

Nursing Programs

The Associate of Science/Bachelor of Science Option (ASN-BSN)

- For non-nurses who wish to pursue an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) and Bachelor of Science (BSN) degree
- A 2-year (4 semester) program available on a full-time basis (ASN portion) followed by the full or part-time BSN portion.
- Offered at two locations: Thomas Jefferson University Campus in Center City Philadelphia and Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania.
- Designed for students with little or no college credit. No prerequisites required

The Prelicensure Option:

- For non-nurses who wish to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BSN)
- A 2-year (4 semester) program completed on a full-time basis
- Begins in September
- 59 specific prerequisite credits required

The Accelerated Pathway to the MSN Option:

- For nurses and non-nurses who hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing
- Non-nurses are enrolled in the undergraduate program for the first two years and following successful completion of the state board exam, students proceed to the graduate program
- RN students enroll in the undergraduate program for the first two semesters and are then enrolled into the graduate program

The FACT Option:

- Intensive option for non-nurses who hold a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing
- BSN portion of the program can be completed in one calendar year of full-time study
- Following successful completion of the state board exam, students proceed to the graduate program

The RN-BSN Option:

- For registered nurses (RNs)
- Can earn the BSN in two semesters of full-time study
- Part-time day options are available
- Program begins in January and September
- Students are eligible to earn credit for RN experience

The RN-BSN/MSN Option:

- For RN students who have obtained their basic nursing education and want to pursue a Bachelor and Master's degree in nursing (BSN and MSN)
- RN-BSN/MSN candidates are eligible to earn credit based on work experience
- This program can be completed in 2 years on a full-time basis and 3-4 years on a part-time basis
- Required FRE or MAT scores

The MSN Option:

- For BSN or Nurse Doctorate (ND) students from an accredited school
- 36 credit programs are organized around a core, support and specialty clinical curriculum
- The programs can be completed in 15 months on a full-time basis and up to five years on a part-time basis
- Students can take all MSN core courses online

The CRNA Option:

- For BSN or Nurse Doctorate (ND) students from an accredited school
- The program is eight semesters (30 months) and is a full time only curriculum totaling 74 credits
- Students gain over 1,000 hours of clinical experience and administer more than 500 anesthesia's to patients undergoing a variety of surgical/diagnostic procedures
- Program starts in January

The Doctor of Nursing Practice option:

- For MSN students from an accredited school
- MSN/DNP option available
- Mix of on-line and in-class course can be completed in one calendar year

Admission Requirements

Associate of Science option students are not required to complete prerequisites for this program, however, students with prior college experience may be able to transfer in eligible general education coursework. Students with transfer credits will complete the program on the same schedule and will be subject to the comprehensive fee structure regardless of the number of credits taken each term. Financial assistance will be awarded based on the actual number of credits taken each semester. Only students applying to the ASN-BSN program must take the NET exam. A score of 70% in reading comprehension and math computation is considered competitive.

Prelicensure option students must complete 59 specific prerequisite credits prior to entering the program

Accelerated Pathway for non-nurses and FACT option students must have a bachelor's degree and 26 specific prerequisite credits

RN-BSN and RN-BSN/MSN students must complete 60 specific prerequisite credits

Accelerated Pathway for RN students must have a bachelor's degree plus 15 credits of specific prerequisite credits and 52 credits of electives

CRNA option students must have current ACLS, PAL certification
Academic courses with a grade of C or better and satisfactory CLEP scores are acceptable for transfer

** Accelerated Pathway, FACT, the RN-BSN/MSN and MSN students must submit the Graduate Record Exam (GRE) or the Miller Analogies Test (MAT) scores.*

** Applicants with a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.2 in the baccalaureate degree or higher are not required to submit GRE or MAT scores.*

Prerequisite Course Requirements

Prelicensure Nursing Program

Course	Credits
Anatomy and Physiology	8
Microbiology	4
Chemistry I	4
Chemistry II or Biochemistry	4
General Psychology	3
Developmental Psychology or Child Psychology	3
Abnormal Psychology	3
Sociology (Intro or General)	3
English Composition I	3
English (Comp., Lit. or Speech)	3
College Algebra or Higher*	3
Statistics	3
Nutrition	3
Selective: American culture or ethnic studies, logic, philosophy, ethics, or critical thinking, anthropology **	6
Electives	6
Total prerequisite credits	59

RN-BSN and RN-BSN/MSN

Course	Credits
Natural Sciences (Anatomy & Physiology I & II and Microbiology)	12
Statistics	3
English Composition*	3
English (Comp., Lit., or Speech)	3
Social Sciences	9
Selective: Logic, philosophy, ethics or critical thinking**	3
Electives	27
Total prerequisites	60

Accelerated Pathway to the MSN for Second-Degree RNs

Course	Credits
Natural Sciences (Anatomy & Physiology I & II and Microbiology)	12
Statistics	3
Electives	52
Total prerequisites	67

Accelerated Pathway to the MSN for Second-Degree Non-Nurses and FACT

Course	Credits
Anatomy and Physiology	8
Microbiology	4
Chemistry ***	4
Chemistry II or Biochemistry ***	4
Statistics	3
Nutrition	3
Blanket Credits from undergraduate degree	39 or 40
Total prerequisites	65

*Waive requirement if exempt in lower division program

** Please note that American History, Western Civilization and Religious Studies are NOT appropriate courses.

***Need not be courses required for science majors

**Nurse Practitioner
Vs.
Physician Assistant**

Nurse Practitioners are licensed, registered nurses who have received advanced training for the delivery of primary care. The majority of training programs lead to a master's of nursing degree. They are able to diagnose and treat common acute illnesses and injuries. Nurse Practitioners are regulated at the state level and have a scope of practice that is independent of a physician. In most states, they can dispense medications to patients.

Physician Assistants are certified healthcare professionals who provide primary care under the supervision of a physician. The majority of training programs lead to a bachelor's degree. They are able to diagnose and to treat minor injuries. Physician Assistants are regulated at the state level and are required by every state to always be under the supervision of a physician. In most states, they can dispense medications to patients.

http://www.wapa.org/pdfs/np-pa_chart.pdf