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SECOND DEGREE NURSING PROGRAMS

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: EARLY ENTRY INTO NURSING AND ADVANCED PRACTICE (EENAP) PROGRAM

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: SECOND CAREERS AND NURSING (S.C.A.N.) PROGRAM

The Second Degree Nursing Programs are entry-level accelerated programs designed to provide nursing education for those who hold baccalaureate or higher degrees in other disciplines. They include accelerated preparation in basic nursing sufficient to prepare students to take the NCLEX-RN Licensure Exam.

EENAP students complete pre-licensure theory and clinical coursework leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and may continue on with courses that lead to advanced practice in nursing, specifically the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree.

S.C.A.N. students take pre-licensure theory and clinical courses and selected graduate nursing courses, followed by an internship, to prepare them to take the RN licensure examination. After successfully obtaining the RN license, students then progress with more graduate courses, selecting the nursing specialty practice area they wish to pursue for the MSN degree.

DISTINCTIVES

- Approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN).
- Graduates are eligible for the California RN License and Public Health Nursing Certificate.
- MSN graduates are eligible for certification as Clinical Nurse Specialist (CNS) and/or certification as a Nurse Practitioner in California.
- MSN graduates with the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) specialization are qualified to sit for the FNP national certifying examination.
- Clinical experiences include care of diverse cultural/ethnic groups, the poor, the underserved, and the homeless.

BENEFITS

- Students receive personalized attention in a supportive Christian environment.
- S.C.A.N. students may receive traineeships (partial tuition reimbursement) when available through a federal grant after passing the NCLEX-RN licensing exam.
- Financial aid is available through scholarships and loans.
- Clinical faculty are experienced as clinical nurse specialists or nurse practitioners in a variety of settings.

APU OVERVIEW

Azusa Pacific University offers more than 50 areas of undergraduate study, 21 master's degree programs, and 6 doctorates to a total enrollment of more than 8,300 students. The institution's founding vision is to develop scholars and disciples, doing so through on-campus education, off-site regional centers, study abroad programs, and missionary opportunities. Striving to maintain the motto *God First*, Azusa Pacific University prepares Christian scholars to serve and influence the world for Christ through excellence in higher education.

School of Nursing

PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS (BOTH EENAP AND S.C.A.N.)

- Bachelor's degree in arts or science from a regionally accredited program
- A nonrefundable application fee
- 3.0 grade-point average (GPA) in undergraduate coursework (Candidates with a GPA of 2.7-2.9 may be considered for provisional admission.)
- Completed application for admission and three letters of reference (two professional, one personal)
- Written statement of educational and professional goals
- Basic computer literacy
- Completion of prerequisite courses (expected semester units): Communication skills verbal/written (6), Human Anatomy and Lab (4), Human Physiology and Lab (4), Biochemistry (1), Organic Chemistry and Lab (3), General Microbiology and Lab (4), General Psychology (3), Human Growth and Development (Lifespan) (3), Statistics (3), and for S.C.A.N. applicants, any research course (3)
- TOEFL score of 550 or higher for all international students (International students have a separate application procedure. Please contact the Office of International Student Services at (626) 812-3055 or email iss@apu.edu.)

PRE-LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

The pre-licensure portion of both programs is offered in an intensive format and must be taken in full-time study. Courses are offered in a fixed schedule with required clinical experiences that may be scheduled Monday - Saturday. This program meets Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) requirements for licensure.

EENAP PRE-LICENSURE CURRICULUM

Semester 1		15 units
GNRS 500	Conceptual Foundations of Professional Nursing	2
GNRS 574	Foundations of Professional Nursing	4
GNRS 576	Pharmacology	2
GNRS 578	Health Assessment	3
GNRS 579A	Nursing Care of Adults and Elderly	4
Semester 2		16 units
GNRS 577	Nutrition	2
GNRS 579B	Nursing Care of Adults and Elderly	4
GNRS 582	Pathophysiology	3
GNRS 584	Mental Health Nursing	4
GNRS 585	Restorative Nursing	3
Semester 3		18 units
UNRS 306	Theoretical Frameworks	3
UNRS 496	Ethics and Issues in Professional Nursing	4
GNRS 575	Nursing Care in Maternal, Newborn, and Women's Health	4
GNRS 583	Nursing Care of Children and Young Adults	4
3XX-4XX	Upper-division Bible course	3

Semester 4 17 units

UNRS 425	Nursing Research (or GNRS 508A with prerequisite)	3
GNRS 586	Leadership and Management in Professional Nursing	3
GNRS 587	Community Health Nursing	5
GNRS 588	Advanced Nursing Care of Adults	6

Total Pre-Licensure 66 semester units

After completion of the pre-licensure courses, the student takes the NCLEX-RN licensure examination. Students may then begin working as an RN and continue their graduate studies in a clinical specialty of their choosing for the MSN.

NOTE: Before continuing graduate studies for the MSN degree, the student must achieve the passing score required by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) on the NCLEX-RN exam.

S.C.A.N. PRE-LICENSURE CURRICULUM

Semester 1 15 units

GNRS 500	Conceptual Foundations of Professional Nursing	2
GNRS 574	Foundations of Professional Nursing	4
GNRS 576	Pharmacology	2
GNRS 578	Health Assessment	3
GNRS 579A	Nursing Care of Adults and Elderly	4

Semester 2 16 units

GNRS 577	Nutrition	2
GNRS 579B	Nursing Care of Adults and Elderly	4
GNRS 582	Pathophysiology	3
GNRS 584	Mental Health Nursing	4
GNRS 585	Restorative Nursing	3

Semester 3 13 units

GNRS 504	Bioethics and Health Policy	3
GNRS 510	Family Theory in Health Care	2
GNRS 575	Nursing Care in Maternal, Newborn, and Women's Health	4
GNRS 583	Nursing Care of Children and Young Adults	4

Semester 4 15 units

GNRS 508A	Research and Theory in Advanced Practice Nursing	4
GNRS 587	Community Health Nursing	5
GNRS 588	Advanced Nursing Care of Adults	6

Semester 5 6 units

GNRS 583	Internship	3
GNRS 586	Leadership and Care Management in Professional Practice	3

The internship is an intensive period of clinical education and continuing preparation for leadership takes place in a healthcare agency under the direct supervision of a clinical preceptor and supported by clinical faculty in the graduate program. Student interns work the same hours as clinical nursing staff in the agency and gradually assume greater responsibility. At the same time, they review pre-licensure subject matter in preparation for NCLEX-RN licensure examination.

Total Pre-Licensure 65 semester units

NOTE: Before continuing graduate studies for the MSN degree, the student must successfully complete the clinical internship and achieve the passing score required by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN) on the NCLEX-RN exam.

POST-LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS

The post-licensure portion of both programs is offered in an intensive format. As an alternative to full-time study, students may elect to complete the master's degree requirements in a part-time format each semester. Whether they choose to study full- or part-time, all students may:

- elect to write a thesis or take a comprehensive exam to complete the degree.
- elect nine additional units of courses with an emphasis in nursing education or administration.

EENAP POST-LICENSURE CURRICULUM

The post-licensure portion of this program is offered in the regular MSN schedule format and varies depending on the student's chosen area of specialization. Please refer to www.apu.edu/nursing/graduate/msn or the current Graduate Catalog for further details.

S.C.A.N. POST-LICENSURE CURRICULUM

The post-licensure portion of this program varies depending on the student's chosen area of specialization. Below is a program example of the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) specialty without the thesis option. For curriculum information about other specialties, please refer to the current Graduate Catalog.

Semester 6 9 units

GNRS 506	Spiritual Care	3
GNRS 515	Advanced Pathophysiology	2
GNRS 512	Advanced Health Assessment and Health Promotion	4

Semester 7 11 units

GNRS 513	Advanced Nursing Practice Role	2
GNRS 594	Pharmacology in Advanced Nursing Practice	3

GNRS 590A 6

GNRS 590A	Primary Health Care: Young Family	6
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Semester 8 10 units

GNRS 592A	Primary Health Care: Adult and Aging Family	6
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Option Course(s) with minimum two units clinical 4

Semester 9 5 units

GNRS 591	Primary Health Care: Childbearing Family	4
GNRS 597	Comprehensive Exam*	1

* Students must choose either the thesis or comprehensive exam option for one unit of credit to complete the program. For students choosing the thesis, the two-unit course GNRS 514 is a prerequisite to proposing a thesis.

For details about Clinical Specialty Track curricula, refer to the current Graduate Catalog at www.apu.edu/academics/catalog/.

IMPORTANT NOTE: All content in this document is valid and correct at the time of publication. To verify admission requirements, curricula, and other information that is time-sensitive or subject to change, please consult the current Graduate Catalog available at www.apu.edu/academics/catalog/.