

Angwin and Napa campuses:

Each academic quarter includes 10 weeks of instruction. One quarter hour normally represents one 50-minute class (1 clock hour) per week throughout an academic quarter. Course credit hours follow a ratio of 1:1 credit to clock hours for theory and 1:3 credit to clock hours for laboratory/clinical time. Variations from these stated ratios are described in the General Catalog; in the BSN nursing major, only one elective mentorship course follows a different credit to clock hour ratio.

Blended Program:

Students attend classes on campus for two core weeks in the quarter. Weeks 1 & 6 to meet face to face with their course faculty. The remainder of the course will follow a synchronous online format. See Table below for more details. Blended Tuition is \$31,101. A typical student in this program receives approximately 50% in institutional and government financial aid, making the cost comparable to the online option.

Online program:

The online program follows the same 11-week quarter system. The same ratios apply in the online program, however because there are 8 weeks of instruction, each quarter hour of credit represents approximately 63 minutes of instructional time per week. Online Tuition is \$385.00 per academic unit (only government aid is available at this cost).

The PUC nursing curriculum includes features designed to strengthen outcomes and encourage students to continue directly from the AS program into the BSN. The curriculum was designed to better allow a student to complete both the AS and the BSN requirements in four years. The PUC nursing programs are designed for students to complete the BSN in a 2-step process, by first completing the prelicensure requirements (the AS degree) and then completing the remaining post licensure requirements (BSN degree). One of the nursing faculty goals (consistent with IOM recommendations to increase the number of baccalaureate-prepared RNs by 2020) has been to increase the number of students continuing on to complete the BSN

requirements by improving the continuity and ease of transition from the AS to the BSN. By allowing students to accomplish the approved classes that are also required for the BSN while working on prelicensure requirements, they are more invested in completing the BSN and are more likely to complete the BSN in one final BSN year. In the time since this curriculum change was implemented in 2010, the BSN enrollment has seen steady increases in enrollment.

There is a trend in some post licensure BSN programs to provide entering students with bulk credit based on completion of licensure or on work experience. Though the faculty have discussed this emerging practice, we have not pursued a change of this sort, and will continue to observe the industry trends.

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Nursing

Required Core Courses:	Credit	Online
NURS 390 Pathophysiology	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 theory units (40 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
NURS 419 Professional Issues	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 theory units (40 clock hours) • <i>Web-based instruction</i>
NURS 431 Comm Health Nursing	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 theory units (40 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
NURS 432 Comm Health Nursing Practicum	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three clinical units (90 clock hours)
NURS 460 Healthcare Education	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 theory units (50 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
NURS 485 Introduction to Research	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 theory units (40 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
NURS 490 Capstone I	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 theory units (10 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
NURS 491 Capstone II	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 theory units (10 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
Health Assessment Course	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 theory units (40 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
At least one of the following:	Credit	Online
NURS 461 Healthcare Management	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 theory units (50 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
NURS 560 Concepts in Nursing Leadership	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 theory units (40 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i> • One unit field experience (30 clock hours)

BSN Nursing Electives <i>Students need to take three of following nursing electives:</i>	Credit	Online
NURS 371 Healthcare of the Older Adult	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 theory units (30 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
NURS 372 Comp. & Alt. Therapies	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 theory units (30 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
NURS 375 End of Life	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 theory units (40 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
NURS 376 Transcultural Care	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 theory units (30 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
NURS 384 Healthcare Delivery Systems	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 theory units (30 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
NURS 420 Social Issues	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 theory units (40 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
NURS 421 Global Health Nursing	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 theory units (40 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>
NURS 510 Informatics	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 theory units (40 clock hours) • <i>Web based instruction</i>