

REGISTERED NURSE PATHWAY, ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE



HEALTH SCIENCES

Nursing

Associate in Applied Science: AAS 3812

62-75 Credits

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Program Description

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing Program is available at eight of the Maricopa Community Colleges. Clinical experiences are provided in a variety of healthcare settings. Nursing Program graduates are eligible to apply for the national exam for the registered nurse license. Licensing requirements are the exclusive responsibility of the State Board of Nursing.

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Nursing Program is approved by the Arizona State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; (404-975-5000); email: info@acennursing.org

Program Offerings

This program is offered at the following sites:

- Chandler-Gilbert Community College
- Estrella Mountain Community College
- Gateway Community College
- Glendale Community College
- Mesa Community College
- Paradise Valley Community College
- Phoenix College
- Scottsdale Community College

Waiver of Licensure/Certification Guarantee

Admission or graduation from the Nursing Program does not guarantee obtaining a license to practice nursing. Licensure requirements and the subsequent procedures are the exclusive right and responsibility of the Arizona State Board of Nursing. Students must satisfy the requirements of the Nurse Practice Act: Statutes, Rules and Regulations, independently of any college or school requirements for graduation.

Pursuant to A.R.S. 32-1606(B)(17), an applicant for professional or practical nurse license by examination is not eligible for licensure if the applicant has any felony convictions and has not received an absolute discharge from the sentences for all felony convictions. The absolute discharge must be received five or more years before submitting this application. If you cannot prove that the absolute discharge date is five or more years, the Board cannot process your application.

Level One Fingerprint Clearance is required for admission into the program. Applicants must present a Level One Fingerprint Clearance Card to be copied by the advisor or designee. For a Department of Public Safety Fingerprint Clearance Card application, contact MCCCDC Healthcare/Nursing Advisor. If there is any question about eligibility for licensure or certification, contact the nursing education consultant at the Arizona State Board of Nursing (602.771.7800).

Health Declaration

It is essential that nursing students be able to perform a number of physical activities in the clinical portion of the program. At a minimum, students will be required to lift patients, stand for several hours at a time and perform bending activities. Students who have a chronic illness or condition must be maintained on current treatment and be able to implement direct patient care. The clinical nursing experience also places students under considerable mental and emotional stress as they undertake responsibilities and duties impacting patients' lives. Students must be able to demonstrate rational and appropriate behavior under stressful conditions. Individuals should give careful consideration to the mental and physical demands of the program prior to making application. All must provide documentation of compliance with all health and safety requirements required to protect patient safety. Only students in compliance are permitted to enroll in nursing courses. Students will meet these requirements by providing the required documentation for the Health/Safety Requirements Documentation Checklist and the signed Health Declaration Form.

Health & Safety Requirements for the Maricopa Nursing Program

- a. Students must submit a Health and Safety Documentation Checklist verifying completion of all requirements and maintain current status throughout the program.
- b. Students must submit the Health Declaration Form signed by a licensed health care provider.
- c. Students must test negative on a timed urine drug screen.
- d. Admission to an Allied Health program requires that students be in compliance with the Maricopa County Community College District Supplemental Background Check policy. Program applications will not be accepted without a copy of an Arizona Department of Public Safety Level One Fingerprint Clearance Card. Upon conditional program admission, the student must comply with all requirements of the current MCCCDC background check policy.

University Transfer Students

Students who are planning to earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing may obtain their prerequisite courses at the Maricopa Community Colleges. For information on courses that meet requirements for admission into a baccalaureate program, please contact a program advisor.

Registered Nurse Pathway

Associate in Applied Science Degree in Nursing Program

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree in Nursing graduate is eligible to apply for licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN). The RN is educated as a generalist who delivers health care to clients and family groups and has competencies related to the art and science of nursing. The RN may be employed in a variety of acute, long term, and community-based healthcare settings. The AAS degree in Nursing provides the graduate with an educational foundation for articulation into the university setting.

Program Notes

Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in all courses required within the program. Overall program minimum GPA = 2.00.

++ indicates any suffixed course may be selected.

Course Fee Information

Please see class schedule for information regarding course fees.

Maricopa Nursing is aligned with Nurse of the Future Competencies: Patient-Centered Care, Professionalism, Leadership, Systems-Based Practice, Informatics and Technology, Communication, Teamwork and Collaboration, Safety, Quality Improvement, and Evidence-Based Practice. These competencies focus on key stakeholders of healthcare clients, colleagues and communities. Demonstration of the competencies will signify preparation for successful transition into nursing practice and further professional development.

Admission Criteria

High school diploma or GED is required for the Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing. Applicants must signify that they meet this requirement by providing high school diploma/transcripts or GED completion OR by signing the nursing application page containing the 'Declaration of High School Graduation or GED completion.' In some instances, high school diploma/transcripts or proof of GED completion may be required.

Formal application and admission to the program is required. There are limited spaces available in the Nursing program. Only students who have completed all of the general education and introductory courses noted above may have their name added to the queue of those waiting for an available space in a cohort.

A passing score on a nursing program admission test is required to complete an application. Successful completion of a nurse assistant course (NCE150 or NUR158 or equivalent as determined by the Nursing Director or designee) or current active AZ certification or licensure as a Nurse Assistant in good standing is required to complete an application.

Applicants for Advanced Placement must receive a passing score on a practical nursing content exam for placement into Block 3. The final placement decision rests with the Nursing Program Chair at the college to which the student is accepted.

The Nursing Program Chair reserves the right to deny acceptance of an admission application if the applicant was previously dismissed for issues relating to academic integrity, unsafe patient care, and/or two (2) or more failures from any nursing program.

All applicants holding or receiving a certificate or license as a Nursing Assistant and/or license as a Practical Nurse must remain in good

standing with the Regulatory Board. Once enrolled, students receiving any disciplinary actions against their certificate or license must notify the Nursing Program Chair within five (5) school days. The Nursing Program Chair reserves the right to restrict the student's participation in clinical experiences and involvement in patient care until the certificate and/or license is valid and unrestricted.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credits	Semester
Required Courses			
Select one of the following:		0-4	_____
BIO156	Introductory Biology for Allied Health		_____
BIO181	General Biology (Majors) I		_____
One year of high school biology			_____
BIO201	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	_____
Select one of the following:		0-4	_____
CHM130 & 130LL	Fundamental Chemistry and Fundamental Chemistry Laboratory		_____
CHM130AA	Fundamental Chemistry with Lab		_____
One year of high school chemistry			_____
NUR152	Nursing Theory and Science I	9	_____
NUR172	Nursing Theory and Science II	9	_____
NUR252	Nursing Theory and Science III	9	_____
NUR283	Nursing Theory and Science IV	9	_____
General Education			
Core			
<i>First-Year Composition</i> ¹			
ENG101	First-Year Composition	3	_____
or ENG107	First-Year Composition for ESL		_____
ENG102	First-Year Composition	3	_____
or ENG108	First-Year Composition for ESL		_____
<i>Oral Communication</i>			
Waived		0	_____
<i>Critical Reading</i>			
Select one of the following:		0-3	_____
CRE101	College Critical Reading and Critical Thinking		_____

OR Equivalent as indicated by assessment			_____
Mathematics			
Select one of the following:		3-5	_____
MAT140	College Mathematics		_____
MAT141	College Mathematics		_____
MAT142	College Mathematics		_____
Satisfactory completion of higher level math course			_____
Distribution			
<i>Humanities, Arts and Design</i>			
Any approved general education course(s) from the Humanities, Arts and Design area		2	_____
<i>Social and Behavioral Sciences</i>			
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3	_____
<i>Natural Sciences</i>			
BIO202 & BIO205	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Microbiology	8	_____
Total Credits		62-75	_____

¹ Three credits of First Year Composition are met by ENG101 First-Year Composition or ENG107 First-Year Composition for ESL in Program Prerequisites area