
Working together to provide Associate and Baccalaureate Degrees in Nursing



What you need to know

**Concurrent Associate Degree
Baccalaureate Degree
Nursing Program**

INTRODUCTION

The Pima Community College (PCC)/Northern Arizona University (NAU) Concurrent Enrollment Associate Degree/Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program is designed for qualified associate degree nursing students who are interested in earning their Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree while pursuing their Associate's degree in Nursing. When followed in sequence, this program enables students to complete their BSN degree concurrently in the same semester as graduating with their AAS degree.

Students enrolled in the CEP will follow the traditional course of study for all PCC students pursuing their AAS degree in Nursing, but at the same time they will also be enrolled in required NAU nursing courses. Because NAU courses are taken online or in hybrid format, all NAU courses using a hybrid format will be offered in Tucson.

2020-21 NAU CEP cost including fees is approximately \$14,782.

** NAU tuition effective 7/1/20 is \$455 per credit hour. University fees may apply and tuition is subject to change due to AZ state budget appropriations. Books may be up to an additional \$1000.

CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Pima Community College/NAU Concurrent Enrollment AAS/BSN Program is a 6-semester program. A limited number of participants are selected from the pool of Pima Community College nursing students who have applied to the Concurrent Enrollment Program and have met all eligibility requirements. The student is enrolled in both Pima Community College and Northern Arizona University. Students must complete 120 credits, 90 of which can be completed at PCC, with the remaining 30 completed through NAU.

Once the CEP student is dually enrolled, the student must accomplish additional coursework from NAU (6 credits) prior to entering the first semester of the PCC nursing program. Thereafter, the CEP student will take one to two NAU courses with each of the PCC semesters and additional coursework during summer semesters. If a student fails an NAU course or is unable to continue in the concurrent pathway during the CEP, the student may still continue in the PCC nursing program. The student may then return to NAU after completion of the AAS degree to complete the BSN components.

ELIGIBILITY: To be considered for participation in the PCC/NAU CEP, the following is required:

- Completed attendance at a PCC/NAU CEP Information Session.
- Score $\geq 75\%$ on the HESI A2 Exam in Reading, Math and Anatomy/Physiology. (HESI testing will be made available to students once they have attended a CEP Information Session. HESI is not required by NAU)
- A completed PCC Nursing Application: Students submit completed application and appropriate supportive documents including transcripts and HESI A2 exam scores to PCC. (deadlines are listed on PCC's Nursing website). HESI is not required by NAU. Students interested in pursuing the PCC/NAU CEP have the option to indicate their interest on the application, so that NAU advisors will evaluate their admissibility to the CEP, following their acceptance into the PCC Nursing program.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 in all PCC and NAU prerequisites that are noted with an asterisk (*) on page 3.
- All PCC prerequisites must be completed by the time of CEP application submission in order for a student to be considered for the PCC/NAU CEP.
- Students should follow the Pima CC AAS in Nursing Guided Pathway and meet with a nursing advisor:
<https://pima.edu/academics-programs/degrees-certificates/health-sciences/nursing/nursing-adn-aas/index.html>

NAU & PCC REQUIRED PREREQUISITES:

<u>PCC/NAU Prerequisites:</u>	
Accuplacer Reading > or = 92 HESI A2 Assessment (one year from application)	College Mathematics (MAT 142 or higher)*
Human Nutrition and Biology (FSN 127IN or BIO 127IN or FSN 154) *	Statistics (MAT 167* or PSY 230*)
Documented Math at MAT 142 by Assessment Exam or MAT 151	Biology or Chemistry ((BIO 156in or (BIO 181in + BIO 157) or CHM 130in))*
WRT 101 (Composition I) with a "C" or higher or CLEP	Human Pathophysiology (BIO 218)*
Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 201in or BIO 201h)*	Liberal studies, AGECE, or Post baccalaureate degree
Human Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 202in)*	
Microbiology (BIO 205in)*	
Introduction to Psychology (PSY 101)*	
Developmental Psychology (PSY 240) or Human Development & Relations (ECE 107)*	
WRT 102 (Composition II)	
HRP 100 Success in Health Professions	

* Courses used for GPA calculation

PIMA COURSES = 90 CREDITS/NAU COURSES = 30 CREDITS

KEY INFORMATION

- Only the applications of students accepted to the PCC Nursing program will be evaluated by NAU's advising team for further acceptance into the CEP.
- All students must complete both NAU and PCC program prerequisites as noted above.
- To ensure that prerequisites meet program requirements, students are encouraged to meet with PCC and NAU Nursing advisors.
- Students must attend a PCC CEP Information Session prior to applying to the program.
- Final determinations of transfer credits will be made by PCC and NAU admissions committee members.
- Application and acceptance to NAU's School of Nursing is completed after eligibility into the CEP is determined.
- If you are currently enrolled and taking courses at PCC in a nursing cohort, you are not eligible to transfer into the CEP Program. Please refer to the www.nursing.nau.edu website to explore RN to BSN degree options.

RN-BSN CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM
Recommended PLAN OF STUDY

	Fall – 1st Semester	Pima Community College	Credits
PCC	PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	4
PCC	BIO 156in <u>or</u> (BIO 181in + BIO 157) <u>or</u> CHM 130in	Introduction to BIO-Allied Health <u>or</u> (Gen BIO + Basic Histology for A & P) <u>or</u> Fundamentals of Chemistry	5 or 4 or 4
PCC	MAT 142 <u>or</u> MAT 151	Topics in College Math <u>or</u> College Algebra	4
PCC	HRP 100	Success in Health Professions	1
	Spring – 2nd Semester	TOTAL	14
PCC	WRT 101	Writing I	3
PCC	ANT 112	Exploring Non-Western Cultures (I-C-G for AGECA)	3
PCC	PSY 240 <u>or</u> ECE 107	Developmental Psychology <u>or</u> Human Dev. & Relations	3
PCC	MAT 167 <u>or</u> PSY 230	Statistics <u>or</u> Psychology Measurement & Statistics	3
	Fall – 3rd Semester	TOTAL	12
PCC	WRT 102	Writing II	3
PCC	Fine Arts Class	Any fine Arts class from AGECA ARTS subsection if a student completes I, C & G for AGECA	3
PCC	FSN 127in <u>or</u> BIO 127in <u>or</u> FSN 154	Human Nutrition and Biology <u>or</u> Biology & Human Nutrition <u>or</u> Nutrition	4 or 3
PCC	BIO 201in <u>or</u> BIO 201ih	Human Anatomy and Physiology I <u>or</u>	4
	Spring – 4th Semester	TOTAL	14
PCC	BIO 202IN	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
PCC	BIO 205IN	Microbiology	4
PCC	BIO 218	Human Pathophysiology	4
	Fall – 5th Semester	* Prior to entering PCC RN Program	TOTAL
NAU	NUR 330	Nursing as a Discipline and Profession	3
NAU	NUR 321	Gerontology	3
		TOTAL	6
	Spring – 6th Semester	Start PCC RN Program	
PCC	NRS 104	Nursing Process I	8
PCC	NRS 108	Drug Calculations	1
PCC	NRS 155	Pharmacology	3
NAU	NUR 307	Health Assessment for Registered Nurses	1
NAU	NUR 307L	Health Assessment Lab (at Pima CC)	1
	Summer - 7th Semester	TOTAL	14
NAU	NUR 390W	Research and Evidence Based Practice in Nursing	3
NAU	NUR 320	Basic Principles in Palliative Care	3
	Fall - 8th Semester	TOTAL	6
PCC	NRS 105	Nursing Process II	9
NAU	NUR 424	Nursing Informatics & Health Care Policy	3
	Spring - 9th Semester	TOTAL	12
PCC	NRS 201	Nursing Process III	9
NAU	NUR 420	Family Nursing Roles	3
	Summer - 10th Semester	TOTAL	12
NAU	NUR 442	Public Health Nursing Roles	5
	Fall – 11th Semester	TOTAL	5
PCC	NRS 202	Nursing Process IV	9
NAU	NUR 450C	Nursing Leadership	3
NAU	NUR 452	Nursing Leadership Applications	2
		TOTAL	14

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who can apply to the PCC/NAU Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP)?

All students who have completed the eligibility requirements for the CEP are encouraged to apply.

Where does the program take place?

The CEP will be offered at Pima Community College West Campus and Northern Arizona University, Tucson.

Is there a waiting list for the CEP?

There is no waiting list for the CEP. If you are not accepted into the program for the semester to which you applied, you must reapply for consideration in a subsequent application cycle.

Do I have to attend a CEP Information Session?

Yes. Applications for the CEP program can only be obtained at an Information Session. Check PCC Nursing's website for future locations, dates, and times.

How do I register for a CEP Information Session?

Students may register for a CEP Information Session through the PCC Nursing website. Please contact a PCC Nursing advisor for any questions about this process.

What should I include with my application?

Students submit a completed application and appropriate supportive documents including transcripts and HESI A2 exam scores.

What are we looking for in a potential candidate who is applying for the CEP?

Applications that meet eligibility requirements will be reviewed and student selection will be based on GPA, previous college degree completion, and HESI A2 scores. NAU does not require HESI.

What are my next steps after I am admitted to the PCC/NAU CEP and accept my offer?

The NAU advising team will notify you of your acceptance to the PCC/NAU CEP. At that time, they will provide you with step-by-step instructions for applying to the university. The advising team will keep you informed about the enrollment structure and financial aid.

If I am receiving financial aid, how will it be disbursed between the two schools?

Because federal regulations require that financial aid can only be disbursed through one college at a time, you will need to apply for financial aid through NAU and complete and sign a consortium agreement for financial aid disbursement. 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 Pima Community College program tuition before you receive your NAU financial aid check. You will need to be prepared to pay your Pima Community College program tuition out of pocket or by payment plan until the balance of your financial aid is awarded by NAU.

ADVISOR CONTACT INFORMATION

PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**West Campus Advising Center
Or
Department of Nursing
520-206-6661**

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

**NAU Advisors
NAUonline@nau.edu
800-628-0040**

10 STEPS TO SUCCESS

- STEP 1:** Student seeks advisement about course requirements for the PCC and NAU CEP program.
- STEP 2:** Student completes all prerequisites for PCC and NAU to be considered for the CEP program.
- STEP 3:** Student registers for and attends CEP Information Session.
- STEP 4:** Student submits application with HESI A2 scores, transcripts, and supportive documents before the application deadline. NAU does not require HESI.
- STEP 5:** CEP Acceptance Committee reviews applications and determines applicant acceptance.
- STEP 6:** Applicants selected for PCC Nursing placement notified of PCC admission status and accept/refuse placement.
- STEP 7:** Applicants selected for PCC/NAU CEP placement notified of CEP admission status and accept/refuse placement.
- STEP 8:** Admitted students will be contacted by the NAU advising team with steps to apply to NAU's Undergraduate Admissions. Following admission to CEP and NAU, students will be automatically enrolled into NAU classes.
- STEP 9:** Student begins NAU classes in the summer or fall and begins PCC Nursing classes in the subsequent fall or spring semester.
- STEP 10:** Student graduates from PCC with AAS degree in Nursing and graduates from NAU with BSN degree; take and pass NCLEX-RN.