

# Nursing, AAS, CC

**Department:** Biology Department

**College:** College of Science

## Overview

### About This Degree

What does NURSING mean?

“Care, support, nourish, foster, bring up, advise, educate.”

What is the scope of nursing?

- Care of the sick
- Prevention of illness
- Health education
- Health promotion

In the USU Nursing Program, nursing theory is correlated with knowledge from the biological, physical, and the behavioral sciences. NANDA (North American Nursing Diagnosis Association) domains and nursing diagnoses are used to plan and implement nursing care during clinical experiences acute care hospitals, extended care facilities, clinics, home and other health related environments. The Program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN) and is approved by the Utah State Board of Nursing.

Students have two options in nursing education. Students can attend a one year program to obtain a Certificate of Completion in Practical Nursing for LPN licensure\*, and enter the job market; or if they are interested and qualified, can obtain an Associate of Applied Science Degree (AAS) in Nursing for RN licensure. Currently licensed LPNs who choose to continue their nursing education can also apply for entrance into the associate degree program. Enrollment is limited and competitive.

\*Only available on the Price and Blanding Campuses. In the Uintah Basin, Practical Nursing is offered by UBATC.

## Career Options

Whether an LPN or RN, a nurse is able to choose a variety of areas in which to work:

- pediatrics
- maternity
- surgical
- psychiatric
- medical
- geriatrics
- home health
- public health
- industrial
- teaching
- research

## What it takes

### Admissions Requirements

Admission to the Nursing Program is a separate process from admission to the University. Enrollment is limited and competitive. Points are allocated based on GPA, references, work experience, awards, and entrance exam results. Candidates will be notified by mail of admission status. An application for admission is in effect for only one year. Applications are available the first week of spring semester each year\*.

Prerequisite Courses:

Classes must be completed prior to beginning the PN program. A minimum grade of B- is required for each class.

## **Practical Nursing (PN)-**

- English 1010 Intro to Writing: Academic Pros
- PSY 1010 General Psychology
- FCHD 1500 Human Development Across the Lifespan

Students are strongly encouraged to complete support course requirements prior to being admitted in to the PN program. A minimum grade of B- is required for each class.

### Support Courses-

- BIOL 2320 Human Anatomy (includes lab)
- BIOL 2420 Human Physiology (includes lab)
- BIOL 2060 Elementary Microbiology (includes lab)

## **AAS-**

Students applying to the AAS program must hold a current Utah LPN license. A minimum grade of B- is required for each class.

### Support Courses:

- MATH 1050 College Algebra (or higher)
- CHEM 1110/1115 General Chemistry I/Lab (may require additional Math pre- or co-requisites, refer to the course catalog for further information)
- Non-nursing elective

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## **Major Requirements**

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Associate of Applied Science**.

[Click here](#) to see course requirements for the **Certificate of Completion**.

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## Get Involved