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NURSING CONCURRENT *Enrollment Pathway*



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Grand Canyon University

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Enrollment Pathway (NCEP)

Grand Canyon University offers a concurrent enrollment pathway for students seeking to complete their BSN or MSN while enrolled in an ADN program. The ADN to BSN pathway is a series of prerequisite courses that prepares students for enrollment into the MSN program of their choosing. Building on the academic foundation of the ADN program, courses are taken online concurrently during ADN coursework (clinical, practicum and immersion hours completed locally).

Why Choose This Path?

▶ JUMPSTART YOUR NURSING CAREER:

By pursuing a pathway that allows you to take core courses from the BSN concurrently, 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 concurrent enrollment pathway is for students seeking to complete their BSN or MSN while enrolled in an ADN program. It 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. 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:

GCU offers multiple emphasis options allowing you to specialize in your preferred area of interest. You may also choose to use the NCEP to move into the dual degree MBA/MSN-Leadership. This is an accelerated pathway toward completion of the MSN and MBA. The seven required BSN courses are prerequisites that prepare students to begin the MSN track.

▶ 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 pathway courses are reduced to \$250 per credit.¹

¹ Pathway requirements and pricing are subject to change. Pre-licensure nursing students who begin or resume attendance will be ineligible to utilize most GCU institutional aid/scholarships for tuition and fees once accepted into the clinical portion of the program.

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 creating a financial plan.
3. Most GCU concurrent enrollment courses are five weeks and are delivered in a convenient online modality (clinical, practicum and immersion hours completed locally).
4. Concurrent enrollment graduates will be prepared with the expected professional knowledge and skills of a new graduate and BSN-prepared or MSN-prepared nurse.
5. The Bridge to MSN is a series of pre-requisites that RN's who have a bachelor's degree in another field must complete to then enroll into one of our MSN programs. When you enter your master's program, you can choose from an emphasis area that fits your needs.

Eligibility

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

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




Key Information

To be considered for participation in the concurrent enrollment pathway, 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 pursuing the concurrent enrollment pathway)
- ▶ 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 pathway

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
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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 PATHWAY (NCEP)?

All students who are enrolled in an ADN program are encouraged to apply to the concurrent enrollment pathway. A previous bachelor's degree is required for the concurrent enrollment pathway.¹ 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 one of the MSN programs will not earn a BSN but will be eligible for admission to the MSN program after completing the concurrent enrollment pathway.

▶ WHERE DOES THE PATHWAY TAKE PLACE?

While all courses are completed online, you will need to attend clinical, practicum and immersion hours in person locally.

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

There is no waiting list for the concurrent enrollment pathway. If you are not accepted into the pathway 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 pathway 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. Plan to arrive on time and remain for the entire session.

▶ DO I HAVE TO ATTEND A NCEP APPLICATION SESSION?

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

▶ 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.² Textbooks, supplies and course fees are additional. A GCU counselor can help you determine your total estimated cost of tuition and fees with our Degree Plan Net Price Calculator.

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

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 pathway 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 (clinical, practicum and immersion hours completed in person locally).

▶ WHEN DO I CHOOSE MY MSN EMPHASIS?

If you are pursuing the concurrent enrollment pathway¹, you will enroll for the graduate portion of your pathway upon completing the concurrent enrollment pathway. Emphasis areas are:

- *Health Care Quality and Patient Safety*
- *Health Informatics*
- *Leadership in Health Care Systems*
- *MBA & MSN: Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems*
- *Nursing Education*
- *Public Health Nursing*

▶ WHERE DO I GO FOR ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT FOR THIS PATHWAY?

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 pathway, you will be assigned a GCU student services counselor to assist you with any scheduling or financial questions.

¹The prerequisite for the Bridge pathway requires a previous bachelor's degree with a 3.0 minimum GPA.

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10 STEPS

to Successful Completion

- 1.** Decide to pursue application to the nursing concurrent enrollment pathway (NCEP).
- 2.** Meet with ADN program advisors and GCU counselors to determine your eligibility for the NCEP.
- 3.** Attend a NCEP Information Session.
- 4.** Attend a NCEP 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 NCEP.
- 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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