

Pacific Union College offers a two-step program for nursing education, comprised of the Associate of Science in Nursing degree and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Your first step towards becoming an RN and completing your BSN degree is to apply for admission to the AS Nursing Program.

When can I apply to the AS Program?

In general, once you are sure that you want to pursue nursing and you think you have met all of the eligibility requirements, submit your application. All admission eligibility requirements do not have to be complete for you to turn in your application form. For advice that relates to your specific circumstances, contact the Nursing Admissions Coordinator: nursing@puc.edu.

When will my application be considered for the AS Program?

Once you have submitted your application and met all of the eligibility requirements, your application will be considered for the next available quarter. Eligibility requirements fall into two categories: classes and grades/scores.

Prerequisite Classes include:

- Basic Algebra II (MATH 096 or a full year of HS Algebra II)
- Intro to Chemistry (CHEM 101 or a full year of HS Chemistry or HS Physics)
- College English (ENGL 101)
- Human Anatomy (BIOL 101)
- Introduction to Nursing (NURS 110)

Note that any course that applies towards the degree must be completed with a grade of C or higher.

Grades/Scores that are reviewed include:

- Nursing admissions GPA - A minimum GPA of 3.0 in AS Nursing prerequisite and cognate courses is required. Preference will be given to applicants who have both a nursing GPA above 3.3 and have completed at least 12 units of nursing required courses at PUC.
- ATI TEAS - Academic Preparedness score at the Proficient Level (58.7%-79.9%) or better is required; preference will be given to applicants who score at the Advanced or Exemplary Level.
- Applicants are allowed to take the test a total of three times, with a minimum of 60 days between tests.

What will increase my chances for acceptance into the AS Nursing Program?

Earning A's and B's in all of the classes required for nursing is one of the most important things you can do to improve your chances for admission to the AS Program. In addition, scoring well on the ATI TEAS, receiving excellent recommendations, and having most or all of the required cognate and GE classes complete can also increase your chances of acceptance.

What will hurt my chances for acceptance to the AS Nursing Program?

Any final grade below C in a class required for nursing can decrease your chance of admission, even if you have successfully repeated that class.

For more details on the AS Nursing Program or the application process, review an application packet.

Pick up an AS Nursing Program application packet from the Nursing & Health Sciences Department office (or download from the Department website: http://www.puc.edu/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/27565/AS-Nursing-Application.pdf).

Contact the Nursing Admissions Coordinator: nursing@puc.edu.

Nursing Application Deadlines:

April 15 - Fall Quarter • September 15 - Winter Quarter • December 15 - Spring Quarter

AS Nursing prerequisite, cognate and general education courses:

Prerequisite Courses	Quarter Hours
Basic Algebra II (MATH 096) <u>OR</u> High School Algebra II	4
Intro to Chemistry (CHEM 101) <u>OR</u> High School Chemistry or Physics	4
College English (ENGL 101) ●	4
Human Anatomy (BIOL 10l) ●	5
Intro to Nursing (NURS 110) ●	2
Required GE & Cognate Courses	
Human Physiology (BIOL 102) ●	5
Speech (COMM 105) ●	4
Nutrition (FDNT 235) ●	3
General Microbiology (MICR 134) ●	5
General Psychology (PSYC 121) ●	4
Human Development (PSYC 234) ●	4
Sociology (choose one course from the following options) ●	3-4
Cultural Anthropology (ANTH 124)	
Intro to Sociology (SOC 121)	
The Family (SOC 214)	
American Social Problems (SOC 232)	
Racial & Ethnic Relations (SOC 355)	
Religion	9

● The GPA used for AS Nursing Program admissions consideration is calculated from your grades in these courses. Grades must be C or higher in all prerequisite, cognate and GE courses. Any grade below C in a course required for nursing hurts your chances of admission, even if you have successfully repeated that course. The nursing admissions GPA calculation will be completed by the Nursing Admissions Coordinator.

College GPA calculated on cognate and GE courses required for the AS nursing degree (excluding religion courses and courses that may be completed in high school). The minimum GPA for nursing applicants is 3.0 and each course must be passed with a C or better. Preference will be given to applicants who have both a nursing GPA above 3.3 and have completed at least 12 units of nursing required courses at PUC. The average AS Nursing prerequisite and cognate GPA of the admitted student to the AS Program who has completed 12 or more units of nursing required courses at PUC is 3.6. There are typically 2+ qualified applicants for each available space in the AS Program.