

CURRICULUM WORKSHEET

for non-nurse college graduates with a bachelor's degree or equivalent

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name: _____ U Number: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Bachelor's Degree: _____

Year of Graduation from Bachelor's Degree Program: _____

The **Lienhard School of Nursing (LSN)** is dedicated to offering access and opportunity for qualified individuals of diverse backgrounds, talents, interests, experiences, cultures, and origins to pursue careers within the profession of nursing. As a school set within culturally diverse urban and suburban settings, through community partnerships LSN fosters human growth and dignity and provides primary health care. Faithful to the Pace University motto, "Opportunitas," LSN is dedicated to and supports commitment to individuals, families, and communities at local, national, international and global levels to meet current and future health care needs. The school provides student-centered learning experiences that foster civic, social, and professional responsibility to embrace the challenges of the future.

The ABS program is a three-semester, 50-credit program, that provides a specifically designed accelerated curriculum for non-nurse college graduates (U.S. bachelor's degree or its equivalent) who wish to study nursing in a first professional degree program. LSN has long been a leader in second-degree education for non-nursing college graduates and has offered an accelerated nursing program in Pleasantville since 1984. Acceleration is possible for the ABS program by giving recognition to previous baccalaureate education and by recognizing that the college graduate is an able learner by virtue of previous educational and life experiences.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for entrance to the ABS program, students must meet the following requirements:

- Completed all prerequisite courses prior to application with a minimum grade of B-. These courses include Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Microbiology, General Chemistry, Introduction to Psychology, and Statistics.
- Students must have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university
- Students must have achieved an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Note: Students should apply for the ABS program through Graduate Admission.

DEGREE COMPLETION CRITERIA

ABS students must meet the following requirements in order to complete the program:

- Maintain a CQPA of 2.75 or higher throughout the program
- Pass all nursing major core courses (including approved nursing electives) with a B- or higher
- Maintain required clinical compliance (health assessment, immunizations, CPR, criminal background check, drug screening, and additional requirements as advised) for clinical eligibility.

ACCREDITATION

The baccalaureate degree in Nursing, master's degree in Nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice at Pace University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 887-6791.

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PREREQUISITE REQUIREMENTS* (60 credits)

	Credits	Pace Earned/ Transfer Credit
BACCALAURATE DEGREE (57 credits) Coursework transferred from previous institution	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
MATHEMATICS (3-4 credits) MAT 134 Introduction to Probability and Statistics OR MAT 141 Introductory Statistics for the Life Sciences	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
SCIENCE: BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (15 credits) BIO 152 Anatomy and Physiology I** BIO 153 Anatomy and Physiology II** BIO 254 Basic Microbiology** CHE 113 Principles of Chemistry for the Health Professions**	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
ART AND SCIENCE (3 credits) PSY (one, 100 level, introduction course)	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
COMPUTER SCIENCE (3 credits) Computer Science 3 credits (or) evidence of word processing and data entry skills is pre- or co-requisite to graduate nursing courses. It is the student's responsibility to have all transcripts sent directly to The Graduate Admissions office for all prerequisite courses completed at other colleges. Students cannot graduate from the ABS without complete documentation showing completion of all prerequisite courses.	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

* The prerequisite requirements may be completed at Pace or transferred in. For transfer credit to be granted, a grade of B- or better must be earned.
 ** If science prerequisite was taken more than 10 years ago, student might need to retake course in its entirety; these students will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis depending on their advanced education, work, and/or experience in sciences.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- 1. Are GREs or an admission test required for admission to the ABS program?**
No. GREs are not required for admission to the ABS program.
- 2. What does the ABS program entail?**
Prospective students who have completed all prerequisites can apply for the one year (3 semester), full-time program starting in the fall in NYC or in the spring in Pleasantville. The ABS consists of 50 or 52 credits in the nursing major that includes an opportunity to take a 3 credit undergraduate or graduate nursing elective course. The graduate course would be double-counted for a master of science (MS) degree, should you continue into an LSN graduate program.
- 3. When does the ABS begin on each campus?**
The cycle for ABS entry is every fall for New York City and every spring for Pleasantville
- 4. What is the passing grade required for all nursing courses?**
The passing grade for all undergraduate nursing courses is B- and a B for graduate courses. Students must maintain a 2.75 CQPA to progress in the program and to graduate. Successful passing of the clinical computation exam is required as a prerequisite to each clinical course (i.e., passing is 90% semester 1 and 95% in all other clinical courses- semesters).
- 5. If I am finishing the prerequisite courses while I apply to the ABS, will I be considered?**
ABS applications are not reviewed until all requirements have been completed.

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For an LSN Graduate Catalog or for information on transferability of liberal arts and science courses, contact the Office of Graduate Admission in New York City at (212) 346-1531 or Pleasantville at (914) 422-4283.

1. The Lienhard School of Nursing has established the following criteria for admission:

- Scholastic achievement as evidenced by previous academic work. All prior transcripts must be submitted to the Office of Graduate Admission.
- Motivation, leadership potential, and maturity as evidenced by prior work experience, extra-curricular activities, letters of recommendation, and responses to questions on the application.
- Completion of prerequisites. ABS program applications are not reviewed until all prerequisites have been completed.

The Office of Graduate Admission will process applications after ALL materials have been received.

2. Application for Graduate Admission (ABS applicants are admitted through Graduate Admission)

Complete the application form in the Graduate Catalog and return to one of the following:

Pace University, Office of Graduate Admission
861 Bedford Road
Pleasantville, NY 10570
(914) 422-4283

Pace University, Office of Graduate Admission
1 Pace Plaza
New York City, New York 10038
(212) 346-1531

Indicate your credential objective as ABS for Non-Nurse College Graduate on the application, which must be accompanied by a \$70 non-refundable application fee (check or money order), payable to Pace University.

3. Transcripts

Please arrange for an official transcript to be sent from each academic institution that you attended to the Office of Graduate Admission.

4. Two Letters of Recommendation are required. It is suggested that a college instructor, employer, or community professional complete the letters of recommendation and return them to the Office of Graduate Admission.**5. Application Deadline**

Admission to the ABS program is highly competitive, and class size is limited to a maximum of 88 students per class.

- The application deadline for **January entry is September 15.**
- The application deadline for **September entry is February 1.**

Applications will be processed on a space-available basis until all seats are filled. To guarantee a seat, a deposit is required within two weeks of admission. Deposits received after all seats are filled will be returned. Students will be notified of the decision, in writing, as soon as possible after the application is complete.

6. Tuition rates and fees are posted on the Pace website.**7. Financial Aid**

For information about loans and scholarships, contact the Financial Aid Office at (877) 672-1830.

8. A computer with Internet accessibility is strongly recommended for course requirements and communication.**9.** For additional, important information, visit the ABS page on the Pace website at <https://www.pace.edu/program/nursing-accelerated-bachelor-of-science>

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**SAMPLE CURRICULUM PLAN
for completion of nursing core (30 credits)**

Semester 1		Credits
NURS 402	Fundamentals of Nursing Practice*	4
NURS 403	Pathophysiology/Pharmacology I	2
NURS 404	Communication for Professional Nursing	3
NURS 406	Clinical Management in Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing*	3
NURS 409	Concepts of Evidence-based Practice	3
Total		15
Semester 2		Credits
NURS 412	Clinical Management in Adult Medical Surgical Nursing*	6
NURS 414	Clinical Management in Maternal Newborn Nursing and Women's Health*	3
NURS 416	Clinical Management in Child Health Nursing*	3
NURS 432	Pathophysiology/Pharmacology II	3
NURS 448	Ethics and Excellence in Professional Nursing	2
Total		17
Semester 3		Credits
NURS 424	Clinical Management of Population Health*	3
NURS 426	Organizational and Systems Leadership in Nursing*	3
NURS 428	Evolution to Professional Nursing*	6
NURS 434	Gerontological Nursing	3
NURS XXX	Nursing Elective	3
Total		18

* Successful passing of clinical computation exam is required as a prerequisite to each clinical