

Major Course Requirements

A minimum of 77 hours (40 upper-division hours) included in the major and cognates. All courses are to be selected in consultation with the nursing faculty advisor. Each practicum must be taken concurrently with the appropriate theory course.

► **Required Core Courses (44-49 hours):**

NURS 390	Pathophysiology	4
NURS 419	Nursing Professional Issues	4
NURS 431	Community Health Nursing	4
NURS 432	Community Health Nursing Practicum	3
or NURS 433	Community Health Nursing Simulation	3
NURS 460	Healthcare Education	5
NURS 485	Introduction to Research	4
NURS 490	B.S.N. Capstone I	1
NURS 491	B.S.N. Capstone II	1
NURS 560	Concepts in Nursing Leadership	5
BSN Electives (3 courses, minimum of 10 credits)		10
NURS 371	Care of the Older Adult (3)	
NURS 372	Alternative and Comp Therapies (3)	
NURS 375	End of Care Life (4)	
NURS 376	Transcultural Nursing (3)	
NURS 384	Healthcare Delivery System (3)	
NURS 420	Nursing Social Issues (4)	
NURS 421	Nursing Global Issues (4)	
NURS 510	Nursing Technology and Informatics (4)	

At least one of the following courses: 4

NURS 235	Health Assessment (4)	
NURS 335	Advanced Health Assessment (4)	

► **Required Cognate Courses (33-34 hours):**

BIOL 101	Human Anatomy	5
BIOL 102	Human Physiology	5
CHEM 101	Introductory Chemistry	4
FDNT 235	Nutrition	3
MICR 134	General Microbiology	5
PSYC 121	General Psychology	4
PSYC 234	Human Development	4

At least one of the following courses: 3-4

ANTH 124	Cultural Anthropology (4)	
NURS 376	Transcultural Nursing (3)	
SOCI 121	Intro to Sociology (4)	
SOCI 214	The Family (4)	
SOCI 232	American Social Problems (4)	
SOCI 355	Cultural Diversity (3)	

► **General Education Requirements:**

Written and Oral Communication

ENGL 101+102	College English I,II	4+4
COMM 105	Communication and Public Speaking	4

Math and Science

At least one of the following options: 0-8

A full year of Algebra II with semester grades of C- or better from an accredited secondary institution or approved Algebra waiver exam.

MATH 095+096	Basic Algebra I+II (4+4)	
STAT 222	Introduction to Statistics	4

History and Humanities

At least one history or political science course: 3-4

At least two humanities courses: 6-8

Courses must be approved options from at least 2 of the following areas: Literature, Visual Arts, Music, Philosophy, and Language & Culture. See Guidesheet A-06 or the *General Catalog* for a list of options.

Religion

Complete the religion requirement for the A.S. in Nursing: 9

At least 9 additional hours of religion coursework: 9

These 9 hours must be selected according to specified guidelines. See Guidesheet A-06 or the *General Catalog* for a list of specifications and course options.

► **Electives:**

Students must complete a total of 180 quarter hours, including 60 upper-division hours, for a baccalaureate degree at Pacific Union College.

Students may need to take additional electives to meet these requirements. Nursing Issues and Special Topics courses are recommended if needed.

Admissions Requirements

► **Admission Requirements:**

Admission requirements are those published in the *General Catalog* in effect during the year of the student's admission to the Nursing Program. The Nursing and Emergency Management Department reserves the right to admit or deny admission to individuals applying for admission to the Nursing Program.

1. In addition to the requirements for admission to the college, the following criteria must be met:
 - a) Completion of an associate degree, or equivalent, in nursing.
 - b) Completion of the required GE and cognates for the A.S. degree in Nursing.
 - c) Applicants must be able to demonstrate a feasible plan for completion of general education courses at a time consistent with completion of courses in the major. See *General Catalog* for details.
 - d) Current unencumbered California RN license is expected to take NURS 432 Community Health Nursing Practicum. With the permission of the department, a student may be granted admission to the program by demonstrating eligibility for RN licensure hold an RN license from a different state or an active license from a reciprocal country. However, possession of a current California or Hawaii RN license and RN-level malpractice insurance is required in order to register for any practicum course and its corequisite courses if applicable. Disciplinary measures or restrictions on practice may preclude enrollment in course practicums, and thus the program. The practicum course is NURS 432.
 - e) Additional requirements apply in order to register for any practicum course and its corequisite courses if applicable. See *General Catalog* for details.

► Admission Procedure:

Applicants must submit an application for admission to the Nursing Program. Information regarding the admission procedure, including the application packet, is available from the Nursing and Emergency Management Department.

The B.S.N. program is for RNs who wish to further their education by obtaining a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Other nursing students should see pages NEM-04 and NEM-05.

Program Format

The upper-division nursing program is for registered nurses and 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 associate degree or diploma program graduates 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 program is in an online, asynchronous format offering flexibility for the working RN. A student enrolled in full-time study may sequence courses in general education and nursing to allow completion of requirements in three to six quarters (contact the Nursing and Emergency Management Department for more information).

Program Policies

The B.S.N. degree includes academic requirements that must be met for continuation in the program and graduation with the degree. Additionally, B.S.N. students must meet certain requirements prior to registration for clinical courses and must follow certain transportation policies. See the current *General Catalog* for more information on these various program policies.

Student Learning Outcomes

PUC B.S.N. graduates become nurses who:

- Coordinate collaborative efforts with members of the interdisciplinary team and evaluate effectiveness of care.
- Demonstrate integrity and function within established guidelines; recognizing possibilities for conflict and identifying means to resolving conflict.
- Demonstrate personal and organizational accountability through careful resource management and appropriate referrals, and develop and use data obtained through quality improvement projects to guide clinical decisions.
- Apply current evidence to practice by participating in evaluation and revision of policies and practice; develop and identify pertinent research questions and participate in the research process where able.
- Evaluate the effect of caregiver attitudes in the nursing practice environment.
- Participate with the interdisciplinary team in developing a holistic plan of care for individuals, groups, and communities.
- Reflect upon and critique the effectiveness of clinical decisions.

- Employ tools of critical thinking to broader issues within the healthcare system.
- Assess the effectiveness and quality of interventions designed to improve patient outcomes and participate in improving processes.
- Actively seek to improve practice by researching the literature and national standards.
- Design and incorporate additional methods of communicating effectively with individuals, groups, communities, and other members of the healthcare team.
- Explore the effectiveness of care provided, as well as barriers to providing care to diverse individuals, groups, and communities.
- Develop tools to use in addressing learning needs and evaluating the teaching and learning process.
- Analyze the effectiveness and appropriateness of various tools and technologies in enhancing learning.

Occupational Information

General Areas of Service

Students graduating with a baccalaureate degree in nursing find many employment opportunities in acute healthcare as well as in settings outside the hospital. Baccalaureate nursing education prepares nurses for leadership and management roles. With the shift of focus in healthcare 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. A life of service within the denominational structure is most satisfying and salaries are usually the same as community rates.

Job Outlook

Experienced nurses are in great demand. Jobs are available in rural settings or metropolitan areas on a full-time or part-time basis with flexible hours and days.

Earnings

Starting salaries for nursing graduates vary depending on geographical location.

Accreditation

The B.S.N. in Nursing is accredited by the ACEN (Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing).

For More Information

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