

Division of Nursing

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FACULTY/MISSION/GOALS

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The overall mission of the Division of Nursing is to strive for excellence in the preparation of professional nurse generalists. This mission is accomplished through the following goals:

1. the preparation of graduates to provide nursing care for individuals, families, and communities within a variety of health care settings;
2. the encouragement of critical thinking to guide nursing interventions which promote, maintain, and restore health; and
3. the development of accountability through a commitment to professional nursing practice and lifelong learning.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

The Division of Nursing offers a four-year curriculum of study leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Upon completion of the lower division general education and nursing support courses, students are eligible to apply for admission to upper division nursing. Applications must be submitted to the Division of Nursing by April 1 for admission to the Fall semester. All applicants are required to:

1. meet all University requirements;
2. have a minimum GPA of 2.50 in the lower division general education and nursing support courses;
3. have a grade of C or better in all general education and nursing support courses;
4. complete NURS 2003 Introduction to Nursing Concepts and Roles with a grade of C or better; and
5. submit an application for admission to upper division nursing with an attached handwritten one page statement expressing reason(s) for seeking a baccalaureate degree in nursing and outlining career goals(s).

Progression In Upper Division Nursing Sequence

A minimum grade of "C" in each nursing course is required for progression in the nursing sequence.

Readmission

A student who discontinues the nursing sequence for any reason must petition the Division of Nursing Admission Committee for readmission to the nursing program. Students are permitted only one readmission. Acceptance for readmission is based on availability of space, documentation of corrected deficiencies, and approval of the nursing faculty. Students who are readmitted are accountable for the degree requirements in force at the time of readmission.

Admission (Advanced Placement)

Registered Nurses (RNs), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), and Licensed Practical Technical Nurses (LPTNs) may qualify for advanced placement within the clinical course sequence. Only nursing course work completed at National League for Nursing (NLN) accredited schools may be submitted for credit without validation examinations.

RNs with an Associate Degree or Diploma may apply for advanced placement in the nursing program according to the Arkansas Articulation Model. The RN may receive credit for 25 semester hours for NURS 311V Concepts in Nursing Care I, NURS 332V Concepts in Nursing Care II, and NURS 3103 Nursing Skills. RNs who have graduated from nursing school 12-60 months prior to application to the program must submit the "Employee Verification Form" obtained from the Division of Nursing as part of the admission process and for validation of clinical skills. RNs who graduated from a nursing school more than 60 months prior to application to the program may earn credit toward advanced placement by validation examinations. For advanced placement tests, the minimal

passing score is 45 for the ACT/PEP and 90 for the NLN Nursing Mobility Profile II (Book I and II).

LPNs/LPTNs may apply for advanced placement in the nursing program according to the Arkansas Articulation Model. LPNs/LPTNs may receive credit for 11 semester hours for NURS 311V Concepts in Nursing Care 1. LPNs/LPTNs who have graduated from nursing school 12-60 months prior to entering the program must submit the "Employee Verification Form" obtained from the Division of Nursing as part of the admission process and for validation of clinical skills. LPNs/LPTNs who graduated from a nursing school more than 60 months prior to application to the program may earn credit toward advanced placement by validation examinations. For advanced placement tests, the minimal passing score is 45 for the ACT/PEP and 90 for the NLN Nursing Mobility Profile I (Book I).

Applicants seeking admission to the nursing program through advanced placement should meet with the Division Chair. All nursing faculty are included in the evaluation of the advanced placement student and make recommendations regarding advanced placement to the Division Chair.

TRANSFER CREDIT

Students seeking transfer credit from another institution must submit course descriptions and transcripts to the Division of Nursing and meet with the Division Chair. All faculty are included in the evaluation and placement of transfer students in the nursing sequence and make recommendations regarding transfer of nursing credit to the Division Chair. Standardized testing and validation of skills may be required based on the evaluation of the transcript.

CONVICTION OF A FELONY

The law states that the Arkansas State of Board of Nursing has the authority to deny application for licensure to any person who has ever been convicted of a felony. A student who has been convicted of a felony should schedule an appointment with the Division Chair.

EXPENSES

In addition to the usual student fees and expenses, nursing students can expect the following additional costs: uniforms, professional equipment and supplies, professional workshop fees, national and state licensing examination costs, supplementary book costs, and travel. Use of multiple clinical sites within a hundred mile radius of the main campus may require overnight travel by students. These trips are mandatory for completion of the program. All expenses for food, lodging, and travel are the responsibility of the individual student.

OTHER INFORMATION

All nursing students are assigned to care for persons with a wide variety of diagnoses including bloodborne illnesses. Nursing students are **NOT** covered by the University or the clinical facilities for injuries and exposures to illnesses which occur in the course of clinical assignments. The UAM Division of Nursing strongly recommends each student be immunized against Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) prior to beginning clinical work and obtain personal health insurance.

Information regarding tuition and fees may be found on page ### The NLN Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) serves as an additional resource for this information. On an annual basis, The Division of Nursing provides the NLNAC with information regarding tuition, fees, and the length of the nursing program. The NLNAC may be contacted at 350 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014, 212-989-9393.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

All baccalaureate degrees require at least 124 hours of college credit, courses at the 1000-level or above. These courses must include the General Education requirements found on page #@ and at least 40 hours of 3000-4000 level courses.

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MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 63 HOURS

NURS2003 Intro. to Nursing Concepts & Roles
NURS3103 Nursing Skills
NURS311V Concepts in Nursing Care I

NURS332V Concepts in Nursing Care II
NURS3333 Health Assessment
NURS4153 Community Health Nursing
NURS444V Concepts in Nursing Care III
NURS4473 Nursing Research
NURS452V Concepts in Nursing Care IV
NURS4504 Leadership and Management in Prof. Nursing

SUPPORTIVE REQUIREMENTS: 37 Hours

BIOL 2223 Human Anatomy
BIOL 2261 Human Anatomy Laboratory
BIOL 2273 Human Physiology
BIOL 2281 Human Physiology Laboratory
BIOL 3553 Microbiology
BIOL 3561 Microbiology Laboratory
BIOL 4683 Pathophysiology
CHEM 1023 Introductory Chemistry
CHEM 1031 Introductory Chemistry Laboratory
CHEM 2203 Introductory Organic & Biochemistry
MATH 1043 College Algebra
P E 3413 Nutrition
PSY 1013 Introduction to Psychology
PSY 2203 Statistical Methods
PSY 3443 Developmental Psychology

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - ADVANCED PLACEMENT TRACK

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS: 33 HOURS

NURS 3073 Role Transition
NURS 3065 Healthy Aging
NURS 3085 Ambulatory Care
NURS 3333 Health Assessment
NURS 4473 Nursing Research
NURS 4097 Community Health
NURS 4057 Professional Nursing Leadership

SUPPORTIVE REQUIREMENTS: 37 HOURS

BIOL 2223 Human Anatomy
BIOL 2261 Human Anatomy Laboratory
BIOL 2273 Human Physiology
BIOL 2281 Human Physiology Laboratory
BIOL 3553 Microbiology
BIOL 3561 Microbiology Laboratory
BIOL 4683 Pathophysiology
CHEM 1023 Introductory Chemistry
CHEM 1031 Introductory Chemistry Laboratory
CHEM 2203 Introductory Organic & Biochemistry
MATH 1043 College Algebra
P E 3413 Nutrition
PSY 1013 Introduction to Psychology

PSY 2203 Statistical Methods
PSY 3443 Developmental Psychology