

Advising Pre-Nursing A.S. Students - B.S.N. and Nursing, A.A.S. Options

- **Ask students if the B.S.N. transfer is their goal or if they plan to apply to the Nursing A.A.S. program before advising** about coursework.
- **Pre-Nursing A.S. is the umbrella degree path for all students interested in Nursing, regardless of intended goal/pathway**
 - No one can major in Nursing, A.A.S. until competitively selected/admitted to the program. The Nursing program will work with the Office of Admissions for major changes for those selected.
- **The BIOL 2010 pre-requisite:** BIOL 2010 requires either a composite ACT of 19 or higher (no ACT expiration date for science courses), a score of 70 or higher on the A&P Challenge Exam, or a C or higher in CHEM 1030 (recommend first if seats available) or BIOL 1030. If a student has completed a different/higher CHEM or BIOL course, refer the student to take the A&P Challenge Exam with the [Testing Center](#).
- **CHEM 1030 should be the recommended first semester science for B.S.N. transfer.** Some students will be required to take CHEM 1030 before BIOL 2010 with the new pre-req, but ALL students who plan to go to a BSN should take CHEM 1030 first if possible.
- **Learning Support and science prerequisite courses can make it take 2 years to complete just the program prerequisites.**
 - Even without these, it is incredibly difficult to complete the program prerequisites with a high GPA in one year. Remind students this competitive pathway is not a race.
- **Nursing A.A.S. has different semester starts, depending on campus, but are all 4 semesters long:**
 - Gallatin & Livingston start in the Summer; Springfield starts in the Fall
 - April 1st application deadline for all campuses.
 - Pre-reqs must be done by the end of the spring term they plan to apply (sometimes exceptions are made for Springfield students for a summer course; see info packet)
- **Nursing A.A.S. program pre-requisites can be done at any pace.**
 - Going part time also extends the time before a student can apply.
- **BIOL 2010, 2020 and 2230 are often full before all students can register.**
 - We have very limited online sciences (usually none for BIOL 2020 and 2230) and no longer offer TN ECampus BIOL. Encourage students to register at their earliest opportunity.
- **Degree Works can confuse students who have a goal to apply to the Nursing A.A.S.**
 - Run a "What-if Audit" in Degree Works: What-if > Most Current Catalog Year > Nursing A.A.S. > View/Refresh What-if Audit to see only A.A.S. requirements.
- **The Nursing A.A.S. pre-requisite GPA needed to be considered/to apply is a 2.9 or higher.**
 - GPA is only in the 8 pre-requisites and 2.9 does not guarantee admission.
- **Pre-Nursing A.S. students who plant to transfer to a B.S.N. need to research** to see needed pre-requisites (especially Math) plus testing requirements and deadlines for the B.S.N.
- **Remind students that nursing is a competitive pathway!** They generally need at least a 3.0 to get into a program but for some schools a 3.5 or higher is needed to be admitted.
- **Direct students to the [Nursing web page](#):** Students need to read the Info Packet thoroughly and recommend them to attend a Virtual Information Session.
- **For faculty, contact the Office of Advising** at ADV.Advising.Center@volstate.edu or 615-230-3702 for advising assistance. For students, they may email advising@volstate.edu or call 615-230-3702.