



**College of Nursing**

- The University of Arizona was founded in 1885
- First School of Nursing in the State of Arizona, founded in 1957
- Created first Ph.D. in Nursing program west of the Mississippi
- A leading research institution, with robust faculty research integrated into the everyday learning
  - Learn from internationally renowned scholars and researchers
  - Faculty generated over \$3.4 million in research awards
  - 57% of faculty have a doctorate, 100% have advanced practice licensure

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**College of Nursing**

- Ranked in the top 6% of nursing programs nationally, by US News and World Report
- One of the best passage rates in Arizona on the NCLEX-RN (RN licensure exam) at 95%-98%
- More than \$3,000,000 annually in awards: scholarships, loans and grant funds

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**College of Nursing Programs**

Entry Level	Advanced	Continuing Education
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)	Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP)	Registered Nurse to Master of Science (RN-MS)
Master's Entry to the Profession of Nursing (MEPN)	Doctor of Philosophy (PhD)	Post-Master's Certificates

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**Academic Support Services**

- **Academic Advising, Professional Staff**
  - Course scheduling, transitions support, career assistance, application assistance, student organization advising, peer mentoring programs, programming and student events, campus referrals
- **Faculty Mentoring**
  - Professional advice, advancing in the profession, professional organizations
- **Learning Support Services**
  - Full-time, Nursing Learning Support Specialist
  - Kaplan partnership for NCLEX preparation
    - NCLEX type questions integrated into exams and assignments

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## Nurse Training



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## Steele Innovative Learning Center

- State of the art learning facilities - *Steele Innovative Learning Center (SILC)*
  - Nursing Skills and Simulation Lab
    - 3 Complex Care Simulation Rooms (with Sims)
    - Health Assessment Lab (10 beds with Sims)
    - Universal Patient Care Lab (10 beds with Sims)
    - IV Skills Center (Sim arms/torsos and Virtual IV)




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## Clinical Work

- Clinical Student to Faculty Ratio of 9 to 1
- Graduates get over 1000 hours of clinical experience

### Clinical Placements

- College finds placements for all students
- Partnerships with local Tucson hospitals
  - University of Arizona Medical Center
  - Tucson Medical Center
  - Veterans, Tucson
  - Northwest Medical Center
  - St. Joseph's
  - St. Mary's
- Partnerships with local community health agencies
  - Service Learning
  - Public Health Advocacy
  - School Nursing, Hospice, Sexual Health Advocacy, Refugee Groups



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## Pre-Professional



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## Pre-Professional Nursing Major

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      A["Pre-Professional Nursing Program  
(Years 1 & 2)  
General Education  
Foundation  
Prerequisites  
*Application to Professional Program required during 2nd year"] --> B["Professional Nursing Program  
(Years 3 & 4)  
Theory  
Simulation Lab  
Clinical Rotations"]
      B --> C["Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)"]
  
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## Pre-Professional Nursing Major

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      GE[General Education] --- FC[Foundation Courses]
      NP[Nursing Prerequisites] --- NC[Nursing Core (Theory & Clinical)]
      GE --- NP
      FC --- NC
      GE --- FC --- NP --- NC --- BSN[Bachelor of Science in Nursing]
  
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## Pre-Professional Nursing Major

### The First Two Years

**UA Foundation Courses**

- Mathematics
- English Composition
- Second Language

**General Education Courses**

- Tier One
- Tier Two
- Diversity Emphasis


**Nursing Prerequisite Courses**




## Pre-Professional Nursing Major

### University Degree Requirements

University Degree Requirements								
General Education Tier One			General Education Tier Two			Foundation		
Traditions & Cultures	Individuals & Societies	Humanities	Individuals & Societies	Arts	Math	English Composition	Second Language	



## Foundation


### Mathematics

**University Degree Requirements**

**Foundation**

Math	English Composition	Second Language
College Algebra (MATH 109C or MATH 112)	ENGL 101 or ENGL 109H	ENGL 102, 101, 102

- The BSN requires completion of the *Moderate Math Strand*, which is the completion of College Algebra or a higher level math.
- If you placed out of College Algebra into a higher level math, you may take one of the following Statistics courses to meet both your math requirement and statistics requirement:
  - Math 163 (recommended)
  - Math 263
  - ISTA 116



## Foundation


### English Composition

**University Degree Requirements**

**Foundation**

Math	English Composition	Second Language
College Algebra (MATH 109C or MATH 112)	ENGL 101 or ENGL 109H	ENGL 102, 101, 102

- First Year Composition Sequence, depending on your placement
  - ENGL 101 & ENGL 102
  - ENGL 109H



## Foundation


### Second Language

**University Degree Requirements**

**Foundation**

Math	English Composition	Second Language
College Algebra (MATH 109C or MATH 112)	ENGL 101 or ENGL 109H	ENGL 102, 101, 102

- Two semesters of the same language
- Or second semester proficiency on a UA Second Language proficiency exam (contact department)
- AP or IB score that earns credit




## General Education

**General Education**

Tier One	Tier Two
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- Tier One** (12 units total)  
An introduction to fundamental issues and concepts in two study areas:
  - Individuals & Societies (Social Sciences) - 6 units
  - Traditions & Cultures (Humanities) - 6 units
- Tier Two** (9 units total)  
A more in-depth examination of the topics and concepts introduced in the Tier One courses.
  - Individuals & Societies - 3 units
  - Humanities - 3 units
  - Arts - 3 units



## General Education

**Tier One**  
**Individuals & Societies (Social Sciences) – 6 units**  
 Designated by the unique course number “150”

- **Topic A: Mind, Self & Language**  
*The focus is on the individual*
- **Topic B: Social Interaction & Relationships**  
*The focus is on interactions among groups*
- **Topic C: Societal & Institutional Systems**  
*The focus is on institutions and societies*

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## General Education

**Tier One**  
**Traditions & Cultures (Humanities) – 6 units**  
 Designated by the unique course number “160”

- **Topic A: Non-Western Cultures & Civilizations**
- **Topic B: Western Cultures & Civilizations: Classical to Renaissance**
- **Topic C: Western Cultures & Civilizations: Renaissance to Present**
- **Topic D: Topics in Culture & Civilization**

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## General Education

**Tier Two (9 units total)**  
 A more in-depth examination of the topics and concepts introduced in the Tier One courses.

- **Individuals & Societies – 3 units**
- **Humanities – 3 units**
- **Arts – 3 units**

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## General Education

- **Diversity Emphasis (3 units)**
  - One of the above Tier One or Two courses should also be a **diversity emphasis** course.
  - These are courses that focus on: *Gender, Race, Class, Ethnicity, Sexual Orientation, or Non-Western Studies*
  - Will be labeled as “Diversity Emphasis” courses in the catalog

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## Nursing Prerequisites

English Composition (1-2) ENGL 101 & 102; ENGL 109H	General Biology (1) MCB 181R
Microbiology (1) MIC 205A	Chemistry (2) CHEM 151 & 152
Lifespan Development (1) FSHD 117; EDP/FSHD/PSY 200	Nutrition (1) NSC 170C; NSC 101; NSC 310
Anatomy & Physiology (2) PSIO 201 & 202	Statistics (1) MATH 163; MATH 263; ISTA 116; PSYC 230

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## Academic Support Services



- Academic Advising
- Programming
- Learning Support Specialist
- Student Organizations

P.A.I.N. - *Professional Achievements in Nursing*

- The pre-nursing club at the UA, open to all students in all majors




## Academic Advising

What is Academic Advising?

Academic advising is a collaborative relationship between a *student* and an *advisor* to assist the student in the development of meaningful educational goals.

Advisors:


- Advise students in making academic decisions
- Accurately and effectively communicate college and university policies, deadlines, and campus resources
- Listen responsively, address questions, concerns and problems, refer students to appropriate support services when needed
- Assist students in defining and/or clarifying academic and career goals, creating short and long term academic plans
- Maintains confidentiality according to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)



## Academic Advising

### Pre-Professional Nursing Advisor


- Meets with students via scheduled appointments
- Evaluates transfer work
- Supports and provides guidance through the professional admissions process
- Directs students to campus resources such as the Think Tank and Career Services
- Serves as the advisor for *P.A.I.N. Professional Achievements in Nursing*, pre-nursing student organization



## Academic Advising

### Pre-Professional Nursing Advisor


- Assists students in the exploration of complementary secondary majors and minors
  - We can help you select a back up major that will have courses that count towards the Nursing major and provide you with supporting, complementary coursework.
  - All Pre-Nursing students should have a Plan B!
- Ask Questions!! There are no dumb questions!!
- There is a lot of information - you're not expected to know it all.
  - Your peers are NOT experts - ask us instead!
- Policies and procedures change, so consult your advisor for the most accurate and up to date information.



## Transfer Courses


### Aztransfer.com

- Course Equivalency Guide
- Shows you how courses at all Arizona public institutions transfer over



### Nursing Prerequisite Evaluations

To request an evaluation of courses to meet the nursing prerequisites, visit our website at:  
<http://www.nursing.arizona.edu/BSNtradPre.htm>



## Professional Admissions




## Preparing for Professional BSN

**Be Prepared!**

- Do well in your courses, especially the prerequisites
- Have a back up plan
- Explore other majors & minors that can complement Pre-Professional Nursing


**Gain Experience**

- Volunteer
- Shadow nurses & conduct informational interviews
- Research the profession
- Practice Interviewing skills

**Join a student organization**

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## Professional BSN Application

Students *typically* apply for Professional Admission in the spring of their sophomore year.

### Application Scoring Breakdown

- Prerequisites Grade Point Average (45%)**
  - Minimum of 3.0 Prerequisite GPA required
  - Average admitted student: 3.7
- Cumulative Grade Point Average (25%)**
  - Minimum of 3.0 Cumulative GPA required
  - Average admitted students 3.5
- Statement/Essay (10%)**
- Interview (20%)**



## Professional BSN Application

**Application Preparation:**

- Application Workshops
- Interview Workshops
- Mock Interviews

**Career Services:**

- Mock Interviews
- Appropriate dress
- Resume assistance



## BSN Application Deadlines


**September 1**

- Begin coursework in the Spring term
- All courses must be completed at time of application

**February 1**

- Begin coursework in the Fall term
- Two prerequisites may be in progress

- 54 students are admitted each fall and spring term
- An average of 250-300 applications for each round




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