

NURSING, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (BSN)

BSN Program Overview

Albany State University offers an opportunity for motivated healthcare professionals: A high-quality Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) that's affordable and convenient. As its name implies, this baccalaureate program is designed for students desiring a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and, as such, is an ideal program for high school, transfer, and change-of-major students.

Throughout the nursing curriculum, students are exposed to the various fields and specializations within the nursing profession, including Women's Health, Pediatrics, Adult Medical-Surgical, and many others. These programs culminate with the student earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, which makes the graduate academically eligible to write the state licensing examination (the NCLEX-RN) to practice as a registered nurse. Undergraduate nursing education—whether at the associate or baccalaureate level—prepares the nurse to function as a generalist utilizing the triad of evidenced based practice, teaching, and practice in providing nursing care in traditional and nontraditional settings. The professional nurse is broadly prepared to assume responsibilities as a leader, client advocate, change agent, health care provider, health educator, and consumer of research. Additionally, our BSN graduates are prepared to enter graduate nursing programs in order to advance their careers, several of which are offered at this institution!

Albany State University proudly offers the following program tracks to allow our students to complete this degree quickly and conveniently, regardless of their experience within the collegiate setting:

Generic BSN Program (2+2 Format)

NOTE: *Please be aware that this format and its related materials are applicable to new freshmen accepted to the University during the Fall 2018 semester and students who wish to apply for the nursing program for the Fall 2019 semester or later.*

Effective Fall 2018, the Generic BSN Program will be offered as a "2+2 program," in which the student spends their first 2 years at the University completing the Core curriculum and their second 2 years completing nursing courses exclusively. Currently, students are only admitted into this program during the Fall semester. Courses within this program are primarily taken on-campus (that is, on Albany State University's East and West Campuses) with the potential for some courses to be offered as online or hybridized, but please be aware that this is not guaranteed. Clinical experiences are held in our clinical skills lab(s), Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, and other facilities in the surrounding area as needed.

Freshmen will enter ASU as a Health and Human Performance major with a "Pre-Nursing" attribute, which **MUST** be specified upon application to the University. During their first 2 academic years (that is, their freshman and sophomore years), students intending to apply to this program will complete the entirety of the Core curriculum, which includes the nine (9) courses utilized in the determination of their Nursing GPA (and, consequently, program eligibility). After being accepted into this nursing program, this track comprises five (5) additional consecutive semesters, including one (1) required Summer semester, culminating with the student earning their Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Accelerated BSN Program

The Accelerated (or "Second Degree") BSN Program is designed for students who have already earned a bachelor's degree in an area other than nursing and have graduated with at least a 3.0 Cumulative GPA but who also desire to earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing, albeit with consideration of past educational experience. Currently, students are only admitted into this program during the Fall semester. Courses within this program are primarily taken on-campus (that is, on Albany State University's East and West Campuses) with the potential for some courses to be offered as online or hybridized, but this is not guaranteed. Clinical experiences are held in our clinical skills lab(s), Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, and other facilities in the surrounding area as needed.

This accelerated track comprises five (5) consecutive semesters, including one (1) required Summer semester, culminating with the student earning their Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Admission Criteria: Baccalaureate Nursing Programs

Generic BSN Program (2+2 Format) Admission Criteria

Applicants must:

1. **FIRST**, submit an application to Albany State University and **be admitted** in good standing.
2. **AFTER being accepted as a student** at Albany State University, submit the completed application, the \$20.00 application fee money order, and a copy of their TEAS exam scores by the application deadline.
 - a. Applicants who take the TEAS exam at Albany State University's West Campus Testing Center may submit a printed copy of their results page with the application and money order.
 - b. Applicants who take the TEAS exam at a testing site other than ASU's West Campus Testing Center will need to purchase the "TEAS transcript" through ATI Testing's online store and indicate that they wish to have their scores transferred to Albany State University.
3. Successfully complete and exit all learning support courses.
4. Complete the entirety of the baccalaureate Core Curriculum (including the "Above the Core" requirements) prior to Fall admission with a minimum grade of "C" in the following courses: Anatomy and Physiology I & II, Microbiology, two (2) sequential courses in an Area D science (which can be either Biology I & II or Chemistry I & II), English Composition I & II, Human Growth & Development, and Pre Nursing Seminar.
 - a. Pre-Nursing Seminar is an ASU-exclusive course. Applicants transferring from other institutions who have taken a medical terminology course at a non-ASU institution may be able to waive the Pre-Nursing seminar requirement; however, this waiver is given on a case-by-case basis and is not guaranteed.
5. Have a minimum cumulative Nursing Grade Point Average (NGPA) of 2.8 in the nine (9) core courses listed above. Please note that **only** the grades from the above courses will be used to compute the student's NGPA. Passing, failing, and repeated course grades in the above courses that are less than 10 years of age will be computed to obtain this GPA.
6. Complete all required science courses with a grade of "C" or higher in each course. Only one (1) science course failure is allowed, and this course must be repeated prior to entry into the nursing program.

- If the science failure(s) occurred more than 5 years ago, the student has the opportunity to repeat the course(s) one (1) time.
7. Successfully complete Anatomy and Physiology course(s) that are less than 6 years old **at the time of potential admission** to the nursing program. If the Anatomy and Physiology course(s) is/are older than 6 years, the student must retake the course(s) and pass with a "C" or better.
 8. Must have passed the standardized entrance exam for admission to nursing at or above the established percentage rate within no more than two (2) attempts within the past 12-month period. Students who have taken the entrance exam within the last year must present official scores to the admission committee prior to being admitted to the program.
 - a. **Currently, the entrance exam is the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS), and the minimum qualifying score is 70.0.**
 9. Following acceptance into the nursing program, students must submit the following documentation prior to the last date to add courses for the semester ("Schedule Adjustment Days"). Students who do not meet this requirement will be dropped from the clinical nursing course.
 - a. **Certificate of immunization:** Must be on file in Student Health Services indicating that all immunizations are current based on their age. Immunizations include Hepatitis B (or waiver), MMR, tetanus, varicella, flu, tuberculosis, and any other immunization(s) deemed necessary by the University and/or the clinical site.
 - b. **BLS card:** A current CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) basic life support (BLS) card. All students must be certified by the American Heart Association (AHA) in child and adult BLS for health care providers. This certification must be maintained throughout the program (renewed every 2 years). An outdated CPR certification will prohibit the student from attending clinical practice experiences.
 10. Following admission to the nursing program, students must submit the following documentation prior to the course's established pre-clinical deadline: malpractice insurance, proof of active health insurance (or enrollment into the student health insurance plan), a complete criminal background check, and a drug test at the expense of the student. The criminal background check will be completed utilizing PreCheck.com (<http://www.precheck.com/>).
 - a. Students are subjected to compulsory background checks per clinical agency requirements and may also be required to submit to random tests for illegal use of controlled substance as a provided by the law or regulations of the contracting agency. If the site refuses to allow a student to attend clinical experiences, the nursing program is not obligated to find another clinical site. The student may not be able to complete the nursing program at ASU. Therefore, it is important to conduct personal record checks prior to admission to the nursing program.
 11. **NOTE:** A student who has failed (D, F, or WF) two (2) nursing courses, whether at a 2-year or 4-year institution (including ASU) will not be eligible for admission or continuation in the nursing program at ASU. Students with no more than two (2) nursing failures may be considered for entry (or reentry) into the nursing program on a case-by-case basis only after a 5-year period has passed from the most recently-earned failure. Only one (1) nursing failure may be forgiven.
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 3. Successfully complete and exit all learning support courses.
 4. Have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited program in a field other than nursing with a graduating cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 3.0. Courses taken and degrees earned after obtaining the first bachelor's degree will not factor into the 3.0 required graduating GPA for admission consideration.
 5. Complete 31 hours of the baccalaureate Core Curriculum prior to the Fall admission with a minimum grade of "C" in the following courses: Anatomy and Physiology I & II, Microbiology, two (2) sequential courses in an Area D science (which can be either Biology I & II or Chemistry I & II), English Composition I & II, Human Growth & Development, and Pre-Nursing Seminar.
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NURS 3335	Mental Health Nursing (BSN)	5
NURS 3510	Assessment in Health Care (BSN)	3
NURS 4111	Directed Study (NCLEX Prep)	3
NURS 4131	Research (BSN)	3
NURS 4140	Principles of Leadership and Management (BSN)	2
NURS 4240	Community Health Nursing (BSN)	5
NURS 4342	Adult Health Nursing II (BSN)	5
NURS 4345	Senior Comprehensive Nursing (BSN)	5

Electives (1-16 hours)

ALHE 1120	Medical Terminology	
COHP 2110	Nutrition	
NURS 3010	Junior Nursing Summer Externship	
NURS 4010	Senior Nursing Summer Externship	
NURS 4111	Directed Study	

First-Year and Wellness Course Requirements Outside the Core

ASU 1101	First Year Experience: Pathways to Success	1
HEDP, WELL	Health & Wellness Requirement ¹	2

Total Semester Hours **123**

¹ The health & wellness requirement may be fulfilled by taking one - two (2) credit hour health or wellness course OR two one (1) credit hour health or wellness activity courses.

Curriculum Patterns: Baccalaureate Nursing Programs

Generic BSN Program (Fall Admission)

Course	Title	Semester Hours
Freshman Year		
Fall		
ASU 1101	First Year Experience: Pathways to Success	1
BIOL 1111K or BIOL 2107K or CHEM 1152K or CHEM 1211K	Introduction to Biological Sciences or Principles of Biology I or Survey of Chemistry II or Principles of Chemistry I	4
BIOL 2411K	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3
NURS 1232	Pre-Nursing Seminar	2
Semester Hours		14
Spring		
BIOL 1112K or BIOL 2108K or CHEM 1152K or CHEM 1212K	Intro to Biological Sciences or Principles of Biology II or Survey of Chemistry II or Principles of Chemistry II	4
Science MUST be in-sequence with previous semester's science.		
BIOL 2412K	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3
PSYC 1101	General Psychology	3
Semester Hours		14

Programs of Study: Baccalaureate Nursing Programs

Generic & Accelerated BSN

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Core Curriculum for Health Professions Majors (Areas A-E) MATH 1001 or 1111 (preferred) required for Area A2 and MATH 2411 required for Area D (http://catalog.asurams.edu/undergraduate/core-curriculum/#healthtext)		
AREA F: COURSES RELATED TO MAJOR		43
NURSING MAJOR (17 hours)		
BIOL 2211K	Introduction to Microbiology	4
BIOL 2411K & BIOL 2412K	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology II	8
COHP 2120 or PSYC 2103	Growth and Development for Health Professions Human Growth & Development	3
NURS 1232	Pre-Nursing Seminar	2
AREA G: PROFESSIONAL NURSING COURSES (60 hours)		
NURS 2210	Pharmacology (BSN)	3
NURS 2231	Fundamental Concepts of Professional Nursing (BSN)	5
NURS 2331	Adult Health Nursing I (BSN)	5
NURS 2601	Introduction to Geriatric Nursing (BSN)	3
NURS 3134	Pediatric Nursing (BSN)	5
NURS 3136	Women's Health Nursing (BSN)	5
NURS 3320	Pathophysiology (BSN)	3

Summer		
BIOL 2211K	Introduction to Microbiology	4
COHP 2120 or PSYC 2103	Growth and Development for Health Professions or Human Growth & Development	3
Semester Hours		7

Sophomore Year

Fall		
Health/Wellness Elective		1-2
NURS 2210	Pharmacology (BSN) ¹	3
NURS 2231	Fundamental Concepts of Professional Nursing (BSN) ¹	5
NURS 3510	Assessment in Health Care (BSN) ¹	3
MATH 1001 or MATH 1111	Quantitative Reasoning or College Algebra	3
Semester Hours		15-16

Spring

COMM 1000 or COMM 1100 or COMM 1110	Cultural Diversity in Communication or Human Communications or Public Speaking	2-3
Health/Wellness Elective (if applicable)		0-1
NURS 2331	Adult Health Nursing I (BSN) ¹	5
NURS 3320	Pathophysiology (BSN) ¹	3
Social Sciences Elective		3
Semester Hours		13-15

Junior Year

Fall		
MATH 2411	Introduction to Statistics	3
NURS 4131	Research (BSN) ¹	3
NURS 4342	Adult Health Nursing II (BSN) ¹	5
POLS 1101	American Government	3
Semester Hours		14

Spring

Area C	Elective (Foreign Lang./Appreciation)	3
Area E	Elective (U.S./World History)	3
NURS 3134	Pediatric Nursing (BSN) ¹	5
NURS 3136	Women's Health Nursing (BSN) ¹	5
Semester Hours		16

Senior Year

Fall		
Area C	Elective (Literature)	3
NURS 2601	Introduction to Geriatric Nursing (BSN) ¹	3
HIST 1002 or LEAD 1101 or POLS 1105	Introduction to the African Diaspora or Leadership Development or Current World Problems	2
NURS 3335	Mental Health Nursing (BSN) ¹	5
NURS 4140	Principles of Leadership and Management (BSN) ¹	2
Semester Hours		15

Spring

NURS 4240	Community Health Nursing (BSN) ¹	5
NURS 4345	Senior Comprehensive Nursing (BSN) ¹	5

NURS 4111	Directed Study ¹	3
Semester Hours		13
Total Semester Hours		121-124

¹ Admission Criteria Apply**Accelerated BSN Program (Fall Admission)**

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Junior Year		
Fall		
NURS 2231	Fundamental Concepts of Professional Nursing (BSN) ¹	5
NURS 2210	Pharmacology (BSN) ¹	3
NURS 3510	Assessment in Health Care (BSN) ¹	3
NURS 1232	Pre-Nursing Seminar	2
Semester Hours		13

Spring

NURS 2331	Adult Health Nursing I (BSN) ¹	5
NURS 3134	Pediatric Nursing (BSN) ¹	5
NURS 3320	Pathophysiology (BSN) ¹	3
Semester Hours		13

Summer

NURS 2601	Introduction to Geriatric Nursing (BSN) ¹	3
NURS 4131	Research (BSN) ¹	3
NURS 4240	Community Health Nursing (BSN) ¹	5
Semester Hours		11

Senior Year

Fall		
NURS 3335	Mental Health Nursing (BSN) ¹	5
NURS 4140	Principles of Leadership and Management (BSN) ¹	2
NURS 4342	Adult Health Nursing II (BSN) ¹	5
Semester Hours		12

Spring

NURS 3136	Women's Health Nursing (BSN) ¹	5
NURS 4111	Directed Study (NCLEX Prep) ¹	3
NURS 4345	Senior Comprehensive Nursing (BSN) ¹	5
Semester Hours		13
Total Semester Hours		62

¹ Admission Criteria Apply