

Auburn Montgomery
College of Nursing and Health Sciences
School of Nursing



Pre-Nursing
Student Handbook

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AUM University Information

University website: www.aum.edu

- My AUM account access
- Campus news and events
- Academic calendar

University catalog

- Online only; under Academics tab
- Includes university policies, admissions, academic integrity, financial aid, course descriptions, degree requirements, etc.

Important School of Nursing Information from the University Catalog:

Application for RN licensure:

Following completion of the registered nursing program, the graduate may apply for RN licensure in Alabama or in another state. Please see the board of nursing website for the state in which you would like to take the licensure examination. In Alabama, please see www.abn.alabama.gov.

The Alabama Board of Nursing application asks the following questions:

- ◆ Have you ever been arrested or convicted of a criminal offense other than a minor moving traffic violation?
- ◆ Have you within the last five years abused drugs/alcohol or been treated for dependency to alcohol or illegal chemical substances?
- ◆ Have you ever been arrested or convicted for driving under the influence of drugs/alcohol?
- ◆ Have you within the last five years received inpatient or outpatient treatment or been recommended to seek treatment for mental illness?
- ◆ Have you ever had disciplinary action or is action pending against you by any state board of nursing?
- ◆ Have you ever been placed on a state and/or federal abuse registry?
- ◆ Have you ever been court martialled/disciplined or administratively discharged by the military?

If an applicant answers yes to any of the above questions, a full explanation with the appropriate court/treatment records must accompany the application. Applicants must disclose misdemeanors and arrests, including arrests and/or convictions for checks written on accounts with insufficient funds and DUIs.

Applicants may be denied permission to take the RN licensing examination by the Alabama Board of Nursing if they are not of good moral character. A past record of behavior such as a felony conviction, abuse of drugs or alcohol, or theft of drugs may be grounds for denial of licensure. See Section 610-X-8-.01 of the Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code.

Functional Abilities:

Students must possess the functional ability to perform the skills and behaviors required of a professional nurse. These abilities include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ Adequate vision, such as that required to discern subtle changes in color, to observe changes in physical conditions, and to read small print on labels and markings on syringes

- ◆ Adequate hearing, such as that required to distinguish muted sounds through a stethoscope
- ◆ The ability to detect odors
- ◆ Fine motor skills and manual dexterity, as required to handle small, delicate equipment
- ◆ Strength to turn and assist with lifting adults, and to lift and carry children
- ◆ The mobility to respond quickly in emergency situations
- ◆ The ability to read independently and to comprehend the written word
- ◆ The ability to communicate and interact effectively with others, orally and in writing

Drug Screening:

Students are required to have pre-clinical drug screenings. The Auburn Montgomery School of Nursing has contractual relationships with various health care agencies that require the School to abide by the substance abuse control policy of the agencies. All nursing students must have a pre-admission 7 panel urine drug screening conducted according to current laboratory protocols. Additional drug screenings will be performed if the student exhibits behaviors indicative of substance use or abuse after admission.

A positive pre-admission drug screen will result in denial of admission to the School of Nursing. If a valid medical reason exists as to why a student is taking a drug on the screen, a letter from the prescribing doctor stating the reasons for the medication and the expected duration of treatment must be sent to the Dean.

Background Check:

Students achieving admission to the nursing program must pass a background check.

Email

The university provides each student an email account through the My AUM portal My.AUM.edu, which may be used for both school and personal email. You will receive ***important*** university information on your email account, so please be sure to check it **daily**.

The School of Nursing will use **only** your ***university*** email account for advising communications. **Please check your university email account frequently!** Empty your account occasionally or emails will be returned to the sender, and you could miss out on important information.

Please check your junk email folder regularly, in case emails from the School of Nursing have gone to this folder. **Email is essential for advisor– pre-nursing student communications since pre-nursing students are rarely in the Nursing building.**

You must be listed as a pre-nursing major in the student record system to be on the pre-nursing email list. Please check your Webster account to be sure your major is listed there as PNUR (pre-nursing).

Email is the preferred method of communication within the School of Nursing, and is the official means of communication for the university. **Please use email to communicate with the School of Nursing advisors (kconner4@aum.edu; kdailey2@aum.edu)** whenever possible; responses are much more rapid! If you do not receive a response, please check your junk mail folder to see if the response is there. If it is not there, please resend the email.

Upper division nursing students are required to use only the university email system for School of Nursing assignments and communications.

Full/Part Time Status

The pre-nursing courses may be completed on a full time or part time basis, at the student's discretion. **A minimum course load of 12 hours per semester is required to be considered a full time student.**

An average full time load in pre-nursing is five courses (including at least one lab science course) during the longer fall or spring semesters, for a total of about 16 hours. Taking more than 3 courses in the shorter **summer semester** (9-10 hours) is not recommended, although 12 hours are also required during the summer semester to be considered full time.

For any questions regarding Financial Aid, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 244-3571. Since each student's Financial Aid account differs and is confidential, the academic advisor cannot answer questions about your Financial Aid account.

Credit for Anatomy and Physiology I and II must be earned within 5 years of upper division nursing entry or a retake of one is required. **A student who has earned two (2) grades below a "C" in Anatomy and Physiology I or in Anatomy and Physiology II is not eligible to declare or to remain in the pre-nursing major or to apply to the upper division of the nursing program at AUM.**

Upper division nursing takes 2 years to complete and requires 32-40 hours per week of class and clinical time.

School of Nursing Information:

Overview

The nursing program at Auburn Montgomery is a four-year course of study that leads to a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.). The traditional four-year program has two components – **Pre-nursing** (lower division) and **Nursing** (upper division). During the **pre-nursing** years of the program students study biophysical and behavioral sciences and the humanities.

The **nursing** component of the program provides classroom, laboratory, and clinical learning experiences. The clinical experiences occur in a variety of health care agencies in and around Montgomery. Upon successful completion of the program, the graduate may apply to the Board of Nursing in any state to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX). The graduate is also prepared to pursue the study of nursing at the master's level.

School of Nursing Website: www.nursing.aum.edu

Be sure to view the School of Nursing website for frequently asked questions and other important advising information.

Computer Literacy

The School of Nursing does not require a college credit computer course, but computer proficiency is expected of nursing students. Students are also required to possess and be proficient in the use of a **wireless handheld device** such as an iPhone to be used as a resource in the clinical setting in the nursing portion of the program.

The School of Nursing defines computer proficiency as: "The ability to operate a computer and to understand basic computer language. This includes a functional level of knowledge and skills related specifically to the following Microsoft Office programs: Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. Additionally, students will need to be able to navigate the Web, Blackboard and the university email system."

Academic Standards

Academic Honesty

Students should **thoroughly** review the academic honesty information outlined in the AUM undergraduate student catalog on the university website at www.aum.edu/academics/catalogs.

From the Undergraduate Catalog 2014-16: “Students are expected to maintain academic honesty and integrity in all work pursued at AUM. Students should not condone violations of academic honesty and should act in a manner to prevent opportunities for violations . . .

Presenting false data or intentionally misrepresenting one’s record for admission, registration, graduation or withdrawal from the university or from a university course is also considered a violation of the Academic Honesty Code. Any instances in violation of academic honesty shall be processed in accordance with the procedures outlined in the AUM student handbook under the title ‘Academic Honesty Code.’”

For declaring, and for continuance in, the Pre-nursing major:

Students are required to maintain a satisfactory GPA to declare a pre-nursing major and to remain in the pre-nursing major.

- When 15 hours of pre-nursing credit have been attempted, a minimum 2.00 GPA (unadjusted and unrounded) calculated on the pre-nursing requirements alone is required to declare and to continue in the pre-nursing major.
- When 30 or more hours of pre-nursing credit have been attempted, a minimum 2.50 GPA (unadjusted and unrounded) calculated on the pre-nursing requirements alone is required to declare and to continue in the pre-nursing major.

If admission to the BSN program at the Auburn Montgomery School of Nursing is unlikely due to the GPA, a 1 year Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program or a 2 year Associate Degree RN program may be considered. After achieving the Associate Degree in Nursing, the student may qualify to attend the RN to BSN program at Auburn Montgomery- EARN (Educational Advancement for RNs), to complete the Bachelor’s degree.

Please be aware that the **lab science courses are predictive of the ability to excel in nursing courses**. If these courses have been failed repeatedly, or if they seem extremely difficult, nursing studies may also prove to be problematic. **A student who has earned two (2) grades below a “C” in Anatomy and Physiology I or in Anatomy and Physiology II is not eligible to declare or to remain in the pre-nursing major or to apply to the upper division of the nursing program at AUM.**

Time management, reading, and algebra skills are also crucial for success in nursing studies.

For application to the School of Nursing:

A School of Nursing application is required, which is separate from the general university application.

The School of Nursing holds a **higher** academic standard than the general university requirement. **Admission to nursing is highly competitive**, and based on grades earned in *only* the pre-nursing courses (not the overall university GPA), successful completion of an interview, the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) score OR composite ACT score, and the amount of pre-nursing credit completed at AUM. Grades are counted each time a course is

taken and grade adjustments or forgivenesses (“GAPs”) are not considered. All pre-nursing courses must be completed with grades of “C” or above.

Applicants *must pass* an interview with nursing faculty and leaders from the local community. These small group interviews are incorporated into our admission process to help select students who, besides having a strong academic record, can relate a clear understanding of what the profession of nursing entails and the reasons for their decision to pursue this career.

Applicants must submit a Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) score of 73% or higher OR a composite ACT score of 23 or higher.

To be *considered* for nursing admission, students must earn a minimum grade of “C” on each pre-nursing course and hold a minimum GPA of 2.50 (unadjusted and unrounded) on those courses alone at the time of application. From this pool of applicants, candidates will be ranked by GPA, some selected for interviews, and the most qualified applicants will be offered admission.

Tips for Achieving Academic Success:

- Prepare ahead for class meetings
 - Complete homework/reading assignments prior to class meetings.
 - Preparation prior to class time is *required* for success in upper division (nursing) coursework
 - You are responsible for your own learning!
- Use a **common calendar** for all courses
 - Course syllabi will list test and assignment due dates – record all tests and assignment due dates from all courses on ONE calendar
 - Add drop dates for the semester (listed on the Academic Calendar on the AUM website under the Academics tab)
 - Using a calendar for school assignments is a skill *necessary* for success in upper division (nursing) coursework
- Maximize reading skills
 - Excellent reading skills are **imperative** in the nursing major
 - Enhanced reading skills help improve pre-nursing grades
 - Success in Nursing and on the nurse licensure exam is strongly correlated to a high level of reading comprehension
- Utilize available resources:
 - **Course faculty** are required to be available to students a certain number of hours per week outside of class time
 - Each professor will provide a syllabus which should include their office number, email address, and office hours
 - AUM offers free tutoring to students. Please refer to the yellow tutoring information sheet in the advising folder
 - **The Learning Center** offers *free* tutoring in writing and math. (334-244-3470), room 225 of the Library Tower, appointment required.
 - **The Instructional Support Lab** offers *free* tutoring in science and math courses. (334-244-3265), room 203 Goodwyn Hall, no appointment required, first come first served.

As a last resort: dropping a course

Consider dropping a course if the odds of attaining a C or higher in the course are not likely. If a **D** or **F** is earned in a course, the course must be retaken and **low grades will greatly**

decrease the possibility of achieving admission to the School of Nursing. A minimum grade of “C” is required in every pre-nursing course. The drop dates are listed on the Academic Calendar on the website under Academics.

If a student feels he/she is unlikely to achieve a minimum grade of “C” or above in any pre-nursing course, then dropping the course by the final drop date is recommended from an academic perspective. *However, verify first that dropping the course will not cause a problem with financial aid, insurance, athletic team, etc.*

Any course completed with a grade of D or F must be retaken, and dropping the course will prevent the low grade from hurting the grade point average (GPA). **Keep in mind that it takes 3 A’s to bring a single grade of an F to a competitive 3.00 GPA level for upper division admission.**

Grade Adjustment Policy

The university Grade Adjustment Policy (GAP) allows students to have 3 AUM grades below a “C” removed from the university GPA **if** the class is retaken and passed at AUM. **The School of Nursing will, however, count every time the class has been taken for the Upper Division admission evaluation. Adjustments are not considered.** All pre-nursing courses must be completed with grades of “C” or higher.

Advising and Registration

All pre-nursing majors are **required** to attend pre-nursing orientation.

Students may schedule individual appointments through **AdvisorTrac** as needed for any academic concerns. Instructions for AdvisorTrac are on the purple sheet in the new student packet received at pre-nursing orientation.

An **alternate PIN** is required for registration, and this number changes every semester. University policy requires all students to meet with an advisor each semester to obtain the alternate PIN.

PLEASE NOTE: *It is YOUR responsibility to keep up with your alternate PIN. We suggest storing it in your phone.*

Students are responsible for their own course selections and registration, but are encouraged to email their advisor (kconner4@aum.edu; kdailey2@aum.edu) *as often as necessary* to address any questions or concerns.

Students register themselves for courses through the student record system, Webster. Detailed step-by-step instructions are included on the blue sheet in the advising folder. Registration *typically* begins the first week of November for the spring semester, and the first week of April for the summer and fall semesters.

The registration dates and drop dates are available on the Academic Calendar, found on the Auburn Montgomery website www.aum.edu under Academics.

It is *essential* that pre-nursing students receive advising in person PRIOR to the start of registration, and then register the morning of the first day! Typically the lab sciences fill the morning of the first day of registration.

Webster will usually allow registration for a subsequent course if a student is currently enrolled in the prerequisite, but all prerequisite courses must be successfully completed with “credit”

(for credit/noncredit courses) or a grade of “C” or above to be eligible to move to the subsequent course.

PLEASE NOTE: If a student has registered for a subsequent course and did not achieve at least a “C” in the prerequisite course or dropped the prerequisite course, **THE STUDENT** is responsible for changing her/his schedule, retaking the prerequisite course, and achieving a “C” or above before moving on to the higher level, more difficult course. Be sure to check your grades on Webster at the end of each semester.

Transient forms

Pre-nursing students may take some courses at other schools if necessary (such as enrolling in a course or two if returning home for the summer). Please contact your advisor to obtain the necessary transient status paperwork (kconner4@aum.edu; kdailey2@aum.edu).

Transient forms are provided solely at the discretion of the department head of his/her major and of the dean of the school in which he/she is majoring. Transient forms are not allowed for English Composition I or II, Finite Math, or the Anatomy and Physiology courses, as students will be best prepared for the Nursing part of our program by taking those courses here at Auburn Montgomery.

Application Process for School of Nursing Admission

Entry Dates

The School of Nursing admits students twice a year: in the fall and the spring semesters. A School of Nursing application is required, which is separate from the general university application. The time frame for the School of Nursing application process is below:

FALL ADMISSION TO UPPER DIVISION NURSING	SPRING ADMISSION TO UPPER DIVISION NURSING
1st week of January: Applications available on School of Nursing website www.nursing.aum.edu	August 1: Applications available on School of Nursing website www.nursing.aum.edu
March 1: Deadline to submit application Deadline to submit TEAS score or ACT score	October 1: Deadline to submit application Deadline to submit TEAS score or ACT score
March – April : Interviews	October – November: Interviews
April: Admission notification letters mailed	November: Admission notification letters mailed

Eligibility requirements for applying to the School of Nursing include (but are not limited to):

- *To be eligible to apply for **Fall admission** students must have:*
 - Minimum 2.500 GPA (unadjusted and without rounding) based solely on pre-nursing coursework at the time of application
 - At least 3 of the 5 pre-nursing lab sciences successfully completed at the time of application. (A student who has earned two (2) grades below a “C” in Anatomy and Physiology I or Anatomy and Physiology II is not eligible to apply to the upper division of the nursing program)
 - 22 or fewer hours to complete over the spring and summer semesters immediately prior to nursing entry
 - At least one of the required pre-nursing math courses successfully completed by the end of the spring semester prior to nursing entry
 - Completed and submitted a School of Nursing application by March 1st

- *To be eligible to apply for **Spring admission** students must have:*
 - Minimum 2.500 GPA (unadjusted and without rounding) based solely on pre-nursing coursework at the time of application
 - At least 3 of the 5 pre-nursing lab sciences successfully completed by the end of the previous summer semester. (A student who has earned two (2) grades below a “C” in Anatomy and Physiology I or Anatomy and Physiology II is not eligible to apply to the upper division of the nursing program)
 - 18 or fewer hours to complete over the fall semester immediately prior to nursing entry
 - At least one of the required pre-nursing math courses successfully completed by the end of the summer semester prior to nursing entry
 - Completed and submitted a School of Nursing application by October 1st

All applicants to the upper division of the nursing program must submit a Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) score of 73% or higher OR a composite ACT score of 23 or higher. The TEAS is a standardized exam on basic academic knowledge in reading, mathematics, science, and English that is used to assess the readiness of a student to adjust to a nursing program.

A new School of Nursing application must be submitted **each time** a student applies.

Students may apply while still enrolled in pre-nursing course work, but **must have no more than 22 hours of outstanding pre-nursing course work** to complete over the 2 semesters prior to nursing entry for Fall admission OR **no more than 18 hours of outstanding pre-nursing course work** to complete in the fall semester immediately prior to nursing entry for Spring admission. Additionally, **3 lab science courses and at least one of the required pre-nursing math courses must be successfully completed** by the end of spring semester for Fall admission or summer semester for Spring admission. The GPA based solely on the pre-nursing coursework must be at least a 2.50 (unadjusted and unrounded) at the time of application to be considered for admission.

Anatomy and Physiology (A&P) credit must be completed within 5 years of nursing entry, or a retake of one is required. **A student who has earned two (2) grades below a “C” in Anatomy and Physiology I or in Anatomy and Physiology II is not eligible to declare or to remain in the pre-nursing major or to apply to the upper division of the nursing program at AUM.**

It is strongly recommended that students take the Anatomy and Physiology I and II courses at AUM, within a year of nursing entry. These courses are crucial in preparing for upper division. If this credit was achieved more than 5 years prior to nursing entry, a retake of one A&P course with a grade of “C” or higher is required. Anatomy and Physiology II is recommended.

All pre-nursing course work must be completed prior to nursing entry with grades of “C” or higher, and the pre-nursing GPA must remain at 2.50 or above (unadjusted and unrounded) to achieve final acceptance.

Interviews

Acceptance is not guaranteed. From the pool of qualified applicants, a select number will be chosen for interviews.

Students who are not selected for entry to the School of Nursing, may reapply during the next application period. Applicants successfully completing an interview are only required to attend one interview per year; however, a new School of Nursing application must be submitted each time a student applies even if a new interview is not required. If an interview was not successfully completed, the student will be required to attend another interview for subsequent applications.

To prepare for these small group interviews, students are encouraged to pursue volunteer (or paid) opportunities in a health care setting to become familiar with the nursing profession and to confirm if nursing is a career choice that is well suited to the student’s interest and aptitude.

Pre-nursing Courses by Subject

Success Course

New freshmen, transfer students with fewer than 24 credit hours, and transfer students with GPA below 2.20 are **required** to take UNIV 1000 University Success Course during their first year of attendance at AUM.

English

Students who score below 18 on the English portion of the ACT must pass ENGL 0100/0101 Basic English and lab prior to taking ENGL 1010 English Composition I. ENGL 0100/0101 is a credit/noncredit course and will not affect the GPA. The ENGL 0100 lecture and ENGL 0101 lab are co-requisites and **must** be taken in the same semester. You must register for the **same section** for the class and the lab.

Students without ACT scores must take an English placement test. Information regarding placement testing is on the AUM website at www.aum.edu/admissions. Please call (334)244-3384 with questions. Students who desire a review of the basics of writing, may register for ENGL 0100, Basic Writing, and ENGL 0101, the accompanying lab, without taking the placement test.

After completing ENGL 1010 and ENGL 1020 with grades of “C” or above, a student can progress to **Literature**. Choose from ENGL 2530 English Literature I, ENGL 2540 English Literature II, ENGL 2570 American Literature I, ENGL 2580 American Literature II, ENGL 2600 Literature of the Western World I, or ENGL 2610 Literature of the Western World II. World Literature is not recommended for pre-nursing students because I and II are not taught every semester, which can make it difficult to complete the sequence requirement. Literature I

or II may be taken in either order; the distinction is the time period in which the Literature was written: I is older writings, II is more recent.

A course SEQUENCE in Literature or History is required for graduation (e.g. both American Literature I and II). Contact your advisor for questions concerning this requirement.

Area II elective

If a History sequence is taken, students may choose an elective from the approved Area II list on the STARS website http://stars.troy.edu/approved_courses/aum_area.html. A course sequence in Literature or History is **required** for graduation. Contact your advisor for questions concerning this requirement.

Sciences

The 3 hour lecture and 1 hour lab portions of the lab science courses **must be taken together in the same semester – they are considered “co-requisites”**. The lecture and lab may be on different days and/or have different teachers, but both portions of the course are required and must be taken in the same semester.

BIOL 1010/1011 Cells, Molecules, And Life & Lab must be taken as soon as possible and has prerequisites of: (1) a) MATH 0700 grade of “B” or better, MATH 0800 grade of “C” or better, **OR** ACT math score of 20+; **AND** b) ENGL 0100 grade of “C” or better, ACT English score of 18 or better, **OR** BIOL 1000/1001 grade of “C” or better; **OR** (2) completion of BIOL 1000/1001 with grades of “C” or higher.

****PLEASE NOTE: BIOL 1000/1001 Introduction to Biology WILL NOT meet pre-nursing requirements**

Introduction to Chemistry and Lab (PSCI 1500 & 1501) is recommended as the second lab science course. **Please note:** the Chemistry course required by Nursing is *Introduction* to Chemistry – PSCI 1500/1501, which is listed under Physical Sciences, **not** *General* Chemistry. The PSCI 1500/1501 Introduction to Chemistry/lab has no prerequisite, so it may be taken any semester of pre-nursing study.

Microbiology and Lab (BIOL 3010 & 3011) has prerequisites of BIOL 1010/1011 Cells, Molecules, and Life & lab and may also be taken as the second science course, but **does not meet the core graduation requirement**, as do BIOL 1010/1011 Cells, Molecules, and Life /lab and PSCI 1500/1501 Introduction to Chemistry/lab.

Anatomy and Physiology courses (A&P) should be taken within a year of Upper Division entry, preferably at AUM to be best prepared for our nursing program. Completion of most or all of the other lab sciences before taking A&P is recommended. We recommend retaining the A&P book to facilitate Upper Division study. If it has been longer than a year since A&P has been taken, a retake is strongly *recommended*. If a student’s A&P credit was earned more than 5 years prior to Upper Division entry, a retake of one A&P course is *required*. In this situation, A&P II is the recommended choice. **A student who has earned two (2) grades below a “C” in Anatomy and Physiology I or in Anatomy and Physiology II is not eligible to declare or to remain in the pre-nursing major or to apply to the upper division of the nursing program at AUM.**

BIOL 2100 & 2101 Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab has prerequisites of BIOL 1010/1011 Cells, Molecules, and Life & lab and must be taken before A&P II/lab. A&P I/lab is usually offered only in the fall semester and in the summer semester. It *strongly recommended* that A&P I/lab be taken in the longer fall semester to best absorb this important material.

BIOL 2110 & 2111 Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab has prerequisites of BIOL 2100/2101 Anatomy and Physiology I/lab. A&P II/lab is usually offered only in the spring semester and the summer semester. It is *strongly recommended* that A&P II/lab be taken in the longer spring semester to best absorb this important material.

Mathematics

Mathematics placement is based solely on a student's ACT or SAT mathematics sub score and credit for certain college level mathematics courses. ACT and SAT scores will be accepted regardless of their age. The Math Placement Test (MPT) will ONLY be administered to students that do not have an ACT or SAT test score. Challenges to ACT/SAT scores using the MPT will not be allowed. Please refer to the Math department (334) 244-3677 or the website <http://sciences.aum.edu/departments/mathematics/placement> for the most updated information on math placement.

MATH 1100 Finite Math is required for Nursing. MATH 0700/0701 Elementary Algebra/Lab and/or MATH 0800/0801 Intermediate Algebra/Lab may be required by the math department prior to taking Finite Math. MATH 0700/0701 is a credit/noncredit course and is not counted in the GPA. MATH 0800/0801 requires a grade of "C" to progress to Finite Math, but is not calculated in the university or pre-nursing GPA. (The lecture and lab portions of these 2 courses are co-requisites and must be taken in the same semester.) **Please take the math placement test (if needed) as soon as possible. It is highly recommended to begin the math requirement immediately.** Allow a minimum of 4 semesters to complete Finite Math in case remediation or retakes are necessary.

If another state core approved math course such as MATH 1120 Pre-Calculus Algebra or higher has already been completed with a grade of "C" or higher, the student will not be required to take Finite Mathematics, and may advance to MATH 2670 Elementary Statistics. After successful completion of Finite Mathematics with a grade of "C" or higher, MATH 2670 Elementary Statistics must be completed with a grade of "C" or higher.

History

Choose from HIST 1010 World History I, HIST 1020 World History II, HIST 1060 Western War and Culture I (formerly called Western Civilization I), HIST 1070 Western War and Culture II (formerly called Western Civilization II), HIST 2010 U.S. History I, or HIST 2020 U.S. History II. All History courses have prerequisites of English Composition I and English Composition II. Only one history course is required, and History II does not have a prerequisite of History I.

A course SEQUENCE in Literature or History is required for graduation (e.g. both World History I and II). Contact your advisor for questions concerning this requirement.

Area IV elective

If a Literature sequence is taken, students may choose an elective from the approved Area IV list on the STARS website http://stars.troy.edu/approved_courses/aum_area.html. A course

sequence in Literature or History is **required** for graduation. Contact your advisor for questions concerning this requirement.

Fine Arts

Only one Fine Arts course is required. Choose from THEA 2040 Theatre Appreciation, MUSI 2110 Music Appreciation, VISU 1000 Introduction to Art, or VISU 2600 Introduction to World Architecture. VISU 2030 Art History I and VISU 2040 Art History II are also accepted. These courses have no prerequisites, no courses that follow them, and may be taken during any Lower Division semester.

Applied Ethics

PHIL 2100 Applied Ethics is taught through the Philosophy department and has no prerequisite, no course following it, and may be taken in any pre-nursing semester. Content is focused on health care topics. Many students find this course more difficult than others.

Sociology

SOCI 2000 General Sociology has no prerequisite, no course following it, and may be taken in any pre-nursing semester.

Psychology

PSYC 2110 General Introductory Psychology has no prerequisite and may be taken in the freshman year. Only one course follows it, PSYC 3780 Developmental Psychology.

Area IV Elective

Please select from the approved courses listed under Area IV Social Sciences, in the AGSC transfer guide: http://stars.troy.edu/approved_courses/aum_area.html.

Half term courses (7 – 8 week sections) are **not** recommended for the first semester of attendance. Internet courses are not recommended in the freshman year.

Course Sequences

Courses/Subjects which DO NOT have a required sequence:

Fine Arts, Ethics, Sociology, many Area II electives, and many Area IV electives are not tied to a sequence, and can be taken at various times in the pre-nursing schedule. However, it is highly recommended to take English Comp I before Ethics due to the level of composition skills expected in the courses. University Success Course should be taken by new freshmen, transfer students with fewer than 24 credit hours, and transfer students with a GPA below 2.20, in the first semester of attendance at AUM.

Elective courses must be chosen from the approved list in the AGSC transfer guide http://stars.troy.edu/approved_courses/aum_area.html and must in addition to courses already required in the pre-nursing plan of study. A course on an elective list that is being used to meet another requirement cannot count as your elective course. For example, if you have taken MUSI 2110 Music Appreciation to meet the Fine Arts requirement, then that course cannot be used as an Area II elective.

Courses Which Have a Required Sequence (Pre-requisite courses/conditions ARE required):

Pre-nursing Course	Pre-requisite(s)
ENGL 1010 English Composition I	1. ACT English subscore of 18 or higher OR 2. ENGL 0100/0101 OR 3. English placement test score of 35 or higher
ENGL 1020 English Composition II	ENGL 1010 English Comp I
Literature I and II	1. ENGL 1010 English Comp I AND 2. ENGL 1020 English Comp II
MATH 1100 Finite Math	1. ACT Math subscore of 20 or higher OR 2. MATH 0700/0701 AND MATH 0800/0801 with math placement test score of 2 or lower OR 3. MATH 0800/0801 with math placement test score of 3 OR 4. Math placement test score of 4 or higher
BIOL 1010/1011 Cell, Molecules, and Life & Lab (formerly called Principles of Biology)	1. MATH 0700 grade of “B” or better, MATH 0800 grade of “C” or better, OR ACT math score of 20 or better AND ENGL 0100 grade of “C” or better, OR ACT English score of 18 or better OR 2. BIOL 1000/1001 grade of “C” or better
History I and II	1. ENGL 1010 English Comp I AND 2. ENGL 1020 English Comp II
BIOL 3010/3011 Microbiology and Lab	BIOL 1010/1011 Cells, Molecules, and Life & Lab
BIOL 2100/2101 Anatomy & Physiology I and Lab	BIOL 1010/1011 Cells, Molecules, and Life & Lab
BIOL 2110/2111 Anatomy & Physiology II and Lab	1. BIOL 1010/1011 Cells, Molecules, and Life & Lab AND 2. BIOL 2100/2101 Anatomy and Physiology I and Lab
MATH 2670 Elementary Statistics	Core Math course (MATH 1100 Finite Math or higher)
PSYC 3780 Developmental Psychology	PSYC 2110 Intro to Psychology

Each pre-nursing course must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher, or the course must be retaken.

Reminders:

- **Alternate PIN:** An alternate PIN is **required** for registration, and this number **changes every semester**. University policy **requires** all students to meet with an advisor **each** semester to obtain the alternate PIN.
 - **PLEASE NOTE:** It is YOUR responsibility to keep up with this important number.
- **All appointments** are made through AdvisorTrac. Instructions for setting appointments in AdvisorTrac are on the purple sheet in the new student packet received at pre-nursing orientation.
- **GPA requirements:** Students are **required** to maintain a satisfactory GPA to declare a pre-nursing major and ***to remain in the pre-nursing major.***
 - When 15 hours of pre-nursing credit have been attempted, a minimum 2.00 GPA (unadjusted and unrounded) calculated on the pre-nursing requirements alone is required to continue in the pre-nursing major.
 - When 30 or more hours of pre-nursing credit have been attempted, a minimum 2.50 GPA (unadjusted and unrounded) calculated on the pre-nursing requirements alone is required to continue in the pre-nursing major.
- **Anatomy and Physiology:** A student who has earned two (2) grades below a “C” in Anatomy and Physiology I or in Anatomy and Physiology II is not eligible to declare or to remain in the pre-nursing major or to apply to the upper division of the nursing program at AUM.
- **Academic Honesty and Integrity:** Students are expected to maintain academic honesty and integrity in all work pursued at AUM.
- **Email:** The School of Nursing will use **only** your university email account for advising communications. ***Please check your university email account frequently!*** Empty your account occasionally or emails will be returned to the sender, and you could miss out on important information.
- **Advising appointments:** ***ALL*** advising appointments are made through AdvisorTrac. See the purple instruction sheet in your packet for more information.

Student classification:

Freshman = 0 – 27 credit hours completed

Sophomore = 28 – 57 credit hours completed

Junior = 58 – 87 credit hours completed

Senior = 88 or more credit hours completed