



PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

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<https://asa.maricopa.edu/departments/healthcare-education-at-the-maricopa-community/maricopanursing-programs/program-outcomes>

Caring is the essence of nursing

Jean Watson

The Associate in Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing degree Program is available at eight of the Maricopa Community Colleges. The program provides clinical experiences in a variety of healthcare settings. Completion of the degree requirements provides eligibility to apply for licensure as registered nurses.

Applicants may submit an [application](#) to MaricopaNursing at one of the Maricopa Community Colleges after meeting all admission requirements. Applicants are placed according to their choices when space is available. A description of the admission and placement process is found in the Information and Application Packet and under [FAQs](#) on the MaricopaNursing website.

The Nursing Program offers a variety of schedule options including Traditional, Accelerated, Weekend, Evening, and Concurrent AAS/BSN Programs. In all options, scheduling of clinical experiences may include day, evening, or weekend hours and may include 6, 8, 10, and/or 12-hour shifts. Student schedules are available only after the applicant is admitted to the campus immediately prior to the start of the program. The list of current program options is available on the MaricopaNursing website under [Additional Program Options](#).

Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) is designed for qualified students who are interested in earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree while pursuing an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Nursing degree. The [CEP](#), when taken in sequence, offers an affordable program of study which provides students the opportunity to complete their BSN degree at the same time or one to two semesters after graduating with their AAS in Nursing degree. An option for an AAS/MSN CEP is also available. Visit www.nursing.maricopa.edu for eligibility requirements.

Transfer/Advanced Placement Transfer applicants and LPNs seeking to complete the Associate in Applied Science in Nursing Degree may apply using an [Advanced Placement Information/Application Packet](#). Advanced placement applications are valid for 2 years from date of application. Students not placed within 2 years must reapply and meet all current requirements.

Paramedic to RN Bridge Program is a two-course transition that is offered each spring (late) and fall. This option will provide paramedics with the theory and clinical competencies to successfully progress into the second or third semester of the MaricopaNursing program. For detailed information visit the nursing program web site under [Additional Program Options](#).

Veteran's Bridge Course is a 12-credit course/program designed to bridge Veterans who have previous healthcare training with the military (i.e. Medic, Corpsman) to meet the requirements for a certificate of completion in practical nursing. This program also meets the requirements for Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) refresher students. Visit <http://www.gatewaycc.edu/veterans-lpn-bridge> for additional information.

Applicants for licensure in Arizona must provide documentation demonstrating citizenship, alien status, legal residency or lawful presence in the United States. License requirements are the exclusive responsibility of the State Board of Nursing, www.azbn.gov.

CONTACT INFORMATION for general questions:

Website: www.nursing.maricopa.edu | **E-mail:** nursing@domail.maricopa.edu | **Hotline:** (480) 731-8264

*Newsletter is updated if revisions are required.

Requirements for Admission

1. Advisement:

Most MaricopaNursing colleges require a mandatory information session prior to meeting with a nursing advisor.. Following the nursing information session students can make an appointment to meet one-on-one with an advisor. Contact the individual colleges to see when and where these information sessions are held

2. Student Information Form:

All potential students are required to complete the required student information at: <https://maricopa.service-now.com/student/go.do?num=KB0010547>.

3. High School graduation or GED:

High School diploma or a GED is required for the Associate in Applied Science degree in nursing. Applicants must signify that they meet this requirement by signing the nursing application page containing the Declaration of High School Graduation or GED. To use a high school course for a college pre-requisite, a high school transcript is required; otherwise, the signature on the Declaration page will suffice.

4. Transcripts:

Request that all official colleges/universities transcripts be sent to the Admissions Office at the college of first choice. Please request that the institution include a current name and student identification number. It is the students' responsibility to confirm the receipt and evaluation of all transcripts with the Advisor/Admissions Officer. Transcripts sent to the Nursing Office at the Maricopa Community Colleges District address cannot be accepted and will be returned to the college of origin. All transcripts must be sent to the Admissions Office at one of the college locations.

5. Fingerprint Requirement:

Submit a current **Level One** Fingerprint Clearance Card. Any copies for your application will be obtained by the advisor after visual inspection of the original. See an advisor/admission officer or www.maricopa.edu/nursing/pdfdocs/FingerprintingInformation.pdf for information in applying for the card. Allow up to 12 weeks to receive the card.

6. HESI Admission Assessment (HESI A2):

Applicants must score at an 80% or higher in English Language Composite Score and 75% or higher in math within 24 months of application. Applicants may retest after remediation to improve the score after 60 days up to a maximum of 3 times per 12-month period. Information on test preparation, test fee, and the guidelines for taking the test are available at on the MaricopaNursing <http://www.nursing.maricopa.edu/> web site under Admission Requirements. The nursing director may deny acceptance of an application if an applicant violates the guidelines for taking the entrance exam. The [HESI A2 Study Guide](#) is available in select college bookstores and libraries. These materials will assist you in preparing for the exam by reviewing math and reading skills. HESI A2 scores subject to change.

7. Background Check/Drug Screen:

All Maricopa Community College healthcare students are required to complete a criminal background check and drug screen during the registration process. Enrollment is contingent on passing results from the background check and drug screen. Once admitted, students have a duty to immediately report to the Program Director any arrests, convictions, placement on exclusion databases, suspension, removal of the DPS Fingerprint Clearance Card or removal or discipline imposed on any professional license or certificate at any time during my enrollment in a Program. Any student who loses eligibility to participate in clinical experiences due to inability to meet program requirements will be withdrawn from the program.

This newsletter describes admission and readmission requirements and standards of conduct for students enrolled in MaricopaNursing. The standards are in addition to those detailed under MCCCDC policies and Administrative regulations. Violation of any such standard may serve as grounds for non-admission to a program or other discipline, program suspension or dismissal. MaricopaNursing programs reserve the right to make program changes as needed, and to change without previous notice any information requirements and regulations published in this document.

*Applicants may download Application Packets and access additional information about the HESI A2, HESI PN Exit Exam, Fingerprint Clearance Card, and Background checks at <http://www.nursing.maricopa.edu/>

NURSING STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students must be in excellent physical and mental health. Students can expect to spend considerable time outside the classroom practicing skills, reading textbooks and journals, and completing written assignments for clinical and classroom preparation. Students must subscribe to the ideal of academic honesty and integrity and accept individual responsibility for their work. Academic dishonesty and unprofessional behaviors are unacceptable.