Associate in Arts to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (pre-licensure)

This guide between Black Hawk College (BHC) and St. Ambrose University (SAU) intends to create a smooth and seamless curriculum transition for students who earn the Associate in Arts (AA) degree at BHC to transfer into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree at SAU. **This guide is for students who have not acquired an R.N. license (pre-licensure) and intend to apply for acceptance to the SAU BSN program.** Upon bachelor degree completion, the pre-licensure graduate is eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). This guide incorporates the Articulation Agreement between BHC and SAU dated December 13, 2013, and the 2021-2022 BHC and SAU catalogs.

Degree Availability	AA offered on campus or online (except French, Spanish and some science labs on campus only.)
	BS in Nursing offered on campus. The nursing clinical experiences are offered outside the SAU campus in real health care environments.
GPA Requirements	Graduation from BHC **2.00**
	Admission to SAU **2.00.** Admission to SAU Nursing major **3.00.** Students with a GPA lower than 3.00 may submit a letter of petition to the SAU Admission and Progression Committee explaining the circumstances related to the GPA.
SAU and BSN Applications	View complete admission requirements, applications and FAQ's, including

1. Complete an admissions application to SAU <u>and</u> complete a separate admissions application to the Department of Nursing. For fall admission, the priority deadline is December 1 of the previous year, and for spring admission the priority deadline is July 1 of the previous year.
2. Complete nine required prerequisite courses with a "C" grade or higher (courses are identified in the BHC course list with an asterisk *).
3. Complete general education requirements.
4. When a student's primary language is not English, the student must meet the required TOEFL - Proficiency set by the Iowa Board of Nursing.
5. CNA (certified nursing assistant) course required plus active certification, or comparable employment within the last three years. **Students may enroll in NA 100 (8 credits) at Black Hawk.**
6. **Complete the American Heart Association BLS Provider CPR course. The course is available at Black Hawk.**
7. Upon acceptance, initiate certified background check process.
8. The SAU Nursing Department does not require any formal entrance testing at this time (i.e. TEAS, HESI).

Grade Requirements	SAU will grant transfer credit for college-level work in all areas that correspond to courses offered at SAU if a grade of a "C" or better is earned.
General Education	The AA degree satisfies SAU's lower division general education requirements except for the Health and Fitness, and Second Language categories (both of which are included in this transfer guide).
Credit Hours	<u>BHC credits on this guide: 61. SAU credits on this guide: 67.</u>

- ✓ A minimum of 60 credits is required to complete the AA degree.
- ✓ A minimum of 126 combined credits from BHC and SAU are required to complete the BS in Nursing degree.
- ✓ A maximum of 64 community college credits may be applied toward the BSN.
- ✓ While SAU does not award equivalent credit for a certified nursing assistant course, NA 100 could be awarded general elective credit within a maximum of 64 transferrable credits.

Other Requirements and Recommendations

- ✓ BHC requires **one non-western studies course** for graduation and it may simultaneously fulfill an IAI category in Humanities, Fine Arts, or Social and Behavioral Sciences, or be taken as an elective in the AA degree.   Social and Behavioral Science courses must be from two different disciplines. Consult the BHC catalog or an advisor for course options.

- ✓ If BIOL 100/101, CHEM 110 and MATH 108 are not completed before transfer, also take MATH 118 Precalculus (5 credits) which meets the pre-requisite requirement for these courses at SAU.

- ✓ SAU requires **a second language** to graduate. Fulfill by completing either three years of the same second language in high school, or the same second language in college (or demonstrated proficiency) through the 102-level. SAU recommends completing this requirement prior to transfer. *Students who already meet the second language requirement while in high school may choose electives to fulfill credits required for graduation. Recommended BHC courses: BIOL 120 (3 credits); BIOL 250 (3 credits); a computer science course such as CS 100, CS 105, CIP 101, BE 146 (3 credits); or MATH 112 (4 credits) and/or MATH 116 (3 credits) if needed as prerequisites to MATH 118. Students may also consider starting an optional minor before transferring.*

- ✓ View the St. Ambrose Transfer Facts for additional transfer information.

See next page for required courses

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The following BHC course sequence may be modified to accommodate part-time students, or starting in a spring or summer semester. Selected BHC courses may also be offered in the summer or during the minimester.

BHC Courses & Credit Hours			Transfers to SAU as
Semester 1			
ENG 101	Composition I *A grade of 'C' or better is required*	3	English elective
BIOL 100* or 101*	Introduction to Biology or General Human Biology	4	BIOL 101 Principles of Biology
CHEM 110*	Introduction to Chemistry	4	CHEM 103 Principles of Chemistry
FREN 101 or SPAN 101 **	Elementary French I or Elementary Spanish I	4	FREN 101 First Semester French or SPAN 101 First Semester Spanish
	Semester total	**15**	

Semester 2			
ENG 102	Composition II *A grade of 'C' or better is required*	3	ENGL 101 English Composition
BIOL 145*	Anatomy-Physiology I	4	BIOL 230 Human Anatomy and Physiology I
MATH 108*	Statistics for General Ed	3	STAT 213 Applied Statistical Reasoning for the Sciences
FREN 102 or SPAN 102 **	Elementary French II or Elementary Spanish II	4	FREN 102 Second Semester French or SPAN 201 Second Semester Spanish
	Semester total	**14**	

Semester 3			
SPEC 101	Principles of Speech	3	COMM 129 Principles of Public Speaking
BIOL 146*	Anatomy-Physiology II	4	BIOL 232 Human Anatomy and Physiology II
PSYC 101*	Intro to Psychology	3	PSYC 105 Introductory Psychology
SOC 101* (or SOC 264*)	Principles of Sociology (or Social Psychology of Aging)	3	SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (or substitution if taking SOC 264 with Black Hawk)
	IAI Humanities. HIST 200 Comparative Religions (satisfies non-western studies requirement); or PHIL 100, 101, 103, 205 or 206 recommended.	3	general education
	Semester total	**16**	

Semester 4			
PSYC 200*	Human Growth & Development	3	PSYC 212 Life-Span Developmental Psychology
BIOL 261*	Microbiology	4	BIOL 211 Introductory Microbiology
	IAI Fine Arts	3	general education
	IAI Humanities or IAI Fine Arts	3	general education
HEAL 102	Foundations of Wellness or elective. *Could take KIN 149 after transfer*	3	KIN 149 Wellness Concepts (1 credit)
	Semester total	**16**	

 * Required BSN prerequisite course with a "C" grade or higher.

.** Students who already fulfill SAU's second language requirement may include the C.N.A. course in the AA degree (NA 100 – 8 credits). SAU accepts up to 64 transfer credits.

Complete the following courses after transfer to SAU

The following SAU course sequence may be modified to accommodate part-time students or a spring start. Selected SAU courses (Philosophy or Theology) may also be offered in the summer or during the winterim.

Semester 5	Semester 6	Semester 7	Semester 8
NURS 305 Introduction to Contemporary Nursing (3)	NURS 360 Introduction to Theoretical Concepts (3)	NURS 410 Concepts of Population Health (3)	NURS 460 Concepts of Applied Nursing Care (3)
NURS 315 Nursing Process I Across the Lifespan (3)	NURS 365 Nursing Process II Across the Lifespan (4)	NURS 415 Nursing Process III Across the Lifespan (3)	NURS 465 Concepts of Chronicity & Palliative Care (3)
NURS 325 Applied Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (3)	NURS 370 Applied Learning Experiences II (2)	NURS 425 Applied Learning Experiences III (2)	NURS 475 Leadership & Contemporary Issues (3)
NURS 335 Pathophysiology/ Pharmacology (4)	NURS 375 Pathophysiology /Pharmacology II (3)	NURS 435 Concepts of Children & Women's Health (3)	WI-NURS 485 Professional Nursing Capstone (3)
NURS 350 Applied Learning Experiences I (2)	NURS 380 Nursing Concepts of Mental Health (3)	WI-NURS 440 Evidence-Based Practice (3)	NURS 495 Advanced Nursing Practicum (3)
Lower or upper division Philosophy or Theology course (3) – must be taken at SAU	NURS 395 Clinical Application II (2)	NURS 445 Clinical Application III (2)	PHIL 310 - Biomedical Ethics or THEO 319- Bio ethics in Healthcare course (3)-must be taken at SAU
Semester total (18)	**Semester total (17)**	**Semester total (16)**	**Semester total (18)**

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