



Are you interested in becoming a nurse? Are you interested in becoming a nurse through Arizona State University? If so, use this information workbook to see if a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Arizona State University is for you. This workbook contains information about the critical course requirements, and the admissions processes for ASU and the competitive advancement process into the College of Nursing & Health Innovation Upper Division Nursing Program.

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Is NURSING right for you?

As a profession, nursing offers the opportunity to participate in promoting and maintaining health and providing care to those who are ill. It is a career that demands a wide range of decision-making, interpersonal, management, and complex technical skills.

The health care field has been rapidly growing and changing due to: increased demand for health care, technological advances, an aging population, a shift toward preventing illness and maintaining good health. Employment opportunities have grown recently.

Nurses are an important part of the health care team, providing services to individuals and groups. Nurses care for people of all ages, helping them to regain and maintain positive health. These services are provided in hospital settings, in the community, in the home, at health clinics, corporations, in schools, and in long term care facilities. Within these settings the nursing role may expand to include such functions as clinician, case manager, teacher, or researcher.

Is NURSING at ASU right for you?

ASU's College of Nursing & Health Innovation is the only state-supported BSN program in Maricopa County and is Arizona's largest provider of baccalaureate-prepared nurses. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing prepares students to think critically, to make decisions and to function effectively in their interpersonal and team surroundings. The general education courses in humanities, social sciences, and biological sciences provide a strong foundation for the nursing theory and clinical/experiential courses. Nursing graduates are prepared to understand and respond to the vast and changing health care needs of individuals in society.

The ASU Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN) program divides students into two classifications: students working on critical requirements/prerequisites and Upper Division nursing program students. Students take the critical course requirements in preparation for the Upper Division Nursing Program. Critical course requirements are usually completed in about two years (or four semesters) but the actual time it takes to complete them varies for each student. After students are advanced to the Upper Division Nursing Courses, they take a sequence of four terms. In each term students are enrolled in 7-8 credit hours of clinical or practice coursework, and approximately 8 hours of theory coursework. The four term sequence is planned in blocks.

The College of Nursing & Health Innovation is organized around two major clinical divisions: adult health/parent-child nursing and community mental health/psychiatric nursing. Theory and clinical courses are taught by faculty from these two divisions with opportunities for students to do clinical rotations in many areas of nursing. Clinical rotations provide experience in a range of nursing roles.

What do ASU nursing students learn?

Upon completion of the undergraduate baccalaureate nursing program, the graduate will demonstrate fluency and facility in the five patterns of knowing in professional nursing practice through the ability to:

1. Combine theoretical knowledge from the sciences, humanities, and nursing as a base for critical thinking in professional nursing practice and develop understanding of client, health environment, and nursing.
2. Design comprehensive therapeutic nursing care in partnership with individuals, families, groups, and communities including those who are culturally diverse and/or vulnerable and at risk for health disparities.
3. Provide safe, competent, and effective nursing care utilizing principle-based communication, technical/psychomotor, teaching, management, and therapeutic skills.
4. Generate own professional practice that focuses on health promotion, risk reduction, disease prevention and illness and disease management from a holistic perspective.
5. Analyze and apply research findings to promote evidence-based nursing practice.
6. Display values and behaviors consistent with the culture of professional nursing.
7. Display personal and leadership characteristics appropriate for providers, designers, managers and coordinators of care.
8. Display responsibility and accountability for professional nursing practice.
9. Collaborate with nurses, other health care providers, and clients in the delivery of holistic care that is responsive to changing needs, sociopolitical, and global environmental factors.
10. Analyze current nursing and health care services and trends, and identify future health care needs.

How do ASU graduates become REGISTERED NURSES?

As the student is graduating with a Bachelor in Science in Nursing, the student is not yet a nurse. First, the student must file for graduation from ASU. Convocation ceremonies are held in Downtown Phoenix and are held every May and December.

Prior to graduating, the student applies, through the Arizona State Board of Nursing (<http://www.azbn.gov/>), to take the NCLEX-RN[®] Exam. In passing the NCLEX-RN[®], the BSN graduate receives the RN (registered nurse) license from the Arizona State Board of Nursing. NCLEX-RN[®] exam information is provided during the Senior 2 semester.

Once a student completes a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and holds a valid RN license, the student has the option to further their education and pursue graduate work in Nursing. ASU offers graduate degrees in eight concentrations: Adult Health, Neonatal, Community Health, Family Health, Nurse Educator, Pediatric, Psychiatric Mental Health, and Women's Health Nursing. In addition to selecting an area of concentration, students may select a functional area of study related to their area of specialization: Nurse Practitioner, Clinical Nurse Specialist, or Nurse Educator.

How is ASU's nursing program structured?

ASU's nursing coursework can be seen as two distinct parts: Critical Course Requirements/Prerequisite Courses and the Upper Division Nursing Program.

Critical Course Requirements/Prerequisite Courses: These are the 17, lower-division courses (56 credit hours) that must be completed prior to beginning the Upper Division Nursing Program. Note that completing all 17 critical course requirements does not guarantee advancement into the Upper Division Nursing Program.

Upper Division Nursing Program: The upper division portion of the nursing program begins the 300 and 400-level nursing courses. This is where students learn professional nursing practice through theory courses and clinical rotations. Once advanced to the Upper Division Nursing Program, students complete 64 credit hours in 16 credit hour blocks for 4 semesters. More students request advancement to the Upper Division Nursing Program than clinical space will allow, so advancement is competitive, and not guaranteed.

How much does it COST to get a nursing degree from ASU? ** (See important tuition disclaimer below)

The ASU College of Nursing & Health Innovation follows the standard ASU tuition and fees. Tuition and fees are subject to change. Up-to-date information about cost is available at <http://students.asu.edu/tuitionandfees>.

The College of Nursing & Health Innovation has a program fee in addition to tuition charges.

Scholarships are available for students interested in different aspects of nursing or who are from specific backgrounds. More information about scholarships may be found on the web at <http://nursing.asu.edu/scholarships/index.htm>.

Have you met with an ACADEMIC ADVISOR from the ASU College of Nursing & Health Innovation?

Academic advising is recommended for all nursing students each semester, and is required for those with nursing advising holds or e-advisor holds. For students who are not currently enrolled at ASU but plan on attending ASU, academic advising is *strongly* encouraged to ensure that the student is following a course of study that will meet ASU requirements. These students are encouraged to seek advisement with a College of Nursing & Health Innovation academic advisor at least once a year. It is the responsibility of the student to schedule an appointment with an advisor. To schedule an academic advising appointment, please call 602.496.0888. Due to the high volume of students interested in nursing, we recommend students call at least two to three weeks in advance of the desired meeting time.

What are the Critical Course Requirements/Prerequisite Courses?

In the table below, the critical course requirements are listed. For a complete BSN checklist with course titles, refer to the BSN checklist available through the College of Nursing & Health Innovation Student Services Office or online at <http://www.asu.edu/provost/articulation/checksheets/index.html>.

A few of the critical course requirements must/should be taken in sequential order. For example, it is recommended that BIO 201 be taken in the semester directly before BIO 202. All four lab-science courses (BIO 201, BIO 202, CHM 101, and MIC 205/206) must be completed before enrolling in HCR 240, Human Pathophysiology. CHM 101 must be taken before NTR 241 and Mathematics before statistics. Additionally, it is recommended that you complete CHM 101 before attempting MIC 205/206. JUS 302, SWU 321. See an Academic Advisor for additional information about statistics courses.

Students who already have a Bachelors degree ("second-degree students") have the option to waive the requirements for Freshman Composition (ENG 101 & ENG 102).

<u>ASU Course</u>	<u>MCCCD Equivalent</u> s	Put a check by the courses you've completed	<i>If you have not completed the course, indicate the semester you are taking it, or plan to take it.</i>
BIO 201	BIO 201		
BIO 202	BIO 202		
CDE 232	CFS 205 (or PSY240 alternate)		
CHM 101	CHM 130/130L		
ENG 101*	ENG 101		
ENG 102*	ENG 102		
HCR 210	HCR 210		
HCR 220 (or HSM 220)	HCR 220		
HCR 230	HCR 230		
HCR 240	HCR 240 (or HCR 240A/HCR 240B)		
MIC 205/206	BIO 205		
NTR 241	FON 241		
PGS 101	PSY 101		
MAT 142 (or higher)	MAT 142 (or higher)		
Statistics	PSY 230 or MAT 206 or GBS 221		
3-credit Elective	3-Credit Elective		
Humanities or Social Behavioral Course (HU or SB)	Humanities or Social Behavioral Course (HU or SB)		

*requirement waived for second degree students

How is the CURRICULUM organized in the Upper Division Nursing Program?

The College of Nursing & Health Innovation's philosophy and program completion objectives identify the necessary support linkages among the four major, multidimensional concepts emphasized within the programs, specifically, client, environment, health and nursing.

From a nursing perspective, the client is viewed from a developmental and holistic approach. Nursing is an interactive process in which nurses collaborate with clients and other members of the health care disciplines in providing care to clients and in improving nursing and other health care services.

The Upper Division Nursing Program is divided into four semesters. In these four semesters, the student's curriculum is focused toward themes:

Junior 1	Junior 2	Senior 1	Senior 2
Health Integrity Health Promotion Wellness	Alterations in Health Integrity Illness Restoration	Health Integrity & Alterations Maintenance Management	Health Promotion Restoration Maintenance Leadership
Individuals	Individual & Family	Community & Groups	All

What is the typical WEEKLY SCHEDULE in the Upper Division Nursing Program?

The Upper Division Nursing Program at ASU is a highly intensive time commitment for students. Students take 16 credit hours per semester for four (4) semesters and there are numerous lab requirements within those credits. Junior 1 (first semester of the Upper Division Nursing Program) includes four courses. The curriculum is very rigorous and students are encouraged to limit employment to no more than 10 hours per week. Course scheduling will vary.

*Typical weekly schedule for Junior 1 students:***

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:40-9:30	NUR 312: Theory for Nursing Practice	NUR 310/320: Nursing Practice	NUR 310/320: Nursing Practice	NUR 310/320: Nursing Practice	NUR 312: Theory for Nursing Practice	*NUR 310/320: Nursing Practice
9:40-10:30	NUR 330: Professional Nurse Attributes				NUR 330: Professional Nurse Attributes	
10:40-11:55	NUR 311: Pharmacology				NUR 311: Pharmacology	
Lunch						
Afternoon	*NUR 310/320 Nursing Practice	NUR 310/320: Nursing Practice	NUR 310/320: Nursing Practice	NUR 310/320: Nursing Practice	*NUR 310/320 Nursing Practice	
*Evening	NUR 310/320: Nursing Practice					

* Occasional Monday, Friday, Saturday and evenings will be required in the program.

** Course order subject to change.

***Junior 2, Senior 1, and Senior 2 Semesters have a similar weekly schedule.

How do students COMPETE for space in the Upper Division Nursing Program?

Due to clinical space limitation, there are more students requesting advancement to the Upper Division Nursing Program than clinical space will allow. Therefore, there is a competitive advancement process that students must initiate in order to be considered for placement.

The timing of advancement for all students is different, and you **MUST** consult with an academic advisor for an individual consultation to determine which of the three deadlines corresponds to your specific situation.

Students compete for space based on an overall "Advancement Score", which is computed on the following criterion:

- **Select GPA:** A Select GPA will be computed based on 13 of the 17 courses and must include ENG 101, ENG 102, and 3 of the 4 lab sciences. A student's Select GPA is worth a minimum of 3.250 and a maximum of 4.000.
- **Nurse Entrance Test:** The Nurses Entrance Test (NET) is a computerized exam that evaluates the student's mathematical skills and reading comprehension. The Essential Math Skills and Reading Comprehension sections are worth 1 possible point each towards the total advancement score. Students must take the NET at ASU during their advancement cycle. NET scores will not be transferred in from other institutions.

	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Your Score</u>
<i>Select GPA</i>	<i>3.250</i>	<i>4.000</i>	
<i>NET – Math Skills</i>	<i>0.650</i>	<i>1.000</i>	
<i>NET – Reading Comp</i>	<i>0.600</i>	<i>1.000</i>	
Total "Advancement Score" Range	4.500	6.000	

Lowest Eligibility Score advanced in Fall 2009 was a 5.593/6.00.

Number of eligible students considered 245; of that, 100 were Advanced to Upper Division Coursework.

What is your SELECT GPA?

The select GPA is calculated from 13 of the 17 critical course requirements, even if more than 13 courses have been completed. When more than 13 of the critical course requirements have been completed, the student has the choice of which courses to count toward their select GPA, with a few exceptions. Courses that must be included are ENG 101, ENG 102, and at least three (3) of the four (4) lab science courses (BIO 201, BIO 202, CHM 101, MIC 205/206).

Students must have a minimum of a 3.250 Select GPA to be considered for advancement; however, note that admission to the Upper Division Nursing Program is highly competitive. Not all qualified applicants may be admitted to the Upper Division Nursing Program. In fact, the average Select GPA advanced for Fall 2009 was a 3.94.

When calculating the select GPA, the lab grade must be included with the lecture grade for the science courses.

The following rubric is used to calculate the select GPA:

A = 4 points	B = 3 points	C = 2 points
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NOTE No plus (+) or minus (-) half points are used for admission.

Calculate your Select GPA by multiplying the grade points of 13 courses by the credit hours of those 13 courses to determine the honor points. Then divide the total number of honor points by the total number of credit hours.

Calculate your Select GPA:

<u>Course</u>	<u>Letter Grade = Grade Points * Credit Hours = Honor Points</u>			
EXAMPLE:	B	3.0	3.0	9.0
BIO 201				
BIO 202				
CDE 232				
CHM 101				
ENG 101*				
ENG 102*				
HCR 210				
HCR 220 (or HSM 220)				
HCR 230				
HCR 240				
MIC 205/206				
NTR 241				
PGS 101				
MAT 142 (or higher)				
Statistics				
3-credit Elective				
Elective (HU/SB)				
TOTAL:	-	-		

*ENG 101 and ENG 102 waived for second degree students.

Select GPA:	
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How do I prepare to REQUEST ADVANCEMENT to the Upper Division Nursing Program?

To request advancement to the Upper Division Nursing Program, students must first meet with an academic advisor to determine when they will be eligible to begin the process. Typically, the process of requesting advancement begins the semester that the student is completing 13 of the 17 critical course requirements/prerequisite courses. See deadlines in the table below.

In consultation with an academic advisor, students will attend an advancement workshop. Students **must** attend an advancement workshop to receive an advancement packet and additional advancement materials. Advancement packets are not available to students unless they attend an advancement workshop.

Additionally, students must be admitted to Arizona State University as a Nursing major before they can submit their advancement materials.

Fall Start (August):

Program Type	Deadline to request advancement	13 of 17 critical courses completed by	17 of 17 critical courses completed by	Mandatory Advancement Workshops
24-months	May 1 st	May 1 st	May 31 st	Jan. and Feb.

Spring Start (January):

Program Type	Deadline to request advancement	13 of 17 critical courses completed by	17 of 17 critical courses completed by	Mandatory Advancement Workshops
24-months	September 1 st	September 1 st	December 31 st	May and June

Summer Start (May):

Program Type	Deadline to request advancement	13 of 17 critical courses completed by	17 of 17 critical courses completed by	Mandatory Advancement Workshops
16-months	February 1 st	N/A	January 31 st	Sept. and Oct.

Program type: The program type refers to the duration of the Upper Division Nursing Program, which is available in a 24-month (Fall and Spring) and a 16-month program (Summer only).

Deadline to request advancement: This is the date that your materials to request advancement are due to the College of Nursing & Healthcare Innovation.

13 of the 17 critical courses completed by: In order to request advancement by the given deadline, you must officially submit 13 of the 17 critical course grades to ASU (which must include ENG 101, ENG 102, and 3 of the 4 lab sciences) by this deadline.

17 of 17 critical courses completed by: You must officially submit the remaining 4 or fewer critical course grades to ASU by this deadline.

Mandatory Advancement Workshops: In order to receive the materials that are necessary to begin the advancement process, students must first attend an Advancement Workshop, prior to the advancement deadline.

What is your ENROLLMENT STATUS with ASU?

Students must apply to and be admitted to ASU as a Nursing major before being considered for the Upper Division Nursing Program. Go to www.asu.edu/admissions to apply for admission to ASU. Note that advancement to the Upper Division Nursing Program is a separate, competitive process, and being admitted to ASU as a Nursing major does not guarantee advancement into the Upper Division Nursing Program.

What are the ADDITIONAL ADVANCEMENT MATERIALS needed to request advancement?

Copies of additional materials should be submitted along with the paper packet to the College of Nursing & Health Innovation Student Services Office. The College of Nursing & Health Innovation Student Services Office does **not** retain copies of health records. It is the responsibility of the student to keep original copies of health records.

Fingerprint Clearance Card

The fingerprint clearance is a background screening process used to check both state and federal criminal records. For persons who have no state or federal criminal record, processing time is approximately five to six weeks from the date the Department of Public Safety receives a completed application package. For those persons who do have a state or federal criminal record, processing time may take longer.

All students wishing to request advancement to the Upper Division Nursing Program must have an Arizona issued fingerprint clearance card. Students with a restriction on the fingerprint clearance card will not be considered for advancement unless they have an approved petition from the College of Nursing & Health Innovation Standards Committee. Petitioning does not guarantee that you will be allowed to advance to the Upper Division Nursing Program.

Health/Immunization Information

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Completed/ Scheduled:</u>
MMR- Measles (Rubeola), Mumps, and Rubella	<i>Proof of two doses of vaccine; second dose must be after 12/31/79; OR 1 dose of MMR vaccine and 2 positive titers for Rubella and Rubeola; OR 3 positive titers for Rubeola, Mumps, and Rubella.</i>	
Hepatitis B	<i>Proof of the first of a series of three inoculations must be completed. Note: The series must be complete prior to the program start date; OR proof of a positive titer.</i>	
Tetanus/Diphtheria (Td)	<i>Proof of immunization within the past 10 years.</i>	
Chicken Pox (Varicella)	<i>Proof of immunity by positive titer; OR If titer is negative, first of a series of two vaccinations must be completed.</i>	
TB Skin Test (PPD – not tine test)	<i>Proof of a negative reading and must be retested every 12 months. (Evidence of a positive skin test must provide documentation of follow up.)</i>	

After being advanced to the Upper Division Nursing Program, what ADDITIONAL MATERIALS are needed?

Once advanced, the Upper Division Nursing Program requires proof of additional materials.

Drug Screen

Students advanced to the Upper Division Nursing Program must provide evidence of a negative drug/alcohol screen during the period identified by the Student Services Office.

Statement of Health Clearance

A health care provider must sign the Health Care Provider Signature Form within 6 months of application and indicate whether the applicant will be able to function as a nursing student. Health care providers who qualify to sign this declaration include a licensed physician (M.D., D.O.), a nurse practitioner, or physician's assistant.

It is essential that College of Nursing & Health Innovation students be able to perform a number of physical and cognitive activities in the clinical portion of the program. At a minimum, students may be required to lift, stand for several hours at a time and perform bending activities. The clinical 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. Students who have a chronic illness or condition must be maintained on current treatment and be able to implement direct patient care.

Statement of Health Insurance Coverage

In order to complete clinical educational experiences at certain healthcare facilities, students are required to carry health insurance coverage.

The College of Nursing & Health Innovation does not require students to carry health insurance. However, if you do not have health insurance coverage, you may not complete clinical educational experiences at healthcare facilities that require health insurance coverage.

Students must state that they understand that it is their responsibility to notify the Student Services Office (Pre-licensure Baccalaureate students) or respective Program Office (RN/BSN and Graduate students) within 10 business day if their health insurance status changes.

CPR

Proof of CPR "Level C" Certification (Health Care Provider level).

What if you are NOT ADVANCED to the Upper Division Nursing Program?

Advancement to the Upper Division Nursing Program at ASU is highly competitive. Not all qualified students will be advanced. Early on, students are advised to think about a “**Plan B**” if they do not get advanced. We encourage students in this situation to meet with an academic advisor in our Student Services Office and/or to seek career advising.

One option is to request advancement for the next term. This is encouraged because students have the potential to earn higher grades in the critical course substitutes. When requesting advancement a subsequent time, all 17 of the critical requirements must be completed. Students may choose the 13 courses with the best grades (must include the English composition courses and 3 of the 4 lab sciences). Some students may substitute some requirements to increase the GPA. See an academic advisor for advice on which courses may be substituted.

Some students opt to pursue a minor in a field of interest or in a field related to nursing while asking for advancement a subsequent time. Others may decide that nursing is not the right major for them and gather information on other majors.

Some students may opt to pursue an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing at a community college. Upon completion of the associate’s degree and receiving RN licensure, these students may then decide to return to ASU for our RN to BSN program. The RN-BSN program requires 12 months to complete the 35 credits of upper-division nursing courses (after critical requirement courses and general studies are completed). Additional time beyond one year may be required to complete upper-division general studies requirements.

What is your Plan B, C or D? _____

Now that you know about the ASU College of Nursing & Health Innovation Upper Division Nursing Program...

Does this sound like the program for you?

Please take some time to reflect on what you have read and why you want to become an ASU BSN.

Important CONTACT Information

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**** NOTE:** All amounts shown in the Tuition and Fees Schedules or in other University publications or web pages represent tuition and fees as currently approved. However, Arizona State University reserves the right to increase or modify tuition and fees without prior notice, upon approval by the Arizona Board of Regents or as otherwise consistent with Board policy and to make such modifications applicable to students enrolled at ASU at that time as well as to incoming students. In addition, all tuition amounts and fees are subject to change at any time for correction of errors. Finally, please note that fee amounts billed for any period may be adjusted at a future date. See [ASU Tuition and Fees Schedule http://students.asu.edu/tuitionandfees](http://students.asu.edu/tuitionandfees).