



## 2018-2019 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

### Degree: Associate of Applied Science

### Major: Nursing

#### About This Major . . .

This program allows the student to achieve an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing degree, opening up greater employment opportunities, increased compensation, and more job security. The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program prepares the student to achieve a balance between general college and nursing education. The Associate of Applied Science in Nursing RN is prepared to be a direct caregiver in hospitals, long-term facilities, and ambulatory care-clinical settings.

The potential student must demonstrate college-level proficiency in reading, writing and mathematics in order to be admitted to this program. This program has selective admission requirements and requirements may change from year to year. It is the student's responsibility to obtain the current admission requirements.

For more information on what you can do with this major, go to <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/career/whatmajor.html>.

All CMU associate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, communication fluency, quantitative fluency, and specialized knowledge/applied learning. In addition to these campus-wide student-learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

1. Cultural Awareness- Exhibit professional nursing care to diverse patients across the life span.
2. Information Management-Utilize health information systems to provide safe patient care throughout the health care environment.
3. Communication- Incorporate therapeutic communication into all interactions.
4. Logical Reasoning-Incorporate evidence based practice in the application of care to provide safe quality outcomes.
5. Leadership in health care-Utilize principles of leadership and management skills in caring for patients throughout the lifespan
6. Professionalism/Caring-Display accountability utilizing ethical reasoning. Incorporate compassionate and empathetic behaviors while providing care.

#### Advising Process and DegreeWorks

This document is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a degree. The suggested course sequencing outlines how students could finish degree requirements. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters, while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and altering the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for her/his intended degree(s).

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a degree and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

#### Graduation Process

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their degree requirements:

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.
- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found at <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/registrar/graduation.html>.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be her/his responsibility to consult the Registrar's Office regarding next steps.

## **INSTITUTIONAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

The following institutional degree requirements apply to all CMU Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- 60 semester hours minimum.
- Students must complete a minimum of 15 of the final 30 semester hours of credit at CMU.
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- No more than six semester hours of independent study courses can be used toward the degree.
- Non-traditional credit, such as advanced placement, credit by examination, credit for prior learning, cooperative education and internships, cannot exceed 20 semester credit hours for an AAS degree.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Degree Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.
- See "Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates" in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

## **PROGRAM-SPECIFIC DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**

- 76 semester hours required for the AAS in Nursing.
- All essential learning requirements and prerequisite courses must be in progress or completed before applying to the program. Additional admission requirements also apply. Please visit the Department of Health Sciences' website for a complete list of admission requirements and program information.
- Must have a "C" in all courses.

## **ESSENTIAL LEARNING REQUIREMENTS (15 semester hours)**

See the current catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is an Essential Learning option and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection for the Essential Learning requirement.

### **Communication (6 semester hours)**

- ENGL 111 - English Composition (3)
- ENGL 112 - English Composition (3)

### **Mathematics (3 semester hours)**

- MATH 110 - College Mathematics (3) or higher

### **Other Essential Learning Core Courses (6 semester hours)**

- PSYC 233 - Human Growth and Development (3)
- Select one Social and Behavioral Sciences, History, Natural Sciences, Fine Arts or Humanities course (3)

## **OTHER LOWER-DIVISION REQUIREMENTS**

### **Wellness Requirement (2 semester hours)**

- KINE 100 - Health and Wellness (1)
- Select one Activity course (1)

## **FOUNDATION COURSES (12 semester hours)**

- BIOL 209 - Anatomy and Physiology I (3)
- BIOL 209L - Anatomy and Physiology I Lab (1)
- BIOL 210 - Anatomy and Physiology II (3)
- BIOL 210L - Anatomy and Physiology II Lab (1)
- BIOL 241 - Pathophysiology (4)

**ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE IN NURSING COURSE REQUIREMENTS** (47 Semester Hours)

- NURS 246 - Pharmacology Concepts I (3)
- NURS 247 - Fundamentals of Nursing (3)
- NURS 247L - Fundamentals of Nursing Lab (2)
- NURS 248 - Adult Concepts of Health I (4)
- NURS 248L - Adult Concepts of Health I Lab (3)
- NURS 249 - Advanced Pharmacological Concepts II (3)
- NURS 250 - Health Assessment for Nurses (3)
- NURS 250L - Health Assessment for Nurses Lab (1)
- NURS 251 - Adult Concepts of Health II (5)
- NURS 251L - Adult Concepts of Health II Lab (3)
- NURS 252 - Mental Health Concepts in Nursing (3)
- NURS 252L - Mental Health Concepts in Nursing Lab (2)
- NURS 253 - Family Nursing Obstetrics and Pediatrics (4)
- NURS 253L - Family Nursing Obstetrics and Pediatrics (2)
- NURS 254 - Leadership/Capstone (2)
- NURS 254L - Leadership /Capstone Experience Lab (4)

## SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCING

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### **Freshman Year, Fall Semester: 12 credits**

- ENGL 111 - English Composition (3)
- BIOL 209 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I (3) and BIOL 209L - Human Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory (1)
- Essential Learning - Natural Science, History, Fine Arts or Humanities or Social Behavior Science (3)
- KINE 100 - Health and Wellness (1)
- KINA Activity Course (1)

### **Freshman Year, Spring Semester: 13 credits**

- ENGL 112 - English Composition (3)
  - BIOL 210 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II (3) and BIOL 210L - Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory (1)
  - MATH 110 - College Mathematics (3) or higher
  - PSYC 233 - Human Growth & Development (3)
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### **Sophomore Year, Fall Semester: 12 credits**

- BIOL 241 - Pathophysiology (4)
- NURS 246 - Pharmacology Concepts I (3)
- NURS 247 - Fundamentals of Nursing (3)
- NURS 247L - Fundamentals of Nursing Lab (2)

### **Sophomore Year, Spring Semester: 14 credits**

- NURS 248 - Adult Concepts of Health I (4)
  - NURS 248L - Adult Concepts of Health I Lab (3)
  - NURS 249 - Advanced Pharmacological Concepts II (3)
  - NURS 250 - Health Assessment for Nurses (3)
  - NURS 250L - Health Assessment for Nurses Lab (1)
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### **Junior Year, Fall Semester: 13 credits**

- NURS 251 - Adult Concepts of Health II (5)
- NURS 251L - Adult Concepts of Health II Lab(3)
- NURS 252 - Mental Health Concepts in Nursing (3)
- NURS 252L - Mental Health Concepts in Nursing Lab (2)

### **Junior Year, Spring Semester: 12 credits**

- NURS 253 - Family Nursing Obstetrics and Pediatrics (4)
- NURS 253L - Family Nursing Obstetrics and Pediatrics (2)
- NURS 254 - Leadership/Capstone (2)
- NURS 254L - Leadership /Capstone Experience Lab (4)