ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

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Description and Outcomes
The Associate of Science in Nursing program is a prelicensure nursing education program. The program offers a dynamic curriculum designed to organize and integrate content, skills, and procedures, increase your knowledge and competence, and provide the foundation for progressively higher levels of nursing practice.

Upon successful completion of the required plan of study and all other graduation requirements, you may be academically prepared to apply to take the licensing examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN®). Refer to the Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams (p. 2) section for important program disclosure information. If you complete the associate's degree and successfully pass the NCLEX-RN, you will be eligible to enter the Purdue Global Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree-completion program.

The Associate of Science in Nursing program admits students who have no prior health care experience as well as individuals who have completed a practical nursing program.

Clinical Experiences
The program blends online coursework with on-ground, facility-based clinical experiences. Refer to the Progression Requirements (p. 2) section and the Clinical Experiences (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/nursing/) section for details.

Program Length
The Associate of Science in Nursing program consists of a minimum of 116 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will receive an associate of science degree.

Program Availability
Enrollment in the program is limited. Contact an Admissions Advisor for details.

Program Outcomes

Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. Foundational Nursing Skills: Integrate the nursing process into caring for clients at different levels along the health–wellness continuum.
2. Professional Roles: Integrate knowledge from nursing and other disciplines into the delivery of competent, culturally sensitive, and developmentally appropriate care.
3. Leadership: Utilize leadership and management skills within the scope of identified roles for the associate's degree graduate.
5. Health Care Technology: Demonstrate safe and appropriate performance of nursing skills including using various technologies within the health care delivery system.
6. Values: Integrate ethical decision making and legal considerations into professional practice.
7. Communication: Apply effective communication skills within the professional role.
8. Professional Development Plan: Analyze one's own professional growth and progress toward the achievement of self-initiated goals.

General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies
In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the General Education and Professional Competency Requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education-professional-competency-requirements/) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability Information
For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships/) section and Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf).

Policies

Admissions Requirements
You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Purdue Global's general requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements/).

If you have held prior health care licensure or certification, it may be subject to additional review during the admissions process. Past disciplinary action may be grounds for denial of admission to the program.

If you have passed the NCLEX-PN® and hold an active PN license, you must possess an active, unencumbered LPN license in the states in which you hold licensure. If you are a graduate of the University’s Practical Nursing Diploma program, you must be in good academic standing and have no Code of Conduct violations (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/student-information-services/conduct/).

Two weeks prior to the beginning of any course with a clinical component, you may be required to submit current American Heart Association CPR Certification (also called BLS) at the Healthcare Provider Level; online and the American Red Cross will not be accepted. Certification must be valid during your full tenure in the program.

Prior to enrollment, you must:

1. Be at least 18 years old at the program's start date.
2. Complete an informational interview with an admissions representative.
3. Achieve the minimum required scores on the entrance assessment tests, as required by the School of Nursing.
4. Complete enrollment activities including the Student Expectations Acknowledgment Form.
5. Pay all applicable application fees.
6. Submit a request for a criminal background check (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements/) to the Purdue Global-approved vendor prior to the first day of your first term. If your criminal background check is
not approved by the end of the third week of your first term, your enrollment will be cancelled.

**Progression Requirements**

1. You must achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each of the required courses for the program and attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
2. Prior to beginning any nursing major course, you must successfully complete the following courses with a minimum grade of "B-":

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If you are applying for transfer credit for any of the courses listed above, the prior course must have a grade of "B-" or better to transfer. You will have one opportunity to repeat a course. If you fail to achieve a "B-" on the second attempt, you will be dismissed from the program.

3. You will be withdrawn from the program if unable to successfully complete a course on the second attempt.
4. For each didactic and clinical course pair, you must successfully meet all requirements of both the didactic and clinical courses to earn passing grades. Failure of either the didactic or clinical course leads to a failure of both courses, and both courses must be retaken.
5. You must complete your clinical experiences in Polk or the surrounding counties for the Des Moines, Iowa, location and Linn or the surrounding counties for the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, location. If you are enrolled in the program at the Augustia, Maine, location, you are required to complete your clinical experiences in Lancaster or the surrounding counties. During clinical experiences, you will be supervised by a faculty clinical instructor. If you are enrolled in the program at the Augusta, Maine, location, you are required to complete your clinical experiences at various sites throughout the state of Maine. Faculty will assign you to a clinical site, and you will be supervised by a faculty clinical instructor. You are responsible for arranging and paying for your own transportation, housing, and availability to attend clinical experiences. Clinical locations may change at any time. You are required to complete all clinical activities assigned. Failure to meet clinical attendance requirements will result in failure of the course.
6. After enrollment, you must complete and/or submit the following prior to starting coursework:
   - Evidence of high school graduation or a GED certificate
   - Official transcripts from all other colleges, universities, and/or vocational schools attended, if applicable
   - Admissions interview conducted by the Academic Chair or a designee
7. In order to remain enrolled in the program, proof of the following is required:
   - Negative result on drug/chemical substance testing. You must provide a valid, verifiable, current prescription for medications you are presently taking. If you test positive and do not have a prescription as described above, you will not be permitted to start the program or re-enroll at a later date.

**Graduation Requirements**

You must meet the following graduation requirements in addition to Purdue Global's general requirements (https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/policy-information/):

1. Achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each of the major and core requirements for the program.
2. Comply with all applicable policies and requirements related to the clinical educational experiences.

**Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams**

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global's programs are not designed to meet any specific state's licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not reviewed the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions, nor intended the program to meet such requirements. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

The Associate of Science in Nursing program is designed to help you become academically and clinically qualified to provide outstanding patient care. Upon successful completion of the program of study, you may be academically prepared to apply to take the national licensure examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN®). This program is approved by the state Boards of Nursing and meets the educational requirements to obtain licensure in the states of Iowa, Maine, and Nebraska. Graduates of this program should not expect to obtain initial licensure in other states. For more information on additional eligibility requirements, please visit:

- Iowa Board of Nursing: https://nursing.iowa.gov/ibon-online-services (https://nursing.iowa.gov/ibon-online-services/)
- Nebraska Board of Nursing: http://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/Pages/Nurse-Licensing.aspx

**Degree Plan**

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The number of additional electives required will be based on the number of credits needed to meet individual state education requirements for nursing students.