

What Can I Do With a Major in...

Nurses work one-on-one with patients in a variety of health settings. Nurses responsibilities involve assessing patient health problems and needs, developing and implementing nursing care plans, and maintaining medical records. Nursing professionals administer care to ill, injured, convalescent, or disabled patients. Nurses might also be found advising patients on health maintenance and/or disease prevention.

The Associate of Science degree in Nursing allows students to study in the classroom and combine technology to learn about a variety of nursing specialties. Specialties such as medical-surgical, maternal-child, psychiatric, surgical, and home health care nursing. Students also get hands-on experience caring for patients at several of the health care facilities in the region, and practicing their skills in Nursing by using computerized mannequins. After earning an A.S. in Nursing students are required to take the national exam for registered nurse licensure.

REQUIRED SKILLS

- Communication (Oral and Written)
- Service Oriented.
- Social Perceptiveness
- Reading Comprehension
- Decision Making
- Customer Service
- Problem Solving
- Critical Thinking

POSSIBLE EMPLOYERS

- Hospitals
- Physicians Office
- Nursing Home
- Hospice
- Home Health Care
- School System
- Disability Service
- Non-Profit Organization

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Ambulatory Care Nurse
Cardiac Care Nurse
Correctional Facility Nurse
Critical Care Nurse
Dermatology Nurse
Domestic Violence Nurse
Emergency Nurse
Flight/Transport Nurse
Forensic Nurse
Gastroenterology Nurse
Geriatric Nurse
Gynecology/Obstetrics Nurse
Home Health Care Nurse

Hospice Nurse
Labor & Delivery Nurse
Long-Term Care Nurse
Managed Care Nurse
Medical Surgical Nurse
Military Nurse
Missionary Nurse
Neonatal Intensive Care Nurse
Oncology Nurse
Orthopedic Nurse
Pain Management Nurse
Pediatric Nurse
Psychiatric Nurse

Public Health Nurse
Pulmonary Care Nurse
Radiology Nurse
Rehabilitation Nurse
Reproductive Nurse
Rheumatology Nurse
Substance Abuse Nurse
Toxicology Nurse
Transplant Nurse
Trauma Nurse
Travel Nurse
Wound Care Nurse

**Some careers will require an advanced training, certification and/or degree*

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NURSING - A.S.

University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Associate of Science in Nursing Major Curriculum

Degree: Associate of Science

Division: Biological and Health Sciences

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ASN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Each year, the Associate of Nursing degree program has limited seats available for students in the nursing major. Students admitted to the two-year program need to meet the requirements for admission to the university and the following additional requirements:

Successful completion of a minimum of 16 units including:

- 4 units in English
- 2 units in Mathematics (1 unit must be in Algebra)
- 3 units in Social Science
- 1 unit in Biology with a related laboratory
- 1 unit in Chemistry with a related laboratory
- 5 units academic electives

Current Pitt-Bradford Pre-Associates of Science Nursing (PASN-ASN) majors need to complete the PASN-ASN admission application. Prospective students will be admitted directly with a minimum cumulative high school grade point average of 2.75 and a minimum SAT score (or ACT equivalent score) of 1025. Students transferring from another college or university must have completed a minimum of 12 college-level credits with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75. Students failing to meet these criteria may be admitted to a preparatory program.

Course Requirements in the Major

- NUR 0109 Clinical Calculations
- NUR 0111 Fundamentals of Nursing
- NUR 0112 Comprehensive Nursing I
- NUR 0113 Pharmacology in Nursing
- NUR 0211 Comprehensive Nursing II
- NUR 0212 Comprehensive Nursing III

Required for some students:

- NUR 0100 Transition Nursing for LPNs

Students must attain a minimum grade of "C" in all required nursing courses and a minimum grade of "C-" in all required general education courses

Other required courses:

- BIOL 0202 Microbiology for Allied Health Professionals
- BIOL 0212 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- BIOL 0213 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- CHEM 0103 Biological Chemistry
- ENG 0101 English Composition I
- PSY 0101 Introduction to Psychology
- PSY 0206 Abnormal Psychology
- Human experience electives (choose 6 credits from two of the following three areas):
Arts and Letters; Behavioral, Economic, and Political Sciences; History, Cultures, and Philosophical Inquiry

Minimum credits required for graduation: 68

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Nurses Association

www.nursingworld.org

National League for Nursing

www.nln.org

Sigma Theta Tau

www.nursingsociety.org

International Council of Nurses

www.icn.ch/

American Association of Colleges of Nursing

www.aacn.nche.edu/

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT CAREERS IN NURSING AT:

Nursing Spectrum/Nurse Week

www.nurse.com/students/careersinnursing.html

DiscoverNursing.com

www.discovernursing.com/

Occupational Outlook Handbook

www.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm

UPB Website

www.upb.pitt.edu/academics/nursing.aspx

Career Services

www.upb.pitt.edu/career.aspx