

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The online Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is open to registered nurses who have earned an associate degree in nursing and have a current, active, and unencumbered license. The mission of the American Public University System's Nursing Program is to "provide quality, affordable, and accessible higher education for professional registered nurses to foster lifelong learning through a spirit of inquiry in order to prepare students for service and leadership roles in a diverse and global society."

This online nursing program offers you a seamless transition from your associate degree to BSN degree, and provides a foundation for further graduate studies in nursing.

In this online RN to BSN program, you will work with credentialed and experientially qualified faculty to promote interprofessional collaboration and engagement. Online faculty-facilitated discussions and signature assignments provide you the opportunity to review and evaluate a variety of case studies and patient presentations.

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at APUS is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>).

Note: This R.N. to B.S. in Nursing program is currently not open for admission to Tennessee residents or Washington State residents and RN license holders.

This program has specific admission requirements.

Degree Program Outcomes

In addition to the institutional and degree level learning objectives, graduates of this program are expected to achieve these learning outcomes:

- Improve performance in the professional nursing role by developing leadership, management, sound clinical judgment and communication skills to improve the health of individuals, families, and communities.
- Use interprofessional communication and collaborative skills with patients, families, and members of healthcare teams to achieve effective and efficient coordination of care.
- Utilize evidence-based clinical practice guidelines and leadership principles to promote a culture of safety and achieve outcomes that are grounded in institutional values and professional ethics.
- Apply informatics and healthcare technologies to access critical information, to collaborate with other professionals, and to facilitate optimal patient-centered care.

- Apply scientific principles and the nursing process to evaluate responses to therapies and changes in patient health status.
- Integrate knowledge of human and organizational behavior to lead teams and promote cultures of safety.
- Analyze the impact of financial, regulatory, and political decisions on local, national and global health outcomes.
- Synthesize knowledge of ethical, socioeconomic, and cultural factors to decrease health disparities, to advocate for vulnerable populations, and to provide culturally relevant healthcare to individuals, groups, and communities.
- Employ a spirit of inquiry to embrace the value of lifelong learning and participate in professional activities that promote and shape the future of nursing.

Programmatic Admission Requirements

This program is currently not open for admission to residents of Washington or Tennessee.

To apply to this program, you must hold the following:

- Associate degree in nursing or diploma from an accredited or board approved institution in nursing.
- Current, active and unencumbered U.S. Registered Nursing (RN) license

Please visit our AMU (<https://www.amu.apus.edu/admissions/undergraduate-requirements.html>) or APU (<https://www.apu.apus.edu/admissions/undergraduate-requirements.html>) undergraduate admission page for more information on institutional admission requirements.

Note: You must complete this program within 5 years of starting your first nursing (NURS) course.

Need help?

If you have questions regarding a program's admission requirements, please contact an admissions representative at 877-755-2787 or info@apus.edu.

Degree at a Glance

Code	Title	Semester Hours
	Registered Nurse License	30
	General Education Requirements	30
	Major Required	27
	Final Program Requirements	3

Elective Requirements	30
Total Semester Hours	120

Degree Program Requirements

Registered Nurse License (30 semester hours)

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	Current active, unencumbered registered nursing license	30
	Total Semester Hours	30

General Education Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
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Arts and Humanities (6 semester hours)

Select 2 courses from the following: ¹ 6

ARAB100	Arabic I	
ARAB101	Arabic II	
ARTH200	Art Appreciation	
ARTH241	Film and Literature	
DSIN141	Image Enhancement using Adobe Photoshop	
FREN100	French I	
FREN101	French II	
GERM100	German I	
GERM101	German II	
JAPN100	Introduction to Japanese	
LITR215	Literature of American Encounters, Revolution, and Rebellion	
LITR218	From Abolition to #MeToo: Literature of the American Civil Rights Movement	
LITR222	Pivotal Figures in Early British Literature	
LITR225	British Literature from Wordsworth through the Wasteland	
LITR231	Leadership in World Literature: Antiquity to the Early Modern Period	
LITR233	Literature of the Newly Globalized World: The Individual's Struggle to Adapt	
MUSI200	Music Appreciation	
MUSI250	World Music and Cultures	
PHIL101	Introduction to Philosophy	
PHIL110	Critical Thinking	
PHIL200	Introduction to Ethics	
PHIL202	Philosophy of Science	

PORT100	Introduction to Brazilian Portuguese	
RELS201	Introduction to World Religions	
RUSS100	Russian I	
SPAN100	Spanish I	
SPAN101	Spanish II	
STEM270	Thinking and Acting Ethically	

Civics, Political and Social Sciences (6 semester hours)

Select 2 courses from the following: ¹ 6

ANTH100	Introduction to Anthropology	
ANTH202	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
CHFD220	Human Sexuality	
COMM211	Social Media and Society	
COMM240	Intercultural Communication	
ECON101	Microeconomics	
ECON102	Macroeconomics	
EDUC200	Humane Education: A Global Interdisciplinary Perspective	
GEOG101	Introduction to Geography	
HOSP110	Practical Food Safety and Awareness	
IRLS210	International Relations I	
LITR212	Forgotten America--Under Represented Cultures in American Literature	
LITR235	Four Points of the Compass: Culture and Society Around the World	
POLS101	Introduction to Political Science	
POLS210	American Government I	
PSYC101	Introduction to Psychology	
SOCI111	Introduction to Sociology	
SOCI212	Social Problems	
SOCI220	American Popular Culture	
STEM280	Exploring Society and Cultures via Science Fiction	

Communication: Writing, Oral, and Multimedia (9 semester hours)

COMM120	Information and Digital Literacy	3
ENGL110	Making Writing Relevant	3

Select 1 course from the following: 3

COMM200	Public Speaking	
ENGL101	Proficiency in Writing	
ENGL115	Argumentation and Rhetoric	
ENGL210	Introduction to Literature	
ENGL220	Technical Writing	
ENGL221	Scientific Writing	
ENGL226	Effective Business Communication	
HRMT101	Human Relations Communication	
IRLS200	Information Literacy and Global Citizenship	

ITCC231	Introduction to Information Technology Writing	
MGMT100	Human Relations	
History (3 semester hours)		
Select 1 course From the following:		3
HIST101	American History to 1877	
HIST102	American History since 1877	
HIST111	World Civilization before 1650	
HIST112	World Civilization since 1650	
HIST121	Western Civilization before The Thirty Years War	
HIST122	Western Civilization since The Thirty Years War	
HIST221	African-American History before 1877	
HIST222	African-American History since 1877	
HIST223	History of the American Indian	
HIST270	History of Science	
STEM185	The History and Context of STEM	
Mathematics (3 semester hours)		
MATH120	Introduction to Statistics	3
Natural Sciences (3 semester hours)		
Select 1 course from the following:		3
BIOL180	Introduction to Biology	
BIOL181	Introduction to Human Anatomy and Physiology	
CHEM180	Introduction to Chemistry	
ERSC180	Introduction to Meteorology	
ERSC181	Introduction to Geology	
EVSP180	Introduction to Environmental Science	
PHYS180	Introduction to Physics	
SPST180	Introduction to Astronomy	
STEM100	Introduction to STEM Disciplines	
Total Semester Hours		30

¹ All literature courses require successful completion of ENGL101 - Proficiency in Writing or ENGL110 - Making Writing Relevant.

Major Required (27 semester hours)

All Nursing (NURS) courses must be completed within 5 years of taking NURS300 in order to be eligible for graduation.

Code	Title	Semester Hours
NURS300	Professional Transitions in Nursing (required as the first course in this program) ¹	3
NURS310	Assessment, Evaluation and Clinical Decision-Making	3
NURS315	Pathophysiology and Clinical Pharmacology	3
NURS340	Science of Evidence-Based Practice	3

NURS350	Transformational Leadership and Cultures of Safety	3
NURS400	Emerging Scholarship and Trends in Healthcare	3
NURS401	Caring for Today's Veterans	3
NURS421	Community Health I	3
NURS425	Informatics and Technology in Healthcare	3
Total Semester Hours		27

¹ Only students who applied to and are accepted to the Nursing Program may enroll in nursing (NURS) courses.

Final Program Requirements (3 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
NURS498	Senior Seminar in Nursing Studies (Must have a 'B' or better and to be taken as the last course before conferral) ¹	3
Total Semester Hours		3

¹ Prerequisite: Senior Standing and completion of all major courses prior to enrollment.

Elective Requirements (30 semester hours)

Code	Title	Semester Hours
Select any courses not already taken to fulfill the requirements listed 30 above. Credits applied toward a minor or certificate in an unrelated field may be used to fulfill elective credit for the major.		
Total Semester Hours		30