

Area of Interest: Nursing, Health & Emergency Careers**Certificate:** Practical Nursing**College Catalog:** [2024-2025](#)**Program Location:** Signal Peak Campus (All Campuses prerequisite/corequisite courses.)

Program Description: The Practical Nursing (PN) Certificate program in practical nursing provides an option for wishing to gain licensure as a practical nurse or for the AAS Nursing student who wishes to exit the RN program and gain employment as a Practical Nurse. Upon successful completion of the PN program requirements, the graduate receives a certificate of proficiency and is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nursing (NCLEX-PN). When the graduate passes the NCLEX-PN, they will be eligible to practice as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) in the state of Arizona.

Contact Information: nhec.advisor@centralaz.edu**Area of Interest Website:** [Nursing, Health & Emergency Careers](#)**Legend****Bold Course**=Required Course

Recommended Course (R)

Stackable Certificate (SC)

AGEC Course list (Arizona General Education Curriculum)

Written Communication (WC)	Oral Communication (OC)	Arts/Humanities (AH)	Social/Behavioral Science (SB)
Biological Science (BS)	Mathematics (M)	Core Course (CC)	Elective (E)

Pre-Program Admission Requirements:**Before applying to the program, students need to have completed the following:**

	BIO181 General Biology I , BIO156 or placement assessment required to register for BIO201 or BIO205.
	Completed BIO201 Anatomy & Physiology I with a grade of "C" or better (within 5 years prior to the application.)
	Completed BIO202 Anatomy & Physiology II with a grade of "C" or better (within 5 years prior to the application.)
	Licensed Nursing Assistant (LNA) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)- CNA125 : Nursing Assistant course is offered at CAC or other AZ Board of Nursing Approved Licensed Nursing Assistant programs can be found at: https://www.azbn.gov/education/nursing-programs-lists
	Eligible to register for ENG101 College Composition I .
	Eligible to register for MAT141 College Mathematics or higher. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Students-Find your suggested starting point for English/Reading & Math courses.
	Application to the Nursing Program (Must attend an informational session within one year of application.) The program application will be provided in the information session.
	HESI Nursing entrance exam at CAC prior to submitting application. The HESI must be completed within three attempts with the following scores: 80% minimum with 90-95% preferred on Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary, and Mathematics and 70% minimum on Anatomy/Physiology. (A 30 day wait is required before retesting.)
	Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or higher on nursing prerequisite/corequisite.

		Pre-Degree Courses	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
	BS	BIO201 Anatomy & Physiology I	4		BIO201 & BIO202 must be taken within five years of application to the Nursing Program.
	BS	BIO202 Anatomy & Physiology II	4		
		Co-requisite Courses	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
SC	WC	ENG101 College Composition I	3		Health-care specific section preferred.
SC	WC	ENG102 College Composition II	3		
SC	SB	PSY101 Introduction to Psychology	3		
SC	M	MAT141 College Mathematics	4		

Nursing Block 1 (Students may enroll in NUR courses AFTER official acceptance into the Nursing Program).

		COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
SC	CC	NUR200 Advanced Medical Terminology for Nursing and Healthcare Professionals	1		Must take prior to Block 1 Summer only.
SC	CC	NUR121A Nursing Transitions Introduction	4		

SC	CC	NUR125 Nursing Psychiatric Care and Developmental Transitions	4		
SC	CC	NUR126A Introduction to Principles and Application of Drug Dosage Calculations	1		
Semester Credits			9	Research career resources and opportunities!	

Block 2

		COURSE	CREDITS	SEMESTER/GRADE	NOTES
SC	CC	NUR121B Fundamentals of Health/Illness Transitions	4		
SC	CC	NUR135 Nursing in Obstetric & Pediatric Transitions	4		
SC	CC	NUR145A Introduction to Pathopharmacology	2		
Semester Credits:			10		
Total Certificate Credits			33		

Arizona Resident Tuition for 2024-2025 is \$75 per credit hour; see [Paying for College](#). Financial aid may be available.

Transfer Information

CAC University Transfer Center: centralaz.edu/transfer FREE CAC transfer resources and assistance.

AZTransfer Nursing Major Guide has a list of transfer programs at ASU, NAU, or UA.

Partnership Programs: CAC has partnerships with **NAU** and **ASU** for Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP). If you are considering the concurrent enrollment programs, please those maps.

- Students can graduate from CAC with AAS in Nursing and **NAU** with BSN concurrently.
- Students can graduate from CAC with AAS in Nursing, take the licensure exam and pass, and complete one additional semester at **ASU** to receive their BSN.

Students also have the option to complete a university BSN program after completing CAC's AAS Nursing.

Career Information

CAC Career Center: centralaz.edu/career FREE CAC career resources and assistance.

O*NET OnLine: Visit onetonline.org and search for:

- Education needed for specific occupations
- Occupation tasks, knowledge, skills and abilities
- Salary/wages for specific occupations (\$)

Note: Use this Program MAP as a guide to choose courses with your advisor and track progress towards milestones and completion of program. Work with an advisor to customize your plan to align with your specific career and/or transfer goals.

Part-Time Students: Plans can be modified to fit the need of part-time students by adding more semesters. **The NUR program is not offered as a part-time program.**

Student Name:	Advisor Name:
Student ID Number: 880	Date: