

Advising Pre-Nursing A.S. students - both B.S.N. and A.A.S.

- **Pre-Nursing A.S. is the umbrella degree path for all students interested in nursing** - those who plan to complete the full A.S. degree for B.S.N. transfer AND those waiting to apply to the Nursing A.A.S. No one can major in the A.A.S. until admitted to it.
- **Ask students if the B.S.N. transfer is their goal or if they plan to apply to the Nursing A.A.S.** before advising about coursework.
- **MATH 1530 and MATH 0153 are the recommended math courses** for LS students wanting our program and most B.S.N. If a B.S.N. requiring 1130 is their goal – take 1005/0105. MATH 1530 and MATH 0105 is no longer an approved co-requisite pair.
- **Although the Nursing A.A.S. degree does not require CHEM 1030, if a student had a weak or non-existent chemistry background in high school, CHEM 1030 is still encouraged to increase success in BIOL 2010** but taking it could delay their entrance to our Nursing A.A.S. by a year, so map out their pre-reqs to see how long it will take.
- **CHEM 1030 should be the recommended first semester science for B.S.N. transfer** Some students will choose BIOL 2010 first but please encourage CHEM 1030.
- **Nursing A.A.S. has one entry point per year which is summer** (April 1st application deadline). Pre-reqs must be done by the end of the spring term they plan to apply.
- **Nursing A.A.S. pre-requisites can be done at any pace of the student's choice**, but will extend time to complete the program if they go part-time.
- **BIOL 2020, 2020 and 2230 are often full before all students can register.** We have very limited online sciences and no longer offer TN Ecampus BIOL. Students must waitlist for online if offered or find an in-person, night, hybrid or flexible delivery section.
- **Degree Works can confuse students who have a goal to apply to the Nursing A.A.S.** Pre-Nursing A.S. has 20 classes – only 8 are pre-reqs for our program. The “what-if” button can help – click “what-if” in Degree Works then choose Nursing A.A.S. as the major and process to see only A.A.S. requirements.
- **The Nursing A.A.S. pre-requisite GPA needed to be considered is now a 2.9 or higher.** GPA is only in the 8 pre-requisites and 2.9 does not guarantee admission.
- **The Nursing A.A.S. web page can be found here.** Encourage students to read the packet in full: <https://www.volstate.edu/academics/nursingaas>
- **Pre-Nursing A.S. students who plant to transfer to a B.S.N. need to research** to see needed pre-requisites plus testing requirements and deadlines for the B.S.N.
- **Remind students that nursing is a competitive pathway!** They 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.
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