



## Concurrent Enrollment at College of the Desert

College of the Desert's Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP) is designed to help students work towards their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) *while* enrolled in the Associate Degree in Nursing program (ADN). In collaboration with our partnered universities, not only can students earn their BSN sooner, but they can also reap the benefits of flexibility, and affordability from these universities.

There are three pathways to a BSN:

1. Direct entry into a 4-year program
2. ADN-BSN Concurrent Enrollment Pathway - students work on BSN courses *while enrolled* in an ADN program. BSN can be earned in as little 2 years total.
3. RN to BSN pathway -for those already working as an RN and want to obtain their BSN. BSN is earned in ~1-2 years *after* earning your ADN. Some employers offer tuition reimbursements.

Here at College of the Desert, we offer the ADN-BSN Concurrent Enrollment Pathway. The benefit to this is that you have access to a seamless

transition that involves close coordination between the faculty and advisors at both institutions. Our three partnered schools are Azusa Pacific University Grand Canyon University and Loma Linda University. To be enrolled in the CEP, students must be actively enrolled in the Nursing Program at College of the Desert, be in good standing and meet requirements of your chosen university.

Why get a BSN? Aside from the financial benefits (\$19,000/year difference according to Payscale.com in 2025), BSN-prepared graduates are highly sought after by potential employers for many reasons. According to the American Association of College of Nursing (AACN), BSN-prepared nurses were associated with greater odds of surviving cardiac arrest in hospitals, lower rates of medication errors and procedural errors, lower odds of mortality and decrease length of hospital stay! Additionally, a BSN can expand career opportunities such as advanced practice roles, research, education and leadership positions.

## Azusa Pacific University (APU)

Ranked #1 in California in 2025 by Nurse.org, the RN-BSN program is designed for students to take both ADN courses and BSN courses simultaneously. APU's Integrative Enrollment Pathway (IEP), is the fastest way to obtain your BSN - you can earn your BSN in as little as 2 years! Students will take one asynchronous online BSN course per semester. This means students can access lectures on their own time without needing to meet in real-time. Students work at their own pace but still need to complete their work by specified deadlines. All RN-BSN program faculty are doctorate-prepared.

For more information, please visit

<https://www.apu.edu/programs/rn-to-bsn-integrative-enrollment-pathway/>



## Grand Canyon University (GCU)

Located in Phoenix, Arizona, Grand Canyon University is no stranger to online degree programs. Grand Canyon University's classes are offered online, one class at a time (with the exception that clinical, practicum and immersion hours are completed locally). It is the most affordable and flexible out of our three partnered schools. GCU also has options for those with a B.S. in another field.

For more information, please visit:

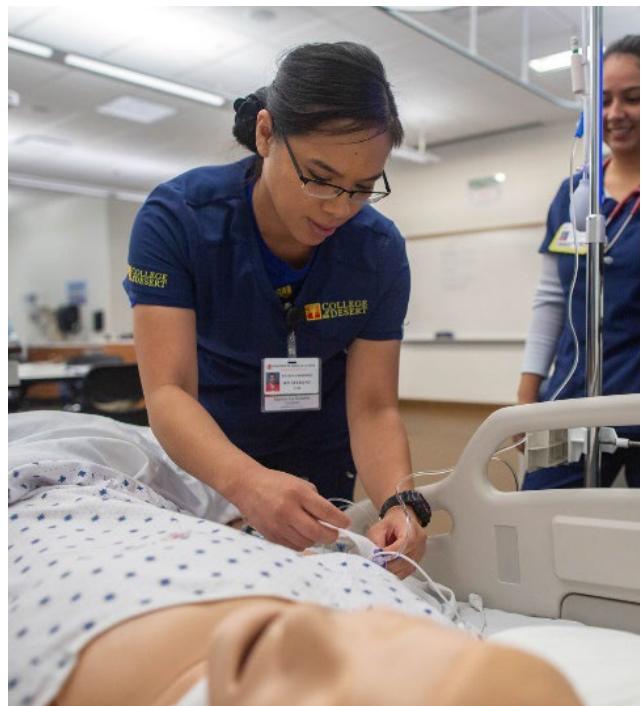
<https://www.gcu.edu/college-of-nursing-and-health-care-professions.php>

## Loma Linda University (LLU)

Affiliated with a level one trauma teaching center and Children's Hospital, Loma Linda University of Nursing provides their asynchronous BSN courses in the summer, so there is no overlap with ADN courses. Medical mission opportunities are also available to students -Brazil, Africa, and Thailand are just a few abroad trips! LLU is perfect for those who want the flexibility and access to all the opportunities they have to offer.

For more information, please visit:

<https://nursing.llu.edu/programs/rn-bs-nursing-concurrent-enrollment>



The following three pages are samples of what your course schedule may look like. Please meet with the Concurrent Enrollment Program Coordinator for more details.

**\*LVN students interested in obtaining their BSN, please contact the CEP Coordinator.**

# COD-Azusa Pacific University Partnership

School	Courses		Units
COD	<b>NRN110 + NRN110C</b> Foundations of Nursing Practice <i>AND</i>		7
First semester	COD	<b>*NRN130 + NRN130C</b> Concepts of Nursing: Mental Health <i>OR</i>	2
	COD	<b>*NRN140 + NRN140C</b> Concepts of Nursing: Gerontology	
	<b>APU</b>	<b>*Pathophysiology</b>	5
Summer break	<b>APU</b>	Ethics/Spirituality in Nursing	6
	<b>APU</b>	APU Research/Stats	4
Second Semester	COD	<b>NRN120 + NRN120C + NRN120L</b> Concepts of Nursing: Commonly Occurring Alterations <i>AND</i>	7
	COD	<b>* NRN130 + NRN130C</b> Concepts of Nursing: Mental Health <i>OR</i>	2
	COD	<b>* NRN 140 + 140C</b> Concepts of Nursing: Gerontology	
	<b>APU</b>	<b>*Health Assessment</b>	5
Winter break		---	
Third semester	COD	<b>NRN210 + NRN210C + NRN210L</b> Chronic Alterations in Health <i>AND</i>	6.5
	COD	<b>* NRN230 + NRN230C</b> Pediatric Health and Wellness <i>OR</i>	2
	COD	<b>* NRN240 + NRN240C</b> Health & Wellness in Growing Families	
Summer Break	<b>APU</b>	<b>*Evidence-Based Practice/Nursing Theory</b>	5
	<b>APU</b>	Public Health/Population Health	4
	<b>APU</b>	Community Health/Care Transitions	4
	<b>APU</b>	90 hours practicum (have 16 weeks to complete)	2
Fourth semester	COD	<b>NRN220 + NRN220C + NRN220L</b> Acute Complex Alterations in Health <i>AND</i>	6.5
	COD	<b>* NRN 250 Transition to Practice</b> <i>AND</i>	0.5
	COD	<b>* NRN230 + NRN230C</b> Pediatric Health and Wellness <i>OR</i>	2
	COD	<b>* NRN240 + NRN240C</b> Health & Wellness in Growing Families	
	<b>APU</b>	<b>*Patient Outcomes, Risk/Quality/Patient Safety</b>	5
<b>Graduate from COD with ADN</b>			

\* 8 week courses

-Total units at APU to obtain BSN: 40 units

-Fall start students will complete the BSN in their second summer with the public/community health course and clinical practicum

## Eligibility and Requirements

- Minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (students with an overall GPA below 3.0 may be given conditional admission on a case-by-case basis).
- Completion of the partnering institution's prerequisites and lower-division general education requirements.
- Personal statement (1-page essay) answering the question, "Why would you be a good candidate for the Integrative Enrollment Pathway program?"

## Start Date Options

1<sup>st</sup> semester at COD *OR*  
Summer Bridge (Summer classes only)

## Estimated time to complete BSN

As soon as 1-3 months after passing your NCLEX

## Discount Rate

10% off tuition  
Current Tuition \$460/unit → \$414/unit  
≈ \$16,650

# COD-Grand Canyon University Partnership

School	Courses		Units
First semester	COD	<b>NRN110 + NRN110C</b> Foundations of Nursing Practice <i>AND</i>	7
	COD	<b>*NRN130 + NRN130C</b> Concepts of Nursing: Mental Health <i>OR</i>	2
	COD	<b>*NRN140 + NRN140C</b> Concepts of Nursing: Gerontology	
Summer break	GCU	<b>NRS434VN</b> Health Assessment	3
	GCU	<b>PHI431V</b> Ethical and Spiritual Decision-Making in Healthcare	3
Second Semester	COD	<b>NRN120 + NRN120C + NRN120L</b> Concepts of Nursing: Commonly Occurring Alterations <i>AND</i>	7
	COD	<b>*NRN130 + NRN130C</b> Concepts of Nursing: Mental Health <i>OR</i>	2
	COD	<b>*NRN140 + NRN140C</b> Concepts of Nursing: Gerontology	
Winter break	GCU	<b>NRS430V</b> Professional Dynamics (5 weeks online)	3
Third semester	COD	<b>NRN210 + NRN210C + NRN210L</b> Chronic Alterations in Health <i>AND</i>	6.5
	COD	<b>*NRN230 + NRN230C</b> Pediatric Health and Wellness <i>OR</i>	2
	COD	<b>*NRN240 + NRN240C</b> Health & Wellness in Growing Families	
Summer Break	GCU	<b>NRS428VN</b> Concepts in Community and Public Health	3
	GCU	<b>NRS410V</b> Pathophysiology & Nursing Management of Clients' Health	3
Fourth semester	COD	<b>NRN220 + NRN220C + NRN220L</b> Acute Complex Alterations in Health <i>AND</i>	6.5
	COD	<b>*NRN250 Transition to Practice</b> <i>AND</i>	0.5
	COD	<b>*NRN230 + NRN230C</b> Pediatric Health and Wellness <i>OR</i>	2
	COD	<b>*NRN240 + NRN240C</b> Health & Wellness in Growing Families	
<b>Graduate from COD with ADN</b>			
Remaining courses at GCU		<b>NRS429VN</b> Family-Centered Health Promotion	3
		<b>NRS451VN</b> Nursing Leadership & Management	3
	GCU	<b>HLT362V</b> Applied Statistics for Health Care Professionals	3
		<b>NRS433V</b> Introduction to Nursing Research	3
		<b>NRS440VN</b> Trends and Issues in Healthcare	3
		<b>NRS493</b> Professional Capstone and Practicum (10-week course, completed locally)	6

\* 8 week courses

-Total units at GCU to obtain BSN: 36 credits

## Eligibility and Requirements

No pre-requisites required

## Start Date Options

Summer or Winter break

## Estimated time to complete BSN

30-35 weeks after NCLEX

15-20 weeks for bachelor holding students

## Discount Rate

\$90/unit discount

Current Tuition \$340/unit → \$250/unit  
≈ \$9,000

# COD-Loma Linda University Partnership

School		Courses	Units
First semester	COD	<b>NRN110 + NRN110C</b> Foundations of Nursing Practice <i>AND</i>	7
	COD	<b>*NRN130 + NRN130C</b> Concepts of Nursing: Mental Health <i>OR</i>	2
	COD	<b>*NRN140 + NRN140C</b> Concepts of Nursing: Gerontology	
Summer break	LLU	<b>NRSG337</b> Strategies for Prof Transition	4 qu
	LLU	<b>NRSG324</b> Nursing Informatics/Evidence-Based	3 qu
	LLU	<b>NRSG425</b> Intro to Epidemiology	3 qu
	LLU	<b>REL</b> Religion Course (5 week course)	2 qu
Second Semester	COD	<b>NRN120 + NRN120C + NRN120L</b> Concepts of Nursing: Commonly Occurring Alterations <i>AND</i>	7
	COD	<b>*NRN130 + NRN130C</b> Concepts of Nursing: Mental Health <i>OR</i>	2
	COD	<b>*NRN 140 + 140C</b> Concepts of Nursing: Gerontology	
Winter break		---	
Third semester	COD	<b>NRN210 + NRN210C + NRN210L</b> Chronic Alterations in Health <i>AND</i>	6.5
	COD	<b>*NRN230 + NRN230C</b> Pediatric Health and Wellness <i>OR</i>	2
	COD	<b>*NRN240 + NRN240C</b> Health & Wellness in Growing Families	
Summer Break	LLU	<b>NRSG429</b> Nursing Research	3 qu
	LLU	<b>NRSG407</b> Complex Nursing Concepts of Health & Disease	6 qu
	LLU	<b>NRSG428</b> Health Promotion for Nurse	4 qu
Fourth semester	COD	<b>NRN220 + NRN220C + NRN220L</b> Acute Complex Alterations in Health <i>AND</i>	6.5
	COD	<b>*NRN 250 Transition to Practice</b> <i>AND</i>	0.5
	COD	<b>*NRN230 + NRN230C</b> Pediatric Health and Wellness <i>OR</i>	2
	COD	<b>*NRN240 + NRN240C</b> Health & Wellness in Growing Families	
<b>Graduate from COD with ADN</b>			
Remaining courses at LLU (10 weeks)	RELE ___ Religion Course		2
	<b>NRSG414</b> Mgmt/Leadership for the RN		5
	<b>NRSG424</b> Professional RN Capstone		7
	<b>NRSG416</b> Public Health Nursing		4
	<b>NRSG434</b> Public Health Nursing Lab for RN		3

\* 8 week courses

-Total units at LLU to obtain BSN: 46 units (LLU operates on a quarter system. 1 Semester Unit = 1.5 Quarter Units)

## Eligibility and Requirements

- Have the majority of prerequisites completed with a plan to complete all with a "C" or better from a regionally accredited college or university
- Three electronic recommendations (recommenders will receive an e-mail once application is submitted)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 in all college coursework
- Completion of HS or equivalent
- All qualified applicants will be invited for an interview

## Start Date Options

Summer (Part-time or Full-time)

## Estimated time to complete BSN

As little as a year after NCLEX

## Discount Rate

\$297/unit discount  
Current Tuition \$705/unit → \$408/unit  
≈ \$18,768

# At a Glance

	APU	GCU	LLU
Est. program duration	Completion of ADN & BSN programs will be almost simultaneous, or within 1 semester (IEP route)	30-35 weeks after NCLEX, 15-20 weeks for bachelor degree holding students	as little as 1 year (full time) (after completion of ADN)
Course structure	IEP route – BSN classes taken at the <i>same time</i> as ADN classes  Summer Bridge program – take 10 units in the summer	BSN classes taken only during summer and/or winter	BSN classes taken only during summer
Online courses?	100% (except for practicum)	100% (except for clinicals)	100% (no clinicals required)
Units Required	40 units	36 units	46 quarter units
Discount	10% discount Current tuition \$460/unit → \$414/unit after discount	\$90/unit discount Current Tuition \$340/unit → \$250/unit after discount	\$297/unit discount Current Tuition \$705/unit → \$408/unit after discount
Est. total cost	~ \$16,650	~ \$9,000	~ \$18,768

\*These are estimated prices based on current tuition and units. Individual scholarships, financial and military benefits are not included in these estimates.

Please be advised that **coursework at the ADN level holds primary priority**. Successful completion of all ADN program requirements is mandatory prior to submitting an application for the NCLEX examination. The NCLEX serves as the official licensure assessment required to obtain your Registered Nurse (RN) license, which must be secured before engaging in professional nursing practice.

# Contact us

A College of the Desert Nursing Counselor is available for information regarding transferrable courses. Additionally, a Concurrent Enrollment Program Coordinator is available regarding all other matters related to concurrent enrollments.



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