

ASSOCIATE IN NURSING

(Registered Nurse Limited-Entry Program)*

The Nursing curriculum is designed to prepare students to function as a registered nurse in structured acute care, chronic care, and outpatient care settings after passing the NCLEX. Students should contact individual state licensing boards for specific state licensure information. Transfer students may be admitted to the advance standing level after meeting certain criteria.

*This is a limited entry program. In addition to meeting regular undergraduate admission requirements, students must be selected to the program. An application and information packet is available at the Nursing Program Office in Reidlinger Science Building, Health Science Center (575-439-3878) or at the Advising & Career Services Office (575-439-3720). Selection takes place twice a year; submission deadline is listed in the packet. Students are subject to regulations contained in the Nursing Program Student Handbook and other university published handbooks.

Transfer from an approved associated degree or baccalaureate nursing program with equivalent courses: Transfer students may be considered advanced standing. To apply for advanced standing, students will meet the enrollment and selection requirements for the program. Official transcripts of all vocation/college courses should be sent to NMSU-A and a copy provided to the Nursing Office. All advanced standing applicants will meet with the Nursing Program Director for evaluation of credits to determine status of admission and admission requirements. The process will be discussed with each student on an individual basis. Advanced standing students are admitted on a space-available basis.

Transfer students are required to show competency in nursing skills previously learned through an ADN program. Courses may be challenged by exam only if the student has transferred from another nursing program and is seeking placement into the NMSU-A Program. No other challenge exams for credit or progression will be given. Challenged exams for non-nursing courses must be approved by the specific discipline's Division Head. NMSU-A Nursing Program honors entrance exams from other AD Nursing Programs in the NMSU system.

Prerequisite: Student should check the application and information packet for specific criteria necessary to be eligible to enter the selection process and should consult an academic advisor for best course sequences for academic success.

Selection into the Nursing Program: Selection into the Nursing Program is based on an objective point system. The applicant's overall GPA (for the prerequisite and required courses as defined in the application and information packet) and the student's ability to pass an admissions assessment exam. The exam evaluates the basic reading, math, writing, and science skills of students seeking entry into a nursing program leading to RN licensure.

Post-Selection Requirements: After selection into the Nursing Program and before the first day of classes; students need to submit proof of current CPR for Health Professional's certification (American Red Cross).

Additionally, students need to provide an up-to-date immunization record showing: PPD, MMR, TETANUS, HEP-B, and VARICELLA.

PLEASE NOTE: all TITERS must have a written statement of immune or not immune for each titer and must be signed by a physician (provider) to verify immunity. Federal and state background checks are required by the State of New Mexico.

Degree Plan: All non-nursing courses must be graded a C (76 %) or higher with an overall GPA of 2.75 for the prerequisites and required courses listed on the curriculum (see degree plan).

Graduation Requirements: A minimum grade of "C" (76%) must be earned in all required courses to continue in the nursing program and to graduate. In addition, all clinical competencies must be completed at the satisfactory level.

Licensure: It is essential that prospective student be informed that the New Mexico State Board of Nursing may deny, revoke or suspend any license held or applied for under the Nursing Practice Act, upon grounds that the licensee or applicant violates any of the following actions (from NMAC 16, 12.19©2.a-o):

1. Is guilty of fraud or deceit in procuring or attempting to procure a license or certificate of regulation;
2. Is unfit or incompetent;
3. Is conviction of a felony;
4. Is habitually intemperate or is addicted to the use of habit forming drugs;
5. Is mentally incompetent;
6. Is guilty of unprofessional conduct;

7. Has willfully or repeatedly violated any provisions of the Nursing Practice Act; or
8. Was licensed to practice nursing in any jurisdiction, territory or possession of the United States or another country and was the subject of disciplinary action similar to acts described in this subsection. A certified copy of the record of the jurisdiction, territory or possession of the United States or another country taking the disciplinary action is conclusive evidence of the action.

General Requirements that must be met before the student is eligible for the selection process. Courses must be completed with a grade "C" (76%) or higher with an overall GPA of 2.75.

CHEM 110G Principles and Applications of Chemistry 4 cr.
 OR CHEM 111G
 OR Completed two semesters of high school Chemistry within the last

two years

CCDM 114N Algebra Skills 4 cr.
 OR Placement into MATH 120
 OR Completing high school Algebra I and II Within the last two years

COLL 101 College Life/Success 1 cr.

OENA 101 Nursing Assistant Theory and Lab 6 cr.
 OR Proof of completion in an equivalent program

OR Current C.N.A. certificate

OR OEEM 101 CPR

1 cr.

Prerequisites for Nursing Program:

Prerequisites courses must be graded a "C" (76%) or higher with an overall GPA of 2.75.

BIOL 211G Cellular and Organismal Biology 3 cr.

BIOL 211L Cellular and Organismal Biology Lab 1 cr.

BIOL 225 Anatomy and Physiology I 4 cr.

OR BIOL 253 Anatomy

BIOL 226 Anatomy and Physiology II 4 cr.

OR BIOL 254 Physiology

OR BIOL 254L

Physiology Lab

Note: Each of these courses may be placed out of through testing. Consult

Academic Advisors for information on appropriate testing procedures (placement exam or CLEP).

Co-requisites

PSY 201G Introduction to Psychology 3 cr.

HNFS 251 Human Nutrition 3 cr.

CEP 110G Human Growth and Behavior 3 cr.

ENG 111G Rhetoric and Composition 3 cr.

BIOL 221 Microbiology 3 cr.

BIOL 221L Microbiology Lab 1 cr.

These courses can be taken prior to entry into the nursing program or may be completed with the nursing courses. All courses required in the nursing curriculum must be graded "C" (76%) or higher with an overall GPA of 2.75.

Nursing Degree Plan

Semester I

PSY 201G Introduction to Psychology 3 cr.

HNFS 251 Human Nutrition 3 cr.

NURS 170

Foundations of Nursing

7 cr. (4+9P)

[Didactic-Lab-Clinical]

NURS 172 Critical Thinking & Nursing Process 2 cr.

NURS 173L Physical Assessment 1 cr. (3P)

Semester II

CEP 110G Human Growth and Behavior 3 cr.

ENGL 111G

Rhetoric and Composition
4 cr.
NURS 180 Adult Client I
8 cr. (4+12P)
[Didactic-
Lab-Clinical]
NURS 185 Pharmacotherapeutics I
[On-Line] 2 cr.

[On-Line
and Clinical]
NURS 285 Pharmacotherapeutic
Interventions III 1 cr.
[On-Line]

Total Credits Required
72

Semester III

BIOL 221 Microbiology
3 cr.
BIOL 221L
Microbiology Lab
1 cr.
NURS 182 Legal and Ethical Issues
[On-Line] 2 cr. **
NURS 272 Caring for
the Aging [On-Line] 1 cr. **
NURS 275
Pharmacotherapeutic Interventions II
2 cr.
[On-Line]
NURS 280 Client Women's Health
Issues 4 cr. (2+6P)
[Didactic-Lab-
Clinical]
NURS 283 Pediatric Nursing
4 cr. (2+6P)
[Didactic-
Lab-Clinical]

Note: All Nursing Practicum Courses
that are designated with a "P" value in the
degree plan above. This "P" value multiplied by
three is roughly the corresponding number of
clinical hours required/week for fifteen weeks.

FEES--Nursing and OENA course fees include
but are not limited to laboratory supplies and
equipment, test fees and background check
fees. For a listing of fees, see the current
Schedule of Classes booklet.

This program incorporates fundamental and
applied courses that are important for
obtaining employment upon graduation.
However, some of these applied courses may
not be suitable for transfer to bachelor's
degree granting institutions or may not be
applicable to bachelor's degree programs. For
further information, contact an academic
advisor.

Once a student has completed this associate's
degree, a bachelor's completion program is
available through distance education. For more
information, contact the Nursing Department
at 439-3876

**These two courses are part of the
degree plan; they may be taken at
anytime. Non-nursing majors may also
take these courses.

Semester IV

NURS 270 Adult Client II
5 cr. (2+9P)
[Didactic-Lab-Clinical]
NURS 282L Practicum: Management
of Client Care 1 cr. (3P)
[On-Line and
Clinical]
NURS 284 Practicum: Preceptorship
3 cr. (9P)

Pre-Nursing Certificate

This certificate is designed to assist students in completing the entire non-nursing courses required on the nursing degree. There may be other courses that will help a student qualify for nursing. Check with the Nursing Program Director (575-439-3878) or with an advisor. Completing this certificate does not guarantee a student will be accepted in the limited-entry nursing program at NMSU Alamogordo.

Required Course for Application into Nursing

CHEM 110G	Principles and Applications of Chemistry	4
OR	CHEM 111G	
OR	Completed two semesters of high school Chemistry within the last two years	
CCDM 114N	Algebra Skills	4
OR	Placement into MATH 120	
OR	Completing high school Algebra I and II Within the last two years	
COLL 101	College Life/Success	1
OENA 101	Nursing Assistant Theory and Lab	6
OR	Proof of completion in an equivalent program	
OR	Current C.N.A. certificate	
OR	OEEM 101 CPR	1
BIOL 111G	Natural History of Life	3
BIOL 111GL	Natural History of Life Lab	1
BIOL 211G	Cellular and Organismal Biology	3
BIOL 211L	Cellular and Organismal Biology Lab	1
BIOL 225	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
OR	BIOL 253 Anatomy	
BIOL 226	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
OR	BIOL 254 Physiology	
OR	BIOL 254L Physiology Lab	
PSY 201G	Introduction to Psychology	3
HNFS 251	Human Nutrition	3
CEP 110G	Human Growth and Behavior	3
ENG 111G	Rhetoric and Composition	3
BIOL 221	Microbiology	3
BIOL 221L	Microbiology Lab	1
OEEM 101	CPR for the Health Care Professional	1

Electives required for the Bachelor's Degree in Nursing that are used as tie breaker for admission for admission into the nursing program. Select 9 credits:

CS 110	Computer Literacy	3
OR	PHIL "G"	3
COMM 265G	Principles of Human Communication	3
OR	COMM 253 G Public Speaking	3
ENGL 218G	Technical and Scientific Communication	3
Fine Art	ART 1014G, MUS 101G, 202G OR THTR 10G	3

HIST "G"	3
MATH 120 Intermediate Algebra	3
MATH 121G College Algebra	3
NURS 150 Medical Terminology	3
NURS 155 Special Topics	
NURS 290 Pathophysiology I	
OEEM 120 EMT Basic	6
SOC 101G Introductory Sociology	3

TOTAL REQUIRED CREDITS 51

All courses required in the nursing curriculum must be graded "C" or better.

