

Health Sciences

Associate of Applied Science — Nursing

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, students are expected to:

- Provide safe, quality, evidence-based, patient-centered nursing care in a variety of healthcare environments to diverse patient populations across the lifespan.
- Use clinical reasoning when engaged in the work of a professional nurse.
- Participate in quality improvement processes to improve patient care.
- Engage in teamwork with members of the interprofessional team, the patient, and the patient's support persons when managing patient care.
- Apply management, legal, ethical and professional guidelines in practice as a professional nurse.
- Use information management principles, techniques, and systems, and patient care technology to communicate, manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making.

Great Basin College offers a two-year program leading to an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing. The program is approved by the Nevada State Board of Nursing, and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). GBC is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

For additional information regarding the program's nursing accreditation, contact ACEN at:

3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326
404.975.5000
404.975.5020 (FAX)
www.acenursing.org

The mission of Great Basin College's Associate Degree Nursing Program is to provide an accessible, student-centered, post-secondary nursing education that prepares graduates for entry level nursing practice in a variety of structured healthcare settings. The curriculum integrates courses in nursing with general education requirements. Laboratory and clinical experience are offered at the College, local hospitals, long-term care centers, and community health facilities.

Enrollment in the program is limited, and students are admitted only in the Fall Semester. Selection is made using a point system. Points are given for final grades in prerequisite and general education courses, general education courses completed and the TEAS entrance exam. Additional points will be awarded for veteran applicants and students in the CTE Pathway program.

Non-nursing and pre-nursing students may not take any of the courses that begin with the NURS designation prior to admission to the AAS degree in nursing program, with the exception of NURS 130 (Nursing Assistant), NURS 285 (Special Topics in Nursing), and NURS 140 (Medical Terminology). Students who have declared nursing as their major are designated as "pre-nursing students." Students who have applied for and been accepted into the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing Program are designated "nursing students."

Students who do not have an ACT or SAT score and who have not started the English and mathematics requirements, must complete the English/ mathematics placement tests. There is no charge for this test, and it must be taken prior to enrolling in prerequisite courses. The placement tests are available at the Academic Success Center and at GBC Centers. For more information and testing times, call 775.753.2149.

Year of admission to the Associate Degree Nursing Program determines catalog year and course requirements.

Prerequisites to be completed prior to or during the semester in which application is made to the Associate's Degree Nursing Program include:

Prerequisite Requirements		Credits
INT	100	GBC Orientation..... 0.5
BIOL	223	Human Anatomy and Physiology I..... 4
BIOL	224	Human Anatomy and Physiology II 4
BIOL	251	General Microbiology..... 4
MATH	126	Precalculus I, or
STAT	152	Introduction to Statistics..... 3
PSY	101	General Psychology 3
General Education Science Requirement*		3
Completion of Certified Nursing Assistant Course within the last 5 years or current CNA License		

*BIOL 190 is a Science Department requirement to be taken prior to or concurrently with BIOL 223.

Questions about the AAS Degree in Nursing Program or the application process can be directed to the Department of Health Science and Human Services at 775.753.2301.

Admission to Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing

Special application and admission requirements exist for nursing. Prospective students should:

- Apply for admission by completing the Application for Admission packet available online. Applications are available in January and must be submitted by April 1 at 5 p.m. for the Fall Semester.

- Return completed forms to:

Nursing Department
Great Basin College
1500 College Parkway
Elko, NV 89801

College courses taken at another institution will be evaluated by the Admissions and Records Office for transfer and acceptance. All courses must have been completed at a regionally accredited institution of higher education. All previous coursework must be submitted from the institution where it was completed as an official transcript. Transcript copies are not accepted.

Upon successful completion of the program, graduates will have earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing. Nursing program graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the state of their choice to ascertain eligibility requirements.

Graduation from an accredited program is only one of the requirements and does not mean automatic licensure as a nurse.

The Nevada State Board of Nursing requires all applicants for nursing licenses and nursing assistant licenses to answer screening questions. These questions address criminal convictions, discipline in another state, chemical dependency, and medical and mental health conditions. In addition, all applicants must submit their fingerprints for an FBI and State of Nevada Criminal Background Check. For more information, visit <http://nevadanursingboard.org/> or call 1-888-590-6726.

AAS Degree in Nursing Program Requirements

Student must provide evidence of a satisfactory physical examination within the preceding six months, validating the following psychomotor requirements:

1. Assess clients through auscultation, percussion, palpation, and other diagnostic maneuvers.
2. Manipulate equipment necessary to assist the individual, family, and/or group to desired outcomes.
3. Lift and move individuals and/or groups of individuals to provide safe care and emergency treatment.

4. Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
5. Perform independently of others.
6. Possess cognitive abilities of measure, calculate dosages, reason, analyze, and synthesize.

Additional Fees

Nursing students follow the fee schedule and refund policy described on pages 63-65. In addition to tuition there are other costs specific to the Associate’s Degree Nursing Program. These fees are subject to change. A differential fee is an additional fee for students enrolled in all AAS-Nursing courses. Students in this program will also have a distance education fee that applies to IAV, online and hybrid classes. An approximation of the additional expenses include:

Textbooks and online access fees	\$2,500.00
Differential fee per credit	70.00
Uniforms, shoes, equipment, and supplies	300.00
Student Background Check and Drug Screening (required for clinical rotation) — minimum	95.50
Immunizations.....	300.00
Testing fee (NCLEX Testing Center)	200.00
Nevada State Board of Nursing licensing fee.....	105.00
FBI background check and fingerprints.....	51.25
Physical examination	Individual amount
Health insurance	Individual amount
Nursing school pin and stole	40.00-160.00
Watch with a second hand	Individual amount
Travel to clinical facilities	Individual amount
Graduation uniform.....	30.00-50.00

Requirements for Application

- GPA of 2.0 or higher on any previous college coursework.
- Minimum grade of C in any courses applied to the AAS in Nursing.
- Completed applications for both GBC and the Nursing Program must be received by Admissions and Records no later than 5 p.m., April 1.
- Completion of the nurse entrance test. This test is administered prior to April 1. The cost is approximately \$66.00.

More detailed information about the admission process will be provided in the application packet. Student selection and admission is completed one time per year.

Preference is given to GBC service area students. Applicants not selected for the program will not be carried forward to the next year’s program and must re-apply and meet the requirements prevailing at the time.

AAS Degree in Nursing Course Requirements

In order to maintain good standing in the AAS Degree in Nursing Program, a student must:

- Maintain a minimum grade of C (e.g., 76% or better) in all nursing courses,
- Comply with requirements set forth in the Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program Student Handbook,
- Attain a minimum grade of C in any non-nursing course applied to the Associate of Applied Science Nursing Degree.

General Education Requirements

The Nursing Program has slightly different general education requirements than the other GBC AAS degrees as stated on page 81. Please note the following differences:

PHIL 102 is strongly recommended to fulfill the Humanities requirement, or any Fine Arts or Humanities course as listed in the General Education requirements on page 81. Human Relations and Technology requirements are embedded in the nursing curriculum.

General Education Requirements		Credits
INT 100	GBC Orientation.....	0.5
ENG 100	Composition-Enhanced, or	
ENG 101	Composition I.....	3
ENG 102	Composition II.....	3
MATH 126	Precalculus I, or	
STAT 152	Introduction to Statistics I.....	3
PSC 101	Introduction to American Politics, or	
HIST 101	U.S. History to 1877, and	
HIST 102	U.S. History Since 1877.....	3
PSY 101	General Psychology.....	3
Science	3
Humanities or Fine Arts—PHIL 102 (recommended).....		3
Human Relations is embedded in nursing curriculum.		
Total Credits		21.5

Program Requirements		Credits
BIOL 223	Human Anatomy and Physiology I.....	4
BIOL 224	Human Anatomy and Physiology II.....	4
BIOL 251	General Microbiology.....	4
NURS 135	Fundamental Concepts in Nursing.....	8
NURS 154	Introduction to Pharmacology.....	1
NURS 155	Clinical Decision Making in Drug Therapy.....	1
NURS 158	Nursing Care of Adults in Health and Illness.....	5
NURS 159	Nursing Care of Individuals with Mental Health Problems.....	3
NURS 252	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family.....	3
NURS 253	Nursing Care of Children and Adolescents.....	3

NURS 257	Nursing of Adults with Acute and Chronic Illness.....	5
NURS 258	Patients with Complex Health Problems.....	4
NURS 273	Professional Development and Transition to Practice.....	2
NURS 280	Evidence Based Practice for Quality Improvement Seminar.....	2
Total Credits		49
Total Credits for the AAS Nursing Program.		70.5

*BIOL 190 is a Science Department requirement to be taken prior to or concurrently with BIOL 223.

SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE Associate of Applied Science Nursing

FALL—1st Semester		Credits
ENG 100 or 101		3
NURS 135		8
NURS 154		1
SPRING—2nd Semester		Credits
ENG 102		3
NURS 155		1
NURS 158		5
NURS 159		3
FALL—3rd Semester		Credits
NURS 252		3
NURS 253		3
NURS 257		5
PSC 101		3
SPRING—4th Semester		Credits
NURS 258		4
NURS 273		2
NURS 280		2
HUMANITIES or FINE ARTS*		3
(PHIL 102 recommended)		

***Choose with advisor**

After the AAS in Nursing, the next step could be the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. See page 180.