,364 - \$3,943 Median: \$3,322	Average* (20%)	
<p>Healthcare Interpreting Interprets oral or sign language, or translates written text from one language into another. Listens to speakers' statements to determine meanings and to prepare translations, using electronic listening systems as necessary. Compiles terminology and information to be used in translations, including technical terms such as those for legal or medical material.</p>	Range: \$3,083 - \$4,923 Median: \$4,175	Faster than average (21.4%)	American River College
	Range: \$2,875 - \$4,019 Median: \$3,587	Faster than average* (37%)	
<p>Kinesiology Options in Health Science, Applied Exercise Science, Pre-Physical Therapy, Physical Education and Fitness Specialist</p>	Depends on Option	Depends on Option	CSUS CSUC SJSU UC Davis: Neurobiology, Physiology, and Behavior Many More See ASSIST.org
	Depends on Option		

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<p><u>Massage Therapist</u> Performs therapeutic massages of soft tissues and joints. May assist in the assessment of range of motion and muscle strength, or propose client therapy plans.</p>	Range: \$2,111 - \$3,560 Median: \$3,047	Average (11.3%-21.3%)	There is a large list of schools on www.careergps.com
<p><u>Medical Assistant</u> Performs administrative and certain clinical duties under the direction of a physician. Administrative duties may include scheduling appointments, maintaining medical records, billing, and coding information for insurance purposes. Clinical duties may include taking and recording vital signs and medical histories, preparing patients for examination, drawing blood, and administering medications as directed by physician.</p>	Range: \$2,405 - \$3,880 Median: \$3,152	Average (11.3%-21.3%)	<p>Cosumnes River College</p> <p>There is also a large list on www.careergps.com</p> <p>Kaleidoscope (Sierra College Community Education) has this but ROP is less expensive</p>
	Range: \$2,346 - \$3,619 Median: \$3,045	Slower than average (0.1%-11.2%)	
<p><u>Medical Laboratory Technician</u> Performs routine tests for use in treatment and diagnosis of disease. They prepare samples and run a variety of lab tests. They use a microscope to test blood and other body fluids. They often work under the supervision of a Medical Technologist.</p>	Range: \$3,138 - \$4,613 Median: \$3,865	Slower than average (0.1%-11.2%)	<p>Folsom Lake College MTI College and others on www.careergps.com</p>
	Range: \$3,088 - \$7,348 Median: \$5,090	Faster than average* (23%-24%)	
<p><u>Nuclear Medicine Technologist</u> Perform imaging tests using radioactive materials in order to help doctors diagnose diseases.</p>	Range: \$7,558 - \$10,344 Median: \$8,951	Slower than average* (6%)	<p>Kaiser - Richmond</p> <p>Loma Linda Bachelors</p>
	Range: \$6,448 - \$11,844* Median: \$8,772*		

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<p>Occupational Health & Safety Specialist Reviews, evaluates, and analyzes work environments and designs programs and procedures to control, eliminate, and prevent disease or injury caused by chemical, physical, and biological agents or ergonomic factors. May conduct inspections and enforce adherence to laws and regulations governing the health and safety of individuals. May be employed in the public or private sector.</p>	Range: \$5,298 - \$7,639 Median: \$6,461	Slower than average (0.1%-11.2%)	<p>CSUS Health Science: Occupational Health and Safety</p> <p>UC Davis Extension</p>
	Range: \$5,227 - \$6,890 Median: \$6,029	Average* (14%)	
<p>Occupational Therapist Assess, plans, organizes and participates in rehabilitative programs that help build or restore vocational, homemaking, and daily living skills, as well as general independence, to persons with disabilities or developmental delays. <i>For more information on graduate programs, go to:</i> http://hpa.ucdavis.edu/healthcareers/occupationaltherapy.html</p>	Range: \$7,166 - \$9,154 Median: \$7,859	Faster than average (21.4%+)	<p>SJSU</p> <p>Many questions answered at: www.aota.org</p>
	Range: \$6,662 - \$7,984 Median: \$7,190	Faster than average* (22%)	
<p>Orthotist and Prosthetist Designs, measures, fits, and adapts orthopedic braces, appliances or prostheses, such as limbs or facial parts for patients with disabling conditions.</p>	Range: \$3,982 - \$6,024 Median: \$5,234	Faster than average* (22%)	<p>Loma Linda University CSUDH</p>
	Range: \$3,436 - \$8,072* Median: \$5,437*		

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<p><u>Paramedic</u> An allied health professional whose primary focus is to provide advanced emergency medical care for critical and emergent patients who access the emergency medical system. This individual possesses the complex knowledge and skills necessary to provide patient care and transportation. Paramedics function as part of a comprehensive EMS response, under medical oversight. Paramedics perform interventions with the basic and advanced equipment typically found on an ambulance. The Paramedic is a link from the scene into the health care system.</p>	<p>This occupation does not have information available separate from EMT. Job outlook for EMT and Paramedic is very different. Please have students look up current jobs to find current salary information and outlook.</p>		<p>Paramedic: ARC Butte</p> <p>CSUS – Cont. Ed.</p> <p>Truckee Meadows Community College</p> <p>NCTI Roseville</p>
<p><u>Phlebotomists</u> Phlebotomists perform complicated laboratory tests to provide information for use by Physicians in diagnosing and treating diseases. These include chemical tests, and microscopic examinations. They cultivate and identify bacteria and other pathogenic microorganisms; cut, stain, and mount tissue for study; type and cross-match blood samples; and operate centrifuges, particle counters, automated analyzers, and other equipment in the laboratory. Most have some contact with patients, as when drawing blood samples.</p>	<p>Range: \$6,175 - \$9,280 Median: \$7,462</p>	<p>Slower than average (0.1%-11.2%)</p>	<p>Sierra College Community Education</p> <p>MTI College Sacramento</p>
	<p>Range: \$6,022 - \$7,994 Median: \$6,769</p>	<p>Average* (14%)</p>	
<p><u>Physical Therapy Assistant</u> Prepares patients for and administers physical therapy treatments, such as exercise, hydrotherapy, traction, or heat treatment. Normally works under the direction of a physical therapist.</p>	<p>Range: \$4,963 - \$6,968 Median: \$5,873</p>	<p>Faster than average (21.4%+)</p>	<p>Sacramento City College</p>
	<p>Range: \$3,398 - \$6,150 Median: \$4,953</p>	<p>Faster than average* (31%)</p>	

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<p>Physical Therapist Assesses, plans, organizes, and participates in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury.</p>	Range: \$6,580 - \$9,436 Median: \$7,956	Faster than average (21.4%+)	Major in Kinesiology CSUS – PhD program
	Range: \$5,949 - \$8,258 Median: \$7,143	Average (11.3%-21.3%)	
<p>For more information on P.T. graduate programs, go to: http://hpa.ucdavis.edu/healthcareers/physicaltherapy.html and www.apta.org/ProspectiveStudents/</p>			
<p>Physician Assistant Provide routine and emergency medical care under the supervision of Physicians. Physician Assistant interview patients, take medical histories, perform physical exams, order laboratory tests, and make diagnoses. They take x-rays and electrocardiograms, set simple fractures, suture wounds, and provide treatment for common illnesses. They give vaccinations and prescribe medicines. They instruct and counsel patients. Specific duties depend on the supervising Physician and state laws.</p>	Range: \$7,679 - \$10,649 Median: \$9,329	Average (11.3%-21.3%)	<p>UC Davis Other PA programs in California: http://hpa.ucdavis.edu/docs/California%20Programs/PA%20Programs%20in%20California%20Rev.11.16.pdf</p>
	Range: \$8,282 - \$10,348 Median: \$8,999	Faster than average* (34%)	
<p>UC Davis has a website that will answer many questions regarding becoming a physician assistant, there and at other colleges. Go to http://hpa.ucdavis.edu/healthcareers/physiciansassistant.html</p>			
<p>Psychiatric Technician Cares for mentally impaired or emotionally disturbed individuals, following physician instructions and hospital procedures. Monitors patients' physical and emotional well-being, and reports to medical staff. May participate in rehabilitation and treatment programs, help with personal hygiene, and administer oral medications and hypodermic injections.</p>	Range: \$3,532 - \$5,176 Median: \$4,371	Slower than average (0.1%-11.2%)	<p>Yuba College San Joaquin Valley College</p>
	Range: \$2,963 - \$6,316* Median: \$4,918*	Slower than average* (1%)	

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<p>Radiologic Technologist Operate x-ray equipment to help diagnose and treat various health problems. They review the Physician's instructions, then prepare the patient for examination by providing physical assistance, verbal instruction, and reassurance. They position patients under the x- ray machine, expose the patient to the prescribed doses of radiation, may administer any drugs necessary to make organs visible in the picture, and set and operate controls. They may specialize in diagnostic technology, therapeutic technology, or Mammographic Radiologic technology.</p>	Range: \$6,185 - \$8,154 Median: \$6,989	Average* (14%)	<p>Kaiser – Richmond</p> <p>City College of San Francisco</p> <p>San Joaquin Valley College</p> <p>Other Programs</p> <p>https://www.cdph.ca.gov/cert/lic/radquip/Documents/RHB-SchoolsList-Current.pdf</p>
	Range: \$5,185 - \$8,065 Median: \$6,669		
<p>Radiologic/MRI Technologist Employ huge superconductive magnets and radio waves to reveal detailed information about the body's anatomy and chemical composition. MRI Equipment may be used by Radiologic Technologists as well.</p>	Range: \$6,187 - \$8,707 Median: \$7,386	Average* (15%)	<p>Gurnick Academy of Medical Arts (this is not regionally accredited – but it's the only one I've found for MRI. Please let students know).</p>
	Range: \$4,584 - \$6,864* Median: \$7,308*		
<p>Recreation Therapist Plans, directs, or coordinates medically approved recreation programs for patients in hospitals, nursing homes, or other institutions. Activities include sports, trips, dramatics, social activities, and arts and crafts. May assess a patient condition and recommend appropriate recreational</p>	Range: \$4,185 - \$6,731 Median: \$5,163	Average* (12%)	<p>CSUS</p> <p>CSUC</p> <p>CSUDH</p> <p>CSUF</p> <p>CSULB</p> <p>SJSU</p>
	Range: \$2,802 - \$6,864* Median: \$5,738*		

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<p>Respiratory Therapist Sets up and operates various types of equipment, Such as ventilators, oxygen tents, resuscitators, And incubators, to administer oxygen and other Medicinal gases or aerosol drugs to patients</p>	Range: \$6,960 - \$8,564 Median: \$7,533	Faster than average (21.4%+)	<p>American River College</p> <p>Butte College</p> <p>Loma Linda</p>
	Range: \$5,733 - \$8,100 Median: \$6,897	Average (11.3%-21.3%)	
<p>Surgical Technologist Assists in operations, under the supervision of surgeons, registered nurses, or other surgical personnel. May help set up operating room, prepare and transport patients for surgery, adjust lights and equipment, pass instruments and other supplies to surgeons and surgeon's assistants, hold retractors, cut sutures, and help count sponges, needles, supplies, and instruments.</p>	Range: \$4,388 - \$6,811 Median: \$5,540	Average (11.3%-21.3%)	<p>Carrington College – possible problems with clinical hours – see email</p>
	Range: \$4,038 - \$6,074 Median: \$5,040	Average* (16%)	
<p>Speech/Language Pathology Assistant Assist Speech-Language Pathologists in treating disorders of communication. Such disorders may be related to articulation and phonology, child and adult language, motor speech, voice, fluency, and hearing.</p>	Range: \$2,244 - \$5,037 * Median: \$3,478 *	Average * (14%)	American River College
<p>Speech/Language Pathologist Assesses and treats persons with speech, language voice, and fluency disorders. May select alternative communication systems and teach their use. May perform research related to speech and language problems.</p>	Range: \$5,915 - \$9,393 Median: \$8,863	Average (11.3%-21.3%)	<p>UCD (Linguistics)</p> <p>CSUC</p> <p>CSUS</p> <p>CSUEB: Bachelors</p>
	Range: \$5,722 - \$7,154 Median: \$6,421	Average* (17%)	

Other Programs

Requirements as of 7/2016

American River College:

Selection Process: Each incoming class will be randomly selected from the top third of candidates who apply during the application cycle. Enrollment Criteria includes: previous degrees, health care licenses, certification, Grade point average, Life/Special circumstances, veteran status, second

language proficiency and TEAS V score. Prescreening Criteria:

http://www.arc.losrios.edu/Documents/Academics/Nursing_Dept/Application_Checklist_PSCriteria.pdf. General Information Sheet, Information Session Dates and FAQ's on:

http://www.arc.losrios.edu/ARC_Programs_of_Study/Health_And_Education/Nursing.htm.

Minimum requirements include 3.0 cumulative gpa in sciences (Bios), 2.5 cumulative gpa in non-sciences (English 1A, Nut 10 and Psych 100), and 62% composite score on the TEAS V test. ARC will accept highest TEAS V attempt as long as it is at least 90 days after the previous attempt. Past student scores are posted on the Nursing website here:

http://www.arc.losrios.edu/ARC_Programs_of_Study/Health_And_Education/Nursing/Nursing_Program_Applicant_Statistics.htm. Fall 16, students with at least 70 points were put in the random selection pool. The program admits students twice a year.

Sacramento City College:

Selection Process: Each incoming class will be randomly selected from the top third of candidates who apply during the application cycle. Enrollment Criteria includes: previous degrees, health care licenses, certification, direct patient care experience, Grade point average, Life/Special circumstances, veteran status, second

language proficiency and TEAS V score (min. 62%- 1st attempt). Students with a total point value of 67 or higher will be placed in the random selection pool. Prerequisite courses are (All prerequisites courses must be completed prior to applying) BIOL 4, 5 and 6 (min cum. 3.0 gpa), English 1A, PSYC 100, Com 1, Soc 1 or Anth 2 (C or better and min 2.5 gpa). There is no recency requirement for Bios. Program website: <http://www.scc.losrios.edu/nursing/>.

General Program Information Sheet: <http://www.scc.losrios.edu/nursing/documents/scc-nursing-program-info-sheet.pdf>.

Yuba College: Also uses a multi-criteria enrollment process similar to above

<http://nursing.yccd.edu/SharedFiles/Download.aspx?pageid=25&mid=91&fileid=105>. Total possible point are 118. 47 is the minimum score. All pre-reqs/co-reqs must be a C or higher. Anatomy, Physiology and Microbiology must have a cumulative gpa of 2.5. English 1A = 2.5 gpa, and pharmacology and pathophysiology = cum. gpa of 2.5.

Nursing Admissions: <http://nursing.yccd.edu/adn-admission-process.aspx>. Yuba no longer has a recency requirement for any pre-reqs, so if you have students with old pre-reqs, this is helpful. Make sure you tell your student to get on the nursing website, and to make an apt with Davis Perez, Nursing Liaison counselor at Yuba.

Website: <http://nursing.yccd.edu/adn-rn.aspx>

Butte College: There is no recency requirement for pre-reqs. However, students are held strictly accountable for knowledge of their content, regardless of when they were taken. They highly recommend that students refresh their knowledge of pre-reqs, particularly algebra and the sciences if courses were taken more than five years ago. OTHER REQUIREMENTS Cumulative [gpa of 2.5](#) for all prerequisite courses, with no less than a 'C' for each course. Overall gpa of 2.5 for the Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, and Microbiology prerequisite courses, with no grade less than 'C' for each course and no more than one [repetition](#) of one of the courses for purposes of gpa calculation. [TEAS \(Test of Essential Academic Skills\)](#) - Must be TEAS V Minimum Composite Score of 62% with no more than one unsuccessful attempt. They also have a LVN program. Website:

<http://www.butte.edu/departments/careertech/healthoccupations/nursing/rn.html>.

San Diego City College: This college offers online nursing pre-reqs and also takes them. This is very helpful when working with Vets or active duty military. This population takes many online courses because of the fact that they may have to deploy in the middle of the semester when they are active duty.

CSU's/Private/OOS: The following is a nursing matrix from ccctransfer.org. It is very helpful in showing the latest acceptance rates, cut off scores, program size, selection criteria, etc. Update April 2016:

<http://ccctransfer.org/sites/default/files/NursingGrid2016.pdf>

UC Irvine How To Become A Registered Nurse: <http://www.nursing.uci.edu/bs-become-rn.asp>. These are the different pathways to becoming a Registered Nurse including, Associate's degree in Nursing or ADN (2 yr. degree), Bachelors of Science in Nursing or BSN (4 yr degree), 2nd Bachelor's, and Masters of Science in Nursing. This site includes all the programs in California from the California Board of Registered Nursing which you can review by clicking on the link.

You can also do an RN to BSNMSN program. Here is the link: <http://www.rn.ca.gov/education/rntobsn.shtml>

Grand Canyon University: Appears to have an extensive amount of degree programs related to nursing. Apx. the same tuition as a UC. No extra fees for out of state or online courses. <http://www.gcu.edu/College-of-Nursing-and-Health-Care-Professions/Nursing-Programs.php>