



NURSING PROGRAM INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

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PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) Nursing Program is available at nine of the Maricopa Community Colleges. The program provides clinical experiences in a variety of healthcare settings. Completion of the degree requirements provides eligibility to apply for licensure as registered nurses.

Applicants may submit an application to the nursing program at one of the Maricopa Community Colleges after meeting all admission requirements. Applicants are placed according to their choices when space is available.

A description of the admission and placement process is found in the Information and Application Packet and under FAQs on the website www.nursing.maricopa.edu.

The Nursing Program offers a variety of schedule options including Traditional, Accelerated, Part-time, Weekend Day, Distance Learning, and Educational Service Partnerships. In all options, scheduling of clinical experiences may include day, evening, or weekend hours and may include 6, 8, 10, and/or 12-hour shifts. Student schedules are available only after the applicant is admitted to the campus immediately prior to the start of the program. The list of current program options is available on the website under Prospective Students.

Transfer/Advanced Placement. Transfer applicants, Paramedics and LPNs seeking to complete the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing degree may apply using the Advanced Placement Information/Application Packet found at the nursing program web site.

Paramedic to RN Bridge courses are offered each summer. For information see the nursing program web site under Prospective Students.

Effective January 2008, applicants for licensure in Arizona must provide documentation demonstrating citizenship, alien status, legal residency or lawful presence in the United States. License requirements are the exclusive responsibility of the State Board of Nursing

NURSING PROGRAM ADVISEMENT

Applicants seeking admission to the nursing program must see an Advisor/Admission Officer for assistance in completing the application process.

Current information on prerequisite and co-requisite courses is available in the Newsletter revised each January and July.

<u>College</u>	<u>Advisor/Admission Officer</u>	
Chandler-Gilbert	Maria De la Torre	480-988-8880
Estrella Mountain	Clarissa Ruiz	623-935-8957
GateWay	Betty Cleveland	602-286-8178
Glendale	April Orr	623-845-3921
Mesa	Advisement Center Gerri Subia Silva	480-461-7106 480-461-7600
Mesa-Boswell	Debbie Talley Gerri Subia Silva	623-974-7835 480-461-7600
Paradise Valley	Beth Guerra	602-787-7060
Phoenix	Nursing Advisor	602-285-7862
Rio Salado	Enrollment Advisor	480-517-8580
Scottsdale	Carole Teel	480-423-6135

Nursing Program Contact for general questions:

Web Site: www.nursing.maricopa.edu

E-mail: nursing@domail.maricopa.edu

Hot line: 480.731.8264

NURSING STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students must be in excellent physical and mental health. Students can expect to spend considerable time outside the classroom practicing skills, reading textbooks and journals, and completing written assignments for clinical and classroom preparation. Students must subscribe to the ideal of academic honesty and integrity and accept individual responsibility for their work. Academic dishonesty and unprofessional behaviors are unacceptable.

For information about the Essential Skills and Functional Abilities for Nursing Students see the Information and Application Packet available in the advisor and admission offices on the campuses or at www.nursing.maricopa.edu/

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION*

Potential applicants are urged to meet with the Admission Officers/Advisors each semester. Applicants must complete a Student Information Form at the college of first choice and request that all official colleges/universities transcripts be sent to the Admissions Office at the college where the Student Information Form was completed.

High school graduate or GED

Nurse Entrance Test (NET): All applicants must score at a 60% or higher in reading and 50% or higher in math within 24 months of application. The NET Study Guide is available in selected college bookstore and libraries or at www.eriworld.com.

Advanced Placement and Transfer applicants for Block 3 and Block 4: All Advanced Placement applicants must score at a 60% or higher in reading and 50% or higher in math within 24 months of application. In addition to the NET, all applicants must achieve a score of 800 or higher on the **HESI PN Exit Exam** to qualify for placement into Block 3 or Block 4.

Fingerprint Clearance is required for admission into the program. Applicants must submit a copy of a current Fingerprint Clearance Card with the nursing program application. Information about the process of obtaining a Fingerprint Clearance Card is available on the nursing program web site and at www.dps.state.az.us.

Once applicants are admitted to the nursing program, they will undergo Background Check Clearance including a check of the List of Excluded Individuals/Entities (LEIE) database <http://oig.hhs.gov/fraud/exclusions.html> an identification check, and a drug screen and must complete the Health and Safety form as requirements for enrollment in nursing courses.

General Education Course Requirements (Minimum grade required is a “C” or 2.0):

Prerequisite General Education Courses Required for Application:		
CHM130+CHM130LL	Fundamental Chemistry with lab or one year high school chemistry	0 - 4 credits
BIO156/181	Introductory or General Biology or one year high school biology	0 - 4 credits
BIO201	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4 credits
PSY101	Introduction to Psychology	3 credits
MAT 120, 121,122	Intermediate Algebra or higher Mathematics	3 - 5 credits
Nursing Program Co-requisites Required for Progression into Block 3:		
BIO202	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4 credits
BIO205	Microbiology	4 credits
Nursing Program Co-requisites Required for Associate in Applied Science in Nursing degree:		
ENG101	First Year Composition	3 credits
ENG102	First Year Composition	3 credits
CRE101	Critical and Evaluative Reading or Test Exempt	0 - 3 credits
HUM	Humanities Elective	2 credits
Advanced Placement Students: Must have all prerequisites and co-requisites up to the Block of entry:		
NUR187	Pharmacology & Med Administration II or equivalent (NCE170 Pharm for Nurses) within 12 months of application	1.5 credits

*Applicants may download Application Packets and access additional information about the Nurse Entrance Test (NET), HESI PN Exit Exam, and Fingerprint Clearance Card at <http://www.nursing.maricopa.edu/>