



# NURSING CONCURRENT *Enrollment Program*



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# Grand Canyon University

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Grand Canyon University offers an ADN to BSN and ADN to MSN Bridge Nursing Concurrent Enrollment Program. Building on the academic foundation of the ADN program, courses are taken 100% online concurrently during ADN coursework.

## Why Choose This Path?

### ▶ JUMPSTART YOUR NURSING CAREER:

By concurrently enrolling in the ADN to BSN or ADN to MSN Bridge (the core courses from the BSN), you'll learn hands-on nursing skills, as well as gain the core competencies of the highly sought-after bachelor's-prepared nurse.

### ▶ TAKE A STEP FORWARD, NOT SIDEWAYS:

The ADN to BSN and ADN to MSN concurrent enrollment pathway provides you with the ability to get ahead of your continuing education goals and assist with employment at magnet-designated hospitals and hospital facilities on the Magnet journey.

### ▶ SET YOURSELF APART FROM THE COMPETITION:

NCEP courses will help you develop advanced clinical reasoning, critical thinking and problem-solving skills—all highly valued skills in the marketplace. The Institute of Medicine (IOM) is calling for 80% of registered nurses to have a BSN by 2020.\* This produces a workforce well-positioned for career progression through higher levels of education at the master's and doctoral levels. Your commitment to earning your BSN or MSN degree can give you an advantage especially with hospitals that have or are seeking Magnet status.

### ▶ SPECIALIZE IN AN AREA OF INTEREST IN THE ADN TO MSN BRIDGE:

The MSN is the new standard for positions of leadership in a variety of health care environments (MSN with an Emphasis in Leadership in Health Care Settings) and is the required degree for higher education and many roles in clinical and community settings (MSN with an Emphasis in Education). You can also develop your expertise for pursuing a career in a key nursing area with an emphasis in public health or informatics. You may also choose to use this NCEP to move into the dual degree MSN/MBA.

### ▶ SAVE MONEY:

You'll receive a significant tuition reduction on your concurrent enrollment courses while enrolled in the NCEP. GCU tuition for the concurrent enrollment program courses are reduced to \$250 per credit.

## Things You Should Know

1. You will need to apply for acceptance into the NCEP and also provide documentation showing that you have met eligibility requirements. Participation in the NCEP is limited to a select number of applicants who have demonstrated completion of prerequisite coursework and have met eligibility requirements specific to the NCEP.
2. If accepted into the NCEP, you will be enrolled in both the ADN program and GCU at the same time. You will be responsible for financial obligations to both schools. GCU can assist with a creating a financial plan.
3. GCU concurrent enrollment courses are five weeks and delivered in a convenient online modality.
4. Concurrent enrollment graduates will be prepared with the expected professional knowledge and skills of a new graduate and BSN-prepared or a MSN-prepared nurse.
5. Students accepted into the MSN Bridge pathway must have a previous bachelor's degree and will not receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) as part of this program. When you enter your master's program, you can choose an emphasis in either nursing education, nursing leadership in health care systems, public health or health informatics.

## Eligibility

To be considered for participation in the concurrent enrollment program, the following is required:

- ▶ Acceptance into an ADN program
- ▶ Completion of all ADN and GCU prerequisite requirements
- ▶ Previous bachelor's degree (if applying to the ADN to MSN Bridge route)
- ▶ Minimum GPA of 2.5 for BSN and 3.0 for MSN Bridge
- ▶ Register for and attend an Application Session after attending a CEP Information Session
- ▶ Contact your GCU representative for information on upcoming sessions

\*[http://nursingeducation.lww.com/blog.entry.html/2017/02/19/iom\\_80\\_of\\_register-022N.html](http://nursingeducation.lww.com/blog.entry.html/2017/02/19/iom_80_of_register-022N.html)



# Enrollment Program (NCEP)

## Key Information

To be considered for participation in the concurrent enrollment program, the following is required:

- ▶ Must be a first semester ADN student; midpoint entry options may be available
- ▶ Must complete all prerequisites and corequisites for the ADN program and GCU
- ▶ Must have a previous bachelor's degree (if applying to the ADN to MSN Bridge concurrent enrollment program)
- ▶ Ensure prerequisites meet program requirements; you are encouraged to meet with ADN program and GCU counselors
- ▶ Attend a NCEP Information Session and a NCEP Application Session; these are mandatory before application to the concurrent enrollment program

## Additional Information

- ▶ All ADN program courses are taught by the ADN program
- ▶ All concurrent enrollment courses are taught by GCU faculty members online
- ▶ Final determinations of transfer credits will be made by GCU
- ▶ GCU counselors will provide an estimated credit transfer summary prior to enrollment
- ▶ Application deadlines will be set by GCU



## HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

Grand Canyon University and ADN programs have health and safety requirements that must be met prior to enrolling and participating in any clinical experience. Health care agencies throughout the state require vaccinations, titers and other requirements such as background checks, CPR, drug and nicotine testing, etc. These requirements are subject to change per health care agency contracts with the educational institution. You must be compliant (with no exception) with agency requirements prior to and throughout the program.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## ▶ WHO CAN APPLY TO THE NURSING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM (NCEP)?

All students who are enrolled in an ADN program are encouraged to apply to the concurrent enrollment program. A previous bachelor's degree is required for the ADN to MSN Bridge route. Midpoint entry options may be available.

## ▶ WILL I RECEIVE A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN) DEGREE ALONG THIS PATHWAY?

Students enrolling in the ADN to BSN concurrent enrollment pathway will earn a BSN. Students who are enrolling in the ADN to MSN Bridge route will not earn a BSN, but will be eligible for admission to the MSN degree after completing the concurrent enrollment program.

## ▶ WHERE DOES THE PROGRAM TAKE PLACE?

All GCU courses will be taught online.

## ▶ IS THERE A WAITING LIST FOR THE NURSING CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM?

There is no waiting list for the concurrent enrollment program. If you are not accepted into the program for the semester to which you applied, you must reapply to be considered for enrollment in future semesters.

## ▶ DO I HAVE TO ATTEND A NCEP INFORMATION SESSION?

Yes. All students who wish to apply to the nursing concurrent enrollment program must attend an Information Session. GCU advising staff will assist students with the enrollment process during and after the session. You must be in attendance for the entire session in order to have your name placed on the list for program consideration, so plan to arrive on time and remain for the entire session.

## ▶ DO I HAVE TO ATTEND A NCEP APPLICATION SESSION?

Yes. Counselors will be on site for these evaluation sessions to determine if your courses meet all eligibility requirements, so it is essential that you attend one.

## ▶ WHAT SHOULD I BRING TO THE APPLICATION SESSION?

Bring your laptop and your unofficial transcripts.

## ▶ WHAT DO YOU LOOK FOR IN A POTENTIAL CANDIDATE APPLYING FOR THE NCEP?

We look for applicants who have demonstrated strong academic achievement and the ability to balance personal, academic and professional commitments. A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 for BSN and 3.0 for MSN Bridge is required.

## ▶ IF I AM NOT SELECTED FOR THE NCEP, CAN I REAPPLY?

Please work with a GCU counselor to determine next steps.

## ▶ DO I NEED TO BE ADMITTED TO THE ADN PROGRAM AND TO GCU?

To be eligible to apply for the NCEP, you must be an ADN student.

## ▶ HOW MUCH DOES THE NCEP COST?

Tuition costs for the required credits of GCU concurrent enrollment courses are significantly reduced to \$250 per credit hour. Textbooks, supplies and course fees are additional. A GCU counselor can help you determine your total cost of tuition and fees with our Degree Program Net Price Calculator.

## ▶ IF I AM RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID, HOW WILL IT BE DISBURSED BETWEEN THE TWO SCHOOLS?

Federal regulations require that financial aid can only be disbursed through one college at a time. Therefore, you will need to apply for financial aid through your ADN program. You will be responsible for arranging payment for the concurrent GCU courses. At the completion of the ADN program, you will have the ability to apply for financial aid through GCU for the completion of the BSN or MSN coursework. Financial aid is dependent on many factors that vary from student to student such as previous degree(s), number of courses previously taken, etc. Aid or loans for this program are not guaranteed. You will need to be prepared to pay your GCU program tuition out of pocket.

## ▶ HOW ARE CLASSES SCHEDULED?

You will be registered for ADN program courses through your ADN program. A GCU counselor will help you register for the concurrent enrollment program courses. You will conduct your GCU nursing courses online. Your counselor will help you get started and make sure that you are comfortable with this interactive online classroom.

## ▶ WHEN DO I CHOOSE MY MSN EMPHASIS?

If you are enrolling in the ADN to MSN Bridge route, you will enroll for the graduate portion of your program upon completing the concurrent enrollment program. Emphasis areas are:

**Health Informatics** - Learn to apply patient and health data to achieve better patient outcomes, reduce costs and optimize operational efficiency.

**Nursing Education** - Prepare for a variety of roles in nursing education including patient education, as well as a nurse educator in clinical and academic settings.

**Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems** - Develop skills to lead or manage teams of health care providers and organizations in today's rapidly changing health care environment.

**Public Health Nursing** - Prepare for a career coordinating, planning, developing, implementing and evaluating health programs and services in the public sector.

## ▶ WHERE DO I GO FOR ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT FOR THIS PROGRAM?

There are local GCU counselors assigned to each ADN program site who are available to meet with students while at the ADN program or at a location convenient to you. Once accepted into the program, you will be assigned a GCU student services counselor to assist you with any scheduling or financial questions.



# 10 STEPS

## *to Successful Completion*

- 1.** Decide to pursue application to the nursing concurrent enrollment program.
- 2.** Meet with ADN program advisors and GCU advisors to determine your eligibility for the nursing concurrent enrollment program.
- 3.** Attend a nursing concurrent enrollment program Information Session.
- 4.** Attend a nursing concurrent enrollment program Application Session. Bring unofficial transcripts and your laptop.
- 5.** Once you have attended an Application Session, submit a GCU application, unofficial transcripts and a FERPA release form.
- 6.** GCU and the ADN program will review and select applications for the nursing concurrent enrollment program.
- 7.** GCU will register students in the appropriate concurrent enrollment courses and complete a walk-to-class orientation of the online counselors classroom system.
- 8.** Study and maintain minimum GPA requirements for satisfactory academic progress as found in GCU's university policy handbook.
- 9.** Graduate from the ADN program and take NCLEX-RN licensure exam within 60 days. Notify GCU of successful completion of NCLEX-RN.
- 10.** Finish remaining BSN or MSN courses at GCU.





# CONTACT US TODAY

## *to Get Started!*

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