



Northland Pioneer College and Arizona State University Concurrent Enrollment Program

Associate Degree/Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program

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The Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) offers eligible Northland Pioneer College (NPC) nursing students the opportunity to earn a BSN from Arizona State University (ASU) while simultaneously earning an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree in Nursing from NPC. Students will be enrolled in both NPC and ASU at the same time.

Through the pathway program and the educational partnership between NPC and ASU, NPC nursing students may transfer up to 75 credits to ASU. Students with a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university may transfer up to 90 credits to ASU. To earn a BSN, students must complete 120 credits.

Eligible students may begin the CEP in the fall semester. Once accepted into the CEP, students can complete the program in 32 months. Upon graduation, the successful CEP student will earn both an AAS Degree in Nursing and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. The BSN degree will be earned in one semester following the AAS in Nursing degree.

Upon completion of the AAS degree from NPC, graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN® licensure examination. Students are highly encouraged to take NCLEX-RN® as soon as possible after graduating with their AAS in Nursing. The sooner graduates take the NCLEX-RN®, the more successful they are on passing the licensure exam.

The NPC courses will be taken at NPC in the classroom, lab, and at clinical sites. The ASU CEP courses will be offered online through ASU Online. All courses taken through the CEP must be taken through ASU Online. Students may not take a hybrid or traditional classroom course.

The CEP pathway partnership helps meet the Institute of Medicine 2010 Future of Nursing goal to increase the percentage of BSN prepared RNs to 80% by 2020. BSN prepared nurses are valued by potential employers.

Eligibility

The following are required to be considered for the CEP:

- Acceptance into the NPC nursing program.
- Completion of all NPC and ASU prerequisite and corequisite courses.
- Minimum GPA of 3.0 in the NPC and ASU courses noted with an asterisk (*) below. To raise a GPA, repeated coursework will be accepted for identified ASU prerequisites.
- Questions about prerequisite and corequisite courses should be addressed to NPC and ASU nursing advisors. Contact information is located under Frequently Asked Questions.
- Final determinations of transfer credits will be made by NPC and ASU admission personnel.
- Submission of the NPC CEP application by the specified date.

Health and Safety Requirements

NPC and ASU College of Nursing and Healthcare Innovation (CONHI) have Health and Safety Requirements that must be met prior to enrolling and participating in any clinical experiences. Health care agencies throughout the state require vaccinations, titers, and other health care related requirements (examples of these requirements are background checks, CPR, drug and nicotine testing, etc.) These requirements are subject to change per health care agency contracts with the educational institution. Students must be compliant with agency requirements prior to and throughout the program.

Required Prerequisite and Corequisite courses

| NPC Prerequisites (Must complete prior to applying to the nursing program) | ASU College of Nursing and Health Innovation Prerequisites |
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| BIO 181 General Biology (4cr) * | N/A |
| BIO 201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4cr) * and BIO 202 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4cr) * | BIO 201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I * and BIO 202 Human Anatomy & Physiology II * |
| BIO 205 Microbiology (4cr) * | BIO 205/206 Microbiology * |
| CHM 130 Fundamental Chemistry (4cr) * | CHM 130 or CHM 138 Chemistry * (not HS chemistry) |
| ENL 101 College Composition (3 cr) * | ENG 101 First-Year Composition I |
| NPC General Education (Strongly encouraged to complete prior to applying to the nursing program) | MAT 142 College Math (or higher) * |
| ENL 102 College Composition (3cr) | ENG 102 First-Year Composition II * |
| PSY 240 Developmental Psychology (3cr) | PSY 240 Developmental Psychology * |
| ANT 102 Cultural Anthropology (3cr) or SOC 120 General Sociology (3cr) | ASU College of Nursing and Health Innovation Corequisites |
| | Statistics |
| | An additional 7 credits of Upper Division (SB with C and/or H; and SB or HU with G and/or H) are required. These are not prerequisites but completion is highly recommended prior to entry in program. Talk with a CEP advisor. |

*Courses used for GPA calculation

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can apply to the NPC - ASU Concurrent Enrollment Program?

All students who have completed the eligibility requirements for the NPC – ASU Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) are eligible to apply.

If I have not completed all of my prerequisite and co-requisite courses may I still apply for the NPC – ASU CEP?

To be eligible to submit an application, all Northland Pioneer and ASU prerequisite courses must be completed.

How are classes scheduled?

You will register for your courses at NPC as usual. You will register for your ASU courses online. A plan of study will be given to you after you are accepted into ASU. Course registration numbers will be sent to you by email so you register for the correct course.

Where do I go for academic advisement for this program?

NPC and ASU nursing advisors are available for questions you may have.

| Northland Pioneer College Nursing Students | Arizona State University Interested CEP Students | Arizona State University Current CEP Students |
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| Donna Krieser donna.krieser@npc.edu (928) 532-6142 | Rebecca Cady asu.cep@asu.edu (602) 496-0937 | Cassandra Koldenhoven conhi_rnbsn@asu.edu (602) 496-0888 |

How many credits are needed for the BSN?

In this program, 38 upper division nursing credits (10 courses) and 7 upper division general study credits (usually 2 courses) are required. For a baccalaureate degree at ASU, 120 credits are required. Students with a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university may transfer up to 90 credits to ASU. Please check with an advisor.

How much does the NPC - ASU CEP cost?

NPC nursing courses are \$72 per credit hour. Textbooks, supplies and course fees are additional.

ASU Online tuition for academic year 2017-2018 is \$435 per credit hour. There is a \$50 technology fee and \$23-\$46 Financial Aid fee per semester.

Tuition costs for the required 45 credits of ASU BSN courses can be calculated in the ASU link to calculate tuition costs: <https://students.asu.edu/tuition>

- Academic Year: 2017-2018
- Residency: Arizona Resident
- Location: Online
- Academic Career: Undergraduate (Degree-Seeking)
- College: Nursing and Health Innovation, College of
- Academic Program: Nursing, BSN, Online

Textbooks for the ASU courses will be approximately \$600. Faculty try to use textbooks in more than one course.

Where can I find scholarship and financial aid information at ASU?

Scholarships: <https://nursingandhealth.asu.edu/scholarships>

Financial Aid: <https://students.asu.edu/financialaid>

How will financial aid be disbursed between the two schools?

You will need to apply for financial aid through ASU and complete and sign a consortium agreement for financial aid disbursement because federal regulations require that financial aid can only be disbursed through one college at a time. Although the financial aid between the two programs is designed to work seamlessly, this cannot be guaranteed, so there may be times when you will be asked to pay your NPC program tuition before you receive your ASU financial aid check. You will need to be prepared to pay your NPC program tuition out of pocket or by payment plan until the balance of your financial aid is awarded by ASU.

To remain in the CEP what must I do?

- Pass each NPC and ASU course every semester.
- Be enrolled in NPC nursing course and ASU every fall and spring semester and in ASU in the summer.

May I discontinue enrollment in the CEP?

Students who decide to discontinue their enrollment in the CEP may still be eligible to pursue the Associate Degree in Nursing from NPC. Students will need to work with the NPC Nursing program advisor to determine their eligibility for continuing in the NPC program. Students may re-enroll in the ASU RN to BSN after earning their AAS in Nursing degree

Will I be able to attend ASU graduation activities?

Yes, you will be able to attend both the ASU undergraduate commencement and the College of Nursing and Health Innovation convocation ceremonies.

Will I be eligible for Honor Cords at Graduation?

Arizona State University students must complete 56 credits at ASU to receive ASU honor cords. Our CEP students with a 3.40 or higher ASU GPA will receive a certificate of recognition from the college.

What do I need to do to be successful in the CEP?

- A basic set of computer skills: Word processing such as cutting and pasting in documents, saving files, sending e-mail, and using the Internet.
- A place to study. A location to complete assignments with presentations is needed periodically.
- A calendar to schedule assignment due dates, work dates, other important dates.
- Time to spend on course work. A three credit course requires 135 hours of work; a four credit hour course requires 180 hours of work. Depending on your study skills, this is 9 hours/week for a 3 credit hour course and 12 hours/week for a 4 credit hour course. This time includes assignments, lectures, discussion board, or any other activity related to learning in the course.
- Support from family and friends. You should determine ahead of time who will help you when you begin to feel stressed or tired. Faculty and administrative staff are available to help you reach your goal of obtaining a baccalaureate degree, but you need to ask for assistance.
- Money for tuition, books, other expenses. We highly recommend completing the FAFSA form.

What nursing courses will I take in the CEP?

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| TWC 361 Writing for Health Care Management | 3 credits |
| NUR 391 Professional Nursing Theory | 4 credits |
| NUR 315 Nursing Research and Application to Practice | 3 credits |
| NUR 392 Health Promotion Across the Life Span | 4 credits |
| NUR 460 Art of Nursing | 4 credits |
| NUR 440 Community/Public Health Nursing in the United States | 4 credits |
| NUR 495 Public and Global Health in Nursing | 4 credits |
| NUR 444 Innovation in Nursing | 4 credits |
| NUR 445 Nursing Management in Health Care | 4 credits |
| NUR 464 Capstone: The Synthesis of Professional Nursing | 4 credits |
| Upper division General Study requirements | 7 credits |

NPC - ASU CEP Plan of Study

The plan of study for fall entry into the nursing program is outlined below and must be followed without deviation. To maintain your status as a Concurrent Enrollment Program student, you must be enrolled in an ASU course every semester as noted below. In the event that modification of this course of study is absolutely necessary, approval by the ASU nursing program director is required.

| Courses | Summer (Required prior to NUR 121 in Fall Entry) | Total: 7 credits |
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| (ASU) TWC 361 | Writing for Health Care Management | 3 credits |
| (ASU) SOC 390 or (NPC) PSY 201 or MAT 125 | Social Statistics I | 4 credits |
| Semester 1 | Fall | Total: 14 credits |
| (NPC) NUR 117 | Pharmacology I | 2 credits |
| (NPC) NUR 121 | Nursing I | 8 credits |
| (ASU) NUR 391 | Professional Nursing Theory | 4 credits |
| Semester 2 | Spring | Total: 15 credits |
| (NPC) NUR 118 | Pharmacology II | 2 credits |
| (NPC) NUR 122 | Nursing II | 8 credits |
| (NPC) NUR 125 | PN Completion Course | 2 credits |
| (ASU) NUR 315 | Nursing Research and Application to Practice | 3 credits |
| | Summer | Total: 11 - 12 credits |
| (ASU) NUR 392 | Health Promotion Across the Lifespan | 4 credits |
| (ASU) NUR 460 | Art of Nursing | 4 credits |
| One Upper Division Elective | (SB with C and/or H) or (SB or HU with C and/or H) | 3-4 credits |
| Semester 3 | Fall | Total: 15 credits |
| (NPC) NUR 221 | Nursing III | 8 credits |
| (NPC) SOC 120 or ANT 102 | General Sociology or Cultural Anthropology | 3 credits |
| (ASU) NUR 440 | Community/Public Health in U.S. | 4 credits |
| Semester 4 | Spring | Total: 14 credits |
| (NPC) NUR 222 | Nursing IV | 8 credits |
| (NPC) NUR 219 | NCLEX Review Course | 2 credits |
| (ASU) NUR 495 | Community Global Health | 4 credits |
| Graduate from NPC with AAS degree; eligible for NCLEX-RN licensure exam | | |
| | Summer | Total: 7 – 8 credits |
| One Upper Division Elective | (SB with C and/or H) or (SB or HU with C and/or H) | 3-4 credits |
| (ASU) NUR 444 | Nursing Innovation | 4 credits |
| Semester 5 | Fall | Total: 8 credits |
| (ASU) NUR 445 | Leadership/Management for RNs (session A) | 4 credits |
| (ASU) NUR 464* | Capstone (session B) <i>All courses, including upper division electives, must be completed prior to enrolling in NUR 464.</i> | 4 credits |
| Graduation from ASU with BSN | | |

How to Apply

- Step 1: Student decides to pursue the CEP through the NPC - ASU partnership.
- Step 2: Student is referred to the NPC nursing advisor about the course requirements for the NPC AAS in Nursing program and the ASU BSN program.
- Step 3: Student applies to and receives an assigned seat in the NPC AAS in Nursing program.
- Step 4: Student attends NPC Spring Orientation Session.
- Step 5: Student submits the CEP application and unofficial transcripts to ASU.
- Step 6: The CEP Acceptance Committee reviews applications and determines acceptance, alternate, or denial.
- Step 7: Applicants selected for placement are notified of status and given the ability to accept or refuse placement.
- Step 8: Selected students will apply to the ASU College of Nursing and Health Innovation through ASU and will enroll in TWC 361.
- Step 9: Student completes TWC 361 and begins the NPC - ASU CEP course of study in the Fall semester.
- Step 10: Student graduates with an Associates of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing from NPC.
- Step 11: Student tests for NCLEX-RN® and becomes licensed.
- Step 12: Student graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) from ASU.