



### **NURSING (BS IN NURSING) - CODE #0291**

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The demand for nurses with bachelor's degrees or higher has never been greater. To maintain licensure as a registered nurse (RN) in New York State, RNs must have attained a baccalaureate degree or higher in nursing within 10 years of initial licensure. To meet those needs, Alfred State offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing (BS in Nursing). This 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.

The program will serve as a solid academic foundation for advanced study in nursing. The Nursing (BS in Nursing) program is offered in an online format, providing flexibility and learning style choices for the adult student and working professional.

The graduate 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. The baccalaureate graduate will be able to deliver, design, and coordinate care for a variety of individuals from diverse backgrounds to improve client outcomes.

The core foundation nursing courses are arranged to increase the student's knowledge base and skill level for the expanded role as a baccalaureate-prepared practitioner.

A professional capstone course (NURS 8013) is required as a culminating educational experience of the Nursing (BS in Nursing) program. To further advance the student's knowledge base and skill level, there are clinical components integrated within the program.

Meeting the needs of registered nurses seeking a bachelor's degree, the Nursing (BS in Nursing) program is offered primarily as an online format. This provides flexibility and learning style choices for the adult student and working professional.

A computer with internet access, webcam, and Microsoft Office is required for the nursing program. Written work must be submitted in Word and APA format.

Students are permitted to repeat an upper-level (5000 or higher) nursing core course one time only. If a student is unsuccessful in the same nursing course twice, they will be unable to progress in the nursing program.

Bachelor-level students are expected to write at a BS level proficiency, using APA format. Writing proficiency, grammar, spelling, and APA formatting are all essential elements of every nursing course. Failure to write at a BS level may result in failure of nursing course work.

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

### **ADVANTAGES**

The Nursing (BS in Nursing) agreements are in place between multiple regional community colleges and Alfred State for the Nursing (BS in Nursing) program.

### **PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES**

Leadership, management, research, education, and practice opportunities exist in a variety of health care settings and institutions throughout New York State and the US.

### **EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS\*\***

2022	2023	2024
100% (5/5)	100% (2/2)	100% (4/4)

### **STUDENT COMPLETION OF THE BS IN NURSING PROGRAM\*\***

2022	2023	2024
33% (1/3)	54% (4/7)	40% (2/5)

\*\*students who complete the program within 1.5 times of the length of program

### **ADMISSIONS REQUIREMENTS**

Admission to the Nursing (BS in Nursing) program requires graduation from an accredited or state-approved associate degree in nursing or certified diploma program in nursing, and plans to secure licensure as a registered professional nurse by completion of the first semester in the program. The minimum GPA requirement for admission is 2.00. The applicant's associate degree course work typically includes the following:

- A minimum of 30 credits of nursing
- A minimum of 24 hours of liberal arts and sciences credit
- A minimum of three of 10 SUNY General Education categories
- Eight credits of anatomy and physiology (taken at the same school in a classroom setting)
- A lab course in microbiology in the classroom
- Course work in composition, global studies, psychology, and human development

\*If any of the above were not taken, they would be additionally required within the Nursing (BS in Nursing) degree completion.

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:

- 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 health care setting for the purpose of client care
- Maintain professional composure at all times
- Communicate effectively, orally and in writing

Students must have an active, unencumbered state license to progress into the second semester of Nursing (BS in Nursing) courses.

### **ACCREDITATION/CERTIFICATION**

- Alfred State College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), 3624 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19104; 215-662-5606, <http://www.msche.org>. The MSCHE is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The Alfred State College BS in Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326 (404) 975-5000 <http://www.acenursing.com/candidates/candidacy.asp>.
- The Nursing (BS in Nursing) program is registered by the NYS Education Department.

**General Notes:** A zero tolerance for incivility is in effect at Alfred State nursing. Furthermore, if a student's behavior compromises or threatens the health or safety of others, including clients, peers, faculty, and staff, the student may be denied enrollment or continuation in the program. A policy regarding chemical impairment is publicized to enrolled nursing students.

Background checks may be required by affiliating agencies. Background checks will be at the expense of the student. Any costs associated with clinical would be the responsibility of the student. Nursing students are required to provide health related documentation or other requirements to the affiliating agencies. Student are permitted to repeat an upper-level (5000 or higher) nursing core course one time only. If a student is unsuccessful in any upper-level nursing course twice, they will be unable to progress in the nursing program. Bachelor-level students are expected to write at a BS level proficiency, using APA format. Writing proficiency, grammar, spelling, and APA formatting are all essential elements of every nursing course. Failure to write at a BS level may result in failure of nursing course work.

### ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

Articulation agreements are between multiple regional community colleges and Alfred State for the Nursing (BS in Nursing) program.

### REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

A tier 1 laptop computer is required for students entering this degree program. Laptop specifications are available at [www.alfredstate.edu/required-laptops](http://www.alfredstate.edu/required-laptops).

### OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Students who believe they need a reasonable accommodation to properly participate in this program may contact Melanie Ryan in the Office of Accessibility Services. This office may be contacted by email at [oas@alfredstate.edu](mailto:oas@alfredstate.edu) or by phone at 607-587-4506. Please keep in mind that some accommodations may take time to implement, so students seeking accommodations are encouraged to contact OAS as early as possible.

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#### TYPICAL TWO-YEAR UPPER-LEVEL DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM ONLY

Based on courses transferred in from the associates (or 60 credits), additional SUNY GE skill area courses may be required in completion of the bachelor's degree to meet SUNY-GE requirements.

Fifth			
NURS	5023	Contemporary Nursing	3
NURS	8003	Informtcs&Tech App in Hlthcare	3
BIOL	1313	Nutrition	3
LITR	xxx3	Literature Elective	3
NURS	5003	Ethical Issues in Health Care	3
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A minimum of a "C" grade in all upper-level nursing courses is required  
RN licensure is required to continue past the first semester

Sixth			
NURS	6413*	Health Assessment/ Promotion*	3
XXXX	xxx3	LAS Elective - Upper	3
BIOL	6403	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
SOCI	1163	General Sociology	3
MATH	1123	Statistics I	3
			OR
MATH	2124	Statistical Methods & Analysis	4

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A minimum of a "C" grade in all upper-level nursing courses is required

Seventh			
NURS	6003*	Nursing Leadership/ Management	3
NURS	7003	Nursing Research	3
NURS	xxx3	Nursing Elective - Upper	3
XXXX	xxx3	Elective - Upper Level	3
XXXX	xxx3	GenEd (FA, FL, WC, or AH)	3
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A minimum of a "C" grade in all upper-level nursing courses is required  
Eighth

NURS	7004*	Population Focused Care in Com	4
NURS	8013	Professional Capstone	3
ANTH	5113	Cross-Cultural Encounters	3
XXXX	xxx3	Liberal Arts Elective - Upper	3
XXXX	xxx3	Elective - Upper	3
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A minimum of a "C" grade in all upper level nursing courses is required

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

\*Course has a 45-hour clinical immersion experience.

\*\*See our nursing website for full disclosure documentation at [www.alfredstate.edu/nursing](http://www.alfredstate.edu/nursing)

### GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- 124 credit hours
- Within associate's degree, would have already completed 60 credits and the RN (13 credits natural science, 3 credits human development, 9 credits social science, 6 credits of communication, and 3 credits GLST). If not will also need to take general elective
- 45 upper level credits (of which 28 are nursing)
- 60 liberal arts and sciences overall
- 30 credits of general electives (and 7 general elective areas)
- Math 1123 Statistics I (or Math 2124 Statistical Methods & Analysis)