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MaricopaNursing and Grand Canyon University

# AAS IN NURSING TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

*Concurrent Enrollment Pathway 2024-25*



**GRAND CANYON  
UNIVERSITY**

COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONS



**MARICOPA  
COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

# AAS-BSN NURSING

## Concurrent Enrollment Pathway

If you are pursuing a nursing career, the MaricopaNursing-Grand Canyon University Associate in Applied Science in Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Concurrent Enrollment Pathway (AAS-BSN NCEP) may be for you. The AAS-BSN NCEP allows you to take seven core nursing courses from the BSN program at GCU concurrently with your AAS courses at MaricopaNursing. Once you complete your AAS courses and pass the NCLEX, you will move into the final courses before graduating with a BSN.

## Why Choose This Path?

### ▶ JUMPSTART YOUR NURSING EDUCATION:

By concurrently enrolling in the AAS with MaricopaNursing and the GCU-BSN NCEP (the core courses from the BSN), you will be taught hands-on nursing skills and the core competencies of a BSN-prepared nurse.

### ▶ TAKE A STEP FORWARD, NOT SIDEWAYS:

Complete your BSN classes concurrently while completing your AAS from MaricopaNursing.

### ▶ POTENTIALLY SET YOURSELF APART:

NCEP courses give you the opportunity to develop advanced clinical reasoning, critical thinking and problem-solving skills. This produces a workforce well-positioned for career progression through higher education at the master's and doctoral levels. Your commitment to earning your BSN degree may give you an advantage, especially with hospitals that have or are seeking Magnet status.<sup>1</sup>

### ▶ SAVE MONEY:

You'll receive a tuition reduction on your concurrent BSN courses while enrolled in the NCEP. As a MaricopaNursing graduate, you'll also be eligible for a discount on the remainder of your program at GCU.

<sup>1</sup>NurseJournal. 2023, Jan. 10. [Top 10 advantages of a BSN degree](#). Retrieved Nov. 3, 2023.

## Things You Should Know

1. You will need to apply for acceptance into the NCEP and provide documentation showing that you have met eligibility requirements. Participation in the NCEP is limited to a select number of applicants who have demonstrated completion of prerequisite coursework and have met eligibility requirements.
2. If accepted into the NCEP, you will be enrolled in MaricopaNursing and GCU at the same time. You will be responsible for financial obligations to both schools. GCU can assist with creating a financial plan.
3. Students will begin the program with one GCU course taken the semester prior to starting their AAS with MaricopaNursing (NRS-415: Nursing Leadership and Interprofessional Collaboration).
4. Most GCU-BSN courses are five weeks and delivered in a convenient online modality (clinical, practicum and immersion hours completed locally).
5. MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP graduates will have the opportunity to be prepared with the expected professional knowledge and skills of a new graduate BSN-prepared nurse.
6. Students accepted into this pathway will receive a BSN upon completion of the GCU sequence of courses.

## Eligibility

To be considered for participation in the AAS-BSN NCEP, the following is required:

- ▶ Acceptance into the MaricopaNursing pool
- ▶ Completion of all MaricopaNursing and GCU prerequisite requirements
- ▶ Meet the minimum GPA of 3.0 in all MaricopaNursing and GCU courses noted on the following page
- ▶ Attend an NCEP information session or complete the online information session
- ▶ Submit your AAS-BSN NCEP application at the MaricopaNursing school of first choice during the application intake periods: Dec. 1 – Jan. 31 and April 1 – May 31. AAS-BSN NCEP applications will not be accepted outside of these intake period dates

# REQUIRED PREREQUISITES AND COREQUISITES:



MaricopaNursing Prerequisites and Corequisites
First Year Composition (ENG101 & ENG102 or ENG107 & ENG108) <sup>1</sup>
Critical Reading (CRE101) or test exempt
Chemistry (CHM130, CHM130LL or high school chemistry with lecture/lab; check with advisor)
College Mathematics (MAT140 or higher)
Introduction to Psychology (PSY101) or Developmental Psychology (PSY240) <sup>1</sup>
Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II (BIO201; BIO202) <sup>1</sup>
Microbiology (BIO205) <sup>1</sup>
Humanities Elective (2 credits)
Nurse Assisting (NUR158 or equivalent nurse assistant course)

<sup>1</sup> To ensure that prerequisites meet program requirements, you are encouraged to meet with MCCC and GCU college advisors.

## HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

MaricopaNursing and GCU have health and safety requirements that must be met prior to enrolling and participating in any clinical experience. Health care agencies throughout the state require vaccinations, titers and other requirements such as background checks, CPR, substance screening, etc. These requirements are subject to change per health care agency contracts with the educational institution. You must be compliant (with no exception) with agency requirements prior to and throughout the program.

## Key Information

### TO BE CONSIDERED FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PATHWAY, THE FOLLOWING IS REQUIRED:

- ▶ You must have a current application in the MaricopaNursing pool before being considered for the AAS-BSN NCEP.
- ▶ You must complete all prerequisites and corequisites for MaricopaNursing and GCU.
- ▶ To ensure prerequisites meet program requirements, meet with MaricopaNursing and GCU-assigned university counselor found on the last page of brochure.
- ▶ Attendance at an NCEP information session with a signed document of completion is mandatory before application to the MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP.
- ▶ All MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP nursing courses will be taught at the MaricopaNursing program location. MaricopaNursing coursework may be offered in a hybrid format (a portion of classes in person and a portion online).
- ▶ Final determination of transfer credits will be made by both MaricopaNursing and GCU admissions personnel.
- ▶ Students currently enrolled in a MaricopaNursing Program may be eligible to transfer into the MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP at the midpoint entry dates (check with a MaricopaNursing and GCU university counselor to determine midpoint dates).

# Maricopa Community College District & Grand Canyon University

## AAS in Nursing to BSN – CEP

### SPRING START

Pre-MCCCD	Fall	Credits
(GCU) NRS-415	Nursing Leadership & Interprofessional Collaboration	3
Semester I	Spring	
(MN) NUR152	MaricopaNursing Block 1	9
(GCU) PHI-413V	Ethical and Spiritual Decision-Making in Healthcare (online five-week course)	3
	Summer Break	
(GCU) HLT-362V	Applied Statistics for Health Care Professionals (online five-week course)	3
Semester II	Fall	
(MN) NUR172	MaricopaNursing Block 2	9
(GCU) NRS-420	Health Assessment (online five-week course)	
(GCU) NRS-450	Nursing Informatics (online five-week course)	3
Semester III	Spring	
(MN) NUR252	MaricopaNursing Block 3	9
(GCU) NRS-425	Health Promotion and Population Health (online five-week course)	3
Semester IV	Fall	
(MN) NUR283	MaricopaNursing Block 4	9
(GCU) NRS-460	Complex Disease Management (online five-week course)	3
Graduate from Maricopa Community College District with AAS in Nursing; Pass NCLEX-RN Complete Remaining BSN Course Requirements <sup>1</sup>		
(GCU) NRS-455	Pathophysiology (online five-week course or upper division equivalent credits)	3
(GCU) NRS-445	Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice (online five-week course)	3
(GCU) NRS-465	Applied Evidence-Based Project and Practicum (practicum completed locally; 10-week course) <sup>2</sup>	6

<sup>1</sup> Total Credit Hours for Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion: 120 Credits

**General Education Requirements (May be taken at GCU or substituted through course equivalency):** MAT-144 College Mathematics (4 credits) and BIO-319 Applied Nutrition (4 credits). Recommended elective coursework to fulfill baccalaureate requirements for graduation (120 credit hours): UNV-103 University Foundations (online) and CWV-101 Christian Worldview (online). Students must have 120 credit hours to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Grand Canyon University.

<sup>2</sup> 100 Direct Practicum Hours (50 Leadership / 50 Community – Public Health): Clinical Placements Field Experience Support

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## AAS in Nursing to BSN – CEP

### FALL START

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Semester I	Fall	
(MN) NUR152	MaricopaNursing Block 1	9
(GCU) PHI-413V	Ethical and Spiritual Decision-Making in Healthcare (online five-week course)	3
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# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ► Who can apply to the MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP?

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

## ► Will I complete a BSN degree along this pathway?

Yes, students accepted into this NCEP will be granted a BSN upon completion at GCU. The coursework will result in an AAS in Nursing (from MaricopaNursing) and a BSN from GCU. Following completion of the AAS from MaricopaNursing, the student will be required to successfully complete the NCLEX-RN examination.

## ► Where does the pathway take place?

The AAS-BSN NCEP courses will be offered at MaricopaNursing pathway sites. GCU courses will be taught online. Clinical, practicum and immersion hours will be completed locally.

## ► Is there a waiting list for the MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP?

There is no waiting list for the MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN. If you are not accepted into the program, you must reapply to be considered for enrollment in future semesters. Once your application is in the MaricopaNursing pool, the application will remain in the pool until placed in the NCEP or as a traditional AAS student.

## ► Do I have to attend an AAS-BSN NCEP information session?

Yes. All students who apply to AAS-BSN NCEP must attend an information session. The applications can be downloaded from the MaricopaNursing website: [nursing.maricopa.edu](http://nursing.maricopa.edu). You must attend the entire information session to have your name placed on the list for program consideration, so plan to arrive on time and remain for the entire session. There is also an online information session available.

## ► How do I attend a MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP information session?

Information sessions are available at various times at each MaricopaNursing college. Check with the advisors at each college to see when the next information session will be offered.

## ► What should I bring when turning in my NCEP application during the MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP application period?

Bring your completed NCEP application, HESI A2 scores and copies of unofficial transcripts from all educational institutions attended.

## ► What do you look for in a potential candidate applying for the MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP?

We look for applicants who have demonstrated strong academic achievement and the ability to balance personal, academic and professional commitments. Specifically, student selection will be based on GPA and HESI A2 scores.

## ► If I am not selected for the MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP, can I reapply?

As long as you meet the current NCEP requirements, you are eligible to reapply.

## ► Do I need to be admitted to the MaricopaNursing pool and to GCU?

To be eligible to apply for the MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP, you must be in the MaricopaNursing applicant pool. Following your acceptance into the MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP, you will apply to GCU. Official transcripts from all educational institutions attended must then be submitted to both the MaricopaNursing college location you will attend and to GCU.

## ► If I am not finished with all my prerequisite and corequisite (Maricopa) courses the semester before I plan to start the pathway, can I still apply for the MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP?

No. To be eligible to apply, all prerequisite and corequisite courses must be complete.

## ► How much does the MaricopaNursing AAS-BSN NCEP cost?

Tuition costs for the (approximate) 36 credits of MaricopaNursing AAS courses are approximately \$3,060.1 Textbooks, supplies, registration and course fees are additional. During the concurrent enrollment pathway students are charged for each course individually.

Tuition costs for the required credits of GCU-BSN courses are reduced to \$250 per credit hour.<sup>1</sup> Textbooks, supplies and course fees are additional. The remaining BSN courses are currently \$340 per credit.

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

You will need to apply for financial aid through Maricopa Community Colleges for the first four blocks of the program. You will be responsible for arranging payment for the concurrent GCU courses. At the completion of the MaricopaNursing blocks, you will have the ability to apply for financial aid through GCU for the completion of your BSN coursework. Financial aid is dependent on many factors that vary from student to student, such as previous degrees, number of courses previously taken, etc., and aid or loans for this program are not guaranteed. You will need to be prepared to pay for your GCU program tuition out of pocket or by arrangement with GCU until the balance of your financial aid is awarded by GCU.

## ► How are classes scheduled?

You will be registered for your MaricopaNursing classes through the community college admissions and records department. Course schedules will be posted on Canvas. A GCU university counselor will help you register for the GCU nursing courses. You will conduct your GCU nursing courses online. Your university counselor will help you get started and make sure that you are comfortable with this interactive online classroom.

## ► Where do I go for academic advisement for this pathway?

There are GCU university counselors assigned to each MaricopaNursing campus who are available to meet with students while at MaricopaNursing or at a location convenient to you (list of GCU university counselors found on the last page of this brochure). Once accepted into the pathway, you will be assigned a GCU student services counselor (SSC) to assist you with any scheduling or financial questions you may have. MaricopaNursing advisors are available on each MaricopaNursing campus.

<sup>1</sup>MOU 7433: This scholarship is only valid for applicants who are current students of a Maricopa Community College Associate Degree Nursing Program and submit a complete application for the MaricopaNursing RN-BSN NCEP beginning on or before May 19, 2025. By committing to start your NCEP through our online or local cohort offerings, Grand Canyon University will offer you scholarship rate of \$250 per credit hour for the 21 undergraduate NCEP credits required to complete the pathway. This scholarship will be applied at the same time the tuition charges occur.



# 12 STEPS

## *to Your BSN*

- 1.** Decide to apply to MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP.
- 2.** Meet with MaricopaNursing and GCU advisors to determine course prerequisites and corequisites for MaricopaNursing and GCU College of Nursing and Health Care Professions are met.
- 3.** Apply and be accepted into the MaricopaNursing pool.
- 4.** Register and attend an AAS-BSN NCEP information session.
- 5.** Gather HESI A2 scores and unofficial transcripts from all educational institutions attended. Be prepared to submit a completed NCEP application during the application intake period.
- 6.** MaricopaNursing-GCU AAS-BSN NCEP Acceptance Committee score applications according to the rubric and select applicants for admission into the pathway for the upcoming semester.
- 7.** Applicants selected for placement are notified of their application status.
- 8.** Applicants have approximately one week to accept or decline their placement offer. If declined, the MaricopaNursing application remains in the database but the student will need to reapply for the NCEP.
- 9.** Apply to GCU and enroll in first course. Receive admission information for MaricopaNursing program.
- 10.** Study and maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA for progression through the BSN.
- 11.** Graduate with AAS in Nursing from MaricopaNursing; successfully complete NCLEX-RN licensure exam. Notify GCU of successful completion of NLCEX-RN.
- 12.** Complete remaining courses through GCU for successful completion of BSN.





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