

# Pacific Union College

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing—BSN (Second-Step Program in Nursing)

### INFORMATION ABOUT THIS DEGREE

The Department of Nursing offers an upper-division nursing program for registered nurses leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The program is designed to articulate with a two-year associate degree program.

A registered nurse graduate of an Associate Degree program, often will have completed most of the nursing prerequisites for the program. Prior nursing credit of graduates of an associate degree or diploma program will be evaluated and appropriate credit given.

The program offers a creative and flexible schedule for full-time or part-time registered nurses enrolled in either the one-year or two-year plan. The classroom hours, concentrated into core weeks, allow for continuing work responsibilities and encourage independent learning. A student enrolled in full-time study

in nursing major may sequence courses in general education and nursing to allow completion of requirements in three to six quarters. All upper-division nursing courses are offered at PUC's main campus in Angwin, and at NorthBay Medical Center in Vacaville.

**General Areas of Service:** Students graduating with a baccalaureate degree in nursing find many employment opportunities in acute health care as well as in settings outside the hospital. Baccalaureate nursing education prepares nurses for leadership and management roles. With the shift of focus in health care from illness to health, many practice arenas in the community are open to nurses with a baccalaureate degree. The baccalaureate nurse is also prepared for graduate nursing education.

#### **Denominational Opportunities:**

Employment opportunities are available in Adventist Health System hospitals, home health organizations, extended care facilities and clinics.

**Job Outlook:** The demand for BSN-prepared nurses in the acute care and community settings is growing. As a result there are increased job opportunities for a baccalaureate graduate in both metropolitan and rural areas.

**Earnings:** Starting salaries for graduates from the Second Step Program range from \$55,000-\$65,000 depending on geographical location.

**Accreditation:** The BSN program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission

### MISSION OF THE BACCALAUREATE PROGRAM IN NURSING

The mission of the baccalaureate program is to prepare registered nurses for professional practice within a broad liberal education in a context of Christian faith and human service.

#### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

In addition to the requirements for admission to the College, the following criteria must be met:

1. Junior academic standing
2. Completion of an associate degree, or its equivalent, in nursing
3. Possession of a current registered nurse license
4. Completion of the following:
  - a. English 101 or equivalent
  - b. Speech Communication
  - c. Required ADN cognates
5. Students accepted for full-time enrollment in the autumn quarter will lack no more than 6 hours of required general education (GE) courses; for winter or spring quarters the applicant will lack no more than 12 hours of GE. For part-time enrollment the applicant will no more than 24 hours of GE. All applicants accepted into the BSN program must be able to demonstrate a feasible plan for completion for general education courses at a time consistent with completion of core courses in the major.
6. At the discretion of the nursing faculty, and pending both NCLEX results and completion of prerequisites, students may enroll in one quarter of upper-division nursing theory courses (excluding NURS 393, 431, 461)

before admission to the B.S.N. program.

#### **Requirements for registration for clinical courses:**

1. Current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation for the healthcare professional
2. Proof of personal malpractice insurance
3. Documentation certifying completion of a full physical examination within the past twelve months and indicating acceptable health. Documentation showing proof of currency must be provided for the following:
  - a. Immunization for MMR, or MMR titer if immunization is not within ten years;
  - b. Tuberculosis skin test within the last twelve months or appropriate chest X-ray documentation including documentation of any treatment completed.
  - c. Hepatitis B immunization series is highly recommended.

The BSN students plan their own clinical schedules and participate in their mentor selection, thereby creating clinical experiences that enhance their professional goals. Clinical sites may be arranged with local hospitals and agencies in the student's home town. Clinical placement is evaluated and approved by the nursing faculty.

**MAJOR COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

A total of 192 quarter hours (60 in the upper division) including specified nursing courses, cognates, general education, and electives. A maximum of 108 community college credits may be transferred, with up to 61 credits in nursing.

Cognates, general-education, and elective courses are to be selected in consultation with the nursing faculty adviser. All nursing theory courses and corequisite practicums are to be taken concurrently.

**Required Core Courses:**

NURS 349	Professional Issues in Nursing	4
NURS 335	Health Assessment	4
NURS 384	Health Care Delivery System	4
NURS 390	Pathophysiology of Human Responses	4
NURS 393	Health Education, Promotion and Self-Care	4
NURS 394	Health Education, Promotion and Self-Care Practicum	3
NURS 420	Social Issues in Health Care	4
NURS 431	Community Health Nursing	4
NURS 432	Community Health Nursing Practicum	3
NURS 461	Health Care Management	4
NURS 462	Health Care Management Practicum	3
NURS 485	Introduction to Nursing Research	4

**General Education Courses (in addition to ADN requirements):**

CHEM 101	Introductory Chemistry	4
	<i>(HS credit does not meet requirement)</i>	
ENGL 102	College English	4
STAT 222	Intro to Statistics	4
HIST I&II	Two Courses of Historical Content	8
HUMANITIES	Select two courses – each from a different area 6-8	
	Literature (ENGL 301)	
	Art History (ART 105, 107, 108, 278)	
	Music History (MUHL 105, 331, 332, 333, 336)	
	Philosophy (PHIL 101 & 451; PLSC 274, 334,335,336; HIST 390)	
UD Religion	RELB 341, RELT 345, RELP 346	
	(scheduled in core weeks)	
A Course in Cultural Diversity (select one course):		3-4
ANTH 124	Cultural Anthropology	
NURS 376	Transcultural Nursing	
SOCI 232	American Social Problems	
SOCI 355	“Racial” & Ethnic Relations	

**BSN Nursing Elective Courses:**

NURS 374	Nursing and Epidemiology in Vaccine-Preventable Diseases	2-3
NURS 375	End of Life Issues	3
NURS 376	Transcultural Nursing	3

**Academic Requirements for Continuation in and Graduation from the Second-Step Program in Nursing:**

- For general requirements see ADN required cognates and general education, and BSN required cognates and general education.
- Students who receive a grade lower than a C- in a nursing course must repeat the course. Students are limited to a total of two nursing-course repeats in the program, including withdrawals for failing performance, with no course repeated more than once.

**ADMISSION TO THE NURSING PROGRAM**

**Admission Procedure:**

- File application for admission to the Department of Nursing.
- Official transcripts from schools of nursing and all colleges or universities attended are to be sent to the Department of Nursing on the Angwin Campus.
- A personal interview may be required (either by office appointment or telephone) with a faculty member of the Department of Nursing.
- Two recommendations regarding professional performance in nursing from the applicant’s current or recent place of employment and/or from a former instructor are to be sent to the Department of Nursing.
- Notification of acceptance into the Bachelor of Science in nursing program will be in writing from the Department of Nursing.

**Transportation Policies:**

Students are expected to provide their own transportation to, during, and from off-campus clinical labs. Faculty will not provide transportation. Students are advised not to transport clients in their own vehicles under any circumstances. This policy protects both the client and the student. State law requires proof of automobile liability insurance.

**For More Information**

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