

## Paramedic to Associate in Applied Science in Nursing (RN) Bridge Program Fact Sheet

The Paramedic to AAS Degree in Nursing Bridge Program includes coursework that will provide paramedics with the theory and clinical competencies to successfully progress into the second or third semester of the MaricopaNursing program of study.

The Bridge Program will be offered at **Mesa Community College in spring** and at **Paradise Valley Community College in the fall** each year. This program consists of up to 9 credits and includes on-line components, in-class sessions, and structured clinical experiences in local hospitals and medical centers.

Successful completion of the Bridge Program will meet eligibility requirements for Advanced Placement application into the second or third semester of the Nursing Program. For admission the student must complete the Advanced Placement Application Packet for Paramedic Applicants available at **Advanced Placement Information & Application Packet**. The Bridge Program is valid for nine (9) months after completion.

Applicants should contact the Nursing Advisor at the campus of primary interest:

Mesa Community College

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[Email: tuesdee.pfeiff@mesacc.edu](mailto:tuesdee.pfeiff@mesacc.edu)

Paradise Valley Community College

Maile Canlas or Elaine Chen:

Phone: 602-787-7000

[pre-nursing@paradisevalley.edu](mailto:pre-nursing@paradisevalley.edu)

### **Requirements - Paramedic to Associate in Applied Science in Nursing (RN) Bridge Program**

- **High School graduation or GED**
- **Transcripts:** Request that all official colleges/universities transcripts be sent to college of anticipated participation:
  - Mesa Community College Attn: Nursing Department HW-8 at 1833 W. Southern Ave, Mesa, AZ 85202 .
  - Paradise Valley Community College Admission Department at 18401 N 32nd St, Phoenix, AZ 85032
  - *Credit by Evaluation or PLA* is required for vocational or non-credit courses or courses taken at non-accredited institutions.
- **General Education Courses required for admission into the third semester:** Minimum grade required is a "C"; or 2.0
  - CHM130+CHM130LL Fundamental Chemistry with lab or one year high school Chemistry
  - BIO201 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
  - BIO202 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
  - ENG101 First Year Composition
  - MAT 140, 141, 142 or higher Mathematics
  - NUR187 Pharmacology & Med Administration II or equivalent (NCE170) (within 12months of application)
  - BIO205 Microbiology (this is a prerequisite to block 4, so is **highly recommended** to complete prior to AAS program entry)
- **Level One Fingerprint Clearance Card:** See an advisor for information and application packet to apply for the card. Allow 8 to 10 weeks to receive the FCC.
- **HESI A2 Admission Exam:** Applicants must meet the score requirements posted in the admission packet.
- **MCCD background clearance check:** See an advisor for information on background clearance. Clearance must be completed no sooner than 6 months prior to program entry.
- **Copy of current, valid and unrestricted Arizona or National Paramedic Registry Certificate.**

Refer to the **Advanced Placement Information & Application Packet** for more information on applying for admission into the nursing program and the general education courses required for graduation. Successful completion of the Associate in Applied Sciences in Nursing Degree provides eligibility for graduates to seek licensure as a Registered Nurse through the State Board of Nursing. Licensing requirements are the exclusive responsibility of the State Boards of Nursing.