Associate of Science in Nursing

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Make Your Comeback With a Rewarding Career in Nursing

Purdue Global's Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) program was built for aspiring nurses who want to make a difference both in the lives of patients and in the health of their community as a whole. The nursing occupation offers many exciting opportunities in a wide variety of roles, work settings, and specialties, all of which provide possibilities for advancement. Once you complete the program and pass the NCLEX-RN® exam,[1] you can enroll seamlessly into our online RN-to-Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.[2]

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Why Study at Purdue Global School of Nursing?

Built for Working Adults

Complete courses online, without compromising your work or family schedule. Classes start every 11 weeks, and clinical experience can be completed at local health care facilities. You'll also have lab and simulation experiences — Iowa locations include Cedar Rapids, Des Moines, and Council Bluffs, as well as Waterville, Maine.

Backed by the Power of Purdue

Earn a nursing degree you can be proud of — and one that employers will respect. Achieve more in the health care field with a name that opens doors in your career.

Practical Experience You Can Count On

In health care, clinical experience is key. At Purdue Global, we make hands-on training a focal point in our ASN program. Simulation labs and supervised clinical practical experiences prepare you to deliver exceptional patient care.

Get the Credit You Deserve

Earn nearly half of your program degree requirements by transferring as many as 45 credits from prior college courses or work experience.[3] Transfer credit can be applied toward the program's core requirements, allowing you to focus on your nursing courses.

Faculty at the Forefront of the Field

Learn from experienced nursing professionals with extensive backgrounds in nursing and education.

Introductory Trial Period

Make sure online learning at Purdue Global is right for you. Enroll in the University and try our classes for 3 weeks — before you owe any tuition. That's the Purdue Global Commitment.[4]

Personal Support

Work directly with faculty through online discussion boards and seminars, and enjoy no-cost individual tutoring. In addition, academic and career advisors are dedicated to helping you balance school with your career and life responsibilities.

An Education That's Proven and Respected

Purdue Global is backed by Purdue University. One of the most prestigious universities in the world, Purdue ranked #16 overall and #1 in education among *Fast Company* magazine's prestigious **World's Most Innovative Companies**.[5]

Board of Nursing Approval

The Associate of Science in Nursing program is approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing and the Maine State Board of Nursing.

Take the Next Step in Your Education and Career

GET A HEAD START ON YOUR BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING

Complete a bachelor's-level course as part of your ASN to graduate one step closer to earning the valuable BSN credential. With our unique two-step pathway, you can progress into our online RN-to-BSN as you launch your nursing career. In addition, your associate's degree transfers directly into the bachelor's in nursing program, covering more than half of the credit requirements.[2]

RN-to-BSN Tuition Savings

As a Purdue Global ASN graduate, you will be eligible for a 20% tuition reduction on the standard online RN-to-BSN.[6]

PREPARE FOR LICENSURE

To become a registered nurse, you will need to pass the National Council Licensure Examination–Registered Nurse (NCLEX–RN®). The Purdue Global ASN program is designed to prepare you for the NCLEX–RN®.[1]

EXPAND YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Whether you are new to health care or have completed a practical nursing program, our career-focused curriculum prepares you to meet the growing demand for skilled, professional nurses.

Curriculum

Develop the knowledge and clinical skills to direct and manage patient care, communicate with patients and caregivers, and participate as a member of a health care team. All courses are reviewed by nursing experts to ensure you learn the latest skills and practices in the field.

Nursing Courses

- Nursing Fundamentals
- Pathophysiology for Nursing
- Pharmacology for Nursing
- Medical-Surgical Nursing
- Maternal Infant Nursing
- Pediatric Nursing
- Mental Health Nursing
- Professional Leadership Transitions (credits apply to both our associate's and bachelor's degrees)
- Nursing Capstone

Program Detail

Credit Hours: 116
Program Length: 1.7 years[3]
Course Load: 2–3 courses per term
Terms: 10 weeks long
Start Dates: Every 11 weeks

Additional Programs

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Master of Science in Nursing
  - Adult-gerontology acute care nurse practitioner
  - Adult-gerontology primary care nurse practitioner
  - Family nurse practitioner, primary care
  - Psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner
  - Executive leader
  - Nurse educator
- Postgraduate Certificates
- Doctor of Nursing Practice

Purdue Global offered hands-on learning opportunities in a simulation lab that allowed me to learn the skills needed to practice the art of nursing. I was also able to participate in a clinical rotation with area hospitals to practice my skills alongside experienced clinical instructors and nurses in a wide variety of environments."

Jillian Faille
Associate of Science in Nursing Graduate[7]

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Career and Networking Opportunities

Industry Outlook

- Employment of registered nurses is expected to add 195,400 new job openings through 2031.[8]
- Nearly 28% of employers require new hires to have a bachelor's degree while 72% strongly prefer baccalaureate-prepared nurses.[9]
- The demand for nurses will be fueled by increased emphasis on preventive care; growing rates of chronic conditions like diabetes and obesity; and a growing baby-boom population that is living long, more active lives.[8]

Career Pathways and Outcomes[10]

Areas of Specialty

- Maternal
- Pediatric
- Mental health
- Geriatric
- Surgery
- Many more

Settings

- Hospitals
- Health clinics
- Doctors' offices
- Residential care facilities
- Outpatient/ambulatory care settings

Center for Career Advancement

Our nursing Career Specialists connect students with job and networking opportunities and offer the following assistance:

- Career assessment/exploration
- Resume and cover letter review
- Interview preparation/mock interviews
- Portfolio development to showcase your skills
- Assistance in building an online presence
- Job search and networking support
- Virtual career fairs
- 24/7 online access to job openings and career development tools

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Gain a Dedicated-to-You Advisor

From the moment you request information all the way to graduation, you'll work with the same advisor for 1-on-1, personalized support. The idea? Build a partnership with a deep understanding of your needs and career aspirations.[10] From registration and financial aid[11] to assistance throughout your degree journey, our advisors are invested in supporting your success.

Military Friendly

We offer reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, veterans, and spouses.

Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

Purdue Global is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC (HLCommission.org) is an institutional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.

Contact an Admissions Advisor at 844-PURDUE-G or visit PurdueGlobal.edu.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer information, visit Info.PurdueGlobal.edu.

1 Upon successful completion of the program of study, students may be academically prepared to apply to take the national licensure examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN®). This program is approved by the Board of Nursing and meets the educational requirements to obtain licensure in the states of Iowa and Maine. Graduates of this program should not expect to obtain initial licensure in other states. Refer to Licensure.PurdueGlobal.edu for additional information on licensure and state authorizations. NCLEX is a registered trademark of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.

2 The University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any future programs. Speak to an Advisor about transfer credit opportunities and see the University Catalog for the Prior Learning Assessment policy.

3 Completion time based on a full-time schedule. Programs will take longer for part-time students to complete.

4 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for new qualifying undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at the University will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see the University Catalog.

5 Source: www.fastcompany.com/most-innovative-companies/2023. Ranking applies to Purdue University West Lafayette and not to Purdue Global.

6 Additional terms and conditions apply. May not be combined with Purdue Global scholarships, grants, military tuition reductions, tuition vouchers, or other reductions or ExcelTrack® pricing. Must be a first-time enrollee in the Purdue Global Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Speak with an Advisor for additional information.

7 This testimonial was obtained by Purdue Global. The views and opinions expressed are those of the individual; experiences may vary.

8 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, Registered Nurses. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

9 Source: American Association of Colleges of Nursing, 2022 survey.

10 Purdue Global does not guarantee employment placement or career advancement. Actual outcomes vary by geographic area, previous work experience and opportunities for employment. Additional certification or licensing may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary by organization.

11 Financial aid is available to those who qualify. Financial aid awards vary depending on individual student eligibility and need.

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