

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024 FACT SHEET
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD
ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE PROGRAM

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THE PROGRAM

The opportunity to prepare for a rewarding career in nursing is available to you through the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Associate of Science degree (AS in Nursing). The University of Pittsburgh at Bradford is a four-year undergraduate college of the University of Pittsburgh. Pitt-Bradford's AS in Nursing degree is approved by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and accredited by **ACEN - Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (formerly NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326; telephone 404-975-5000; <https://www.acenursing.org/about/>**

As a graduate of Pitt-Bradford's AS in Nursing degree, you will be qualified to work in a variety of nursing specialties such as medical-surgical, maternal-child, mental health, geriatric, and home health care nursing, to name a few.

In order to practice professionally, nursing graduates are required to successfully complete the national examination for registered nurse licensure (NCLEX-RN). Please be advised that upon application for the Registered Nurse Licensure Examination, the Board of Nursing will inquire as to whether you have been convicted of a misdemeanor; felony; felonious act; an illegal act associated with alcohol; an illegal act associated with substance abuse(s).

Professional Nursing Law

Section 6. Fees: Qualifications for Licensure. No application for licensure as a registered nurse shall be considered unless accompanied by a fee determined by the Board by regulation. Every applicant, to be eligible for examination for licensure as a registered nurse, shall furnish evidence satisfactory to the Board that he or she is of good moral character, has completed work equal to a standard high school course as evaluated by the Board and has satisfactorily completed an approved program of professional nursing. Approved programs shall include baccalaureate degree, associate degree, and diploma nursing programs. The Board shall not issue a license or certificate to an applicant who has been convicted of a felonious act prohibited by the act of April 14, 1972 (P.L. 233, No. 64), known as "The Controlled Substance, Drug, Device and Cosmetic Act," or convicted of a felony relating to a controlled substance in a court of law of the United States or any other state, territory or country unless:

- (1) at least ten (10) years have elapsed from the date of conviction;
- (2) the applicant satisfactorily demonstrates to the Board that he has made significant progress in personal rehabilitation since the conviction such that licensure of the applicant should not be expected to create a substantial risk of harm to the health and safety of patients or the public or a substantial risk of further criminal violations; and
- (3) the applicant otherwise satisfies the qualifications contained in or authorized by this act.

As used in this subsection, the term "convicted" shall include a judgment, an admission of guilt or a plea nolo contendere. An applicant's statement on the application declaring the absence of a conviction shall be deemed satisfactory evidence of the absence of a conviction, unless the Board has some evidence to the contrary.
(6 amended June 29, 2002, P.L. 651, NO. 99) (Professional Nurse Law)

Moreover, because of the mandate by the laws relating to character requirements (good moral character) (Sections 13, 14 and 15.1 of the Professional Nursing Law) the Board has the duty and the right to ask for this information.

If you have a criminal conviction, you are directed to the Board's website for information regarding Act 53 and criminal background checks at <http://www.dos.pa.gov/nurse>.

State Board of Nursing, P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, Pa. 17105-2649 Phone: (717) 783-7142

THE AS in NURSING CURRICULUM

Coursework in Pitt-Bradford's AS in Nursing program combines a core of general education courses with courses required for the major. All nursing courses are organized according to the concept of modular learning. This design is consistent with the Nursing Unit's philosophy that students take an active part in the learning process and are responsible for their learning.
See Appendix A for Curriculum Plan.

Canvas is the e-Education Platform employed by the University of Pittsburgh for course management and delivery. ***Course materials are placed on individual course websites and organized within the following categories including, but not limited to modules, announcements, faculty information, discussions, quizzes, and assignments. A variety of tools***

(such as the ability to send documents electronically, access grades online) and the ability to communicate electronically through e-mail, discussion boards, and chat may be used within the context of the course. The integration of technology related learning experiences is progressive and designed to provide the graduate with skills to communicate with technology and to effectively (and creatively) use technological resources to solve complex problems and issues.

NURSING AT PITT-BRADFORD

With a student-faculty ratio of 10:1, nursing students enrolled in the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford AS in Nursing program take an active part in the learning process. The curriculum offers numerous opportunities for practical direct experiences, with clinical instruction provided at local and surrounding agencies serving the Bradford and Titusville campuses.

When the student is enrolled in courses necessitating travel to clinical and community agencies, the student is responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the agencies. Students *are not* permitted to travel in agency-employee-vehicles during clinical or observational experiences.

The University DOES NOT provide transportation.

University of Pittsburgh at Bradford AS in Nursing **Student Nurse Organization (SNO)** offers students opportunities for personal and professional growth through its sponsorship of lectures and participation in community events. Graduates of the college remain in touch with current students and the college through the **Nursing Alumni Association**.

ADMISSIONS

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Each year there are limited seats available for students in the nursing major. Students admitted to the AS in Nursing program shall meet the requirements for admission to the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford and the following additional requirements:

1. **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:**

Successful completion of a minimum of sixteen (16) units including:

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

NON-HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

- High School transcript
- High School equivalency diploma (GED)
- Successful completion (70%) of appropriate 100 level courses - such as math, English, chemistry, and biology

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSES:

- Meet admission requirements as depicted for High School graduate or Non-High School graduate
- Graduate of a state approved LPN program
- Provide evidence of a current LPN license
- Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from individuals familiar with the applicant's clinical work

2. High School grade point average 2.75 or better on a 4.0 = A scale.

3. SAT: a minimum composite SAT score of 1110 (a minimum SAT-V of 550 is preferred). ***Pitt Bradford is currently test optional.***

SAT scores are waived for college graduates and adult students who have completed at least twelve (12) credits of college level work (does not include developmental or remedial courses) at a 2.75 or better Q.P.A.

4. The student must be able to practice nursing as it is defined in the law. He/she must have adequate cognitive, sensory, and psychomotor functioning to effectively implement nursing care. A student must be able to tolerate physically taxing activities and exercise restraint during stressful situations in order to meet the standards of the profession.

The Nursing Unit's Admissions Committee reserves the right to request an interview with any applicant and to waive any requirement not set forth by the State Board of Nurse Examiners (i.e., #2, 3).

HEALTH SERVICES AND REQUIRMENTS

All nursing students are required to have a health evaluation upon entering the nursing program and annually at the beginning of each academic year while enrolled in the nursing program. The requirements for these evaluations shall be consistent with the Rules and Regulations of the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and the program contracted health care agencies. Only the health form supplied by the Nursing Education Unit is acceptable.

Upon admission to the program, a drug screen and/or additional testing will be required of all students: a negative result will be required for participation in the program, inconclusive test results will require further testing. Further, in order to become licensed, many states will inquire as to whether the applicant has been convicted of a misdemeanor, a felony, or a felonious or illegal act associated with alcohol and/or substance abuse. Additionally, Hepatitis B vaccination is also required

upon admission to the program (unless student signs special waiver). Students are encouraged to discuss vaccination status with their private healthcare provider.

Completed health evaluation forms are due no later than the University add/drop date for the term. Non-compliance will result in the student being dropped from the course.

Students are responsible for arranging and paying for required health evaluations and associated costs for completion of and corrective action for health issues. All students are required to report any serious illness, disease, accident, injury or changes in physical or mental health that could impact their safety or their ability to give safe care to clients. Clearance from the student's healthcare practitioner is required before the student is permitted to participate in or return to clinical.

Students are responsible for maintaining a portfolio of current documents. Students must be able produce a copy of the requested documentation within 24 hours for the program coordinator, clinical agency(ies) or designated staff when requested.

Any student who does not meet the above requirements will not be able to attend any clinical nursing experiences or be involved in any educational activity with a clinical component.

As stated in the [University of Pittsburgh at Bradford Student Handbook](#): Possession, distribution, sale or use of controlled substances or drug paraphernalia (as defined in Pennsylvania Title 35, Health & Safety Act) is prohibited.

As part of the University of Pittsburgh educational system, UPB nursing adheres to the University of Pittsburgh [COVID-19 requirement regarding vaccinations](#). However, clinical agencies may enforce additional requirements for participation in clinical experiences. (2/22)

PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT STANDARDS

All students admitted to the University of Pittsburgh-Bradford AS in Nursing Program are expected to exhibit professional conduct standards that are acceptable to the total campus community. The professional conduct standards have been created to reflect the position of the University as well as the Nursing Education Unit. Any violation of the professional conduct standards noted in this policy is subject to disciplinary action and may include suspension or dismissal from the program. More information on professional conduct standards can be found in the AS in Nursing Handbook and the [UPB Student Handbook](#).

COMPETENCY IN NURSING AND GENERAL EDUCATION

COMPETENCY LEVEL FOR NURSING COURSES

A student must attain a 2.0 (75%) or a "C" in the theory component and a "satisfactory" rating in the clinical component of every nursing course. Failed nursing courses may be repeated only once. If a student earns below a 2.0 or a C in any nursing course or required course, the student must reapply to Nursing for re-admission. (See Re-admission Policy)

Students who fail to attain a final 75% average in the theory component or a "satisfactory" rating in the clinical component of a nursing course will not be permitted to progress to the next nursing course. The final grade for the course will be recorded according to the failed theory or clinical portion of the course.

If a student fails to attain a 75% average in the theory component or a "satisfactory" rating in the clinical component of a nursing course, the total course must be repeated.

Failed nursing courses may be repeated only once. If a student earns below a 75% or a "C" in any nursing course, the student must reapply to the Nursing Education Unit for re-admission. (See Re-admission Policy)

COMPETENCY LEVEL FOR GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

A student must attain a minimum grade of "C" in all required science cognate courses, as well as a minimum grade of "C-" in all required General Education and elective courses.

RE-ADMISSION TO NURSING MAJOR

Students seeking re-admission, for any reason, to the nursing major must put their request, in writing, to the ASN Program Coordinator. The written request for reconsideration must be received by November 15 for readmission in the spring term and March 15 for readmission in the fall term. Within the written request, the applicant is expected to identify and discuss what has changed that will improve his/her performance and success in the program.

Re-admission is considered individually and based on a minimum Q.P.A. of 2.75, recommendations of the faculty of nursing, a passing score on the re-admission exam, and available space. **PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT RE-ADMISSION IS NOT GUARANTEED. A STUDENT MAY BE RE-ADMITTED TO THE NURSING MAJOR ONLY ONCE.**

Students applying for readmission to a first semester nursing course will be considered using the same criteria and selection process described for new applicants [see Policy 1A] as well as a passing score on the re-admission exam.

Re-admissions exams are offered during the university add/drop period and can be taken only one time per program admission cycle. Upon collaboration with faculty & student, the student may audit the previously successful nursing course (8/23)

STUDENTS TRANSFERRING FROM PRE-NURSING (PASN) AND OTHER MAJORS WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY

Students seeking admission to the nursing major from other majors within the university must put this request, in writing, to the ASN Program Coordinator. This request must be received by April 1 prior to the fall term in which they wish to be considered for admission.

The Nursing Unit's Admissions Committee makes transfer decisions on a competitive basis. A student must have a **minimum QPA of 2.75** to be considered (not including developmental or remedial courses). (10/21)

TRANSFER CREDITS

The Nursing Education Unit will accept transfer credits provided the course was passed with a C or better; the course must be in an academic area offered by the University of Pittsburgh; and the course must have been earned at an institution accredited by the appropriate regional accrediting association.

A course must have been completed within eight (8) years of the request for transfer except for some designated liberal arts courses.

The Nursing Education Unit will not accept any transfer credits for any nursing course taken at another facility or institution. Any exception to this policy must be made in writing to the Director, Unit in Nursing.

NOTE: Transfer credits are evaluated by the Registrar's office and not by the Nursing Education Unit. (10/21)

ADVANCED STANDING FOR THE LPN

An LPN admitted to the nursing program may earn five (5) advanced placement credits in nursing.

Credits will be awarded upon completion of the following requirements:

1. Successful completion of the NLN ACE I PN-RN.
The NLN ACE I PN-RN is required to be successfully completed prior to August 1. LPN students interested in taking the examination must indicate in writing no later than May 30th. The exam will be scheduled by the student directly through the NLN.
2. Successful completion (75%/2.0=C) of Nursing 0100-Transition Nursing for LPNs. (10/21)

CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION CERTIFICATION

Each student is required to have current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification. A copy of the certification card should be obtained and submitted to the clinical coordinator prior to the beginning of the program, and when needed to maintain current certification. Students will not be allowed to enter the clinical area without current CPR certification.

The only accepted CPR certification will be the in-class American Heart Association Basic Life Support Course for Healthcare providers. The course consists of a written exam and manual skills proficiency training and is valid for 2 years. It teaches high quality CPR for adults, children, and infants, use of the AED, effective ventilations using a barrier device, and relief of foreign-body airway obstruction for adults and children.

Thank you for your interest in the AS in Nursing Program!

For more information:

Bradford site: please call 814-362-7640 or visit our website, <http://www.upb.pitt.edu/academics/nursing/>

To apply, contact admissions at 814-362-7555 or access the application via our website: www.upb.pitt.edu

Titusville site: please call 814-827-4408 or visit our website, <https://upt.pitt.edu/academics/nursing>

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UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD
ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING CURRICULUM PLAN

FIRST YEAR

<u>Fall Term</u>		<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Nursing	0106	Succeeding in Nursing Edu.	1
Nursing	0111	Fundamentals of Nursing	7
Nursing	0109	Clinical Calculations	1
Biology	0212(0222)	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
English	0101	English Composition I	<u>3</u>
			TOTAL 16

Spring Term

Nursing	0112	Comprehensive Nursing I	8
Nursing	0113	Pharmacology	3
Biology	0213(0223)	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
Psychology	0101	Introduction to Psychology	<u>3</u>
			TOTAL 18

SECOND YEAR

Fall Term

Nursing	0211	Comprehensive Nursing II	9
Chemistry	0103	Biological Chemistry	4
Elective*			<u>3</u>
			TOTAL 16

Spring Term

Nursing	0212	Comprehensive Nursing III	9
Biology	0202	Microbiology	4
Elective*			<u>3</u>
			TOTAL 16

Nursing Credits	38
+ General Education Credits	<u>28</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	66

*Electives: 6 credits from the Human Experience II A-C with no more than 3 credits in one area.

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD
LPN - ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING CURRICULUM PLAN

FIRST YEAR

<u>Fall Term</u>		<u>Course</u>	<u>Credits</u>
Nursing	0100	Transition Nursing for LPNs	2
Nursing	0106	Succeeding in Nursing Edu.	1
Nursing	0109	Clinical Calculations	1
Biology	0212(0222)	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
English	0101	English Composition I	3
Psychology	0101	Introduction to Psychology	<u>3</u>
			TOTAL 14

Spring Term

Nursing	0112	Comprehensive Nursing I	8
Nursing	0113	Pharmacology	3
Biology	0213(0223)	Anatomy & Physiology II	<u>4</u>
			TOTAL 15

SECOND YEAR

Fall Term

Nursing	0211	Comprehensive Nursing II	9
Chemistry	0103	Biological Chemistry	4
Elective*			<u>3</u>
			TOTAL 16

Spring Term

Nursing	0212	Comprehensive Nursing III	9
Biology	0202	Microbiology	4
Elective*			<u>3</u>
			TOTAL 16

Nursing Credits	38
+ General Education Credits	<u>28</u>
TOTAL CREDITS	66

*Electives: 6 credits from the Human Experience II A-C with no more than 3 credits in one area. NOTE: Challenge exam administered in July before the beginning of the Fall Term (first year). Upon successful completion of the challenge exam and Nursing 0100, five (5) credits of advanced standing will be awarded.