

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The School of Nursing (SON) offers two options for students seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). The pre-licensure option is designed for students seeking licensure as a registered nurse (RN) within the state of Alaska; the RN student option is designed for students who hold current licensure as a RN within the state of Alaska.

The RN student option includes “RN-only” online courses and sections within the BSN designed to build upon the RN’s basic preparation and experience and to facilitate progress in meeting program objectives. Those students without RN licensure are admitted as pre-licensure option students. The baccalaureate program also provides students with the academic base for graduate study in nursing. More information can be found on the SON website (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/school-of-nursing/undergraduate-programs/>).

The associate, baccalaureate, master’s, post-master’s certificate nursing programs at University of Alaska Anchorage at the Alaska campuses located in Anchorage, Alaska is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (<https://www.acenursing.org/>)
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The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the associate, baccalaureate, master’s, post-master’s certificate nursing program is continuing accreditation.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <https://www.acenursing.org/search-programs> (<https://www.acenursing.org/search-programs/>).

Licensure and/or Certification

Graduates of the BSN are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN).

This program is designed to meet the educational requirements for professional licensure or certification in the State of Alaska. However, the program might not meet the educational requirements for professional licensure or certification in other states. Please see UAA’s Licensure and Certification website (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/office-of-academic-affairs/licensure.cshhtml/>) for more information.

Admission Requirements

- Complete the Admission Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate/>).

- All students will initially be admitted to a pre-major status. Admission to the pre-major status does not guarantee subsequent admission to the major. As a pre-major, students work with an advisor to assist them in completing pre-major requirements and preparing to apply to the full major.
- Complete, or be in progress of completing, the following courses with a minimum grade of C, within two attempts, and a minimum GPA of 3.00¹ in the following courses:
 - BIOL A111 and BIOL A111L
 - BIOL A112 and BIOL A112L
 - BIOL A240 and BIOL A240L
 - CHEM A103²
 - CHEM A104²
 - DN A203
 - HLTH A151²
 - ENGL A120³, PHIL A101³, or PHIL A201³
 - MATH A121, MATH A151, or an ALEKS exam score of 65 or higher²
 - PHIL A301³, PHIL A302³, or PHIL A305³
 - PSY A150³
 - STAT A200, STAT A253, STAT A307, or STAT GER course earned in transfer
 - Tier I GER courses
- Submit a Bachelor of Science Nursing application according to instructions and deadlines on the program website. (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/school-of-nursing/undergraduate-programs/>)
- Complete School of Nursing entrance exam according to directions on program website. (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/school-of-nursing/undergraduate-programs/>)

¹ A minimum GPA of 2.00 is required for the RN student option.

² Not required for the RN student option.

³ Completion of the Tier II GER courses is recommended and preferred but not required for application to full major.

Registered Nurse (RN) Student Option Additional Admission Requirements

RNs returning to complete the BSN in the RN student option must successfully complete the admission requirements above unless otherwise noted, as well as the following:

- Hold current unencumbered license as a RN in the state of Alaska.

Special Considerations

Prior to the commencement of the nursing program, students must provide documentation for the following:

- **Immunizations:** Proof of rubella, rubeola, and mumps vaccination or titer; varicella (chickenpox) vaccination or titer; Hepatitis B titer demonstrating immunity; Hepatitis A titer demonstrating immunity;

diphtheria/tetanus vaccine within the past ten years; influenza vaccine within the previous twelve months.

- **Freedom from active tuberculosis:** Verified annually by a negative PPD skin test or by a health examination conducted by a nurse practitioner, physician, or physician's assistant.
- **Current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR):** Required for infants, children, and adults.
- **Additional requirements:** May include, but are not limited to, drug screening, additional vaccinations, and/or clinical facility-specific requirements.
- **Eligibility determination from a national-level criminal background check.**
- **Professional liability insurance:** Specific information regarding acceptable policies can be obtained directly from the program.
- **Proof of health insurance:** The school assumes no responsibility for illnesses and injuries experienced by students during their clinical experiences; students who are injured while completing clinical assignments are responsible for all associated medical costs.

Furthermore, students enrolled in clinical courses must arrange their own transportation to clinical assignments and will need to purchase uniforms and specialized equipment.

Graduation Requirements

- Complete the General University Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/>).
- Complete the General Education Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees (<http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/baccalaureaterequirements/gers/>).
 - For the Humanities GER, either PHIL A301 or PHIL A305 is recommended.

Pre-licensure Student Option

- Students must maintain a minimum 3.00 GPA while in the pre-licensure student option.
- Complete the following major requirements with a minimum grade of C:

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL A111 & A111L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	4
BIOL A112 & A112L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	4
BIOL A240 & A240L	Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences and Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences Laboratory	4
CHEM A103	Introduction to General Chemistry	3
CHEM A104	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry	3

DN A203	Nutrition for Health Sciences	3
ENGL A120	Reasoning, Thinking, and Discourse	3
or PHIL A101	Introduction to Logic	
or PHIL A201	Introduction to Philosophy	
HLTH A151	Breaking Trail on Your Health and Social Services Career	3
MATH A121	Applied College Algebra ¹	3-4
or MATH A151	College Algebra for Calculus	
NS A230	Pathophysiology for Health Professions	3
NS A231 & A231L	Pharmacology for Health Professions and Pharmacology for Health Professions Lab	4
NS A332 & A332L & A332P	Fundamentals of the Nursing Profession: Theory and Fundamentals of the Nursing Profession: Skills and Fundamentals of the Nursing Profession: Practicum	6
NS A333 & A333L	Assessment and Health Promotion of Diverse Populations: Theory and Assessment and Health Promotion of Diverse Populations: Lab	4
NS A334	Nursing Informatics and Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice	3
NS A388 & A388L & A388P	Nursing Care of Adult Medical-Surgical Patients I: Theory and Nursing Care of Adult Medical-Surgical Patients I: Skills and Nursing Care of Adult Medical-Surgical Patients I: Practicum	8
NS A389 & A389P	Nursing Care of Mental and Behavioral Health Disruptions: Theory and Nursing Care of Mental and Behavioral Health Disruptions: Practicum	4
NS A400	Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3
NS A452 & A452P	Nursing Care of Children and Their Families: Theory and Nursing Care of Children and Their Families: Practicum	4
NS A453 & A453P	Nursing Care of Childbearing Families and Sexual Health: Theory and Nursing Care of Childbearing Families and Sexual Health: Practicum	4

NS A454 & A454P	Nursing Care of Communities and Populations: Theory and Nursing Care of Communities and Populations: Practicum	5
NS A471 & A471P	Nursing Care of Adult Medical-Surgical Patients II: Theory and Nursing Care of Adult Medical-Surgical Patients II: Practicum	5
NS A472	Nursing Leadership and Management	3
NS A473	NCLEX Review and Career Coaching	1
NS A474P	Nursing Practicum Immersion	3
NS A475	Nursing Integrative Capstone	3
PHIL A301 or PHIL A302 or PHIL A305	Ethics Biomedical Ethics Professional Ethics	3
PSY A150	Lifespan Development	3
STAT A200 or STAT A253 or STAT A307	Elementary Statistics Applied Statistics for the Sciences Probability and Statistics	3-4
Total		102-104

A minimum of 120 credits is required for the degree, of which 39 credits must be upper-division.

Registered Nurse (RN) Student Option

- Students must maintain a minimum 2.00 GPA while in the RN student option.
- Complete the following major requirements with a minimum grade of C:

Code	Title	Credits
BIOL A111 & A111L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	4
BIOL A112 & A112L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	4
BIOL A240 & A240L	Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences and Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences Laboratory	4
DN A203	Nutrition for Health Sciences	3
ENGL A120 or PHIL A101 or PHIL A201	Reasoning, Thinking, and Discourse Introduction to Logic Introduction to Philosophy	3
NS A230	Pathophysiology for Health Professions ²	3

NS A231 & A231L	Pharmacology for Health Professions and Pharmacology for Health Professions Lab ²	4
NS A308	Dimensions of Professional Nursing Practice ³	3
NS A314 & A314L	Health I for Registered Nurses and Health I for Registered Nurses Laboratory	4
NS A332 & A332L & A332P	Fundamentals of the Nursing Profession: Theory and Fundamentals of the Nursing Profession: Skills and Fundamentals of the Nursing Profession: Practicum ²	6
NS A333 & A333L	Assessment and Health Promotion of Diverse Populations: Theory and Assessment and Health Promotion of Diverse Populations: Lab ²	4
NS A334	Nursing Informatics and Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice	3
NS A388 & A388L & A388P	Nursing Care of Adult Medical-Surgical Patients I: Theory and Nursing Care of Adult Medical-Surgical Patients I: Skills and Nursing Care of Adult Medical-Surgical Patients I: Practicum ²	8
NS A389 & A389P	Nursing Care of Mental and Behavioral Health Disruptions: Theory and Nursing Care of Mental and Behavioral Health Disruptions: Practicum ²	4
NS A400	Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3
NS A452 & A452P	Nursing Care of Children and Their Families: Theory and Nursing Care of Children and Their Families: Practicum ²	4
NS A453 & A453P	Nursing Care of Childbearing Families and Sexual Health: Theory and Nursing Care of Childbearing Families and Sexual Health: Practicum ²	4
NS A454 & A454P	Nursing Care of Communities and Populations: Theory and Nursing Care of Communities and Populations: Practicum	5

NS A471 & A471P	Nursing Care of Adult Medical-Surgical Patients II: Theory and Nursing Care of Adult Medical-Surgical Patients II: Practicum ²	5
NS A472	Nursing Leadership and Management	3
NS A475	Nursing Integrative Capstone	3
PHIL A301 or PHIL A302 or PHIL A305	Ethics Biomedical Ethics Professional Ethics	3
PSY A150	Lifespan Development	3
STAT A200 or STAT A253 or STAT A307	Elementary Statistics Applied Statistics for the Sciences Probability and Statistics	3-4
Upper-division nursing electives or advisor-approved electives ⁴		6
Total		99-100

- Compare and contrast the roles of the professional nurse in promoting optimal healthcare policies locally, nationally, and globally.
- Develop an individualized plan for ongoing professional development and professional identity using a technological platform.

¹ An ALEKS exam score of 65 or higher waives this math prerequisite course requirement in the pre-licensure option.

² An accepted, degree-seeking UAA nursing student who has successfully passed the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN) and holds current unencumbered RN licensure in the state of Alaska may be granted the course credits for these sequences upon admission to the nursing major. An administrative fee will be charged for these credits. To receive credits, the student must complete the appropriate form with a nursing advisor.

³ Must be completed with a minimum grade of C prior to admission to 400-level nursing courses.

⁴ Three credits of nursing electives may be satisfied with a current recognized nursing certification.

A minimum of 120 credits is required for the degree, of which 39 credits must be upper-division.

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Students graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing will be able to:

- Demonstrate clinical reasoning by making evidence-based nursing judgments through the use of intellectual, interpersonal, and technical competencies to promote safe and effective client-centered care.
- Implement caring behaviors in the practice of professional nursing using established standards, evidence-based practice, and innovation to prevent illness and promote and restore health in order to meet the changing needs of diverse individuals, families, groups, and communities.
- Utilize principles of management and leadership to collaborate as a member of the inter-professional care team.