professionals, especially nurses, continues to grow as people become more concerned with their well being. This degree program offers students the basics in the field of nursing necessary to qualify for entry-level positions in health care. Graduates are encouraged to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) at California University of Pennsylvania.

Career Objectives
A career in nursing offers diverse employment opportunities in today’s workforce. In addition to traditional health-care settings, nurses also may be employed in business or industry.

Job Options & Occupations
The cooperative nursing program offered by CCAC and California University of Pennsylvania affords students the opportunity to complete the requirements for an associate degree in nursing on the campus of California University. Students may complete the non-nursing, general education requirements at California University, while completing nursing courses offered by CCAC on the California campus. Upon successful completion of the program, students are awarded an associate degree in nursing from Community College of Allegheny County and are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN).

Students who earn an associate degree are prepared for entry-level positions in nursing, and provide direct client care in a structured health-care setting. Upon successful completion of both the associate degree program and the licensure examination (NCLEX), students may matriculate into the upper division Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program offered at California University. This degree prepares the students to practice in a wide variety of health-care settings, expands career advancement opportunities for the RN, and provides a foundation for graduate education.

University Resources
The nursing program features close personal involvement of dedicated faculty typical of a smaller institution specializing in teaching. At the same time, the program offers a broad scope of modern support technology found at larger universities. Based on a tradition of teaching excellence, Cal U offers a warm association among students and faculty alike. The cooperative agreement with CCAC will give the added advantage of providing an entry-level nursing program at California University.

Note
The policies and procedures described here may be reviewed and revised at any time. This fact sheet should be used as an informational guide. For details on current policies and procedures, contact the chair of the department.
Step 1: APPLICATION TO CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY
Complete the Application for Admission, indicating pre-associate degree in nursing 7725/7082 as the desired program of study, and return it to: Office of Admissions, California University of Pennsylvania 250 University Ave, California, PA 15419-1394. To be considered for admission, the applicant must submit the following:
(1)Completed application form; (2)Application fee; (3)Official high school transcript that includes class rank (or GED certificate); (4)SAT or ACT scores. (These are waived for applicants who have been out of high school for at least 3 years)

Transfer students must submit official college transcripts from all colleges attended.

Step 2: PARTICIPATE IN THE PLACEMENT TESTING PROCESS
Upon acceptance to the university, you will be scheduled for placement testing to determine whether or not you need to register for developmental courses.

Step 3: APPLY TO COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY
As part of the nursing admissions process, you must apply to CCAC South Campus; visit www.cccac.edu for an online application. Application to the nursing program is a separate process. Contact your high school and any colleges attended to request that your official transcript be sent to the CCAC Admissions Office. If applicable, forward a copy of your GED scores and/or certificate to the Campus Records and Registration Office (CCAC South Campus).

**ADMISSION TO CALIFORNIA UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA DOES NOT GUARANTEE ACCEPTANCE INTO THE CCAC ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM.**
(Does not apply to freshman students who have met pre-admissions requirements.)

Step 4: COMPLETE DEVELOPMENTAL AND PRE-REQUISITE COURSEWORK
*All developmental coursework must be completed with a grade of C or better prior to applying to the nursing program. All admissions criteria must be met at the time of application:
- Students who have fewer than 12 college-level credits at the time of application must have a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher. Students who have 12 or more college-level credits must have a GPA of 2.80 or higher. Students who have completed 12 or more college-level credits through CCAC will be evaluated using their CCAC GPA exclusively. *College-level credits include those taken during dual enrollment programs.
- Students must have completed a high school or college-level chemistry/lab with a C or better. High school chemistry is only valid for those students who have not yet completed a college-level chemistry/lab.
- Students must have completed a college level biology/lab with a C or better. This requirement must be satisfied prior to the application.
- Any science or developmental course completed prior to application must have been passed with a C or better by the third attempt. Attempts include “W” and “I” grades received at any previous or current institution.

Step 5: SECURE A NURSING APPLICATION PACKET
Nursing admission packets are available at California University of Pennsylvania in the Admissions and Nursing departments. The admissions packets will be available for pick up by mid-July.

Step 6: APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID
When completing your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), please list both California University of Pennsylvania [003316] and CCAC South Campus [E00565] to receive your results. Once accepted into the associate degree program, all financial aid will be processed and disbursed through CCAC South, even if the student has coursework and housing at Cal U.

Program Contact Information
Contact the Department of Nursing by phone at 724-938-5739.

Department Website
www.calu.edu/academics/programs/nursing

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FINANCIAL AID
For information on student loans and undergraduate scholarships, visit www.calu.edu or call 1-888-412-0479.

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