SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE

Following is one suggested sequence. Nursing courses (NRS or NRSP) must be taken in this order. Students should consult with their nursing advisor for the plan that best meets the individual’s needs.

PREREQUISITES

FRESHMAN YEAR

Spring Semester (Semester 1)
- BIO 2223 Human Anatomy & Physiology II 3
- BIO 2221 Laboratory for Human A & P II 1
- NRS 1214 Introduction to Nursing 4
- NRSP 1222 Fundamentals of Nursing Practicum 2
- NRS 2392 Health Assessment 2
- NRSP 2391 Health Assessment Practicum 1

Summer Semester
- CS 1043 Intro to Computers/ 3
- CIT 1503 Microcomputer Applications 3

Fall Semester (Semester 2)
- NRS 1235 Nursing I 5
- NRSP 1243 Clinical Practicum I 3
- NRS 1252 Role Development I 2
- BIO 2103 Microbiology for Nursing & Health Professions 3
- BIO 2101 Lab for Microbiology for Nursing & Health Professions 1

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Spring Semester (Semester 3)
- ENG 1013 Composition II 3
- NRS 2213 Nursing II: Medical Surgical 3
- NRS 2212 Nursing II: Mental Health 2
- NRSP 2223 Clinical Practicum II 3
- NRS 2251 Role Development II 1

Fall Semester (Semester 4)
- NRS 2233 Nursing III: Medical Surgical 3
- NRS 2232 Nursing III: Maternal Child 2
- NRSP 2244 Clinical Practicum III 4
- HIST 2763 or 2733 U.S. History or POSC 2103 U.S. Gov’t 3
- NRSP 2272 Role Development Practicum 2
- BDLS Basic Disaster Life Support

Total credit hours 66
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING

THE PROFESSION
The mission of the School of Nursing is to educate, enhance and enrich students for evolving professional nursing practice. Arkansas State University’s nursing programs are committed to quality education and to meeting the unique needs of northern and eastern Arkansas and the surrounding area. The Associate in Applied Science in Nursing (AASN) graduate is prepared to provide and manage direct care to individuals with common well-defined problems. The AASN graduate functions as a team member using nursing diagnoses and established protocols for individuals in acute care and community-based settings. Additionally, the graduate participates as a member of the profession in appropriate specialty and politically focused nursing organizations.

THE PROGRAM
The AASN program is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3340 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Phone (404) 975-5000. www.acenursing.org. Upon completion of this program, the student is eligible to apply for licensure as a Registered Nurse. A first-time applicant for any license by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing will have a state and national criminal background check. Any offenses identified in section § 17-87-312 of the Nurse Practice Act may prohibit a graduate from obtaining a license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of Arkansas. Although an appeal may be possible there are offenses that permanently disqualify an applicant from a license.

The following are required support courses that may be taken during the nursing program (see suggested sequence on the back of this brochure) or they may be taken before entering the program.

COURSES SEMESTER HOURS
BIO 2223 Human Anatomy & Physiology II 3
BIO 2221 Laboratory for Human Anatomy & Physiology II 1
BIO 2013 Microbiology for Nursing & Health Professions 3
BIO 2101 Laboratory for Microbiology for Nursing & Health Professions 1
ENG 1013 Composition II 3
HIST 2763 OR 2773, U.S. to/or Since 1876, OR
POSC 2103 Introduction to U.S. Government 3
CS 1043 Introduction to Computers, OR CIT 1503 Microcomputer Applications 3

The following 10 semester credits with a minimum “C” in each course and a CGPA of 2.00 (including all college credits) are required prior to acceptance/beginning into the AASN degree program. A 2.0 prerequisite GPA does not guarantee entrance into the program. A grade of ‘C’ or higher is required in each course.

COURSES SEMESTER HOURS
BIO 2203 Human Anatomy & Physiology I 3
BIO 2201 Laboratory for Human Anatomy & Physiology I 1
Math 1023 College Algebra (or higher level math course) 3
ENG 1003 Composition I 3

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BIO 2221 Laboratory for Human Anatomy & Physiology II 1
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BIO 2101 Laboratory for Microbiology for Nursing & Health Professions 1
ENG 1013 Composition II 3
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POSC 2103 Introduction to U.S. Government 3
CS 1043 Introduction to Computers, OR CIT 1503 Microcomputer Applications 3

English proficiency requirements (see website for details)

PRE-PROFESSIONAL CURRICULUM

APPLICATION INFORMATION
Class size is limited and all applicants may not be accepted into the program. Interested individuals are encouraged to seek an advisor early in their college career to ensure that all prerequisite courses are completed in a timely manner.

Applicants for admission will be ranked according to the GPA of the 10 hours of prerequisites, and admission exam scores. Additional credit is given for all pre-requisite courses completed at the time of application and Spanish proficiency.

For the purposes of admission ranking grades from all attempts at prerequisite courses will be used to calculate GPA.

Consideration will be given to students completing the prerequisites by the end of Fall semester.

Applicant must be a Nursing Assistant certified through the Office of Long Term Care by the October 1 deadline.

The School of Nursing affirms that all students enrolled in the AASN program must possess those intellectual, ethical, physical, and emotional capabilities required to undertake the full curriculum and to achieve the levels of competence required by the faculty for safe professional practice. The criteria are included in the Nursing Student Handbook and are attached to the application for admission.

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