

# ARIA<sup>TM</sup> HEALTH SCHOOL OF NURSING

formerly Frankford Hospital School of Nursing

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Program, Application, and  
Admission Information



**academics. tradition. affordability. personalized teaching. technology. patient focus. clinical experience. jobs.**



## YES, ARIA FOR NURSING

real care, real people, real opportunities

More than a century of success says a lot. That's how long the Frankford Hospital School of Nursing has educated nurses in the needs of patients and in the innovative practice of healthcare. And now, in the 21st Century, the school's associated health system has a fresh new identity as Aria Health, one of the leading community and teaching hospital networks in the Delaware Valley. What's more, the field for which the renamed Aria Health School of Nursing prepares graduates offers a range of **opportunities as never before.**

Career directions, chances for specialization, and the spectrum of working environments are unprecedented. Many capable young women and men just out of high school, or who have already ventured into the work world or committed to raising a family, choose this time-honored profession for its rewards, respect and flexibility.

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Completing your nursing diploma can lead to a **well-paying, satisfying position.** Aria's fully accredited program for obtaining an RN diploma also lays the framework for additional and higher nursing degrees for interested students.

Since its early days, the Aria Health School of Nursing has regarded nursing as more than a job. It is a highly **respected and valuable career** that provides endless exposure to new prospects and new facets of practice. The school believes deeply in its mission to educate caring and responsible nurses who become a vital part of the healthcare community and the community in which they live and practice.

## Pride in a tradition that is leading edge

In the fall of 1904, the Frankford Hospital School of Nursing opened its doors on Penn Street in the growing neighborhood of Northeast Philadelphia, just a block away from Frankford Hospital (Aria Health Frankford Campus) — the same historic location where it continues to educate first-rate nurses in one-on-one individual nursing care, state-of-the-science techniques, and support of inpatient, outpatient, and private practice. Starting with an entering class of six students, the school established a tradition of close faculty-student interaction and ready access to a population of patients representing the true spectrum of healthcare needs. Today, the respected Aria Health School of Nursing continues to expand its accomplishments as a distinguished, co-educational institution that has sent thousands of nurses into their field with comprehensive learning experiences and the most up-to-date skills.



to learn more, visit  
[www.ariahealth.org/nursing](http://www.ariahealth.org/nursing)

## TEACHING IS THE THING

### Learning is everywhere

A nursing diploma is one of the most affordable forms of higher education, and it provides for a lifetime of growth, through entrees to greater qualifications and responsibilities in the field. Aria's approach to offering all of this is through high-level academics and the most up-to-date curriculum, in an intimate, family atmosphere.

Among the benefits that you will gain from choosing Aria for your nursing education are:

- *an experienced, **exceptional faculty**.* Aria's own instructors for its nursing courses have dedicated their lives to making their field a stimulating, gratifying profession to learn.
- *humanities and sciences courses through one of the nation's best and most popular public institutions.* At Aria's nursing school, faculty members from Pennsylvania State University teach many of the core arts & sciences courses needed for the RN diploma. Exceptional **Penn State instructors** from such departments as Biology, English, and Psychology teach well-designed college classes to Aria nursing students.

- *learning centered around hands-on work, including in Aria's **Nursing Arts Laboratory**.* This essential facility makes course work an active and interactive experience that fully prepares students for actual patient care. Students practice skills that they have learned about in the classroom, including safely bathing, moving, and feeding patients – as well as communicating effectively with patients, families, and staff members. The nursing arts lab, an important resource around which clinical instruction works, includes the latest in hospital beds and care simulators. This means that nursing students gain the latest instructional experiences in preparation for interacting with patients.

Most Aria nursing students complete the RN diploma in just under three years. They graduate fully prepared for their examination to become a licensed, registered professional nurse (RN). With the addition of just a few additional Penn State courses, the student can also earn an Associate Degree in Letters, Arts and Sciences. These credits are fully transferable toward a BSN (Bachelor of Science in Nursing) degree, which Aria graduates can choose to pursue through the program's affiliates, including Penn State University.

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## Practice with help from a special family

The School of Nursing's **Simulation Lab** features a family of the latest, interactive simulation mannequins, as well as cardiac monitoring, virtual I.V. equipment, four new Hill-Rom beds, an automated external defibrillator (AED), and an AED simulator. Under the guidance of a nurse instructor, the student is able to practice assessment skills and virtual patient care in a safe environment, where critical thinking skills are fine-tuned, and all efforts lead to learning. Instructors vary the scenarios to emphasize classroom concepts in delivering care in labor & delivery, pediatrics, medical-surgical or critical care. Students discuss their course of action and critique their responses to clinical situations.



## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

### Apply now

#### How do I get started?

1. Review the entrance requirements in the right column of this page. If you meet these requirements, jump down to 3. below.
2. Contact your local community college or other university to arrange to take the required courses. Once you start the last class that you need, then you can apply to the Aria Health School of Nursing.  
*Please follow this timeline* ➡

- \*3. Go to [www.ariahealth.org/nursing](http://www.ariahealth.org/nursing). Click on **Application & Admission** (APPLY NOW). Complete and return application to the school. You will be asked to indicate preference for a date to take the **Assessment Technology Institute's Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS) entrance test**. Testing dates can be found with the application. The Aria Health School of Nursing will contact you to schedule your entrance exam once your application is received. Prepare for this test by obtaining a study guide at [www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com).

Completing your entrance classes by the end of a **spring semester?**



Apply by February 1 of that same semester in which you are completing your classes, to enter the Aria Health School of Nursing in the **Fall Term** (September start)

Completing your entrance classes by the end of a **summer or fall semester?**



Apply by August 15 to enter the Aria Health School of Nursing in the **Winter Term** (January start)

## Entrance Requirements

All applicants are required to take the **ATI TEAS** entrance exam\* in addition to the requirements listed below, as part of the application process.

- If you are a **recent high-school graduate** (five years or less since graduation), you may apply to the Aria Health School of Nursing if you have:

- completed a chemistry course (must include a lab) with a grade of C or above. If you have not taken chemistry in high school or college, you must complete (with a grade of C or above) an Introduction to Chemistry course at an accredited college or university of your choice.

- completed the SAT test with a minimum score of 400 in each section.

(Students **transferring from another college** must also have met these chemistry-course and SAT requirements and must have a cumulative grade-point average of 2.75.)

- Individuals who have an **Associate's Degree or higher** may apply directly to Aria, if they have completed a chemistry course (must include a lab) within the past seven years with a grade of C or above. If they have not, they must enroll in such a course at the accredited college or university of their choice.

- Individuals who have **graduated from high school more than five years ago, have passed the GED test, or have a score of less than 400 in one or more sections of the SAT**, must complete the following courses (with a cumulative grade-point average of 2.75 or above) in an accredited college or university of their choice.

Chemistry	(4 credits)
<i>unless already taken less than seven years ago</i>	
Anatomy and Physiology I	(4 credits)
Anatomy and Physiology II	(4 credits)
English 101	(3 credits)
English 102	(3 credits)
Psychology 101	(3 credits)

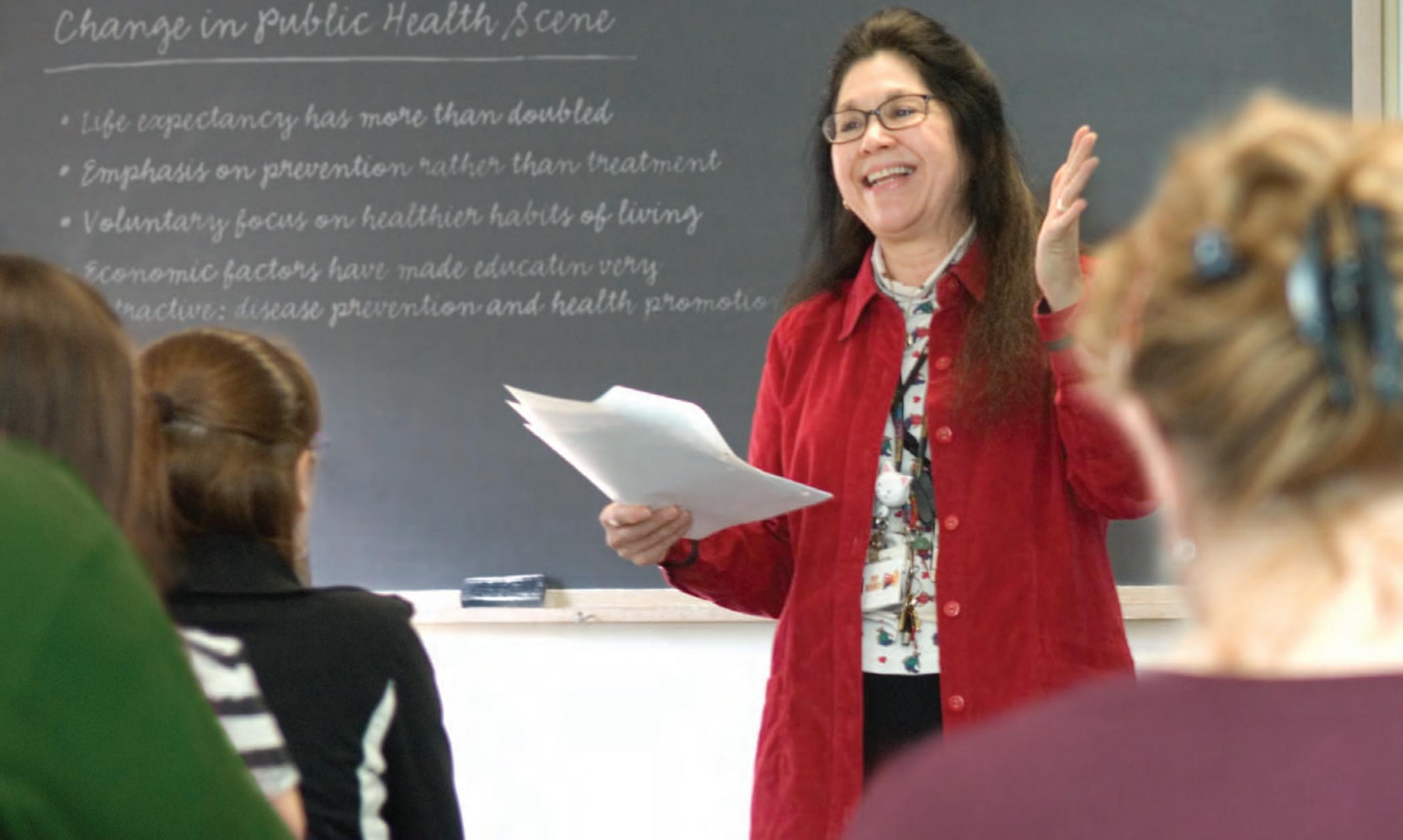
to understand the school's term dates, go to [www.ariahealth.org/nursing](http://www.ariahealth.org/nursing) click on **Academics & Curriculum** (Academic Calendar) and on **Application & Admission** (Application Deadlines)

**Questions?** For further information on applying, or to find out about tours or open houses, see our website or contact the Admissions Office, at **215-831-6740 x124**.

get more details at  
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click on **Application & Admission**

## Change in Public Health Scene

- Life expectancy has more than doubled
- Emphasis on prevention rather than treatment
- Voluntary focus on healthier habits of living
- Economic factors have made education very attractive: disease prevention and health promotion



## PREPARING ARIA GRADS TO EXCEL.

Educating nurses *who get it.*

Chose Aria for your nursing diploma, and you've already done your homework. That's because of the way that Aria stacks up in **value and quality**. You get the assurance of attending a school that has succeeded with a carefully evolving formula for producing first-rate nurses who enter healthcare to make a difference.

While at the Aria Health School of Nursing, you'll enjoy an **excellent faculty-to-student ratio**. And, you'll work with instructors who are not only very active in the nursing profession but many of whom keep their patient-care skills at the leading edge by also practicing in clinical positions at area hospitals. This includes faculty members who are certified nurse educators (CNE).

As a student, you will rise through different levels of instruction. The school adjusts, adapts, and fine-tunes its curriculum to developments in the field, most recently shifting term courses to integrate clinical activities earlier within the course of study. At Aria, **teaching responds to new trends and needs**, and our graduates are:

- **scientifically and technically sound** while versed in personal, humanistic care;
- just **as comfortable with technology as they are with delivering comfort** and reassurance, and providing for patients' most immediate needs;

- not just competent to perform their own duties as a nurse but beginning to acquire the **skills to instruct, guide, and manage** other nursing and healthcare staff members;
- practiced in patient and family education and in understanding a patient's social setting and **full, holistic range of needs**;
- equipped with best practices, team skills, and **problem-solving abilities**.
- ready to continue the tradition of Aria graduates of achieving **above-average pass rates**, year after year, on the NCLEX-RN examination.

In short, you'll graduate fully introduced to both the **science and the art of nursing**.

**Year after year, Aria nursing graduates are just as unanimously satisfied with their education, as their employers are with their performance.**

Your classes will take place in Aria Health School of Nursing's historic building across the street from a dynamic teaching hospital that serves outlying city neighborhoods and that exposes you to the full range of human experience and healthcare needs. Locations to which students **rotate for clinical experience** include all three Aria Health campuses, as well as Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, the Albert Einstein Healthcare Network, St. Christopher's Hospital for Children, Magee Rehabilitation Hospital, Friends Hospital, and a number of health agencies, among other institutions.

You'll leave Aria with enthusiasm for a career of continuing professional education and **expanding roles and responsibility**. You'll be able to help patients and families to develop their definition of health and to work towards achieving it.

Aria provides its nursing students with academic advising and assistance with financial aid. Students develop their resumes and work on other career activities in the classroom, so that they are fully prepared to **secure a position as a registered nurse**. Virtually all graduates pass their RN examination and find job placements.

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