

A.A.S. Nursing

ADVANCE Nursing Program Milestones

1. Students must take SDV 101 in the first semester at NOVA.
2. Students must be admitted to the A.A.S. Nursing degree program at NOVA.
3. Students must begin Developmental coursework in the first semester in ADVANCE at NOVA.
4. Students must take first college-level MTH course and ENG 111 in the semester immediately following the completion of any MTT or ENF courses (excluding summer).
5. Students must complete at least six degree-applicable credits with a C or better each fall and spring semester.
6. Students must apply and be admitted to Mason's Co-Enrollment RN-to-BSN program.
7. Students must complete their Mason Nursing Prerequisites with a grade of C or better by completion of the A.A.S. Nursing program. The Mason Nursing Prerequisites are as follows: Anatomy and Physiology I, Anatomy and Physiology II, Microbiology, Statistics, and Bioethics.
8. Students must maintain a 2.85 GPA and:
 - a. Remain in good standing in the A.A.S. Nursing program at NOVA;
 - b. Complete all courses (Nursing Prerequisites, Mason Core, Nursing Program courses, and electives) with a C or better.
9. Students must apply for NOVA graduation and complete their Associate's degree.
10. Students must take and pass the NCLEX examination upon completion of their A.A.S. Nursing program at NOVA.
11. After completion of their A.A.S. degree, students must complete any remaining Mason Core requirements at Mason.
12. At least 30 credits must be taken in degree status at Mason.

This program has additional requirements for admission. Students must meet with a NOVA Medical Education advisor before signing an ADVANCE agreement and must also apply to the Mason Nursing program before matriculation. Students must be program placed in the A.S. General Studies: Health Sciences Specialization while completing pre-requisites for the A.A.S. Nursing degree.

The Co-enrollment BSN Program (BCE) allows students to begin taking online classes toward a BSN degree while enrolled in the AAS-Nursing program at NOVA. Mason's Co-enrollment nursing classes are online, offered in a seven-week format, and can be taken on a full-time or part-time basis.

Students can apply to the Co-enrollment program as early as their first semester of the AAS-Nursing program. Students can complete the Co-enrollment program one semester after earning their RN license at the earliest, but can take additional time if needed. A link with a list of courses for the Co-enrollment program, our Co-enrollment Information Session presentation, and a sample schedule for a student in the Co-enrollment program, is available here: <https://nursing.gmu.edu/academics/bsn-programs/co-enrollment-bsn-program-non-veteran>

All nursing prerequisite courses must be complete prior to graduation from the AAS-Nursing program at NOVA. To minimize the time needed to earn the BSN, the Mason Core and elective requirements should be completed prior to starting the Co-enrollment program, but it is not required. After graduation from the AAS-Nursing program, students must complete any remaining Mason Core or elective courses at Mason.

	NOVA DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Courses	MASON TRANSFER EQUIVALENT	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
1	SDV 101	1	SDV 101 Orientation to Healthcare	UNIV 100	Elective
2	ENG 111	3	ENG 111 College Composition I	ENGH 101	Written Comm
3	PSY 230	3	PSY 230 Developmental Psychology	PSYC 211	Soc/Behav
4	BIO 141	4	BIO 141 Anatomy and Physiology I	BIOL 124	Nat Science/Nursing Prerequisite
5	Humanities/Fine Arts	3	PHI 227 Biomedical Ethics	PHIL 309	Nursing Prerequisite
6	BIO 142	4	BIO 142 Anatomy and Physiology II	BIOL 125	Nat Science/Nursing Prerequisite

7	NSG 100	4	NSG 100 Introduction to Nursing Concepts	BAS XXX	Elective
8	NSG 106	2	NSG 106 Competencies for Nursing Practice	BAS XXX	Elective
9	NSG 130	1	NSG 130 Professional Concepts	BAS XXX	Elective
10	NSG 200	3	NSG 200 Health Promotion and Assessment	BAS XXX	Elective
11	BIO 150	4	BIO 150 Microbiology	BIOL 246 & BIOL L306	Nursing Prerequisite
12	NSG 152	3	NSG 152 Health Care Participant	BAS XXX	Elective
13	NSG 170	6	NSG 170 Health/Illness Concepts	BAS XXX	Elective
14	CST Course	3	CST 100 Principles of Public Speaking OR CST 110 Introduction to Communication	COMM 100 COMM 101	Oral Comm
15	NSG 210	5	NSG 210 Health Care Concepts I	BAS XXX	Elective
16	NSG 211	5	NSG 211 Health Care Concepts II	BAS XXX	Elective
17	NSG 230	2	NSG 230 Advanced Professional Nursing Concept	BAS XXX	Elective
18	NSG 252	4	NSG 252 Complex Health Care Concepts	BAS XXX	Elective
19	NSG 270	4	NSG 270 Nursing Capstone	BAS XXX	Elective
20	Open Elective	3	STAT 250 Statistics I	STAT 250	Quantitative + Nursing Prerequisite

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For academic policies and procedures, please see NOVA catalog - <http://www.nvcc.edu/catalog/index.html>

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Students must take and pass the NCLEX examination after completion of their A.A.S. Nursing degree and before continuing with the BSN Nursing program.

	MASON DEGREE REQUIREMENT	Credits	Course	MASON CORE/DEGREE EQUIVALENT
21	Gen Ed: Literature	3	Approved Literature Course**	Literature
22	Gen Ed: Global Understanding	3	Approved Global Understanding course (Recommend: GCH 205 Global Health)**	Global
23	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 336 Concepts in Professional Nursing as a Discipline*	Major
24	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 425 Comprehensive Health Assessment	Major
25	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 436 Leadership and Management of Health Care	Global + Major
26	Gen Ed: Written Communication (UL)	3	ENGH 302 Advanced Composition	Written Comm
27	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 440 Community Health Epidemiology	Major
28	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 434 Vulnerable Populations	Major
29	Gen Ed: Information Technology	3	Approved Information Technology course**	Info Tech
30	Gen Ed: Arts	3	Approved Arts course**	Arts
31	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 453 Research in Nursing	Major
32	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	NURS 457 Introduction to Nursing Informatics	Major
33	RN-to-BSN Pathway, Required Courses	3	General Elective	Major
34	Gen Ed: Synthesis	3	NURS 465 Examination and Integration of Professional and Health Care Issues	Synthesis & Writing Intensive
35	Gen Ed: Western Civilization	3	Approved Western Civilization course**	Western Civ

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Denotes a course that must be taken at George Mason University. Please see your Success Coach to enroll.

***RN students will be awarded 33 upper-level nursing credits upon completion of NURS 336 and NCLEX examination.**

****For approved Mason Core courses, please visit - <https://catalog.gmu.edu/mason-core/>**

BSN Academic Grade Standards:

1. Grade of 77% (C+) or higher is passing; anything below is not passing.
2. One unsatisfactory grade is allowed; second failure will lead to termination from program.
3. ADVANCE students must remain in good standing in the AAS-Nursing program at NOVA and failure to adhere to the academic standards of the AAS-Nursing program will halt progress in the Mason ADVANCE BSN program.

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Students seeking a bachelor's degree must apply at least 45 credits of upper-level courses (numbered 300 or above) toward graduation requirements.