



SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES



ASN PROGRAM, ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

University Profile

The University of Saint Francis was founded in 1890 and has a rich heritage of offering quality education. Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan traditions of Faith and Reason, the University of Saint Francis engages a diverse community in learning, leadership and service. Personal attention to students is what makes a USF education so meaningful and enriching to its approximately 2,100 students. The campus has 108 acres of rolling lawns and trees with 19 buildings and four residence halls that surround beautiful Mirror Lake.

Department of Nursing

Mission

Rooted in Franciscan values, the Nursing faculty prepare a diverse community of students for professional nursing, lifelong learning, service, and leadership.

Program Overview

The Associate of Science in Nursing Program prepares graduates for entry level practice as nurse generalists. Students are assisted to value service and develop caring behaviors in clinical practice by recognizing, responding and valuing caring as the foundation for the profession of nursing. The nursing roles of provider of care, manager of care and active member of the discipline are emphasized as students progress through the curriculum. Students integrate concepts from physical, social and behavioral sciences and humanities with nursing knowledge and evidence-based practice. Using the nursing process as a critical thinking framework, students provide safe, accurate and individualized nursing care to select individuals and groups with health needs or common well-defined health problems. Students care for a variety of patient populations across the life span and the healthcare continuum in acute care, long-term care and community-based settings. After completing the degree, graduates are eligible to apply for the

National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Admission Requirements

A point system is used to evaluate applications of qualified candidates in order to accept applicants into the program as either a pre-nursing or nursing major. The point system used by the Nursing Program Admissions Committee will be provided to an applicant upon request.

Traditional Students (up to age 24)

- Graduate from an accredited high school.
- Have a 2.7 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Earn a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) re-centered score of 1000 or above or an American College Test (ACT) composite score of 21 or above.
- Have successfully completed ("C" or better) one year of high school algebra and biology and one year of high school chemistry with a "B-" or better.
- Have completed TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills).

Adult Students (25 years and older)

- Graduate from an accredited high school.
- Have a 2.7 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Students who did not graduate from high school must have completed the General Education Development (GED) tests with a combined total battery GED score of 2500 with no sub-test score below 500.
- Have Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) scores from high school that would be equivalent to the current requirement of 1000 SAT or 21 ACT.
- Have successfully completed ("C" or better) one year of high school algebra and biology and one year of high school chemistry with a "B-" or better.
- Have completed TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills).

Transfer Students

- Meet university entrance requirements for transfer students.
- Have a minimum transfer cumulative GPA of 2.7.
- Have successfully completed ("C" or better) one year of high school algebra and biology and one year of high school chemistry with a grade of "B-" or better or one semester of college level algebra, chemistry and biology with a grade of "C" or better.
- Only nursing courses with a grade of "B-" or better can be considered for transfer credit.
- A minimum of 26 credit hours in nursing must be taken at the University of Saint Francis to be awarded an associate degree in nursing.
- Have completed TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills).

Students who do not meet the nursing admission criteria may be admitted to the university as a pre-nursing major. Each applicant is reviewed on an individual basis.

Entry into the clinical sequence is based on availability of enrollment openings for the course. When necessary to form a waiting list for clinical courses the following criteria are used for prioritizing students to begin the clinical sequence:

1. GPA earned at the University of Saint Francis.
2. Date of entry into the nursing program.
3. Number of credit hours completed toward the degree, including transfer credit.
4. Grades in non-nursing courses, especially science and math courses.

Once admitted to the nursing major, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.7, achieve a "B-" or better in all nursing courses, achieve a "P" in all nursing clinical courses, and earn a grade of "C" or better in all required non-nursing courses.

Major Coursework

Following is a listing of general education and nursing courses required for the ASN. Changes may be made in the curriculum as necessary.

General Education Courses:

Anatomy and Physiology I
Anatomy and Physiology II
College Algebra
English Composition I
General Psychology
Human Growth and Development
Pathophysiology
Microbiology
Sociology directed course
Religious Studies or Theology course

Nursing Courses:

Fundamentals of Nursing
Medical-Surgical Nursing I
Pharmacology in Health Care
Mental Health Nursing
Maternity Nursing
Medical-Surgical Nursing II
Child Health Nursing
Critical Thinking Seminar
Medical-Surgical Nursing III
The Nurse as a Professional

Faculty

Students will find highly skilled and respected nursing faculty who are dedicated to teaching and learning, and provide personalized attention. Once enrolled each student is assigned a nursing faculty advisor to assist the student in course planning and program completion.

Facilities

The Nursing Department is located in the spacious Doermer Family Center for Health Science Education. A computer lab for health science students and a Nursing Resource Center offer excellent learning resources. The School of Health Sciences Simulation Lab provides simulated experiences to facilitate the mastery of healthcare skills using adult, pediatric and infant human patient simulators. Learners provide healthcare during simulated clinical experiences. Live feed and video playback of experiences are available in the Debriefing Room. A library in Pope John Paul II Center provides a comprehensive health sciences collection, as well as access to multiple computers.

Clinical Requirements

In order to participate in clinical experiences, clinical requirements as set by the Department of Nursing and clinical agencies must be met including, but not limited to, criminal background checks and drug testing.

External Assessment Program

The Department of Nursing uses a system of external assessment and remediation for pre-licensure students. All pre-licensure students purchase a designated testing package upon enrollment in the first nursing course. The primary purpose is to help prepare students for NCLEX-RN success. Testing results are also used to evaluate course outcomes.

Pre-licensure students are required to complete designated tests including content mastery assessments at specified points in the curriculum. Additionally, a nationally-normed comprehensive examination designed to predict success on the NCLEX-RN will be administered during the final clinical nursing course. Students must achieve a designated satisfactory score on the comprehensive examination in order to meet course requirements.

Math Competency Program

A math competency program provides student assessment of math calculation knowledge and skills, and consistent testing practices in pre-licensure programs.

Accreditation

The Associate of Science in Nursing Program is accredited by the Indiana State Board of Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, Inc. (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, 404-975-5000, www.nlnac.org.

How Do I Apply for Admission?

1. Request an application for admission from the Office of Admissions or apply online at www.sf.edu.
2. Submit the completed application along with the required non-refundable application fee of \$20 to the Office of Admissions.
3. Have an official copy of your high school transcript sent to the

Admissions Office. Transcripts are considered official only when they are sent directly from the school and have a school seal or signature of a school official.

4. If you did not finish high school, have your high school transcript sent in addition to your GED test score results.
5. If you have attended post-secondary institutions, submit an official transcript from each institution attended. Transcripts are considered official only when they are sent directly from the institution and have the seal or signature of an official.
6. If you have been in military service, submit a copy of your DD214 military discharge form.
7. Schedule TEAS (\$30 testing fee).

Career Advancement

The University of Saint Francis also offers RN-BSN and RN-MSN options. Students who achieve an ASN degree and meet all RN-BSN or MSN admission criteria may be admitted into the respective program.

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and work study. More than 95 percent of undergraduate students receive financial assistance; most receive more than one type of aid. Early Estimator packages are available for dependent students during the fall at www.sf.edu/financialaid. All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Priority deadline is no later than March 10.

For More Information

Call the Office of Admissions at 260-399-8000 or 1-800-729-4732, or visit our website at www.sf.edu.

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