

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.
- **The BIOL 2010 pre-req has been changed** Starting fall 2024, BIOL 2010 requires either a composite ACT of 19 or higher, a 70 or higher on the AP Challenge Exam, or a C or higher in CHEM 1030 or BIOL 1030.
- **CHEM 1030 should be the recommended first semester science for B.S.N. transfer** Some students will be required to take CHEM 1030 before anatomy with the new pre-req, but ALL students who plan to go to a BSN should take CHEM 1030 first if possible.
- **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.
- **Contact** Josie Larson (josie.larson@volstate.edu) Ext 3503 if you need assistance with Pre-Nursing student