ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (IOWA AND NEBRASKA)

Description and Outcomes
The Associate of Science in Nursing program is a prelicensure nursing education program. The program offers a dynamic curriculum designed to organize and integrate content, skills, and procedures, increase your knowledge and competence, and provide the foundation for progressively higher levels of nursing practice.

Upon successful completion of the required plan of study and all other graduation requirements, you may be academically prepared to apply to take the licensing examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN®). Refer to the Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams (p. 2) section for important program disclosure information. If you complete the associate’s degree and successfully pass the NCLEX-RN, you will be eligible to enter the Kaplan University Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree-completion program.

The Associate of Science in Nursing program admits students who have no prior health care experience as well as individuals who have completed a practical nursing program.

Clinical Experiences
The program blends online coursework with on-ground, facility-based clinical experiences. Refer to the Progression Requirements (p. 2) section and the Clinical Experiences (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/undergraduate/nursing) section for details.

Program Length
The Associate of Science in Nursing program consists of a minimum of 110 quarter credit hours. Upon successful completion of the program, you will receive an associate of science degree.

Program Availability
Enrollment in the program is limited. Contact an Admissions Advisor for details.

Program Outcomes

Discipline-Specific Outcomes
1. Foundational Nursing Skills: Integrate the nursing process into caring for clients at different levels along the health–wellness continuum.
2. Professional Roles: Integrate knowledge from nursing and other disciplines into the delivery of competent, culturally sensitive, and developmentally appropriate care.
3. Leadership: Utilize leadership and management skills within the scope of identified roles for the associate’s degree graduate.
5. Health Care Technology: Demonstrate safe and appropriate performance of nursing skills including using various technologies within the health care delivery system.
6. Values: Integrate ethical decision making and legal considerations into professional practice.
7. Communication: Apply effective communication skills within the professional role.
8. Professional Development Plan: Analyze one’s own professional growth and progress toward the achievement of self-initiated goals.

General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies
In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the undergraduate School of General Education (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/undergraduate/general-education) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

Policies
Policy information specific to the Associate of Science in Nursing program is noted below.

Admissions Requirements
You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Kaplan University’s general requirements (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements).

If you have held prior health care licensure or certification, it may be subject to additional review during the admissions process. Past disciplinary action may be grounds for denial of admission to the program.

If you have passed the NCLEX-PN® and hold an active PN license, you must possess an active, unencumbered LPN license in the states in which you hold licensure. If you are a graduate of the University’s Practical Nursing Diploma program, you must be in good academic standing and have no Code of Conduct violations (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/policy-information/student-information-services/conduct).

Two weeks prior to the beginning of any course with a clinical component, you may be required to submit current American Heart Association CPR Certification (also called BLS) at the Healthcare Provider Level; online and the American Red Cross will not be accepted. Certification must be valid during your full tenure in the program.

Prior to enrollment, you must:
1. Be at least 18 years old at the program’s start date.
2. Complete an informational interview with an admissions representative.
3. Achieve the minimum required scores on the entrance assessment tests, as required by the School of Nursing.
4. Complete enrollment activities including the Student Expectations Acknowledgment Form.
5. Pay all applicable application fees.
6. Submit a request for a criminal background check (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/policy-information/admissions/
requirements) to the Kaplan University-approved vendor prior to the first day of your first term. If your criminal background check is not approved by the end of the third week of your first term, your enrollment will be cancelled.

**Progression Requirements**

1. You must achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each of the required courses for the program and attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
2. You will be withdrawn from the program if unable to successfully complete a course on the second attempt.
3. You must complete your clinical experiences in Polk or the surrounding counties for the Des Moines, Iowa, campus; Linn or the surrounding counties for the Cedar Rapids, Iowa, campus; and Black Hawk or the surrounding counties for the Cedar Falls, Iowa, campus. If you are enrolled in the program at the Lincoln, Nebraska campus, you must complete your clinical experiences in Lancaster or the surrounding counties. During clinical experiences, you will be supervised by a faculty clinical instructor.
4. After enrollment, you must complete and/or submit the following prior to starting coursework:
   - Evidence of high school graduation or a GED certificate
   - Official transcripts from all other colleges, universities, and/or vocational schools attended, if applicable
   - Admissions interview conducted by the Director of Nursing (DON) or a designee
5. In order to remain enrolled in the program, proof of the following is required:
   - Negative result on drug/chemical substance testing. You must provide a valid, verifiable, current prescription for medications you are presently taking. If you test positive and do not have a prescription as described above, you will not be permitted to start the program or re-enroll at a later date.

**Graduation Requirements**

You must meet the following graduation requirements in addition to Kaplan University’s general requirements (https://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu/undergraduate/policy-information):

1. Achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each of the major and core requirements for the program.
2. Successfully complete all clinical nursing courses with a minimum grade of "C" for the didactic portion of the courses and a grade of "S" (satisfactory) for the clinical portion of the courses. Failure to complete the clinical portion of a course will result in failure of the entire course.
3. Comply with all applicable policies and requirements related to the clinical educational experiences

**Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams**

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of certification, state board, or national board licensing exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various certification and licensing exams, Kaplan University cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, meeting other licensure or certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

The Associate of Science in Nursing program is designed to help you become academically and clinically qualified to provide outstanding patient care. Upon successful completion of the program of study, you may be academically prepared to apply to take the national licensure examination for registered nurses (NCLEX-RN®).

**Degree Plan**

**Program Requirements**

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**Total Major Requirements**: 75

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The number of additional electives required will be based on the number of credits needed to meet individual state education requirements for nursing students.