

**MUS 297 Experimental Topics in Music (5-3)**  
*Units awarded in topics courses are dependent upon the number of hours required of the student. Any combination of lecture or laboratory may be scheduled by the department. Refer to Class Schedule.*

**Prerequisite** Enrollment subject to project approval.

**Note:** May be taken 4 times

**Transfer acceptability:** CSU; UC (Pending) - credit determined by UC upon review of course syllabus.

Advanced music projects including individual research, tutoring and performance for college classes and community projects.

## Networking

See CSIS - Networking

## Nursing Education (NURS)

Contact the Nursing Education Department for additional information.

(760) 744-1150, ext. 2279

Office: NO-1

For transfer information, consult a Palomar College Counselor.

### Associate of Arts (AA) Degree:

AA Degree requirements are listed in Section 6 (green pages).

• Nursing

### Associate of Science (AS) Degree:

• Nursing

The Associate Degree Nursing program is accredited by both the California Board of Registered Nursing and the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006, 1-800-669-1656.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

The Associate Degree Nursing program prepares graduates to provide direct nursing care to patients in hospitals and other health agencies at a staff nurse level. The curriculum consists of coursework in nursing, general education, and clinical nursing practice in local hospitals and other health agencies. The Nursing faculty of the College is directly responsible for all phases of the program.

Palomar College has two Associate Degree options available in Nursing. The Associate of Arts (AA) in Nursing Degree meets the requirements of Title V and the Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). The Associate of Science (AS) in Nursing Degree meets the requirements of Title V, Board of Registered Nursing (BRN), and National League of Nursing Accreditation Commission (NLNAC).

Admission to the nursing program is by special application. To be eligible for consideration, applicants must (1) be eligible for admission to Palomar College; (2) attend a Nursing Orientation meeting; (3) submit proof of high school graduation or equivalency or higher; (4) have a GPA of 2.5 in prerequisite sciences; (5) pass the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) with a composite score of at least 67%; and (6) submit a completed application along with the required documentation.

**LICENSURE:** Upon successful completion of either the Associate of Arts (AA) in Nursing Degree or the Associate of Science (AS) in Nursing Degree, students will be eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX RN). If performance on the examination is successful, they will be licensed as a registered nurse.

Students who are LVNs and who are electing the Non-Degree 30 Unit Option, as well as students who do not complete the requirements for the Associate of Arts (AA) or the Associate of Science (AS) in Nursing but who successfully complete the required nursing and support courses, are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX RN) as a NON-DEGREE Candidate. If successful, they will be licensed as a RN by the California Board of Registered Nursing. Endorsement of a non-degree graduate RN in other states is not guaranteed because these regulations are unique

to California. ONCE THE LICENSING EXAM IS TAKEN, STATUS CANNOT BE CHANGED FROM NON-DEGREE TO DEGREE REGARDLESS OF SUBSEQUENT DEGREES EARNED.

**CREDIT BY TRANSFER:** Students who have been enrolled in an accredited Registered Nursing program within the last two years may receive full credit for courses transferred which are, as evaluated by the Palomar College Nursing Education Department faculty, comparable to courses offered by the College. If courses transferred are found not to be comparable, students may challenge Palomar courses for credit.

**CREDIT BY EXAMINATION:** Academic credit by examination may be obtained by those whose prior education and/or experience provides the knowledge and skills required to meet the objectives of one or more courses. Students who believe they may be eligible for credit by examination should contact the Nursing Education Department for an appointment for special advising prior to submitting their application for admission to the program. For College policy regarding credit by examination, consult "Credit by Examination" in the Academic Regulations and Standards section of this catalog.

Upon completion of the eligibility requirements, separate theory and clinical performance examinations will be administered for courses with a laboratory component. A written patient care plan is required in all appropriate theory and clinical courses. Completion of the written work with a grade of 'C' or better is required prior to taking the clinical examination. Courses without a lab component will have a written examination only. A grade of 'C' or better must be achieved. The Nursing Education Department's Credit by Examination Policy may be obtained from the Nursing Education Department Office. A maximum of 20 units may be obtained through credit by examination.

**STUDENTS WITH A PREVIOUS BACHELOR'S DEGREE:** As per the Education Code, SB 1393, students with baccalaureate or higher degrees from a regionally accredited college in a non-nursing field are only required to complete the course work necessary for completion of the registered nursing program, including prerequisites and nursing coursework. These students are not required to complete any other courses required by the college for an associate degree.

### CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR NURSES

Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for currently licensed RNs and LVNs can be earned through a variety of Palomar College academic classes. CEU documentation can be awarded by the Community Development office upon successful completion of coursework. For information on CEU options for nurses call (760) 744-1150, ext. 2702.

## PROGRAMS OF STUDY

### Associate of Arts (AA) in Nursing

For students starting the Associate of Arts (AA) in Nursing during Fall 2010 or later:

#### Requirements for an AA in Nursing

MATH 56, 60, or an appropriate score on an approved math exam	0-4
BIOL 102* Molecules and Cells or equivalent	3
MICR 200 Fundamentals of Microbiology	4
ZOO 200 Anatomy	4
ZOO 203 Physiology	4

#### Semester I

NURS 117 Nursing I	9
NURS 103 Nursing Foundation I	2

#### Semester II

NURS 118 Nursing II	9
NURS 203 Nursing Foundation II	1

#### Semester III

NURS 217 Nursing III	9
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