Department of Nursing

COVID Update For Academic Year 2023-2024

Courses will be taught as scheduled and we will continue to monitor the COVID situation as the landscape changes. Per CDC recommendations students, faculty and staff may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. People with a positive test should quarantine for 5 days and return with a mask, per CDC guidelines.

Learn More About UVU's Nursing Programs

UVU Nursing
Confident, Competent and Caring Nurses

Prospective nursing students or those interested in a nursing career, please contact the **pre-nursing** advisors.

PRE NURSING ADVISORS

Engage in hands-on learning in simulation labs and through clinical opportunities in our community. Participate in research, internships, and international health care experiences.

UVU Nursing is serious about high academic standards balanced with a compassionate and team-oriented emphasis on preparing professional, skilled, and caring nurses.

UVU creates nurses who succeed. Nursing students NCLEX-RN pass rate was 12 percentage points higher than the national average in 2018. For the SPRING 2023 NCLEX-RN testing group, 100% of students taking the test for the first time passed.

ASN Program

RN to BSN Program

MSN Program

PLEASE JOIN US
UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY NURSING OPEN HOUSE

Friday, February 23, 2024

Session Times:
2:00 pm
2:30 pm
3:00 pm

UVU Health Professions Building
981 S. Geneva Road, Orem

Get to know the faculty, tour our facilities including our Simulation Lab, and learn how to apply to our program. 30 minute sessions, including Q&A.

If you have any questions, please email pssc@uvu.edu. Light Refreshments will be served

UVU Department of Nursing's Student Association

The Utah Valley Student Nurses Association is a preprofessional association for nursing students, a constituent member of National Student Nurses Association and Utah Student Nurses Association. UVUSNA provides opportunities for professional networking, leadership, and service. Pre-nursing students are also welcome as members of UVUSNA.

SNA Stop THe Bleed Training Spring 2023
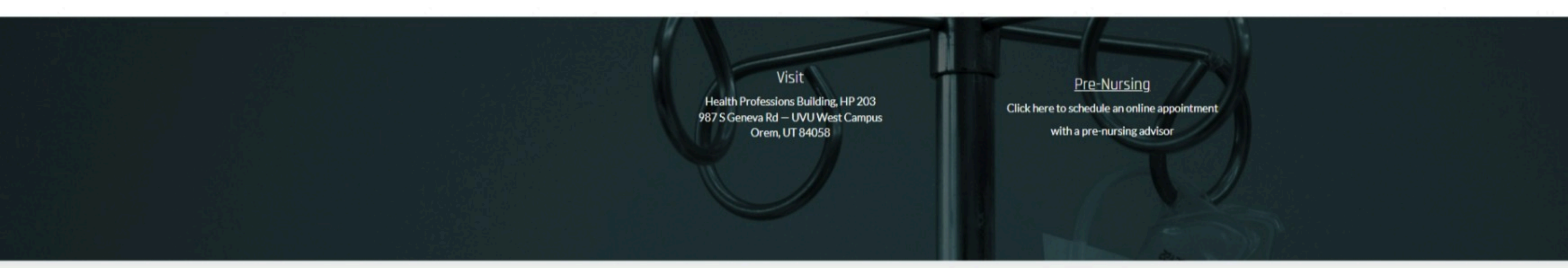
Watch Out for Wolverines!

Nursing student Merriam Shelley identified a community need: local Afghani refugee families who did not have adequate medical supplies for at-home care. Merriam worked with Catholic Community Services (CCS) and Professor Francine Jensen to create 100 medical kits that included thermometers, over-the-counter medications, toothbrushes, toothpaste, poison control information, and an instruction booklet that addressed when to medicate at home and when to seek emergency care. The kits will be distributed by CCS during home visits. Students from UVU Nursing and Noorda College of Osteopathic Medicine joined forces with the local community to collect and assemble supplies. Merriam received partial funding from a UVU CHPS student grant and attendees at the Utah Public Health Conference April 2023. Wolverines watch out for the world!

Congratulations to all of our graduates!

Application Information

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MSN Information

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

ASN FAQ

BSN FAQ

MTECH-LPN to UVU ASN

UVU has partnered with MTECH for students to move from an MTECH-LPN into our ASN and prepare to take the NCLEX. For more information visit the LPN to ASN page.

LPN Information

Visit

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Pre-Nursing

Click here to schedule an online appointment with a pre-nursing advisor

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ASN Information

Associate in Science in Nursing with BSN Completion Program

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The UVU ASN program prepares students to become registered nurses and assist clients in a variety of health care settings within an interdisciplinary team. Graduates are eligible to take the NCELX-RN exam for licensure. Graduates of the UVU ASN program are eligible to seamlessly transition to the UVU Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion program (BSN).

Apply to the ASN Program

Application Dates

Entering Semester	Opens	Closes
Fall	3rd Monday in April at 8:00 AM	3rd Friday in May at 4:00 PM
Spring	3rd Monday in August at 8:00 AM	3rd Friday in September at 4:00 PM

ASN Program Learning Outcomes ⊞

ASN FAQ

How hard is it to become a nurse? Where can I find information regarding the physical and emotional demands of nursing?

A detailed report is available to view here 🗎. Learn more about the physical, emotional, and mental demands of nursing here.

Can I still work and go to nursing school?

The nursing program is a rigorous, time intensive, hands-on program with fixed lecture, lab and clinical schedules. While it is best that you do not have additional demands such as employment during the program, we recognize the realities of life may require you to hold jobs while in the program. We recommend that you find employment that offers a flexible schedule. We remind you that the nursing schedule should take first priority.

What immunizations will I need?

UVU Department of Nursing and all clinical facilities require students to verify immunizations and tests before they can register for classes. A complete list of required immunizations and tests is available online here, and at the department's office.

What are the Nursing program's graduation requirements?

UVU Department of Nursing's mission and values require students to complete nursing and core coursework with a minimum letter grade of B- in order to graduate. Nursing core courses must be taken as scheduled and in sequence.

Once I earn my ASN degree, how can I earn a BSN degree?

Students must complete degree requirements and graduate from an accredited ASN program before progressing to the BSN program. Successful completion of the NCLEX-RN is required before students will be allowed to progress in the BSN program beyond the first semester. It is the student's responsibility to be aware of all degree/graduation and progression requirements. Questions regarding degree requirements should be addressed to the Department of Nursing advisor.

I have been out of school a long time. Can I really do this?

Many students have successfully completed the UVU ASN program, including those who were previously in school before computers were used. UVU has many support systems in place to help students navigate the ASN program. Be proactive and reach out for help. We can point you to UVU resources to help you be successful.

Is nursing a good career?

Nursing is a career that brings together scientific knowledge, cutting-edge technical skills, caring and compassion. Currently, nursing is the largest health care profession in the United States. In 2022, there were nearly 5.2 million registered nurses. The need for skilled, knowledgeable and caring nurses is continually on the rise.

What kinds of jobs can I get as an RN?

There are many places you can work with your nursing degree.

→ Hospital positions: medical/surgical, labor and delivery, new-born nursery, pediatrics, intensive care, cardiovascular care, operating room, recovery room, oncology, emergency, trauma, psychiatric/mental health, and others

→ Long-term care centers, rehabilitation, nursing homes

→ End of life care: hospice

→ Community health clinics

→ Freestanding outpatient and surgery centers

→ Home health care

→ School nursing

→ Nursing education: colleges and universities, patient education, staff development, on-site clinical coordination

→ Business health centers: occupational safety, consultation, education

→ Military nursing

→ Humanitarian nursing

Why would I want a BSN?

Leadership roles open to you as a BSN-prepared nurse with experience. A BSN degree sets you up for future schooling. With advanced degrees, you can take on different roles in nursing. Opportunities for advanced schooling include:

→ Nurse Practitioner (Master's prepared NP: acute care NP, family nurse practitioner FNP, mental health nurse practitioner and others)

→ Nurse Anesthetist

→ Nurse Midwife

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BSN Information

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion Program
BSN classes are available online, hybrid, or face-to-face.

BSN PROGRAM INFORMATION 📄   **BSN CATALOG INFORMATION** 📄   **BSN DEGREE MAP** 📄

RN LICENSURE COMPLIANCE TABLE

A BSN degree allows ASN-prepared nurses to learn and apply leadership skills, genomics, global health perspectives, and research for practice. A BSN degree provides the greatest opportunities for advancement in the nursing profession. In addition, a BSN degree is required for entry into graduate nursing programs, including nurse practitioner, certified nurse anesthetist, nurse educator, or nurse researcher. UVU's BSN program is accredited by Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

RN to BSN Program
Licensed RNs who would like to earn a BSN degree are encouraged to apply to our UVU RN-BSN program. This program is offered online, hybrid or face-to-face, and you can attend full-time or part-time. We are proud to assist RNs and our community partners in elevating the quality of health care delivered in our communities.

Apply to the RN to BSN Program

Application Dates
Students can now apply for the RN-BSN program year round. Depending on when you apply, will determine the semester you can join. Students must apply to both UVU and the RN-BSN program by the listed dates below:

To attend in SPRING 2025: December 1st, 2024.

To attend in SUMMER 2024: April 1st, 2024.

To attend in FALL 2024: August 1st, 2024.

***Please schedule an appointment with the nursing advisor, Kristie Dockstader, after applying to UVU, after transferring any external credits in, and before applying to the RN-BSN program. She will take a look at your infomation to verify which semester you can join. Please reach out to her at kdockstader@uvu.edu

BSN Program Learning Outcomes   ⊞

BSN FAQ

Why should I get a BSN?
Nursing governing organizations encourage hospitals to hire BSN-prepared nurses. Research has shown that BSN nurses provide a level of care that supports safer care and better health outcomes for patients (Blegen et al., 2013). In addition, most organizations require a BSN for progression in nursing leadership roles, such as charge nurses and unit managers.
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Do I have to go to campus for BSN classes?
UVU offers two options for taking BSN core classes: hybrid and online courses. Hybrid courses have both in-class and online requirements: students go to campus Tuesdays for the classroom experience and also have online work. This is considered a hybrid learning environment.
Conversely, online courses are not held on campus. Classes meet asynchronously online (not needing to be present at the same time) over the course of the semester.

How do online courses, hybrid courses, and independent study courses differ?
Although both independent study courses and online courses are delivered through online means, the types of courses are very different.

→ UVU's BSN program offers online courses for core curriculum and elective credits. This means the student accesses course content and assignments throughout each week of the semester, and there are multiple due dates. This necessitates frequently accessing the online learning management system called Canvas throughout the week; how frequently this occurs varies from course to course.

→ UVU's BSN program also offers hybrid courses for core curriculum and elective credits. A hybrid course is a mix of both in-class and online education. Classes meet each Tuesday to fulfill a portion of the credit time, and the rest is accounted for in online learning activities.

→ During an independent study course, students are able to complete some elective course requirements and assignments at their own pace. Independent study courses generally have one due date--at the very end of the course. Independent study hours can contribute to the elective course requirement in the BSN program. Several of our faculty are willing to work with students guiding their independent study hours.

Is it possible to do a combination of hybrid and online courses in the BSN program?
Students enrolled in the BSN program may take all a combination of both types of courses.

I have heard that online courses are easier. Is this true?
Some students have the perception that online courses are easier than face-to-face courses. This is not true; the same academic rigor is in both types. In fact, depending on the type of learner students are, taking online courses can be more challenging. Being successful in online courses requires the student be proactive at figuring out course content and assignments, as there is no teacher physically present as in a traditional classroom. Online courses can be challenging unless students set priorities to understand the course requirements and consistently meet the expectations through the semester.

What are the advantages of taking online courses?
Online courses allow students to not be physically present on campus. Some students find more flexibility completing online course assignments around their varied work schedules. In the online environment, students need to be self-motivated and proactive about their learning to be successful.
Consider how you learn best. If you are more motivated with a teacher in a classroom or appreciate the structure a classroom offers, face-to-face classrooms may fit your learning style.

If I take an online course, how much time will I need to commit to the course during a week?
For college courses, 1.0 credit equates to student engagement in learning activities for approximately 3 hours a week, amounting to 45 hours over the semester. For online courses, class time includes participating in assigned readings, online discussions, research, and other assignments. Most online courses require a significant amount of "seat" time at the computer. Additionally, these hours are multiplied with each credit (e.g. a 2.0 credit course requires 6 hours of work each week, or 90 hours during the semester; a 3.0 credit course requires 9 hours of work each week, or 135 hours during the semester, etc.).

Can I work as a nurse while taking BSN online courses?
Yes. In fact, students are encouraged to work as an RN while taking courses in UVU's BSN program. However, because these are rigorous, upper-division courses, students are encouraged to carefully evaluate their abilities, time constraints, and other commitments when determining how many courses to take each semester.

Will Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) meet the educational requirements for the professional credential in the state or US territory I might choose to live during or after completing your UVU degree?
Visit the UVU Professional Licensure website to learn more!

Can I go to school part time and finish my BSN?
Yes. Students have seven years from enrollment to finish their BSN coursework. Students who take more than seven years may have to complete any new requirements made by the Nursing Department. However, we encourage you to finish your BSN as soon as possible.

After I get my ASN degree, I heard that I could complete my BSN in a year. Is this true?
Yes, however, students are encouraged to assess their personal and professional time commitments and make this decision wisely. Students who completed nursing school at a location other than UVU may have other general education or upper division requirements for the BSN degree, which could lengthen completion times. All students should make consulting with the nursing advisor a priority as they plan their BSN completion.

Are BSN courses held during the summer?
Yes, core courses are offered year round. Speak with a nursing advisor to get started.

I have been out of school a long time. Can I really do this?
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Once I have my BSN, what else can I do?
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LPN Information

MTECH-LPN to Associate in Science in Nursing (ASN) with BSN Completion

LPN PROGRAM INFORMATION 📄   **ASN CATALOG INFORMATION**   **RN LICENSURE COMPLIANCE TABLE**

UVU Department of Nursing and MTECH have created a pathway for MTECH-LPN graduates to apply to the UVU ASN Program. Take your LPN degree to the next level of nursing by earning an ASN degree, and continue on to a BSN degree.

This program is only for MTECH-LPN graduates.

Apply to the LPN to ASN Program

Application Dates

Entering Semester	Opens	Closes
Fall 2023	3rd Monday in April at 8:00 AM	3rd Friday in May at 4:00 PM
Spring 2024	3rd Monday in August at 8:00 AM	3rd Friday in September at 4:00 PM

ASN Program Learning Outcomes ⊞

LPN FAQ

I have an LPN license. Why should I get an ASN or BSN?

National nursing governing bodies, such as the American Nurses' Association, feel the entry into the profession of nursing should be a BSN degree. Research has shown the more education you have, the better able you are to care for patients and keep them safe. In general, your income will increase with more schooling. Opportunities to work at specific locations within the profession will also increase.

Why would I choose UVU for my ASN degree instead of another school to become a registered nurse?

Graduates from the UVU Department of Nursing have an excellent reputation in our community. We believe in our curriculum, and we believe in our students' abilities to be successful in practice. We know you have many options for your nursing education. We encourage you to explore your options and choose the program that best fits your short and long-term professional needs and goals.

What GPA do I need to get into UVU's nursing program?

If you have successfully graduated from MTECH within the last five years, applied to UVU and the UVU Department of Nursing, and have a 3.5 GPA, you will be considered for admitance to the UVU Nursing program.

Do I need to be licensed as an LPN to apply to the UVU Nursing program?

No. If you are currently in LPN school, you must license as an LPN during the first semester after admitance. Your LPN license is mandatory to continue onto the 4th semester of the ASN degree at UVU.

How many UVU credits will I get for my LPN courses toward my ASN degree?

You will receive 22 credit hours toward your ASN degree, which is equivalent to completing 2 semesters of the nursing program. You will join the UVU Nursing program at the start of the 3rd semester of the ASN program.

At what point in the ASN program will I join the UVU Nursing program?

After you have been accepted into the UVU Nursing program, you will join at the beginning of the third semester of the ASN degree. That semester will contain a mixture of the ASN 2nd and 3rd semester courses that you did not receive credit for when your LPN courses transferred to UVU.

What can I expect my schedule to be like once I start the UVU Nursing program?

Currently, third semester ASN classes are held on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. These courses include classroom, lab, simulation, and clinical time. Your schedule will be different each semester. (Please check the UVU Course Catalog for the most current listings, and speak with the nursing advisor.)

Should I get my BSN degree?

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How do I apply to UVU's MTECH-LPN to ASN Program?

Get started here.

Read more FAQs on the ASN information page.