Baccalaureate Nursing Programs

The School of Nursing baccalaureate programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the California State Board of Registered Nursing. The pre-licensure programs enable the student to take the California Board of Registered Nursing examination for RN licensure. The graduate is eligible to apply for a California State Public Health Nurse (PHN) certificate. The School of Nursing also offers options for the registered nurse (RN) and the licensed vocational nurse (LVN) leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

General Education Note:

Nursing majors are not required to take health education as part of their General Education requirements (http://catalog.apu.edu/undergraduate/academic-programs/general-education-program).

Program Learning Outcomes and Options

Graduates of Azusa Pacific University’s baccalaureate nursing programs integrate faith and ethics as skilled and knowledgeable practitioners, accountable professionals, health care educators, and advocates and coordinators of care. Each graduate:

• Uses a Christian worldview to integrate beliefs, values, ethics, and service in personal and professional life.
• Provides nursing care utilizing professional knowledge and core competencies (critical thinking, communication, assessment and technical skills) derived from a foundation of nursing science, general education, and religious studies.
• Demonstrates initiative for continual personal and professional growth and development.
• Acts as a patient educator and advocate to promote optimal health and well-being.
• Functions independently and collaboratively, both as a leader and/or a member of the healthcare team, to manage and coordinate care.

The School of Nursing offers:

1. Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (http://catalog.apu.edu/undergraduate/school-nursing/traditional-nursing-program) (BSN)
2. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Two-Plus-Two UpperDivision Transfer Program (http://catalog.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/nursing/professional-programs/two-plus-two)) (BSN)
3. Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) to Registered Nurse (http://catalog.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/nursing/professional-programs/lvn-options) (RN)
4. Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (http://catalog.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/nursing/professional-programs/lvn-options) (BSN)
5. Accelerated Registered Nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (http://catalog.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/nursing/professional-programs/accelerated-rn-bsn-degree-completion-program) (BSN) (also online)

NOTE: Students are encouraged to consult with their advisor if they have questions regarding coursework needed to meet graduation requirements.

Baccalaureate Nursing Programs At-A-Glance

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Admission to the Baccalaureate Nursing Programs (BSN)

Admission to the university does not guarantee admission into the School of Nursing. Students interested in admission into a School of Nursing BSN program must indicate their desire on their application to the university. Students applying to the Traditional BSN program should apply through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions (http://catalog.apu.edu/undergraduate/admission-policies/undergraduate-admission); students applying to the BSN Upper-Division Transfer Program, LVN to BSN, or RN to BSN programs should apply through the Office of Graduate and Professional Admissions (http://catalog.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/admission-policies/graduate-admission-university/#professional).

Applicants will be reviewed by a School of Nursing Admissions Committee for possible admission into the university as well as one of the BSN programs: the Traditional program, the BSN (Upper-Division Transfer) program, an LVN program, or the RN to BSN program.

Determinations will be made and letters will be sent to the applicants indicating whether or not they have been accepted into the university as well as into one of the BSN programs. Once accepted into a program, students must remain in that program for the duration of the nursing program.

Applicants who are not accepted into one of the School of Nursing BSN programs may still be admitted to the university. These applicants may consider coursework in preparation for application to the Entry-Level Master’s in Nursing program (ELM) (http://catalog.apu.edu/graduateprofessional/nursing/entry-level-masters-program/second-degree-program-entry-level-master-science-nursing-elm) designed for students who have completed a baccalaureate degree in another major but are interested in pursuing a career in nursing.

The School of Nursing reserves the right to change the curriculum and degree requirements as deemed necessary. Please refer to the School of Nursing Handbook that includes program-specific guidelines and detailed descriptions of course and program requirements.