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Working together to provide Associate and Baccalaureate Degrees in Nursing

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What you need to know

Concurrent Associate Degree  
Baccalaureate Degree  
Nursing Program

## **INTRODUCTION**

The Arizona Western College (AWC)/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.

The Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) allows students to pursue an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in nursing while providing an affordable course of study. When followed in sequence, this program enables students to complete their BSN degree concurrently in the same semester as graduating with their AAS degree, or in one semester after. For students who will be completing their BSN following completion of their AAS, successful completion of the NCLEX and licensure as RN is required for enrollment into their final BSN requirements.

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

## **CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM INFORMATION**

The AWC/NAU CEP program runs for six semesters. A limited number of participants are selected from the pool of AWC nursing students who have applied, and have met all eligibility requirements.

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

To be considered for participation in the AWC/NAU CEP, the following are required:

- Mandatory attendance to an AWC/NAU CEP Information Session.
- Students may have no more than 7 credits in-progress (listed on their unofficial transcripts) when they submit their CEP application.
- Meet the minimum GPA of 3.0 in all AWC and NAU prerequisites that are noted with an asterisk.
- Submit an AWC Nursing Application: Students should submit a completed application and appropriate supportive documents including transcripts and HESI A2 exam scores to AWC (deadlines are listed on AWC's Nursing website).  
Students interested in pursuing the AWC/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 AWC Nursing program.
- Meet all Health and Safety requirements of Arizona Western College and NAU's School of Nursing after acceptance to the CEP program.
- Be willing to start NAU coursework in the summer before starting the AWC program.

**The total cost for 2019-2020 NAU this degree is \$14,370**

⇒ *NAU tuition effective 7/1/19 is \$469 with university fees included, per credit hour and subject to change due to AZ state budget appropriations. NAU's School of Nursing has a \$10 per credit hour program fee.*

## NAU REQUIRED PREREQUISITES:

Freshman Composition (ENG 101 and ENG 102)*	BIO 181 (4 credits) or CHM 130 (4 credits)
Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II (BIO 201, BIO 202)*	Nutrition (NTR 201)*
Microbiology (BIO 205)*	Statistics (PSY 230 or MAT 162)*
College Mathematics (MAT 142 or higher)*	General Pathology (BIO 320)* - Available NAU Online or Human Pathophysiology (BIO 218) – Available AWC
Intro to Psychology (PSY 101)*	Aesthetic and Humanistic Inquiry (6 credits)**
Human Development (PSY 238 or FAS 238)*	Cultural Understanding (6 credits)**
Arts or Humanities Elective (3 credits)	U.S. Ethnic (3 credits)** and Global Diversity (3 credits)**

\*Courses used for GPA calculation

\*\*These requirements are automatically satisfied through completion of an AGEC or a previous Bachelor's degree.

**Completion of AGEC is highly recommended before submitting your application.**

### **KEY INFORMATION**

- Application deadline is **March 15th** for the summer classes with NAU and fall start with AWC.
- Only the applications of students accepted to the Arizona Western College Nursing program will be evaluated by NAU's advising team for further acceptance into the CEP.
- All NAU prerequisites must be completed before NAU classes begin.
- To ensure that prerequisites meet program requirements, students are encouraged to meet with AWC and NAU Nursing advisors.
- Students must attend an AWC/NAU CEP Information Session prior to applying to the program.
- Final determinations of transfer credits will be made by AWC and NAU admissions committee members.
- Application and acceptance to Northern Arizona University (NAU) School of Nursing is completed after eligibility into the CEP is determined.
- If you are currently enrolled and taking courses at Arizona Western College in a nursing cohort, you are not eligible to transfer into the CEP Program. Please refer to the [www.nursing.nau.edu](http://www.nursing.nau.edu) website to explore RN to BSN degree options.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS**

AWC and NAU School of Nursing have Health and Safety Requirements that must be met prior to enrolling and participating in any clinical experiences. Healthcare agencies throughout the state require vaccinations, titers, and other healthcare related requirements. Examples of these requirements are background checks, CPR, and drug/nicotine testing. These requirements are subject to change per healthcare agency contracts with the educational institution, and students must be compliant with agency requirements prior to and throughout the program.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Who can apply to the AWC/NAU Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP)?**

All students who have completed the eligibility requirements for the CEP are encouraged to apply, except for those students currently enrolled in the AWC Nursing Program on the AWC/NAU Yuma Campus.

### **Where does the program take place?**

The CEP is offered at Arizona Western College. NAU courses are primarily online or are offered at AWC.

### **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 or individual advising session. Check AWC Nursing's website for future locations, dates, and times.

### **How do I register for a CEP Information Session?**

Registration is not required for AWC/NAU Nursing Information Sessions. Please contact an AWC Nursing advisor for any questions about this process.

### **When do I submit my application?**

Applications are due to AWC by March 15th for Fall Entry (NAU classes will start the summer semester prior to fall AWC coursework). Applicants will be notified of their admissions decision by mid-April.

### **If I will not be finished with all of my prerequisite courses when I submit my application, will I be considered for the AWC/NAU CEP?**

Fall Entry applicants must have all NAU prerequisite coursework completed by the time NAU summer classes begin. Students can be considered for the AWC/NAU CEP with up to 7 credits of NAU prerequisite coursework in progress (repeat coursework will be considered in these 7 credits). The in-progress coursework must be documented on the unofficial college transcripts you attach to the CEP application. All coursework must be completed, with appropriate grades to still meet the 3.0 admission GPA, prior to starting NAU Nursing coursework in summer.

### **What should I include with my application?**

Students should submit a completed AWC application and appropriate supportive documents that include 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.

### **What are my next steps after I am admitted to the AWC/NAU CEP and accept my offer of admission?**

The NAU advising team will notify you of your acceptance to the AWC/NAU CEP. At that time, you will be provided with step-by-step instructions for applying to NAU. 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 Arizona Western program tuition before you receive your NAU financial aid check. You will need to be prepared to pay your Arizona Western program tuition out of pocket or by payment plan until the balance of your financial aid is awarded by NAU.

## WC/NAU CEP Course of Study: Fall Entry

The plan of study for fall entry into the AWC/NAU Concurrent Program is outlined below and must be followed without deviation. (*\*In the event that modification of this course of study is absolutely necessary, approval by your NAU CEP advisor is required*). To maintain your status as a AWC/NAU CEP student, you **must** be enrolled in an NAU course every semester as noted below.

**Unless noted, all NAU courses are online**

Semester I	Summer	Total: 5 credits
(NAU) NUR 307	Health Assessment for Registered Nurses	1 credit
(NAU) NUR 307L	(Lab at AWC)	1 credit (in-person)
(NAU) NUR 321	Gerontology	3 credits
	NAU Prerequisite Course ( if necessary)	
Semester II	Fall	Total: 13 credits
(AWC) NUR 121	Nursing 1	8 credits
(AWC) NUR 117	Pharmacology	2 credits
(NAU) NUR 330	Nursing as a Discipline and Profession	3 credits (in-person)
Semester III	Spring	Total: 14 credits
(AWC) NUR 122	Nursing 2	8 credits
(NAU) NUR 320	Basic Principles in Palliative Care	3 credits
(NAU) NUR 420	Family Nursing Roles	3 credits
Semester IV	Summer	Total: 8 credits
(NAU) NUR 390W	Research and Evidence Based Practice in Nursing	3 credits
(NAU) NUR 442	Public Health Nursing Roles	5 credits
Semester V	Fall	Total: 11 credits
(AWC) NUR 221	Nursing 3	8 credits
(NAU) NUR 424	Nursing Informatics & Health Care Policy	3 credits
Semester VI	Spring	Total: 13 credits
(AWC) NUR 222	Nursing 4	8 credits
(NAU) NUR 450C	Nursing Leadership	3 credits
(NAU) NUR 452	Nursing Leadership Applications	2 credits
<b>Graduate from AWC with AAS degree and NAU with BSN degree; take NCLEX-RN</b>		

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