

Pacific Union College School of Nursing & Health Sciences

Associate of Science Degree in Nursing Program

General Information

Pacific Union College is:

- A Christian liberal arts college
- A fully accredited four-year college
- Ranked among the top ten western regional liberal arts colleges in U.S. News and World Report

Pacific Union College has been educating nursing students since 1958 when it first established the Associate of Science Degree in Nursing (ASN). The AS Nursing degree program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, INC. (ACEN, 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 850, Atlanta GA 30326, 404-975-5000. www.acenursing.org).

AS Nursing Degree Program

Curriculum: A description of the AS Nursing degree program, degree requirements, and curriculum is available at www.puc.edu/academics/department/nursing-health-sciences/rn-education. Select document NHSC-08 for admission requirements and pre-nursing for entry into the AS Nursing degree program. Select document NHSC-09 for an overview of both the AS and RN to BSN degree requirements, along with A-06, which lists AS and BSN general education requirements. Nursing faculty advisors assist students in developing an academic plan.

PUC's AS Nursing degree program is one of many two-year associate nursing degree programs in California that graduate more than two-thirds of the nursing students eligible to take the RN licensure examination. Once started, the AS degree program can be completed in six (6) academic quarters, or two academic years. **Several starting dates per year:** The AS Nursing degree program admits 36 students each quarter, Fall, Winter, and Spring.

Continuing Your Education: Online RN to BSN Program and Online MSN Program

The Online RN to BSN Program at Pacific Union College allows students to seamlessly complete their BSN in a two-step process by first completing AS degree requirements and then continuing on to complete the remaining requirements for the BSN. An RN license is required for students to complete one BSN practicum course. The online program follows non-traditional schedules designed to meet the needs of the individual who must work while pursuing an education. Classes are developed on adult learning principles and designed for interactive learning experiences. Similarly, the Online MSN Program offers RNs with BA/BS/BSN degrees the opportunity to continue their Nursing education with emphases in Education or Leadership. Full-time and part-time options are available. Contact the School of Nursing & Health Sciences or visit www.puc.edu/departments/nursing-health-sciences for more information.

Frequently Asked Questions

When can I apply to the AS Program?

In general, once you are sure that you want to pursue nursing and you think you have met all of the eligibility requirements, submit your application. You can submit your application at any time, but you will only be considered for admission after you have met all requirements. For advice that relates to your specific circumstances, contact the Nursing Admissions Coordinator: nursing@puc.edu.

When will my application be considered for the AS Program?

Once you have submitted your application and met all of the admission requirements, your application will be considered for the next admission cycle; the admission requirements are listed on the NHSC-08 guide sheet.

Which courses are prerequisite to the AS Nursing Program?

The prerequisite courses are Basic Algebra II (MATH 096) *or* a full year of HS Algebra II/Math III, Introductory Chemistry (CHEM 101), College English I (ENGL 101), Human Anatomy (BIOL 101) *or* Human Physiology (BIOL 102), and NURS 110 Introduction to Nursing (must be taken at PUC).

Note that all courses that apply towards the AS degree must be completed with grades of C or higher.

Which grades and test scores are reviewed for the AS program admission process?

- *AS Nursing admissions GPA* - A minimum GPA of 3.00 in Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, General Microbiology, Nutrition, General Psychology, Human Development, one of the Sociology options (see the NHSC-08 guide sheet), College English I, Comm. & Public Speaking, and NURS 110 Intro to Nursing is required. Preference is given to applicants who have earned a nursing GPA above 3.30 and completed at least 12 units of nursing required courses at PUC.
- *ATI TEAS 7 score* - Academic Preparedness score at the Proficient Level (min. 60.0%) or better is required; preference for applicants who score at the Advanced or Exemplary Level.
 - Applicants can take the TEAS three times (two retakes), with a minimum of 60 days between tests.

What will increase my chances for acceptance into the AS Nursing Program?

Earning As and Bs in all of the classes required for nursing is one of the most important things you can do to improve your chances for admission to the AS Program. In addition, scoring well on the ATI TEAS, receiving excellent recommendations, and completing most or all of the required cognate and GE classes can also increase your chances of acceptance.

What will hurt my chances for acceptance to the AS Nursing Program?

Earning final grades below C in classes required for nursing can decrease your chance of admission, even if you have successfully repeated that class.

What are the Nursing Application Deadlines?

April 15 - Fall Quarter, September 15 - Winter Quarter, January 15 - Spring Quarter

For more information on the AS Nursing Program or the application process, see the AS Nursing Program Application and the NHSC-08 guide sheet available on the RN Education page of the Nursing & Health Sciences department website, www.puc.edu/academics/departments/nursing-health-sciences/rn-education