

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 BSN is approved by the Alaska Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and the Alaska Board of Nursing, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000, info@acenursing.org (info@acenursing.org).

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).

Please go to UAA’s Authorization by State (https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/office-of-academic-affairs/provost_office/uaa-state-authorization/authorization.cshhtml/) website for information about licensure or certification in a state other than Alaska.

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 3.0¹ in the following courses:
 - BIOL A111 and BIOL A111L
 - BIOL A112 and BIOL A112L
 - BIOL A240
 - CHEM A103
 - CHEM A104

- DN A203
- HLTH A151²
- ENGL A120³ or PHIL A101³ or PHIL A201³
- MATH A151 or ALEKS score of 65 or higher
- PHIL A301³ or PHIL A302³ or PHIL A305³
- PSY A150³
- STAT A200 or STAT A253 or 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:

- Must apply for admission to the full nursing major during the semester in which they are completing the final prerequisites for NS A205.
- Hold current licensure as a RN in the state of Alaska.

Special Considerations

Prior to beginning practicum nursing courses, students must provide documentation of:

- HIV testing annually (results not required).
- Immunizations for, or immunity to, key conditions consistent with current clinical guidelines (see program student handbook (<https://www.uaa.alaska.edu/academics/college-of-health/departments/school-of-nursing/undergraduate-programs/>) for details).
- Current health provider certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) for infants, children and adults (information regarding acceptable courses may be obtained from the School of Nursing).*
- Results of a national-level criminal background check.
- Additional requirements such as proof of medical insurance, drug screening, and/or additional vaccinations may be required by specific clinical sites.

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

Students enrolled in practicum courses must provide their own transportation to and from practicum assignments and are required to purchase uniforms and specialized equipment.

It is strongly recommended that students maintain personal medical insurance. The school assumes no responsibility for illnesses and injuries experienced by students in conjunction with their practicum experiences; students who are injured while completing practicum assignments are responsible for all associated medical costs.

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/>).

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	Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences	3
CHEM A103	Introduction to General Chemistry	3
CHEM A104	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry	3
DN A203	Nutrition for Health Sciences	3
ENGL A120	Critical Thinking	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 A151	College Algebra for Calculus (or higher level math course or test score placement into higher level)	4
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	Ethics	3
or PHIL A302	Biomedical Ethics	
or PHIL A305	Professional Ethics	
PSY A150	Lifespan Development	3
STAT A200	Elementary Statistics	3
or STAT A253	Applied Statistics for the Sciences	
or STAT A307	Probability and Statistics	
Total		102

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	Introductory Microbiology for Health Sciences	3
CHEM A103	Introduction to General Chemistry	3
CHEM A104	Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry	3
ENGL A120	Critical Thinking	3
or PHIL A101	Introduction to Logic	
or PHIL A201	Introduction to Philosophy	
NS A205	Nursing Informatics	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 A305 & A305L	Health Assessment of Individuals and Health Assessment of Individuals Laboratory	3
NS A308	Dimensions of Professional Nursing Practice ¹	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 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	4
NS A400	Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3
NS A401 & A401L	Health Disruptions II and Health Disruptions II Laboratory ²	5.5
NS A411 & A411L	Population Health Integrative Capstone and Population Health Integrative Capstone Laboratory	5.5
NS A417	Management in Nursing	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	4
NS A471 & A471P	Nursing Care of Adult Medical-Surgical Patients II: Theory and Nursing Care of Adult Medical-Surgical Patients II: Practicum ²	5
PSY A150	Lifespan Development	3
STAT A200	Elementary Statistics	3
Upper-division nursing electives ³		6
Total		100

¹ Must be completed with a minimum grade of C prior to admission to 400-level nursing courses.

- ² *An accepted, degree-seeking UAA nursing student who has successfully passed the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN) and holds current 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 *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 interprofessional care team.
- 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.