Nursing, BSN

Nursing is at the forefront of our changing health care system. This degree program will prepare you as a professional nurse with the theoretical foundation and clinical competence to thrive in various health care settings. You will learn to think critically, use evidence to make decisions, work collaboratively and innovate in interprofessional health care environments.

Program Description

Through a curriculum centered upon evidence-based practice, clinical reasoning, innovation, interprofessional communication and information technology, the BSN degree program prepares students to provide high-quality professional nursing care. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing may be earned through several unique pathways.

Traditional Prefunctional Nursing Program
The traditional prelicensure clinical nursing program is a full-time, upper-division nursing program designed for students who wish to become a registered nurse by completing a Bachelor of Science in nursing. The program has three start dates per year — spring, summer and fall and may be completed in a 16-month year-round schedule or a 24-month academic year schedule. Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination to gain licensure as a registered nurse.

Students advance into the program in one of two ways: direct admission or the competitive advancement process. Direct admission is offered to incoming first-time freshman who meet specific admission criteria. Students admitted directly must meet continuing eligibility criteria while attending ASU to advance into the upper-division nursing program. Directly admitted nursing students who do not meet continuing eligibility criteria, transfer students or ASU students who are changing majors may apply for advancement to the upper-division nursing program by competing for any remaining spaces. More information can be found at: https://nursingandhealth.asu.edu/programs/bsn/traditional.

Postbaccalaureate Clinical Nursing Program
The postbaccalaureate clinical nursing program is a full-time, 12-month upper-division clinical nursing program designed for students with a bachelor's degree in another discipline who wish to become a registered nurse by completing a BSN. Selection is competitive and students start the program in the spring semester.
Students pursuing advancement to the postbaccalaureate clinical nursing program complete prerequisite coursework and apply for advancement to the program. Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination to gain licensure as a registered nurse. More information can be found at: https://nursingandhealth.asu.edu/programs/bsn/postbaccalaureate.

**Online RN to BSN Program**
The online RN to BSN program is available online to students who have earned an associate degree in nursing and have a current RN license in good standing with the state board of nursing. The RN to BSN program courses are offered online in 7.5-week sessions and can be completed in 14 to 24 months. There are five starts per year: two in the fall, two in the spring and one in the summer. Assignments may include readings, discussions, papers, presentations and practical application activities completed wherever the student resides.

Transfer pathway agreements are in place with all community colleges in Arizona, which provide additional benefits to students. The RN to BSN program does not have approval from the Boards of Nursing in Tennessee, Rhode Island or Washington to be offered to RNs licensed in those states. More information can be found at https://asuonline.asu.edu/rnbsn?utm_source=nursing-journal&utm_medium=print&utm_campaign=Now2.

**Concurrent Enrollment Program**
The concurrent enrollment program pathway is offered through participating community colleges. This program is designed for qualified nursing students who are interested in earning their Bachelor of Science in nursing while simultaneously pursuing their associate degree in nursing. Selected students enroll in the community college program and the ASU RN to BSN courses at the same time (concurrently). RN to BSN courses taken at ASU are delivered in an online format. More information can be found at https://nursingandhealth.asu.edu/programs/bsn/cep.

**Eastern Arizona College Partnership**
The ASU and Eastern Arizona College partnership has two options: the concurrent enrollment program and the RN to BSN. The concurrent enrollment program is designed for qualified students pursuing an Associate of Applied Science in nursing from EAC while simultaneously earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from ASU. Another option allows students with an associate degree or diploma in nursing to pursue the ASU BSN at Eastern Arizona College on the Thatcher campus. Courses in this program are delivered in a hybrid format on the Thatcher campus. More information can be found at https://nursingandhealth.asu.edu/admissions/eastern-arizona-college.

**At a Glance**
• College/School: Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation
• Location: Downtown Phoenix campus, ASU@The Gila Valley or online

• Additional Program Fee: Yes
• Second Language Requirement: No
• First Required Math Course: MAT 142 - College Mathematics
• Math Intensity: General

Required Courses (Major Map)

2019 - 2020 Major Map (On-campus)
2019 - 2020 Major Map (Online)
Major Map (Archives)

Admission Requirements

General University Admission Requirements:

All students are required to meet general university admission requirements.
Freshman | Transfer | International | Readmission

Additional Requirements:

The admission standards for majors in the Edson College of Nursing and Health Innovation are higher than minimum university standards. Freshmen admission requirements: top 25 percent of high school graduating class OR 3.30 GPA in ASU competency courses (based on 4.00 grading scale) AND either a 24 ACT combined score OR 1170 SAT combined evidence-based reading and writing plus math score.

Freshmen should select an additional major when applying for admission.

English language proficiency for applicants whose native language is not English:

• minimum score of 540 (paper-based), 207 (computer-based), or 76 (internet-based) on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL)
• minimum overall band of 6.5 with no band below 5.5 on the International English Language Testing System (IELTS).

Students not admissible directly to the BSN Nursing program will be placed into the BS program in community health.
**Change of Major Requirements**

Current ASU students interested in changing to this program would need to apply for the upper division clinical nursing program through an advancement application process. Space is limited, and selection is based upon GPA and score earned on the TEAS. Students should speak with an advisor in the College of Nursing and Health Innovation for more information on how to change a major to this program.

Students should refer to [https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) for information about how to change a major to this program.

**Attend Online**

ASU offers this program in an online format with multiple enrollment sessions throughout the year. Applicants may view the program description and request more information [here](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request).

**Transfer Options**

ASU is committed to helping students thrive by offering tools that allow personalization of the transfer path to ASU. Students may use the [Transfer Map search](https://changingmajors.asu.edu/request) to outline a list of recommended courses to take prior to transfer.

ASU has transfer partnerships in Arizona and across the country to create a simplified transfer experience for students. These pathway programs include exclusive benefits, tools and resources, and help students save time and money in their college journey. Students may learn more about these programs by visiting the admission site: [https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs](https://admission.asu.edu/transfer/pathway-programs).

**Global Opportunities**

**Global Experience**

With over 250 programs in more than 65 countries ranging from one week to one year, study abroad is possible for all ASU students wishing to gain global skills and knowledge in preparation for a 21st-century career. Students earn ASU credit for completed courses, while staying on track for graduation, and may apply financial aid and scholarships toward program costs. [https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/](https://mystudyabroad.asu.edu/)
Career Opportunities

Graduates deliver nursing care to individuals, families and communities. Completion of this degree program also prepares individuals for entrance into graduate study in nursing at the master’s or doctoral degree levels, which is essential for teaching, administration, clinical specialization and research.

Career examples include but are not limited to those shown in the following list. Advanced degrees or certifications may be required for academic or clinical positions.

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<th>Career</th>
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<td>Certified Nurse Assistant</td>
<td>11.5%</td>
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<td>14.8%</td>
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<td>12.3%</td>
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* Data obtained from the Occupational Information Network (O*NET) under sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Labor/Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA).

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