

Auburn Montgomery
College of Nursing and Health Sciences
School of Nursing



Prenursing
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
- Includes university policies, admissions, academic integrity, financial aid, course descriptions, degree requirements, etc.

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: “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.’”

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 practice for information on taking the licensure exam in that state. 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 the Alabama Board of Nursing Administrative Code for more information.

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, to read small print on labels, to read small markings on syringes, and to read equipment monitors and dials
- ◆ Adequate hearing, such as that required to hear faint body sounds, to distinguish muted sounds through a stethoscope, and to hear monitor alarms
- ◆ The ability to detect odors, smoke, and gases
- ◆ Fine motor skills and manual dexterity, as required to handle small, delicate equipment
- ◆ Strength to turn and assist with lifting adults; to lift and carry children; and to push an occupied wheelchair, shower chair, or stretcher
- ◆ Stamina to stand for long periods of time; to perform nursing duties for entire shift; to support patients in ambulation, turning, and standing
- ◆ 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
- ◆ The ability to compute medication dosages; measure time; count rates; use measuring tools; add, subtract, multiply, divide whole numbers; compute fractions.

Drug Screening

Students are required to have a pre-clinical drug screening. 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.

Full/Part Time Status

The prenursing 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 at AUM.**

An average full time load in prenursing 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 (334) 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 prenursing major or to apply to the upper division of the nursing program at AUM.**

Upper division nursing takes 2 years (5 semesters) to complete and requires 32-40 hours per week of class and clinical time.

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– prenursing student communications since prenursing students are rarely in the Nursing building.**

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

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.

School of Nursing Information

Overview

The School of Nursing at Auburn Montgomery is housed within the College of Nursing and Health Sciences. The traditional four-year nursing course of study leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.). The traditional nursing program has two components – **Prenursing** (lower division) and **Nursing** (upper division).

During the **prenursing** 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.

Be sure to view the College of Nursing and Health Sciences website www.conhs.aum.edu for frequently asked questions, updates to this handbook, 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 must be able to navigate the Web, Blackboard and the university email system.”

Academic Standards

For declaring, and for continuance in, the Prenursing major:

Students are required to maintain a satisfactory GPA to declare the prenursing major and to remain in the prenursing major.

- When 15 hours of prenursing credit have been attempted, a minimum 2.00 GPA (unadjusted and unrounded) calculated on the prenursing requirements alone is required to declare and to continue in the prenursing major.
- When 30 or more hours of prenursing credit have been attempted, a minimum 2.50 GPA (unadjusted and unrounded) calculated on the prenursing requirements alone is required to declare and to continue in the prenursing 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 an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN), the student may qualify to attend the RN to BSN program at Auburn Montgomery- EARN (Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses), 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 will 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 prenursing 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. Acceptance into the nursing program is not automatic for prenursing majors. **Acceptance into the nursing program is not guaranteed** even if an applicant meets all of the eligibility requirements. Applications routinely outnumber the spots available and the most qualified applicants will be offered admission.

The School of Nursing holds a **higher** academic standard than the general university requirement. **Admission to nursing is competitive**, and based on grades earned in *only* the prenursing courses (not the overall university GPA), successful completion of an interview, the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) score (OR composite ACT score of 23 or higher), math and science grades, and the amount of prenursing credit completed at AUM. Grades are counted each time a course is taken and grade adjustments or forgivenesses ("GAPs") are not considered. All prenursing 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.

All applicants must submit an official Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) score (73% or higher preferred) to the School of Nursing, OR an official composite ACT score of 23 or higher to the university Admissions office by the posted deadline.

To be *considered* for nursing admission, students must earn a minimum grade of “C” on each prenursing 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 prenursing 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 (especially in math and science courses) will greatly decrease the possibility of achieving admission to the School of Nursing**. A minimum grade of “C” is required in every prenursing course. The drop dates are listed on the Academic Calendar on the website under Academics. A course dropped by the final drop date for the semester will have only a grade of “W” (for withdrawn) on the student’s transcript.

If a student feels he/she is unlikely to achieve a minimum grade of “C” or above in any prenursing 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 calculation of 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 prenursing courses must be completed with grades of “C” or higher.

Advising and Registration

All prenursing majors are **required** to attend prenursing 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 prenursing 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 choosing their own courses and registering themselves, 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.

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 a grade of “C” or above, or with “Credit” (for credit/noncredit courses) 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.

Half term courses (7 – 8 week sections) are *not* recommended for the first semester of attendance. Online courses are *not* recommended in the freshman year. To help determine if online classes are for you, please take the questionnaire “Are You Ready for Online Learning?” on the website www.online.aum.edu.

Transient forms

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

Transient forms are provided solely at the discretion of the department head of his/her major and 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 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
<p>1st week of January: Applications available on School of Nursing website www.conhs.aum.edu</p>	<p>August 1: Applications available on School of Nursing website www.conhs.aum.edu</p>
<p>March 1: Deadline to submit application Deadline to submit TEAS score or ACT score</p>	<p>October 1: Deadline to submit application Deadline to submit TEAS score or ACT score</p>
<p>March – April : Interviews</p>	<p>October – November: Interviews</p>
<p>April: Admission notification letters mailed</p>	<p>November: Admission notification letters mailed</p>

Eligibility requirements

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

➤ *To apply for **Fall admission** students must have:*

- Minimum 2.500 GPA (unadjusted and without rounding) based solely on prenursing coursework at the time of application
- At least 3 of the 5 prenursing lab sciences successfully completed (grades of “C” or above) 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 prenursing math courses successfully completed (grade of “C” or above) by the end of the spring semester prior to nursing entry
- Completed and submitted a School of Nursing application by March 1st
- Submitted an official Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) score to the School of Nursing (OR an official ACT composite score of 23 or higher to the university Admissions office) by March 1st

➤ *To apply for **Spring admission** students must have:*

- Minimum 2.500 GPA (unadjusted and without rounding) based solely on prenursing coursework at the time of application
- At least 3 of the 5 prenursing lab sciences successfully completed (grades of “C” or above) 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 two (2) required prenursing math courses successfully completed (grade of “C” or above) by the end of the summer semester prior to nursing entry
- Completed and submitted a School of Nursing application by October 1st
- Submitted an official Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) score to the School of Nursing (OR an official ACT composite score of 23 or higher to the university Admissions office) by October 1st

ALL APPLICANTS to the upper division of the nursing program must submit an OFFICIAL Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) score (73% or higher preferred) to the School of Nursing OR an official ACT composite score of 23 or higher to the university Admissions office. 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.

Students may apply while still enrolled in prenursing course work, but **must have no more than 22 hours of outstanding prenursing course work** to complete over the 2 semesters prior to nursing entry for Fall admission OR **no more than 18 hours of outstanding prenursing**

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 prenursing math courses must be successfully completed** (grades of “C” or above) by the end of spring semester for Fall admission or summer semester for Spring admission. The GPA based solely on the prenursing 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 prenursing 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 prenursing course work must be completed prior to nursing entry with grades of “C” or higher, and the prenursing GPA must remain at 2.50 or above (unadjusted and unrounded) to achieve final acceptance.

Students who are not selected for entry to the School of Nursing, may reapply during the next application period. A new School of Nursing application must be submitted each time a student applies to the program.

Acceptance into the nursing program is not automatic even if the student is a prenursing major. Acceptance into the nursing program is not guaranteed even if an applicant meets all of the eligibility requirements. Applications routinely outnumber the spots available and the most qualified applicants will be offered admission.

Interviews

From the pool of qualified applicants, a select number will be chosen for interviews. Not all applicants will be chosen to interview.

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.

Prenursing Courses by Subject

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.

Success Course

New freshmen, returning 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 0100/0101 Basic Writing and 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 prenursing students who wish to complete a Literature sequence 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 OR 2nd Literature

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 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 (from the Area II elective list) to meet the Fine Arts requirement, then that course **cannot** be used as an Area II elective. Additionally, PHIL 2100 Applied Ethics is already required in the prenursing curriculum and **cannot** be used as an Area II elective. 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. BIOL 1010/1011 will fulfill a core lab science graduation requirement.

****PLEASE NOTE: BIOL 1000/1001 Introduction to Biology WILL NOT meet prenursing requirements**

Introduction to Chemistry and Lab (PSCI 1500 & 1501) has no prerequisite, so it may be taken any semester of prenursing study and will fulfill a core lab science graduation requirement. **Please note:** the Chemistry course required by Nursing is Introduction to Chemistry – PSCI 1500/1501, which is listed under Physical Sciences, **not** *General Chemistry*.

Microbiology and Lab (BIOL 3010 & 3011) has prerequisites of BIOL 1010/1011 Cells, Molecules, and Life & lab. This course meets a nursing requirement but does NOT meet a core lab science graduation requirement.

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 prenursing 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. It *strongly recommended* that A&P I/lab be taken in the longer fall or spring semester to best absorb this important material. This course meets a nursing requirement but does NOT meet a core lab science graduation requirement.

BIOL 2110 & 2111 Anatomy and Physiology II and Lab has prerequisites of BIOL 2100/2101 Anatomy and Physiology I/lab. It is *strongly recommended* that A&P II/lab be taken in the longer fall or spring semester to best absorb this important material. This course meets a nursing requirement but does NOT meet a core lab science graduation requirement.

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 contact the Math department (334) 244-3677 or refer to the website www.aum.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/placement-testing for the most updated information on math placement.

MATH 1100 Finite Math is required for Nursing. The Math department may require that MATH 0700/0701 Elementary Algebra/Lab and/or MATH 0800/0801 Intermediate Algebra/Lab be taken prior to taking Finite Math. A grade of "C" or higher is required in MATH 0700/0701 to progress to MATH 0800/0801, but is not calculated in the university or prenursing GPA. A grade of "C" or higher is required in MATH 0800/0801 to progress to Finite Math, but is not calculated in the university or prenursing GPA. The lecture and lab portions of these 2 courses are co-requisites and must be taken in the same semester. You must register for the *same section* for the lecture and the lab for both courses. **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

At least one History course is **required** to meet graduation requirements. Choose from HIST 1010 World History I, HIST 1020 World History II, HIST 1060 Western Civilization I, HIST 1070 Western Civilization II, HIST 2010 United States History I, or HIST 2020 United States History 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

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 on an elective list that is being used to meet another requirement **cannot** count as your elective course. For example, if you have taken HIST 1010 (from the Area IV list) to meet the History requirement, then that course **cannot** be used as an Area IV elective. Additionally, PSYC 2110 Psychology is already required in the prenursing curriculum and **cannot** be used as an Area IV elective. A course sequence in Literature or History is **required** for graduation. Contact your advisor for questions concerning this requirement.

2nd Area IV elective OR 2nd History

If a Literature sequence is taken, students may choose a second elective from the approved Area IV list on the STARS website http://stars.troy.edu/approved_courses/aum_area.html. 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 HIST 1010 (from the Area IV list) to meet the History requirement, then that course **cannot** be used as an Area IV elective. Additionally, PSYC 2110 Psychology is already required in the prenursing curriculum and **cannot** be used as an Area IV elective. A course sequence in Literature or History is **required** for graduation. Contact your advisor for questions concerning this requirement.

Fine Arts

A Fine Arts course from the following list is required to meet graduation requirements: THEA 2040 Theatre Appreciation, MUSI 2110 Music Appreciation, VISU 1000 Introduction to Art, VISU 2030 Art History I, VISU 2040 Art History II, or VISU 2600 Introduction to World Architecture. 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 prenursing semester. Content is focused on health care topics. Many students find this course more difficult than others.

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.

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, many Area II electives, and many Area IV electives are not tied to a sequence, and can be taken at various times in the prenursing schedule. However, it is highly recommended to take English Comp I before Ethics due to the level of composition skills expected in the Ethics course. University Success Course should be taken by new freshmen, returning 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**.

Prenursing Courses with Prerequisites

Prenursing 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 or 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 ACT Math subscore of 17 or lower OR math placement test score of 2 or lower OR 3. MATH 0800/0801 with ACT Math subscore of 18 or 19 OR math placement test score of 3 OR 4. Math placement test score of 4 or higher
BIOL 1010/1011 Cells, Molecules, & Life and Lab (formerly called Principles of Biology)	1. MATH 0700 grade of “B” or higher, MATH 0800 grade of “C” or higher, OR ACT Math subscore of 20 or higher AND ENGL 0100 grade of “C” or higher, OR ACT English subscore of 18 or higher OR 2. BIOL 1000/1001 grade of “C” or higher
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 & Lab
MATH 2670 Elementary Statistics	MATH 1100 Finite Math or higher core math course
PSYC 3780 Developmental Psychology	PSYC 2110 Intro to Psychology

Each prenursing 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 prenursing orientation.
- **GPA requirements:** Students are **required** to maintain a satisfactory GPA to declare a prenursing major and **to remain in the prenursing major**.
 - When 15 hours of prenursing credit have been attempted, a minimum 2.00 GPA (unadjusted and unrounded) calculated on the prenursing requirements alone is required to continue in the prenursing major.
 - When 30 or more hours of prenursing credit have been attempted, a minimum 2.50 GPA (unadjusted and unrounded) calculated on the prenursing requirements alone is required to continue in the prenursing 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 prenursing 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.
- **Elective courses** must be chosen from the approved list in the AGSC transfer guide http://stars.troy.edu/approved_courses/aum_area.html. Your elective course must be *in addition to* courses already required in the prenursing 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 (from the Area II elective list) to meet the Fine Arts requirement, then that course **cannot** be used as an Area II elective.
- **Student classification is based on the number of credit hours completed:**
 - 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