Bachelor of Science
In Nursing
Accelerated-option Program

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Dear Prospective Nursing Student,

Thank you for your interest in Northern Arizona University and the School of Nursing. Attached, please find information on the Nursing Program. Additional information may be found on our website at www.nau.edu/nursing.

Nursing education at NAU involves challenging and rewarding coursework that reflects the standard of professional nursing. We admit 130 students per year to our traditional BSN programs offered at the Flagstaff, Tucson, Yuma and Reservation-based campuses and an additional 30 students to our Accelerated-option program in Flagstaff. There is a ratio of thirty students to one instructor in most nursing theory classes and ten students to one instructor in the clinical practicum for hands-on, unique learning experiences.

It is our goal to prepare students to use a systematic approach in implementing nursing care for individuals, families, groups and communities in a variety of urban and rural settings as we emphasize meeting the healthcare needs of rural and multicultural populations.

Our graduates receive the baccalaureate degree in nursing and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses. They also have the educational preparation to act as leaders and innovators in nursing practice in a variety of healthcare settings as well as being prepared to further their education at the graduate level.

Our nursing faculties hold doctorate and masters degrees and are dedicated to teaching and helping students reach their educational goals.

We hope that you will make NAU and the School of Nursing your educational choice, as it will prove to be a rewarding experience.

Sincerely,

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COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
SCHOOL OF NURSING

Description and General Information
The Northern Arizona University School of Nursing offers programs at the undergraduate and graduate level that prepare students for professional, independent leadership roles in health care. Our programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the Arizona State Board of Nursing. The School of Nursing takes a holistic approach to professional nursing practice. We believe and teach that nursing is about the health and illness, not just of individuals, but also of families and communities. Our emphasis is on rural nursing and its challenges. Technological advances such as the internet allow us to reach non-metropolitan communities throughout the state.

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Accelerated-option Program

Northern Arizona University (NAU) School of Nursing has developed a new option to complete a B.S. in Nursing for students who possess a B.A. or B.S. degree. The course of study will consist of 3 consecutive semesters (12 months), including a summer session at the beginning. The plan of study is intensive, providing all nursing courses are completed in 1 year.

The Accelerated-option option requires a full-time commitment from students because of the concentrated format. Throughout the 3 semesters of study, classroom and clinical hours will vary from 25-36+ hours per week and will require travel to distant clinical sites.

Winter and Spring breaks coincide with NAU Academic Calendar.

**Prerequisites**: The following classes must be completed before beginning the program.

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*All pre-requisite courses not taken at NAU will need to be approved. Course descriptions and/or course syllabi must be provided to the curriculum committee for approval.*
# Accelerated-Option BSN Curriculum Plan

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<td>Applied Pharmacology and Pathophysiology (10 week)</td>
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<td>Nursing Assessment and Process (10 week)</td>
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<td>Adult Health Nursing</td>
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<td>Evidenced Based Practice and Nursing Research</td>
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<td>Nursing Care of Child-Bearing Child-Rearing Families</td>
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<td>NUR 441*</td>
<td>Health Policy and Public Health Nursing</td>
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<td>NUR 450C</td>
<td>Advanced Applied Nursing</td>
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<td>NUR 408*</td>
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Total hours to graduation: 52

*Includes a clinical practicum
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is the Nursing program accredited?
The Nursing program at Northern Arizona University provides the education for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. It is accredited by the CCNE and approved by the Arizona State Board of Nursing.

What are the requirements for admission to the Accelerated-option Nursing Program?
In addition to a B.A. or B.S in another field you must have a minimum of 2.75 college grade point average (GPA) in the prerequisite courses to apply. You must submit a completed admission application to the Nursing Program by the date required on the application. (Applications are available from the School of Nursing and from our website). The Student Affairs committee processes all applications. The following criteria are used to select students:
   1. Prerequisite course GPA
   2. Two reference forms
   3. Admission test scores
   4. Community/Volunteer experiences
   5. Health care experiences

Does the Nursing Program have a waiting list?
No, we do not use a wait list system. Our program is competitive, which means that the students with the best application portfolios have the best opportunity for admission to the program.

How many students apply and how many are admitted?
We admit 30 students per year, as resources allow, to the Accelerated-option BSN Program. In the past, we have had as many as 85 applicants per admissions cycle.

When does the new nursing student class start?
The Traditional Mountain, Tucson, and Yuma cohorts begin in the Fall and Spring semesters. The Traditional AIP cohort begins in the Fall semester. The Accelerated-option Cohort begins in the Summer.

Can I work while I am taking nursing courses?
Yes, but is recommended that students work less that 12-16 hours a week while in the accelerated nursing program. Work hours must flex around the theory and clinical coursework.
What is the first step in applying to the Accelerated-option program?
You must apply to both the University and to the School of Nursing separately. The Northern Arizona University undergraduate application is available online at: http://home.nau.edu/admissions/default.asp. Please fill out the application indicating that you are a full-time degree seeking student. Official transcripts from each college or university attended should be sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

In the semester that you are completing the prerequisite courses to the nursing program, apply to the School of Nursing, http://www.nau.edu/nursing/applications.php. Submit unofficial transcripts to the School of Nursing for evaluation with your Nursing application.

I took some of the prerequisite courses many years ago for my previous degree. Do I need to retake them?
The hard science courses should be completed within a ten year limit. Otherwise it is not necessary to repeat courses unless you intend to earn a higher grade to increase your prerequisite GPA.

What are “clinical courses”? How many hours a week do they take?
Clinical coursework, or practicums, provide the student with hands-on experience in the various health care facilities. These experiences allow the student to apply theory to the practice of nursing. Most courses have a 12 hour/week clinical practicum. Students have clinical practicums in Flagstaff, Cottonwood, Sedona, Tuba city, Gallup, Yuma, various Navajo Nation sites, and locations in Phoenix. These sites may change in the future. The clinical experience location is varied to provide maximum learning for each student. All students are responsible for transportation, meals and lodging during their clinical practicums.

Will courses that I have taken outside Northern Arizona University transfer in and satisfy the pre-requisites to the nursing program?
The equivalency of courses taken at a community college or university within Arizona can be confirmed at AZCAS (Arizona Course Applicability System): http://az.transfer.org/cas/students/index.html.

It is possible that your previous out-of-state courses can satisfy Nursing prerequisites however they must be reviewed by our Curriculum Committee. Send course description to the School of Nursing Student Services Office for evaluation.
THE PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS

Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Flagstaff, Tucson and Yuma campuses

The curriculum merges the natural, social, behavioral, and nursing sciences with the humanities and arts. Students have the opportunity to provide care for individuals, families, and communities in a variety of urban, rural, and culturally diverse settings. The program prepares graduates to function as leaders and innovators in nursing practice. Graduates are eligible to take the National Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure and have the credentials to apply to graduate school if desired.

For further information, contact nursing@nau.edu or call 928.523.6717 or 928.523.2621

Bachelor of Science in Nursing – American Indian Program

The American Indian Program provides residents of the Navajo, Hopi, or other American Indian Nations the opportunity to pursue a nursing career. Located in the Navajo Nation in Arizona, this program is the first Bachelor of Science in nursing program located within an American Indian Nation in the United States. Students begin their prerequisite through NAU or local community colleges. Once admitted to NAU’s BSN program, students continue to meet course requirements on the Navajo Nation, NAU IITV sites, and regional clinical agencies. Graduates are eligible to take the National Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure and have the credentials to apply to graduate school of desired.

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Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Accelerated-option

The Accelerated-option program is designed for students that have already completed a bachelor’s degree. The program has been developed to provide an intensive year-round Accelerated-option program of learning. All prerequisites (listed within the application) must be completed or in progress prior to application to the program. Graduates are eligible to take the National Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN) for licensure and have the credentials to apply to graduate school of desired.

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Bachelor of Science in Nursing – RN to BSN Option

The RN to BSN program builds on the knowledge and skills registered nurses have acquired through a diploma or associated degree program. It is designed to enable students to move into a wider array of practice and leadership roles, and be prepared for admission to graduate school. Courses are delivered over the World Wide Web. Clinical projects and advanced clinical experiences are completed in the student’s local communities so registered nurses essentially can complete the BSN degree in their hometown.

For further information, contact online.advising@nau.edu or call 1.800.426.8315
GRADUATE PROGRAMS

Masters of Science in Nursing
The graduate nursing program prepares students for professional, leadership roles in health care. It provides the opportunity to select one of several roles that are utilized in the health care of individuals, families or communities. This program prepares nurses to function in rural health settings in the advanced practice nursing roles of educator, generalist, or as a family nurse practitioner. The curriculum focuses on advanced practice with culturally diverse populations.
For further information, contact nursing@nau.edu or call 928.523.6717 or 928.523.2621

Masters of Science – Family Nurse Practitioner Track
The Family Nurse Practitioner track is designed to give nurses with a BSN degree and a broad base of nursing experience a master’s degree and the knowledge and skills to provide family primary care in rural settings. Components of the Advanced Practice Nursing (APN) role as a FNP include knowledge and management of client and family care, professional relationships, and health care delivery systems.
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Masters of Science – Nurse Educator Track
The Education track is designed to prepare nurses to teach in nursing programs in health care agencies and schools of nursing. The emphasis of this program is on the delivery of nursing education in rural environments. The program is offered through the School of Nursing and the College of Education at Northern Arizona University. The collaborative approach allows students to work with nursing and education faculty to develop expertise in both disciplines. The students will complete core courses in nursing curriculum and 12 hours in an education concentration.
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Masters of Science – Nurse Generalist Track
The Generalist track is designed for the RN who desires to build a professional clinical foundation of practice exploring a selected emphasis relevant to his or her goals of advancement. While not a specialty focus, this plan allows the RN with a prior baccalaureate degree to continue to develop expertise within a desired emphasis as either an interim or final academic credential. For further information, contact nursing@nau.edu or call 928.523.6717 or 928.523.2621

Post-Masters Family Nurse Practitioner Certificate for Students already holding a Masters of Science in Nursing
Nurses currently holding a master of science in nursing degree may complete the FNP program and be granted a post-master FNP Certificate. 38 hours of course work are required. As with the FNP track above, the program develops the nurse’s knowledge and skills to provide family primary care in rural settings. Components of the APN role as a FNP include knowledge and management of client and family care, professional relationships and health care delivery systems.
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