



College of Nursing

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Since 1957, the College of Nursing at The University of Arizona has led through innovative learning. As a top institution for strengthening the nursing workforce, the College of Nursing prepares entry and advanced nursing students for delivering comprehensive, coordinated and compassionate health care, shaping health policy, and advancing care through health informatics and technologies.

Entry Programs

The College of Nursing has two programs designed to educate students entering the profession of nursing:

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) www.nursing.arizona.edu/bsn

PRE-PROFESSIONAL NURSING (Years 1-2)

- Students start as a Pre-Professional Nursing student while they complete their prerequisite coursework and general education courses
- Students must meet certain criteria in order to declare the Pre-Professional Nursing major

PROFESSIONAL BSN PROGRAM (Years 3-4)

- Focuses on hands-on clinical and theoretical training as required to become a Registered Nurse (RN)
- Competitive application required for admission to the Professional Program

Master's Entry to the Profession of Nursing (MEPN) www.nursing.arizona.edu/mepn

- Accelerated, 15 month entry program
- Requires a prior non-nursing bachelor's degree and completion of required prerequisite coursework
- Requires two applications, one to the Graduate College for admission to the university, and one competitive application for admission to the College of Nursing

Admissions

Declaring Pre-Professional www.nursing.arizona.edu/prebsn

- **Incoming Freshmen and Transfer Students** are admitted to the Pre-Professional Nursing major based on their UA Undergraduate Admissions Application
- **Current UA Students** must complete at least 24 units at the UA with a minimum GPA in required prerequisite courses

Professional Admission

Both entry programs require a minimum of a 3.0 cumulative GPA for all college coursework and a minimum 3.0 GPA for prerequisite courses.

Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN): Professional Program

The BSN program admits 54 students to the Professional Program each fall and spring semester.

- **February 1** application deadline
- **September 1** application deadline

Master's Entry to the Profession of Nursing (MEPN)

The MEPN program admits 90 students each summer.

- **January 15** application deadline

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Nursing Student Services

Students have access to multiple resources designed to support academic success:

- dedicated academic advisors who guide and support students through admission, orientation, volunteering, professional admission, internships, and graduation
- specifically tailored learning support services for nursing coursework and NCLEX-RN (nursing licensure exam) preparation
- undergraduate research opportunities
- first year success courses designed to ease the transition to college for first time freshmen
- peer mentoring programs
- Honors degree options for students admitted to the UA Honors College
- internship, externship, and job-search resources

Nursing Skills Training



The Steele Innovative Learning Center (SILC) simulates clinical environments where nursing students learn the skills of the profession. Each lab is fully equipped with advanced simulated patients and monitoring equipment. The Steele Innovative Learning Center also contains:

- 3 Complex Care Simulation rooms
- a 10 bed Health Assessment Lab
- an IV Skills Center with simulation arms and simulation torsos as well as Virtual IV systems
- a 10 bed Universal Patient Care Lab
- a birthing mother and newborn/infant simulated patients

Student Organizations

The College supports student organizations that offer co-curricular and professional development opportunities:

- P.A.I.N. (Professional Achievements in Nursing), a pre-professional nursing student organization focused on social welfare and healthcare, philanthropic activities, as well as educating students about professional opportunities in healthcare
- S.N.U.A. (Student Nurses of UA), a BSN student organization dedicated to the professional development of future nurses
- MEPN Student Organization (M.S.O.), is a group dedicated to philanthropy, skills enhancement, and professional development for future nurses

Required Prerequisites

All prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of 'C' or better. A 3.0 minimum GPA for prerequisite courses is required for admission consideration.

- First Year Composition sequence*
- Introductory Biology (1 term) *
- General Chemistry (2 terms: lecture & lab)
- Anatomy & Physiology (2 terms)
- Microbiology (1 term)
- Statistics (1 term)
- Human Lifespan Development (1 term)
- Human Nutrition (1 term)

*MEPN program admission does not require first year composition or introductory biology.

For a complete list of course options or to verify course equivalency, please contact a Nursing Academic Advisor.

Admission to College of Nursing programs is competitive; students are strongly encouraged to exceed the minimum requirements.



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