



1. Prepare for Success

- Setup your myCSUSM Student Account** – Login to your Student Center and change your temporary password: <https://my.csusm.edu> (Please note: You must change your temporary password to review your schedule, access the online classroom, etc.)
- Explore your myCSUSM Student Center** – The Student Center will be your official method to make payments, review your schedule, and more. <https://my.csusm.edu>
- Apply for Financial Aid** – Federal Financial Aid is available for those who apply and qualify. To get started, visit: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

2. Registration and Payment

- Registration** – You will be notified by your Program Coordinator regarding course registration. (Please note: Every 16 weeks, you will automatically be registered for your nursing courses.)
- Paying** – It is important to make sure you have made a full payment before payment deadlines begin to avoid being dropped. Please visit the RN to BSN website for the specific payment deadline dates: <http://degree.csusm.edu/start-dates.aspx>

3. Achieving Success

- Orientation** – Complete the online orientation to familiarize yourself with program expectations as well as the functionality and use of the online course. Expect an email to your student email address (e.g., jdoe001@cougars.csusm.edu) with further instructions for orientation.
- Buying/ Renting Books** – You can buy/rent books from the school bookstore. <http://www.bkstr.com/csusanmarcosstore/home>
- Class Participation** – Once class has begun, be sure to consistently participate, as this will help you to be more successful in your course. Students are expected to login and consistently participate from day one.
- Transfer Credits** – Make sure any transfer credits have been approved. Please refer to your student handbook for further information or visit: <http://degree.csusm.edu/faqs.aspx>
- Drop/Refund** – For drop/refund requests, please review university processes in your student handbook or visit: <http://degree.csusm.edu/faqs.aspx>
- Pro Tips and Resources** – Check this section in the detailed guide for helpful insights and more information on your program's specific requirements. You'll also find a Quick Help Guide here.