

## Admission Requirements

Admission limits are site dependent and these spaces are offered to the strongest academic candidates in the pool of applicants. Space in this program is not reserved for select groups of applicants such as transfers or changes of majors. All decisions on admission are made by the School of Nursing by February of each year.

Applicants must have the following minimum high school requirements or equivalents:

- Two units of math (one algebra and one additional math)
- Two units of science (one unit each in chemistry and biology with a related laboratory or the equivalent)
- Four secondary units of English
- Five units combined from the arts, humanities, social studies and/or foreign languages
- Satisfactory SAT scores

## Application Process

Admission applications are to be sent directly to the Undergraduate Admissions Office at University Park. Applications received by November 30 are given priority for admission space. Applications submitted after that date are considered on a space available basis.

Change of major requests from current Penn State students and applications for re-enrollment from former Penn State students are reviewed by the School of Nursing. Requests for re-enrollment should be sent to the Office of the Registrar at the campus you are interested in attending no later than November 30 to be given priority for admission. Requests for change of majors should be submitted to the appropriate campus coordinator. After this date, requests from each location will be forwarded to the School of Nursing for review.

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The Pennsylvania State University is committed to affirmative action, equal opportunity and the diversity of its workforce.  
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**Contact the nursing coordinator at the campus nearest you for specific course requirements.**



### 1. Penn State Altoona

(814) 949-5217

Web: [www.altoona.psu.edu](http://www.altoona.psu.edu)

### 2. Penn State Erie, The Behrend College

(814) 898-6100 or (866) 374-3378

Web: [www.pserie.psu.edu](http://www.pserie.psu.edu)

### 3. Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus

(724) 430-4220

Web: [www.fe.psu.edu](http://www.fe.psu.edu)

### 4. Penn State Mont Alto

(717) 749-6137

Web: [www.ma.psu.edu](http://www.ma.psu.edu)

### 5. Penn State Worthington Scranton

(570) 963-2645

Web: [www.sn.psu.edu](http://www.sn.psu.edu)

## Program Accreditation

- **National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission** (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, NY, NY 10016, (212) 363-5555
- **Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing**, P.O. Box 2649, Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649, (717) 783-7142

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# Associate Degree

*program in Nursing*



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# Why consider an associate degree in nursing?

## Opportunities

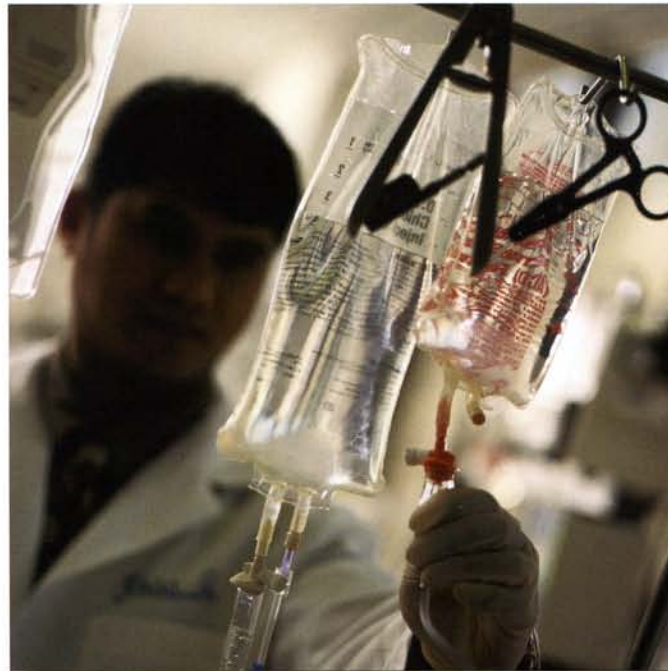
The associate degree program in nursing prepares graduates for the registered nurse licensure examination and employment in a variety of acute and long-term care settings.

As nursing professionals, graduates collaborate with colleagues in nursing and other disciplines to:

- Provide direct care to patients.
- Develop a comprehensive plan of care.
- Facilitate the development of an optimum level of health for clients and families.

## Educational Pathway

For your educational progression, the RN to BS program is offered at Penn State Altoona; Penn State Fayette, The Eberly Campus; Penn State Mont Alto; and Penn State Worthington Scranton. All credits from the associate degree program will transfer to the baccalaureate degree program. The RN to BS program is additionally offered at Penn State Harrisburg, Penn State New Kensington, Penn State Shenango, and on-line through the World Campus at University Park.



## Program Requirements

Students enrolled in the associate degree program in nursing complete 68 credits of course work. Full-time students begin the program of study in the fall and must follow the prescribed course sequence. Course work may also be completed successfully by part-time students.

There are no course requirements for study during the summer months, though students may elect to take general education courses.

Full-time students attend classes for four semesters and travel to area health care facilities for clinical experiences each semester. Transportation to off-campus sites and all related expenses are the responsibility of the student.

Students in the associate degree program must meet University cultural and writing-intensive course requirements. In order to graduate, a student must earn a minimum grade of “C” in all courses prescribed for the major, and earn at least 18 of the last 30 credits required for the associate degree in courses offered by the University.

## Advanced Placement

A Licensed Practical Nurse (L.P.N.) who is admitted to the associate degree program in nursing is eligible to earn up to 16 credits of first-year nursing course work through a combination of successful portfolio assessment (equivalent to NURS 111, 112) and successful credit by examination (equivalent to NURS 113, 114).

## Clinical Course Prerequisites

To be enrolled in clinical courses, nursing students must:

- Successfully pass annual health examinations.
- Provide evidence of current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification.
- Provide Pennsylvania Child Abuse History clearance.
- Have an approved student nursing uniform.
- Provide Pennsylvania Criminal Record Background Check.
- Have liability insurance coverage.

## RN Licensure (NCLEX RN)

At the completion of the associate degree program in nursing, students are eligible to sit for the registered nurse licensure examination.

NOTE: “The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing will not issue a license to an applicant who has been convicted of a felony relating to a controlled substance unless: (1) at least ten years have elapsed from date of conviction, (2) significant rehabilitation has occurred, and (3) the applicant otherwise satisfies the qualifications contained or authorized by this act.”

*The Professional Nursing Law, Section 6, as amended June 2002*

All program decisions related to child abuse and criminal clearance are consistent with the Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupations Affairs, and the State Board of Nursing.

