The demand for nurses with bachelor's degrees has never been greater. According to the Health and Medicine Division’s (HMD) Future of Nursing: Leading Change, at a minimum, 80 percent of nurses should have at least a bachelor's degree by 2020. In order to meet the recommended need, Alfred State now offers a dual degree.

The new dual degree nursing program is a model to meet the high demand for bachelor's degrees in nursing, while allowing the student to earn both an associate and baccalaureate degree over four years. The graduates of the associate program are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam at the end of the third year. The nursing program will prepare you to become a registered professional nurse - one of the fastest-growing professions in the country. Courses are sequential and progress from simple to more complex situations, with specialized content in obstetrics, psychiatrics, and pediatrics integrated into the program. Clinical experience, an essential part of each nursing course, further enables you to gain technical competence to apply theoretical knowledge with practice.

**FACILITIES**

Facilities used for clinical experiences may include: Cuba Memorial Hospital, Elderwood, Guthrie Corning Hospital, Highland Hospital, Highland Park Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, Jones Memorial Hospital, Noyes Memorial Hospital, Olean General Hospital, Unity Hospital, Hornell Gardens, as well as other area facilities and community sites. Students may be placed in day, evening, and night clinical placement, weekend and weekday rotations, and may be responsible for their own transportation.

The upper-division completion program will enhance your knowledge and skills foundation to function more autonomously and interdependently in diverse, complex, and dynamic health care environments. Moreover, the program will enhance your potential to expand your responsibilities in practice to become a leader, coordinator, and manager of care. Lastly, the program will serve as a solid academic foundation for advanced study in nursing at the graduate level. Some of the BSN core nursing courses will begin to be offered in both an on-campus setting (for residential students), while online opportunities will be available for students not living on or near campus, providing flexibility and learning style choices for the adult student and working professional.

Clinical components will be required in the following courses:

- NURS 6003 - Nursing Leadership and Management
- NURS 6413 - Health Assessment and Promotion Across the Lifespan
- NURS 7004 - Population Focused Care in the Community

It is strongly recommended that clinical site affiliations are submitted at least two months prior to taking the course to ensure that a clinical site agreement is in place.

As a graduate of this program, you will be prepared to assume a leadership role in the health care delivery system using gained experience, research, and technology for evidence-based decision making. You will be equipped to deliver, lead, and coordinate care for a variety of individuals from diverse backgrounds to improve client outcomes.

**ADVANTAGES**

Both the AAS and BS in Nursing programs are registered by NYS Education Department. Graduates of the AAS degree are eligible to apply for licensure as a registered professional nurse (NCLEX-RN) in any state.

Articulation agreements are in progress between multiple regional community colleges and Alfred State for the BSN program.

**PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

- Hospitals
- Clinics
- Long-term care facilities
- Physician offices
- Industry
- Ambulatory settings
- Visiting nurses’ agencies
- Schools
- Home health care
- Health insurance providers
- Leadership, management, research, education, and practice opportunities exist in a variety of health care settings and institutions throughout New York State and the US.

**STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT DATA**

The NCLEX pass rate for the May 2018 graduates was 94.5 percent.

The dual degree program was officially registered with the NYS Department of Education as of the fall 2016 semester.

**EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS**

Employment and continuing education rate of 100 percent – 100 percent are employed.

**RELATED PROGRAMS**

- Biological Science
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Health Information Technology
- Health Sciences
- Human Services
- Liberal Arts and Sciences: Humanities
- Radiologic Technology

**ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Required: Algebra, Biology, Chemistry

Combined reading/writing and math SAT score of 1080 or an ACT composite score of 21. Additional details and entrance requirements may be obtained directly from the Admissions Office.

Required: It is essential that students are able to fully participate, with or without a reasonable accommodation, in clinical caring for clients as assigned.

Nursing students should be able to:

- Ambulate in a sufficient manner in order to appropriately and safely perform patient care.
- Lift at least 35 pounds.
- Function in a safe manner, not placing clients in jeopardy.
- Maintain confidentiality in regard to professional practice.
- Appropriately use standard medical equipment.
- Interpret data from electronic devices in a health care setting for the purpose of client care.
- Maintain professional composure at all times.
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing.

Students who believe they need a reasonable accommodation to participate in clinical care may contact Melanie Ryan in the Office of Accessibility Services. This office may be contacted by email at DisabilityServices@alfredstate.edu or by phone at 607-587-4506. Please keep in mind that some accommodations
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TYPICAL FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM

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If the answer to any of the questions is yes, the applicant must offer full explanation and establish their good moral character with the State Education Department, prior to earning a license.

Be advised that a prior felony conviction may impede a student’s ability to participate in a required professional practice experience.

ACCREDITATION/CERTIFICATION

- The nursing programs at The State University of New York, College of Technology at Alfred are accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education [3624 Market Street, 2nd Floor West, Philadelphia, PA 19104; 267-284-5000].
- The AAS nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), formerly the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC) [3343 Peachtree Road, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; phone 404-975-5000, www.acenursing.org]
- The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at The State University of New York College of Technology at Alfred is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.
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Evidence of RN Licensure required prior to progression into NURS 7004 Population Focused Care.
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**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS**

**AAS**
- 36 credits of nursing (nursing I, II, III, IV)
- 12 credits of natural science (anatomy & physiology I and II, microbiology)
- Nine credits of social science (general psychology, general sociology, human development)
- Six credits of English/humanities (freshman composition, literature)

**BS - Total dual degree credits**
- 64 credits of nursing
- 60 gen ed/liberal arts and sciences credits