

## STEPS TO NURSING

The following are the steps needed to apply to MaricopaNursing for CEP:

### Maricopa Nursing Webpage:

<https://www.maricopa.edu/degrees-certificates/special-programs/healthcare-education/nursing>

### Step 1: Attend an Informational Nursing Meeting at a Maricopa School.

#### Sign the Declaration:

[https://cdn.maricopa.edu/documents/pdf/MaricopaNursing/Information\\_Session\\_Declaration.pdf](https://cdn.maricopa.edu/documents/pdf/MaricopaNursing/Information_Session_Declaration.pdf)

### Step 2: Schedule a meeting with a Maricopa Nursing Advisor

### Step 3: Pre-Requisite Classes (some of these courses have pre-requisites)

- High School Chemistry OR CHEM 130/130LL OR CHEM 130AA
- High School Biology OR BIO 156 OR BIO 181
- BIO 201 (Human Anatomy and Physiology I)
- English 101
- MAT 140 or Higher (College Mathematics)
- NUR 158 OR NCE 150 (Nursing Assisting) OR CNA Certification

### Step 4: Register for a Level One Fingerprint Clearance Card

To apply, visit: <https://www.azdps.gov/services/public/fingerprint>

### Step 5: Passing Scores on HESI A2 exam

Passing scores: 80% English, 75% Math.

***The CEP application process is very competitive and relies heavily on HESI scores.***

[Gateway Community College, Phoenix College, and Mesa offer in-person review sessions for the HESI A2 Exam]

Online practice tests are also available at <http://www.studyguidezone.com/hesi-a2.htm>.

### Step 6: Apply to the Traditional RN Maricopa Nursing Waitlist. This only needs to be done once!

- This waitlist is non-competitive and on a first-come, first-serve basis. The earlier you are in the pool, the better.
- Applications are taken anytime at any Maricopa School as long as the above steps have been completed.
- The current wait will fluctuate between 18 months to 2 years.

### Maricopa Nursing Application (Waitlist):

<https://www.maricopa.edu/degrees-certificates/healthcare-education/maricopa-nursing/application-processes#paragraph-3434>

### Step 7: Complete the Co-Requisite Classes needed to apply to CEP.

- BIO 202 (Human Anatomy and Physiology II)
- BIO 205 (Microbiology)
- PSY 101 (Intro to Psychology) ***Ottawa may use either PSY 101 or PSY 240 for GPA Calculation***
- ENG 102
- CRE 101 (critical and evaluative reading) OR Test Exempt
- Humanities elective

## **Step 8: Apply to the Concurrent Nursing Program (CEP).**

<https://www.maricopa.edu/degrees-certificates/special-programs/healthcare-education/nursing/concurrent-enrollment-program-cep>

**This application is highly competitive and is based on 5 categories:**

- GPA (40%)
- HESI A2 scores (English Composite 35% and Math 15%)
- Degree Holding (Associate = 2.5 pts, Bachelor = 5.0 pts, Master = 7.5 pts, Doctorate = 10 pts)
- Failure or dropout from previous nursing Block (10 pts deducted from overall score)
- Strategy in choosing your Maricopa School (I advise to choose 1 large school and 1 small school)

**CEP Applications allowed twice a year. Turn Application into your Number 1 Maricopa School Choice. I suggest putting at least 2 Maricopa schools on the application.**

- December – January (Application Deadline, last weekday in January)
- April – May (Application Deadline, last weekday in May)

### **Unique Qualities of Ottawa University:**

- **8-week terms, online classes, flexible schedule**
- **You may graduate with your BSN and RN at the same time.**
- **Pell Grant, Financial Aid, and consortium agreement available**
- **Physical location (15950 N. Civic Center Plaza, Surprise, AZ 85374)**
- **Individualized Support and Free Tutoring**
- **BSN Graduation Rate of 95%**
- **Competitive Tuition (\$324 per credit hour)**
- **Christian Based and Non-Profit**

### **Ottawa's Nursing Programs:**

- [Concurrent Associate Degree - Baccalaureate Degree Nursing Program \(CEP\)](#)
- [Bachelor of Science in Nursing \(RN-BSN\)](#)
- [Master of Science in Nursing \(MSN\)](#)

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