Concurrent Enrollment Programs

CEP

Arizona State University (AAS/BSN)
Franklin Pierce University (AAS/BSN)
Northern Arizona University School of Nursing (AAS/BSN)
Ottawa University (AAS/BSN)
Upper Iowa University (AAS/BSN)
Grand Canyon University (AAS/BSN and AAS/MSN)
Four-semester nursing program: Blocks 1-4
  - Block 1: Nursing fundamentals
  - Block 2: Medical/surgical nursing, psychiatric nursing
  - Block 3: Medical/surgical nursing, obstetric nursing
  - Block 4: Complex care nursing, pediatric nursing; capstone

Includes full-time day and full-time evening/weekend options

Clinical experiences provided in variety of agencies throughout the Valley

On completion students are awarded Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing degree

Eligible to take NCLEX-RN to be licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) after completion of AAS
What is the AAS/BSN Concurrent Enrollment Program?

1. Student completes all pre-requisite and co-requisite courses for Maricopa Nursing AAS and for partner university
2. Application and acceptance to CEP
3. Concurrent completion of Maricopa Nursing AAS courses and partner university BSN (or MSN** bridge) courses
4. Graduate with AAS and BSN!*

*BSN completion either concurrent with AAS completion or within 1 semester following AAS completion if recommended program of study followed.
**MSN bridge courses are taken during the AAS program; MSN completion at GCU follows
Why Seek A BSN?

- Since 1948, American Nurses Association and other organizations have recommended BSN for entry to RN practice
- Institute Of Medicine: *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*
  - Nurses should achieve higher levels of education and training through an improved education system that promotes seamless academic progression.
- Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching: *Educating Nurses, A Call For Radical Transformation*
  - Recommendation to require the BSN for entry to practice
- ANCC magnet designation of many valley hospitals
  - Requires BSN-prepared RNs at bedside and in managerial positions
- RN hiring preferences
  - Preferential hiring of graduates with BSN degree
CEP Eligibility

Admission Criteria:

• Acceptance into MaricopaNursing pool
• Nursing admission test: HESI A2
• Completion of all pre- and co-requisite course requirements for MaricopaNursing and partner university*
• Meet GPA requirement for university partner (check with university partner for courses used for GPA calculation)
• Meet MaricopaNursing health and safety requirements
  • Will include supplemental background check, drug screening (time specified by program) and DPS Level 1 Fingerprint Clearance Card

*NAU will accept pending applicants with seven (7) or less NAU credits only. All other university partner and all MaricopaNursing requirements must be met prior to application and no pending coursework will be considered.
BSN CEP PROGRAMS
# MARICOPA NURSING

## Required Pre- and Co-requisites

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*Courses used for GPA calculation*
# University CEP Prerequisites

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*Courses used to calculate GPA (always check with the University partner as these courses can change!)

**To meet NAU AHI/CU courses (Aesthetic and Humanistic Inquiry/US Ethnic/Global Diversity/Cultural Understanding) may substitute AGEC or a baccalaureate degree
MSN CEP
If You Have A Bachelor’s Degree

Grand Canyon University (GCU) AAS to MSN pathway

- Entrance requirements:
  - Previous bachelor’s degree is required
  - Meet a minimum GPA of 2.5 to enter the CEP courses listed with an Asterisk *.

- Students complete six “bridge” courses (18 credits) with Grand Canyon University during the blocks of the MaricopaNursing program
  - Significantly reduced tuition for bridge courses ($250 per credit hour)

- Within 60 days after graduation from MaricopaNursing
  - Pass NCLEX
  - Meet a minimum GPA of 3.0 to enter the MSN portion of the program
  - Begin one of the following MSN Specialization at GCU:
    - Health Care Informatics
    - Nursing Education
    - Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems
    - Public Health
# Required CEP Pre-Requisites: GCU

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CEP Financial Considerations

• Maricopa Nursing cost per credit hour $85.00*
  o Textbooks, course fees, and supplies are additional
  o Out-of-state tuition rates may apply – check with the Admissions department at the college**

• Financial aid may be available but is affected by many factors
  o Number of hours of undergraduate credit
  o Previous degree
  o Full-time/part-time status
  o Consortium agreement with university

* Tuition rates are subject to change
** Check for eligibility of in-state tuition rates
# Program Comparison

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| University tuition* | $15,225-19,575 | $13,622 | $10,374 - 12,936 | $11,016-14,256 | $13-18,000 | $7,500 |
| University credits | 36-45 | 30 | 30-36 | 34-44 | 32-42 | 30 |
| Transfer credits accepted | 75-85 | 90 | 90 | 80 | 78-90 | Up to 90 |
| Financial Aid Consortium Agreement | Yes | Yes | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| Course offerings | Online | Primarily online | Online | Online | Online or **Hybrid | Online |

*Note: Tuition costs for individual students are approximate, must be calculated by the college/university and are subject to change. All Maricopa pre-and co-requisite coursework must be completed to apply to CEP

**UIU offers Hybrid only at SCC, CGCC, MCC
How Do I Apply for the CEP?

CEP application process:

• Carefully review all options to determine desired MaricopaNursing campus sites and university partner – only select locations you will be willing to attend

• Download and complete the CEP application available online

• Submit to MaricopaNursing advisor at your Maricopa college of first choice
  o Completed CEP application and signed Information Declaration
  o *All* unofficial transcripts
  o HESI A2 scores

• **Applications accepted:**
  o December 1/January 31  
    Summer university start, fall Block 1 start
  o April 1/May 31  
    Fall university start, spring Block 1 start
CEP Selection Process

• Applications are scored using rubric per program admission criteria:
  o GPA
  o HESI A2 scores
  o Previous degree
  o Previous nursing school failure (point deduction)

• All CEP applicants receive official email notification of placement determination from MaricopaNursing college where accepted*:
  o Admission (if pending NAU coursework, all pending courses must be successfully completed prior to admission and meet overall GPA requirements)
  o Denial

• In rare case of a “tie,” MaricopaNursing application date and time stamp is used to determine placement
CEP Rubric 100 total points possible

Here’s how the rubric points are calculated:

- GPA* – calculated GPA, multiply by 10  (40% of total rubric score)
- HESI English Composite score – multiply by 0.35  (35% of total rubric score)
- HESI Math score – multiply by 0.15  (15% of total rubric score)
- Previous degree points – 2.5 for Associate’s, 5.0 for Bachelor’s, 7.5 for Master’s, 10 for Doctoral – up to a maximum of 10 possible points  (10% of total rubric score)
- There will be a deduction of 10 points for a previous nursing program failure or “withdrawal failing” grade

*GPA calculation varies by university; see website and/or nursing advisor for additional information
Rubric Example

• GPA is $3.4 \times 10 = 34$ points
• HESI English composite score is $85.33 \times 0.35 = 29.87$ points
• HESI Math score is $92 \times 0.15 = 13.8$ points
• Student has a previous AAS = 2.5 points; BA = 2.5 = 5 points
• No previous nursing school failures/withdrawal failing

Total rubric points = 82.67
CEP Admission

• Students will be placed at desired Maricopa college and cohort whenever possible, but first choice placement is **not** guaranteed. If you will only accept placement at ONE Maricopa college, only indicate that school as a choice.

• Students not chosen for admission will not lose time/date stamp for MaricopaNursing pool and remain eligible for non-CEP admission.

• Number of CEP seats available is dependent on semester, capacity at MaricopaNursing college, and number of applicants.

• Students may receive a letter from the university stating student has been accepted into the *university* – this does **not** imply nor promise CEP acceptance at MaricopaNursing.

• Students not selected for CEP admission are encouraged to reapply with a new CEP application during the next intake period.
Where Can I Get More Information?

- Brochures for all CEP partnerships available are available by clicking [here](#).
- Consult with a nursing advisor at your home campus for additional questions.
Now that you’ve completed the CEP information tutorial...

- Download, read, and sign the Information Session Declaration.
- Make sure you have a completed application in the MaricopaNursing database.
- Take the signed declaration along with your completed CEP application to the advisor at your MaricopaNursing college of first choice during the CEP intake periods to apply.