Associate of Applied Science in Nursing

Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program are prepared to use the nursing process to provide effective nursing services to individuals receiving care in inpatient settings and in structured outpatient settings. The academic program provides students with a closely related mix of theory and clinical practice; students gain experience in hospitals, nursing homes, clinics and community agencies.

Admission Requirements

Satisfy the Application and Admission Requirements for Associate Degree Programs (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/academicpoliciesprocesses/admissions/undergraduate).

Students may complete the AAS in Nursing program in two academic years (four semesters). Admission to the clinical sequence is determined by a ranking process; admission is selective and admission requirements must be completed prior to February 1 (see items 1-6 below). Students are encouraged to submit an application to the university by August to ensure complete processing of application and transcript evaluation by February 1. Students are encouraged to complete prerequisite courses while waiting for admission to the clinical sequence.

In order to have a student file ranked for possible admission to the nursing sequence, the following items must be completed no later than February 1:

1. UAA Certificate of Admission from the Office of Admissions, including transcripts from both high school/GED and college, with transcript evaluations (if any). Documentation from transcripts must show successful completion of the following courses with a minimum grade of C: intermediate algebra, biology with laboratory, and chemistry with laboratory. Courses may have been taken at the high school or college level. Equivalent college-level courses in lieu of high school classes are: MATH A105, BIOL A102 and BIOL A103, and CHEM A055.

2. School of Nursing Application and Confidential Required Information Form sent to the School of Nursing coordinator of student affairs.

3. Three letters of reference sent to the School of Nursing coordinator of student affairs.

4. Upon completion of items 1-4, schedule an interview with a member of the AAS Admissions Committee.

5. Take the required pre-admissions test through an approved testing center. Call (907) 786-4500 for specific dates and to sign up.

6. Upon completion of items 1-6, a student’s file is ranked based on a point system. Please contact the department for further details. Students are contacted in March with the results.

Once admitted to the associate degree clinical nursing courses, students are required to provide the following before beginning clinical coursework:

1. Evidence of:
   a. Immunity to rubella, rubeola, and mumps confirmed by titer;
   b. Immunity to hepatitis A and hepatitis B, confirmed by titer (first-semester clinical students may be in the process of completing the immunization series; for those students, documentation of immunity by titer is required prior to entry into second-year courses);
   c. Immunity to chicken pox documented by history, titer or current immunization;
   d. Diphtheria/tetanus vaccination within the past 10 years (with booster required at the time of expiration);
   e. Freedom from active tuberculosis, documented annually by negative PPD skin test or by health examination by a nurse practitioner, physician, or physician’s assistant;
   f. Documentation of the influenza vaccine;
   g. Documentation of HIV testing annually (results not required).

2. Current health provider certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for infants, children and adults. First year students will have until the third week of the semester to complete this certification, which then must be kept current until graduation.

3. Professional liability insurance in the amount of $1 million/$3 million; insurance must be maintained throughout the duration of the student’s enrollment in clinical nursing courses. Specific information regarding acceptable professional liability insurance policies may be obtained directly from the program.

4. Results of a national-level criminal background check.

Students enrolled in clinical courses must provide their own transportation to clinical assignments and will be required to purchase uniforms and specialized equipment. The school assumes no responsibility for illnesses and injuries experienced by students in conjunction with their clinical experiences; students who are injured while completing clinical assignments are responsible for all associated medical costs. It is strongly recommended that students maintain personal medical insurance.

Academic Requirements

Students must earn a satisfactory grade (C or higher or P) in all nursing courses. Students who are unable to earn an acceptable grade in a nursing course during their initial enrollment may attempt to earn a satisfactory grade one additional time on a space-available basis. Students enrolled in one course must be concurrently enrolled in all courses with that common number (NURS A120 and NURS A120L, NURS A125 and NURS A125L, etc.).

The four-semester clinical course sequence, which begins with NURS A120/NURS A120L, must be completed within four years.

Graduation Requirements

- Satisfy the General University Requirements for Associate of Applied Science Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/aasrequirements).
- Complete the General Course Requirements for Associate of Applied Science Degrees (http://
• Complete the program requirements below.

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Social Science course chosen from General Education Requirement list 3
Total Credits 57

A total of 70 credits is required for the degree.

### Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, Licensed Practical Nurse Option

Licensed practical nurses may complete the AAS Nursing program in three semesters. Admission to the clinical sequence is selective and determined by a ranking process. Students are encouraged to complete prerequisite courses while waiting to qualify for admission to the clinical sequence.

### Admission Requirements

Student files entered into the admission ranking process must include documentation of the following by February 1:

1. UAA Certificate of Admission from the Office of Admissions, including high school transcripts or GED certificate and transcripts of all college work, together with UAA transcript evaluations (if needed). Transcripts must provide evidence of completion of the following courses at the high school or college level with grades of C or higher: algebra, biology with laboratory, and chemistry with laboratory. Students may use courses equivalent to the following UAA courses in lieu of work at the high school level: MATH A055, BIOL A102 and BIOL A103, and CHEM A055.

2. Successful completion of or concurrent enrollment in the following college courses or their equivalents:

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Total Credits 10

3. Current active Alaska LPN license.

4. Completed School of Nursing Application and Confidential Information Form sent to the School of Nursing coordinator of student affairs.

5. Three letters of reference mailed directly to the School of Nursing coordinator of student affairs.

6. Interview with a member of the AAS Admissions Committee (scheduled after items 1-5 are completed).

When items 1-6 are complete, the student’s file will be entered into the ranking process; further details about the ranking process may be obtained directly from the AAS Nursing program. Students are notified of the results of the ranking process by March 30. Once admitted to the associate degree clinical courses, students are required to provide documentation of health, CPR and liability insurance before beginning clinical coursework.

Requirements marked with an asterisk (*) are considered valid only if the expiration date does not occur prior to the end of the semester:

1. Evidence of:
   a. Immunity to rubella, rubeola and mumps, confirmed by titer;
   b. Immunity to hepatitis A and hepatitis B, confirmed by titer (first-semester clinical students may be in the process of completing the immunization series; for those students, documentation of immunity by titer is required prior to entry into second-year courses);
   c. Immunity to chicken pox documented by history, titer or current immunization;
   d. Diphtheria/tetanus vaccination within the past 10 years (with booster required at the time of expiration);
   e. Freedom from active tuberculosis, documented annually by negative PPD skin test or by health examination by a nurse practitioner, physician, or physician’s assistant;*
   f. Documentation of the influenza vaccine;
   g. Documentation of HIV testing annually (results not required).

2. Current health provider certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for infants, children and adults (information regarding acceptable courses may be obtained from the department).*
3. Professional liability insurance in the amount of $1 million/$3 million; insurance must be maintained throughout the duration of the student’s enrollment in clinical nursing courses. Specific information regarding acceptable professional liability insurance policies may be obtained directly from the program.*

4. Results of a national-level criminal background check.

Students enrolled in clinical courses must provide their own transportation to clinical assignments and will be required to purchase uniforms and specialized equipment. The school assumes no responsibility for illnesses and injuries experienced by students in conjunction with their clinical experiences; students who are injured while completing clinical assignments are responsible for all associated medical costs. It is strongly recommended that students maintain personal medical insurance.

**Graduation Requirements**

- Satisfy the General University Requirements for Associate of Applied Science Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/aasrequirements).
- Complete the General Course Requirements for Associate of Applied Science Degrees (http://catalog.uaa.alaska.edu/undergraduateprograms/aasrequirements/generalcourserequirements).
- Complete the program requirements below.

**Program Requirements**

Within the LPN option, licensed practical nurse students returning to school to complete the AAS in Nursing will be in the LPN direct articulation track.

**LPN Direct Articulation Track**

Licensed practical nurse students with a current unencumbered Alaska LPN license are eligible for the LPN direct articulation track. This track enables the LPN to enter NURS A125/NURS A125L of the AAS Nursing program. Upon successful completion of NURS A125 with a C or higher, and NURS A125L with a P, the student will be granted UAA course credits for NURS A120 and NURS A120L, for a total of 7 credits. To receive credit, the student must complete the appropriate form and pay an administrative fee per UAA policy.

Any direct articulation LPN student not passing NURS A125/NURS A125L will not receive credit for NURS A120/NURS A120L and will need to take these courses to continue toward the AAS in Nursing.

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BIOL A111 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I | 4
BIOL A112 | Human Anatomy and Physiology II | 4
BIOL A240 | Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences | 4
DN A203 | Nutrition for Health Sciences | 3
NURS A127 | LPN to AAS Nursing Bridge | 1
NURS A180 | Basic Nursing Pharmacology | 3
NURS A220 & A220L | Perinatal Nursing and Perinatal Nursing Laboratory | 4
NURS A221 | Advanced Parenteral Therapy Laboratory | 1
NURS A222 & A222L | Pediatric Nursing and Pediatric Nursing Laboratory | 4
NURS A225 & A225L | Adult Nursing II and Adult Nursing II Laboratory | 6
NURS A250 & A250L | Psychiatric Nursing and Psychiatric Nursing Laboratory | 4
NURS A255 | Staff Nurse: Legal, Ethical, and Organizational Issues | 1
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**Electives**

Complete 5 credits in a related discipline with advisor approval

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Total Credits 47

A total of 70 credits is required for the degree.

**Licensure and/or Certification**

Graduates of the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) from the National Council of State Boards of Nursing.

Students planning to seek a professional license or certificate in a state other than Alaska are required to contact the UAA offering department before enrolling to determine if the program meets the licensing/certification requirements of the state in which they wish to practice.

**Program Student Learning Outcomes**

Students graduating with an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing will be able to:

- Utilize critical thinking skills to assess and diagnose nursing needs and to prioritize, plan, implement, and evaluate care for patients and their families in institutional and community based settings.
- Effectively communicate verbally, in writing and electronically with health team members, patients and their families.
- Plan, implement and evaluate care that is safe, evidence-based, caring, and developmentally and culturally sensitive within ethical, legal and professional standards.
- Coordinate care of small groups of patients in collaboration with other members of the health care team.
- Develop a plan for lifelong learning and continuing professional development.