



DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM - CODE #2373

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The demand for nurses with bachelor's degrees has never been greater. According to the Health and Medicine Division's (HMD) Future of Nursing: Leading Change, at a minimum, 80 percent of nurses should have at least a bachelor's degree by 2020. In order to meet the recommended need, Alfred State now offers a dual degree.

The new dual degree nursing program is a model to meet the high demand for bachelor's degrees in nursing, while allowing the student to earn both an associate and baccalaureate degree over four years. The graduates of the associate program are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam at the end of the third year. The nursing program will prepare you to become a registered nurse - one of the fastest-growing professions in the country. Courses are sequential and progress from simple to more complex situations, with specialized content in obstetrics, mental health, and pediatrics integrated into the program. Clinical experience, an essential part of each nursing course, further enables you to gain technical competence to apply theoretical knowledge with practice.

ADVANTAGES

Both the AAS and BS in nursing programs are registered by NYS Education Department. Graduates of the AAS degree are eligible to apply for licensure as a registered nurse and sit for the NCLEX-RN (RN National Boards) in any state.

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The BS in nursing program can be taken entirely online, allowing the student to progress at their own pace. The BS in nursing Program is registered by the NYS Education Department.

Articulation agreements are in place between multiple regional community colleges and Alfred State for the BS in Nursing program.

FACILITIES

Facilities used for clinical experiences may include: Cuba Memorial Hospital, Elderwood, Guthrie Healthcare Hospital, Unity Hospital, FF Thompson Hospital, Highland Park Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, Jones Memorial Hospital, Noyes Memorial Hospital, Olean General Hospital, St. James Hospital, Wyoming County Community Hospital, Hornell Gardens, as well as other area facilities and community sites.

Students may be placed in day, evening, and night clinical placement, weekend and weekday rotations, and will be responsible for their own transportation.

The upper-division completion program will enhance your knowledge and skills foundation to function more autonomously and interdependently in diverse, complex, and dynamic health care environments. Moreover, the program will enhance your potential to expand your responsibilities in practice to become a leader, coordinator, and manager of care. Lastly, the program will serve as a solid academic foundation for advanced study in nursing at the graduate level. Some of the BSN core courses will begin to be offered in both an on-campus setting (for residential students), while online opportunities will be available for students not living on or near campus, providing flexibility and learning style choices for the adult student and working professional.

It is strongly recommended that clinical site affiliations are submitted at least two months prior to taking the course to ensure that a clinical site agreement is in place.

Clinical components will be required in the following courses:

- NURS 6003 - Nursing Leadership and Management
- NURS 6413 - Health Assessment and Promotion Across the Lifespan
- NURS 7004 - Population Focused Care in the Community

As a graduate of this program, you will be prepared to assume a leadership role in the health care delivery system using gained experience, research, and technology for evidence-based decision making. You will be equipped to deliver, lead, and coordinate care for a variety of individuals from diverse backgrounds to improve client outcomes.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Hospitals
- Clinics
- Long-term care facilities
- Physician offices
- Industry
- Ambulatory settings
- Visiting nurses' agencies
- Schools
- Home health care
- Health insurance providers
- Leadership, management, research, education, and practice opportunities exist in a variety of health care settings and institutions throughout New York State and the US.

NYCLEX-RN FIRST-TIME CANDIDATE PASS RATE

	2019	2020	2021
Alfred State College	82.8%	81.8%	70.69%
New York State	86.4%	83.17%	78.97%
National Average	86.0%	86.56%	83.76%

STUDENT COMPLETION OF THE DUAL DEGREE NURSING PROGRAM

Dual Degree (AAS/BS) Program	2019	2020	2021
Completion Rates**	NA	NA	45% (39/87)

Fall 2016 Cohort tracked for 5 years. Full 1.5 times is 6 years.

**students who complete the program within 1.5 times of the length of program

EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS

Programs	2019	2020	2021
Dual Degree (AAS/BS)			100%
AAS Job Placement Rates*	95% (59/62)	95% (53/56)	98% (55/56)
BS in Nursing Job Placement Rates*	100% (3/7)	100% (3/4)	

*employed in the field of nursing

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ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

Required: Algebra, Biology, Chemistry

Required: It is essential that students are able to fully participate, with or without a reasonable accommodation, in clinical caring for clients as assigned.

Nursing students should be able to:

- Ambulate in a sufficient manner in order to appropriately and safely perform patient care.
- Lift at least 35 pounds.
- Function in a safe manner, not placing clients in jeopardy.
- Maintain confidentiality in regard to professional practice.
- Appropriately use standard medical equipment.
- Interpret data from electronic devices in a health care setting for the purpose of client care.
- Maintain professional composure at all times.
- Communicate effectively orally and in writing.

OFFICE OF ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES

Students who believe they need a reasonable accommodation to properly participate in this program may contact Melanie Ryan in the Office of Accessibility Services. This office may be contacted by email at oas@alfredstate.edu or by phone at 607-587-4506. Please keep in mind that some accommodations may take time to implement, so students seeking accommodations are encouraged to contact OAS as early as possible.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

A tier 1 laptop computer is required for students entering this degree program. Laptop specifications are available at www.alfredstate.edu/required-laptops.

A laptop is required for the nursing program as it will be needed for on-campus exams and other educational purposes. Microsoft Office is required; internet access is required. In addition, a handheld pocket-sized electronic device is required (i.e. smart phone) for downloading program software. The device must have the capability to turn off both phone and camera.

LICENSURE

Upon completion of the AAS degree portion of the dual degree program, graduates are eligible to apply for licensure. Completion of the AAS nursing program does not assure licensure as a registered professional nurse. Graduates of this portion of the dual degree nursing program meet the education requirements for admittance to the RN licensure exam; however, there is a requirement that the applicant be of "good moral character" and a fee must be paid for the test and license.

To be a licensed and registered as an RN in New York State, you must:

- Be of good moral character
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Graduate from a nursing education program acceptable to NYSED
- Complete New York State required infection control coursework and child abuse reporting coursework
- Pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX_RN) or another license examination acceptable to NYSED
- Apply for an RN license with NYSED

On the application for New York State licensure, the applicant is required to truthfully answer the following questions:

- Have you ever been found guilty after trial, or pleaded guilty, no contest, or nolo contendere to a crime (felony or misdemeanor) in any court?
- Are criminal charges pending against you in any court?
- Has any licensing or disciplinary authority refused to issue you a license or ever revoked, annulled, canceled, accepted surrender of, suspended, placed on probation, refused to renew a professional license or certificate held by you now or previously, or ever fined, censured, reprimanded, or otherwise disciplined you?
- Are charges pending against you in any jurisdiction for any sort of professional misconduct?

- Has any hospital or licensed facility restricted or terminated your professional training, employment of privileges, or have you ever voluntarily or involuntarily resigned or withdrawn from such association to avoid imposition of such measures?

ACCREDITATION/CERTIFICATION

- Alfred State College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), 3624 Market St., Philadelphia, PA 19104; 215-662-5606, <http://www.msche.org>. The MSCHE is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).
- The AAS nursing program at Alfred State College located in Alfred, NY is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326 404-975-5000, www.acenursing.org
 - The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the AAS nursing program is Continuing Accreditation
 - View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <http://www.acenursing.com/accreditedprograms/programsearch.htm>.
- Effective Feb. 28, 2022, the Alfred State College BS in nursing program is a candidate for initial accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. This candidacy status expires on February 28, 2024. Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400, Atlanta, GA 30326 (404) 975-5000 <http://www.acenursing.com/candidates/candidacy.asp>
- The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at SUNY Alfred is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, (202) 887-6791.
- Both the AAS and BS in Nursing Programs are registered by the NYS Education Department.

Dual Degree Program Nursing – AAS to BS in Nursing Degree TYPICAL FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM

For the AAS Nursing courses students must earn a "C" in Nursing I (NURS 1055 and NURS 1133) and Nursing II (NURS 2055 and NURS 2133) and a "C+" in Nursing III ((NURS 3055 and 3155) and Nursing IV (NURS 4055 and NURS 4155) to progress in the nursing program. Competency in medication clinical computation is required each semester and is tested as part of each nursing semester.

NOTE: BIOL 1404 Anatomy & Physiology I and BIOL 2504 Anatomy & Physiology II have to be completed with a "C+" and must be taken in the classroom with lab component at the same college in a face-to-face environment. Microbiology must be taken in the classroom with lab component at the same college in a face-to-face environment.

Specific policies related to progression in the nursing program and readmission to the nursing program are publicized to enrolled nursing students in the Nursing Student Handbook.

First			
BIOL	1404	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
COMP	1503	Freshman Composition	3
PSYC	1013	General Psychology	3
SOCI	1163	General Sociology	3
GLST	2113	Global Perspectives: Spcl Topic	3
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Second			
BIOL	2504	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
LITR	xxx3	Literature Elective	3
PSYC	1023	Human Development	3
BIOL	1313	Nutrition	3
MATH	1123	Statistics I	3
		OR	
MATH	2124	Statistical Methods & Analysis	4
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Third			
NURS	1055	Nursing 1	5
BIOL	4254	General Microbiology	3
ANTH	5113	Cross-Cultural Encounters	3
NURS	1133	Nursing 1 Lab	3
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Fourth			
NURS	2055	Nursing II	5
NURS	2133	Nursing II Lab	3
SPCH	1083	Effective Speaking	3
XXXX	xxx3	Gen Ed Elective	3
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Fifth			
NURS	3055	Nursing III	5
NURS	3155	Nursing III Lab	5
NURS	8003	Informtcs&Tech App in Hlthcare	3
NURS	5023	Contemporary Nursing	3
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Sixth			
NURS	4055	Nursing IV	5
NURS	4155	Nursing IV Lab	5
BIOL	6403	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NURS	6413	Health Assmt & Promotion Across	3
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Student is eligible to apply for licensure as a registered professional nurse (RN-NCLEX) in any state.

Seventh			
NURS	5003	Ethical Issues in Health Care	3
NURS	6003	Nursing Leadership/Management	3
NURS	7003	Nursing Research	3
XXXX	xxx3	Liberal Arts Elective (Upper Level)	3
XXXX	xxx3	Liberal Arts Elective (Upper Level)	3
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Eighth			
Evidence of RN Licensure required prior to progression into NURS 7004 Population Focused Care.			

NURS	7004	Population Focused Care in Com	4
NURS	8013	Professional Capstone	3
NURS	xxx3	Nursing Elective (Upper Level)	3
XXXX	xxx3	Liberal Arts Elective (Upper Level)	3
XXXX	xxx3	Liberal Arts Elective (Upper Level)	3
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***See our nursing website for full disclosure documentation at www.alfredstate.edu/nursing**

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

AAS

- 63 credit hours
- 36 credits of nursing (Nursing I, II, III, IV)
- 12 credits of natural science (Anatomy & physiology I and II, Microbiology)
- Six credits of social science (General Psychology, Human Development)
- Six credits of humanities (Freshman Composition, Effective Speaking)
- Three credits of other world civilization (Global Perspectives)
- A student must successfully complete all courses in the prescribed four-semester program and earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 which is equivalent to a C average.

BS in nursing degree credits

- 124 credit hours
- 28 credits of upper-level nursing credits (36 hours from prior AAS degree)
- Three credits of natural science (Nutrition) (12 from prior AAS degree: Anatomy & Physiology I and II, Microbiology)
- Three credits of social science (General Sociology) (six from prior AAS Degree: General Psychology, Human Development)
- Three credits of humanities (Literature elective)
- Three credits of math (Statistics I or Statistical Methods)
- Three credits of a general education elective in American History, Western Civilization, Foreign Arts, or Foreign Language. From prior degree: Basic communication. A student must successfully complete all courses in the prescribed four-semester program and earn a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 which is equivalent to a C average.

Any student wishing for more information should contact the Nursing Department.