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Catalog Notice & Quick Facts

This catalog is the principal student-facing admissions guide for the 2026-2027 academic year. It replaces the 2025-2026 admissions catalog for new applicants and should be read together with the student handbook, program curriculum, clinical-placement documents, and the written offer issued to each admitted student.

Founded Georgetown American University (GAU) was established in Georgetown, Guyana, with medical education beginning in 2014.	Academic Year GAU admits new cohorts through approved intake periods. Current start dates and registration deadlines are published by the Admissions Office.
Learning Model Academic instruction may include approved in-person, online, and hybrid components. Skills, simulation, and clinical education are completed in person where required.	International Outlook Clinical education may be completed at approved sites in Guyana, the United States, Canada, and other approved countries, subject to program, site, and regulatory requirements.
Language Programs are delivered in English. English-proficiency evidence may be required when prior education was not completed in English.	Admissions Applications are submitted online and complete files are normally reviewed within ten business days.
IMPORTANT Program availability, clinical locations, tuition, fees, regulatory rules, external examination requirements, and partner capacity may change. The written offer, current fee schedule, and current academic/clinical policies control if there is a conflict with this catalog.	

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Welcome to Georgetown American University



GAU is a private university based in Georgetown, Guyana, focused on preparing students for careers in medicine, nursing, allied health, and technology through academically structured study and supervised practical learning.

Our Mission

To create and nurture a diverse student body committed to internationally oriented opportunities for learning, discovery, engagement, and service.

Our Vision

- Educate and retain a diverse workforce capable of addressing underserved health and workforce needs.
- Expand research and scholarly activity in health sciences, technology, and related disciplines.
- Connect rigorous academic preparation with supervised real-world learning and responsible professional practice.

Core Values

Quality Set and maintain clear academic, clinical, and service standards.	Innovation Use technology and evidence to improve learning and access.
Passion Bring purpose, professionalism, and commitment to service.	Team Spirit Learn and work collaboratively across professions and communities.

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION

Recognition & Professional Pathways

Prospective students should distinguish institutional recognition, medical-school directory listing, clinical placement, and professional licensure. They are related, but they are not the same thing.

AREA	CURRENT INFORMATION
Guyana	GAU operates in Guyana and maintains institutional recognition/registration with the National Accreditation Council of Guyana (NAC).
Medical School Directory	Georgetown American University School of Medicine is listed in the World Directory of Medical Schools (WDOMS), FAIMER School ID F0003427.
ECFMG	The WDOMS sponsor note identifies eligible graduation years for students and graduates who seek to apply for ECFMG Certification, subject to all ECFMG requirements in force at the time of application.
Nursing Licensure	U.S. nursing licensure is determined by the relevant state board of nursing. Internationally educated RN graduates may be required to complete credential evaluation, English testing, and other state-specific requirements before authorization to test or license issuance.
Canada / Other Jurisdictions	Professional registration is determined by the relevant national, provincial, territorial, or professional regulator. A clinical placement in a country does not by itself create licensure eligibility.

NO GUARANTEE OF LICENSURE

Admission, graduation, or completion of a clinical placement does not guarantee professional licensure, certification, residency placement, immigration status, employment, or eligibility in every jurisdiction. Students should confirm requirements for the jurisdiction where they intend to practice.

START YOUR APPLICATION

Admissions at a Glance

GAU welcomes qualified applicants from Guyana and around the world. Admissions decisions consider academic preparation, program readiness, documentation, and where required, interview performance.

STEP	ACTION	WHAT HAPPENS
1	Apply online	Submit the online application through admissions.gau.edu.gy .
2	Pay application fee	Pay the non-refundable US\$100 application fee.
3	Upload documents	Provide academic records, identity documents, recommendations, and program-specific evidence.
4	Completeness review	Admissions confirms whether the application file is complete.
5	Academic review	A complete file is normally reviewed within ten business days.
6	Interview, if required	Medicine and nursing applicants may be invited to an online interview.
7	Offer and acceptance	Admitted applicants receive a written offer identifying program, tuition/fees, and conditions.
8	Registration & onboarding	Complete registration, health/clinical compliance, visa/immigration, and orientation requirements where applicable.

OFFICIAL RECORDS

A copy of an academic record may be used for preliminary review. GAU may require an official transcript or verification directly from the awarding institution before matriculation, transfer-credit award, clinical placement, or graduation.

General Admission Requirements

Applicants should submit a complete, truthful, and legible application. Documents not issued in English may require a certified English translation.

Core application documents

- Academic transcripts and certificates/diplomas
- Passport or government-issued identification
- Passport-style photograph
- Personal statement or statement of purpose
- Two letters of recommendation where required
- Curriculum vitae/resume when requested
- English-proficiency evidence, when applicable
- Program-specific police clearance, health records, immunization, CPR/BLS, insurance, drug screening, or clinical-site compliance documents when required

English language

Applicants whose prior education was not completed in English may be asked to provide recognized evidence of English proficiency. Admissions may require TOEFL, IELTS, or other accepted evidence depending on the applicant's educational background, program, and clinical-site needs. Current minimum standards, when applicable, are confirmed by Admissions.

Age, conduct, and fitness for clinical learning

Health-professions applicants must be able to satisfy applicable clinical-site requirements and professional-conduct standards. Clinical onboarding requirements may include background checks, police clearance, health screening, immunization, CPR/BLS, insurance, confidentiality training, and site-specific documentation.

APPLICATION ACCURACY

Materially false, misleading, altered, or omitted information may result in denial of admission, withdrawal of an offer, disciplinary action, or rescission of enrollment/credit in accordance with University policy.

Program-Specific Admissions

Premedical Sciences entry

The Premedical Sciences pathway is intended for applicants who require additional university-level science preparation before direct entry to the MD preclinical/basic-sciences phase.

- High school diploma or recognized secondary-school completion credential.
- Academic transcript showing preparation in English, mathematics, and science.
- For CARICOM applicants, CSEC/CXC preparation should normally include English, Mathematics, and science subjects.
- SAT/ACT, advanced-level qualifications, or equivalent national credentials may be considered where applicable.

Direct MD / Preclinical entry

Applicants may be considered for direct entry when they hold qualifying university-level science preparation. The Admissions Committee conducts an individualized academic review.

- A recognized undergraduate degree or substantial university credit, normally with a competitive GPA.
- Recommended preparation includes biology, chemistry, physics, English/communication, and mathematics.
- GAU Premedical Sciences completion may satisfy the University preparation pathway.
- MCAT scores may strengthen an application when submitted, but the Admissions Committee determines whether the overall academic profile meets entry requirements.

Medical application documents

- Academic transcripts and certificates
- Personal essay explaining the applicant's motivation for medicine
- Two letters of recommendation, preferably from faculty or professionals familiar with the applicant's academic/scientific preparation
- English-proficiency evidence when applicable
- Interview with faculty/admissions when required

Program-Specific Admissions

Allied Health Sciences

- High school diploma, GED, or recognized equivalent appropriate to the program.
- Academic preparation in English, mathematics, and science appropriate to the credential level.
- Completed application and required supporting documents.
- Police clearance/background check, drug screening, health clearance, CPR/BLS, insurance, and immunization documentation when required for clinical placement.
- Applicants to advanced or transfer pathways must provide post-secondary transcripts and evidence of prior professional education/licensure where applicable.

Technology - Cybersecurity

- High school diploma, GED, or recognized equivalent.
- Academic readiness in English and mathematics.
- Prior exposure to information technology is recommended; prerequisite or foundation work may be assigned if needed.
- Transfer applicants must submit official post-secondary transcripts for evaluation.



CLINICAL READINESS

Admission to a health-professions program is separate from clearance for a specific clinical site. Students must satisfy site requirements before participating in that site's clinical learning.

2026-2027 ACADEMIC YEAR

Tuition & Fees

All amounts below are stated in United States Dollars (USD). The schedule reflects the University's current tuition schedule for new 2026-2027 admissions.

PROGRAM	STANDARD LENGTH	ANNUAL TUITION	TOTAL TUITION
Premedical Sciences	2 years	US\$13,500	US\$27,000
MD - Preclinical / Basic Sciences	2 years	US\$25,500	US\$51,000
MD - Clinical Sciences	2 years	US\$33,500	US\$67,000
MD - Full Program (excluding Premed)	4 years	By phase	US\$118,000
Patient Care Assistant	6 months	US\$ 4000	US\$ 4000
Nursing Assistant	1 year	US\$15,000	US\$15,000
ASN - Registered Nurse	3 years	US\$15,000	US\$45,000
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	4 years	US\$15,000	US\$60,000
AS - Cybersecurity	2 years	US\$15,000	US\$30,000
BS - Cybersecurity	4 years	US\$15,000	US\$60,000

Application and additional costs

Application fee: US\$100, non-refundable. Tuition is separate from any applicable registration, examination, laboratory, technology, clinical-placement/onboarding, graduation, immigration, travel, accommodation, transportation, health insurance, credential-evaluation, external examination, or other third-party charges.

The student's written offer and current fee schedule govern actual charges. Location-specific clinical costs may apply to U.S., Canada, or other international placements.

PLANNING FOR COST

Financial Support & Payment Options

GAU seeks to make professional education financially manageable while maintaining transparent billing. Financial support is limited and is never guaranteed by admission.

GAU Scholarships A limited number of full or partial scholarships may be offered based on current funding, eligibility criteria, academic standing, and institutional priorities.	Payment Plans Approved students may be eligible for installment arrangements under the University’s current tuition-payment policy. Terms must be confirmed in writing.
External Financing Students may explore bank or private education financing where available. Any external loan is governed by the lender, not by GAU.	GAU Foundation Where donor-funded scholarship opportunities are available, eligible students may be invited to apply under the published criteria for that fund.

Budget beyond tuition

- Housing and food
- Local and international transportation
- Visa/immigration and travel documentation
- Health insurance and health-screening requirements
- Clinical-site onboarding and compliance costs
- External examinations, credential evaluations, licensing applications, and professional registration
- Books, technology, uniforms, equipment, and personal living expenses

BEFORE PAYING

Students should rely only on a current GAU invoice, written offer, or official payment instruction. Recruitment agents and third parties may not alter GAU tuition, guarantee scholarships, or promise licensure/placement outcomes.

INTERNATIONAL PLACEMENT MODEL

Clinical Learning & Track Options

GAU controls academic standards, curriculum, assessment, and credit. Clinical learning is supervised locally at approved sites and remains subject to site affiliation, capacity, student eligibility, insurance, compliance, and scheduling.

OPTION	WHAT IT MEANS	KEY NOTE
Guyana Clinical Track	Required clinical learning is completed at GAU-approved hospitals, clinics, community sites, and other healthcare settings in Guyana.	Best for students who plan to remain in Guyana for their in-person clinical blocks.
U.S. Clinical Track - Nursing	A defined portion of nursing clinical hours is planned in approved U.S. sites. RN: 1,500 U.S. hours of 1,995 total. Nursing Assistant: 700 U.S. hours of 1,295 total.	Planned states include Georgia, Florida, New York, and California; exact sites are not guaranteed.
Canada Clinical Placement Option	GAU may coordinate in-person clinical or skills experiences through approved Canadian partners/sites when regulatory and operational requirements are met.	Current materials do not publish a fixed Canada-hour allocation equivalent to the RN U.S. Track.
Approved Home-Country / Other Country	GAU may approve a lawful clinical arrangement in another country when a qualified site, supervisor, affiliation, and quality-control plan are available.	Individual approval required; not available in every country or for every course.

Important placement conditions

- Clinical location is not guaranteed by admission.
- Students may be required to travel or relocate for approved in-person clinical experiences.
- Visa issuance, immigration status, and permission to train/work are determined by government authorities.
- Clinical-site changes may be necessary due to capacity, compliance, scheduling, faculty/preceptor availability, or regulatory requirements.
- Completion of a placement does not itself confer licensure or employment eligibility.

School of Medicine



The medical pathway is structured in three stages: Premedical Sciences where required, two years of Preclinical/Basic Sciences, and two years of supervised Clinical Sciences. The four-year MD tuition total is US\$118,000, exclusive of Premedical Sciences.

1 Premedical Sciences Five-term science foundation for applicants who need additional preparation before MD entry.	2 Preclinical / Basic Sciences Integrated systems-based medical sciences, clinical skills, doctoring, pharmacology, pathology, and exam preparation.
3 Clinical Sciences Core, selective, elective, and research experiences completed in approved clinical settings.	4 Graduation & Professional Pathway Degree conferral requires satisfactory completion of all academic, clinical, assessment, administrative, and graduation requirements.

Medical program outcomes

- Apply basic, clinical, behavioral, and social sciences to patient care.
- Analyze clinical problems and use evidence to support diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and health promotion.
- Communicate effectively with patients, families, healthcare teams, and communities.
- Demonstrate professionalism, ethical judgment, and responsibility for patient safety.
- Use reflection, feedback, research, and lifelong learning to improve performance.
- Work effectively as part of an interprofessional healthcare team.

FIVE-TERM CURRICULUM

Premedical Sciences

The Premedical Sciences program is delivered over five terms - approximately 20 months of instruction within the standard two-academic-year pathway - and provides the science and academic foundation for medical study.

TERM	COURSES
Term I	General Chemistry I; Cell & Molecular Biology; Medical Terminology; Professional Development; Anatomy & Physiology I
Term II	General Chemistry II; Mathematics for Physics; Biochemistry; Anatomy & Physiology II; Psychology & Human Behavior
Term III	Arts & Humanities Elective; Human Nutrition; Biostatistics; Physics; Organic Chemistry I
Term IV	Communication for Healthcare Professionals; Community Service; Health Assessment; Gross Anatomy; Organic Chemistry II
Term V	Medical Ethics; Clinical Cases; Research Project; Microbiology

PUBLISHED CURRICULUM TOTAL

The published curriculum lists 80 credits and 1,120 contact hours for the five-term Premedical Sciences sequence. Course offerings and sequencing remain subject to academic review.

Evaluation

Premedical courses use formative and summative assessment. The institutional grading scale is Honors (90-100), High Pass (80-89), Pass (70-79), and Fail (below 70), unless a course or updated academic policy specifies otherwise.

INTEGRATED SYSTEMS CURRICULUM

MD Preclinical / Basic Sciences

The preclinical curriculum uses an integrated systems approach and combines biomedical sciences with clinical skills, doctoring, pharmacology, pathology, problem-based learning, and structured preparation for progression to clinical sciences.

BLOCK	INTEGRATED COURSE	PLANNED LENGTH
Block 1	Foundations in Medicine	8 weeks
Block 2	Cardiovascular, Respiratory & Renal Systems I	9 weeks
Block 3	Gastrointestinal, Endocrine & Reproductive Systems I	8 weeks
Block 4	Musculoskeletal System	5 weeks
Block 5	Clinical Neurosciences I	5 weeks
Block 6	Infectious Disease	9 weeks
Block 7	Neurosciences II	5 weeks
Block 8	Cardiovascular, Respiratory & Renal Systems II	9 weeks
Block 9	Gastrointestinal, Endocrine & Reproductive Systems II	9 weeks
Block 10	Introduction to Clinical Sciences	2 weeks

Progression

Students must satisfactorily complete required preclinical blocks, professional-development activities, clinical-skills assessments, and University comprehensive requirements before final progression to the Clinical Sciences phase. GAU may use NBME-style or other comprehensive assessments as specified by current academic policy.

The block titles and planned lengths above reflect the University's current preclinical completion checklist. Detailed subject-hour allocation may be revised without changing approved program learning outcomes.

CORE, SELECTIVE, ELECTIVE & RESEARCH

MD Clinical Sciences

Clinical Sciences begins after successful completion of required preclinical progression requirements. Students complete supervised clinical education at GAU-approved sites, with location and sequence determined by academic requirements and placement availability.

CORE / REQUIRED CLERKSHIP	WEEKS
Medicine	8
Emergency Medicine	4
Surgery	4
Pediatrics	4
Family Medicine	4
Neurology	2
Internal Medicine - Primary Care	2
Family Medicine - Primary Care	2
Obstetrics & Gynecology	6
Psychiatry	6
Surgery - additional ambulatory/core experience	4
Pediatrics incl. Adolescent Medicine	2
Radiology / Imaging	2
Community Service Project	2

FINAL-YEAR CLINICAL LEARNING

The published clinical structure includes a 4-week selective, approximately 20 weeks of electives, and an 8-week medical/clinical research component. The Registrar/Clinical Office confirms the exact sequence, required weeks, approved sites, and any updated graduation rules for each cohort.

ACADEMIC PROGRESSION

MD Assessment, Graduation & External Examinations

Grading

Preclinical / Basic Sciences: Satisfactory (70-100) or Fail (below 70). Premedical and Clinical Sciences: Honors (90-100), High Pass (80-89), Pass (70-79), or Fail (below 70), unless an updated course or policy states otherwise.

Graduation requirements

- Complete all required courses, clerkships, credits/weeks, assignments, examinations, and clinical documentation.
- Satisfy required OSCE, comprehensive, professional-development, or progression assessments assigned to the cohort.
- Receive an approved academic/degree audit from the University.
- Complete all administrative, financial, conduct, and graduation-clearance requirements.
- Submit the graduation application by the published deadline.

ECFMG / USMLE and other external pathways

The World Directory of Medical Schools currently lists Georgetown American University School of Medicine and includes an ECFMG sponsor note for eligible graduation years. Eligibility for ECFMG Certification, USMLE, medical registration, residency, or other external examinations is determined by the external authority and rules in effect when the student applies.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION NOTICE

External examination structures and regulator requirements change over time. Students must use the current ECFMG, USMLE, medical council, licensing authority, or other regulator guidance applicable to the jurisdiction in which they intend to train or practice.

PROGRAM PORTFOLIO

School of Allied Health Sciences



GAU nursing and allied-health programs combine academic study, skills development, simulation, and supervised in-person clinical learning. Didactic instruction may be delivered online or in hybrid format where approved.

PROGRAM	LENGTH	FOCUS	TUITION
Patient Care Assistant (PCA)	6 months	Entry-level patient-care support and workforce preparation.	Tuition TBC
Nursing Assistant	1 year	Foundational patient care, nursing-support skills, and supervised clinical learning.	US\$15,000 total
ASN - Registered Nurse	3 years	Professional nursing pathway integrating theory, simulation, and 1,995 clinical hours.	US\$45,000 total
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	4 years	Bachelor-level nursing education with patient-centered care, leadership, evidence-based practice, and clinical competence.	US\$60,000 total

NURSING TRACK CHOICE

Clinical-track availability is program-specific. The defined U.S. Clinical Track hour allocations in this catalog apply to the RN/ASN and Nursing Assistant programs. Canada and other-country placement options are coordinated case by case unless a cohort receives a separate written track schedule.

ALLIED HEALTH PATHWAYS

Patient Care & Nursing Assistant

Patient Care Assistant - 6 months

The Patient Care Assistant pathway provides short-cycle preparation for supportive patient-care roles. The current institutional tuition schedule lists the program but marks tuition as to be confirmed. Admissions will issue the current curriculum, schedule, credential title, and fee in the applicant’s written offer.

Nursing Assistant - 1 year

The Nursing Assistant program integrates classroom study, skills development, and supervised clinical learning across adult care, pediatric care, maternal/child health, mental health, community health, emergency/disaster care, and basic management.

AREA	COURSE THEMES
Foundation courses	Anatomy & Physiology; Fundamentals of Nursing; Psychology; Sociology; Information Technology; Basic Nutrition; Microbiology
Clinical nursing courses	Adult Nursing; Pediatric Nursing; Maternal & Child Health Nursing; Community Health Nursing; Mental Health Nursing
Professional/support courses	Pharmacology; Emergency & Disaster Management; Basic Management

Nursing Assistant clinical options

The current curriculum plan contains 1,295 clinical hours. Under the U.S. Clinical Track, approximately 700 hours are planned in the United States during the final five-month clinical period and 595 hours are completed in Guyana or an approved home-country site.

CREDENTIAL NOTE

The GAU Nursing Assistant program is not a U.S. Licensed Practical/Vocational Nurse (LPN/LVN) program and does not by itself qualify a graduate for NCLEX-PN. U.S. nurse-aide/CNA certification requirements are state-specific.

THREE-YEAR RN PATHWAY

Associate of Science in Nursing - Registered Nurse

The ASN-RN program is a three-year professional nursing pathway. The curriculum is organized across nine terms and integrates support sciences, nursing theory, clinical skills, simulation, research, and supervised clinical practice.

STAGE	CURRICULUM AT A GLANCE
Year 1 - Term 1	Anatomy & Physiology; Sociology; Psychology; Health Promotion & Maintenance; Fundamentals of Communication; ICT; Nursing Professionalism
Year 1 - Term 2	Health Assessment; Community Nursing; Nursing Process; Pathophysiology; Introduction to Pharmacology; Microbiology
Year 1 - Term 3	Clinical Practicum - 305 hours
Year 2 - Term 4	Community Nursing continuation; Nutrition; Adult Health Nursing I; Pediatric Nursing
Year 2 - Term 5	Epidemiology; Caring for the Child-Bearing Family; Adult Health Nursing II; Mental Health Nursing; Nursing Research
Year 2 - Term 6	Clinical Practicum - annual clinical total reaches 725 hours
Year 3 - Term 7	Specialized Nursing; Nursing Care of the Older Person; Nursing Management & Leadership; Nursing Research continuation
Year 3 - Term 8	Specialized Nursing continuation; Customer Service; senior clinical application
Year 3 - Term 9	Senior Clinical Practicum - annual clinical total reaches 965 hours

Course codes, exact term dates, clinical sequencing, and delivery format are published in the cohort curriculum and timetable.

1,995 TOTAL CLINICAL HOURS

RN Clinical Requirements

The RN curriculum separates clinical rotations from theory coursework and requires broad supervised exposure across hospital, community, maternal-child, mental-health, geriatric, emergency, and specialty settings.

CLINICAL AREA	HOURS
Medical Wards	280
Surgical Wards (including GYN)	280
Pediatric Areas	280
Community Areas	280
Psychiatric Wards / Hospitals	210
Obstetrics Wards	140
Geriatric Wards / Institutions	140
Accident & Emergency Unit	70
Operating Theatre	70
Intensive Care Unit / Recovery Room	70
Ophthalmology Unit	70
Ear, Nose & Throat Unit	70
Outpatient Department	35

ANNUAL CLINICAL TOTALS

Year 1: 305 hours | Year 2: 725 hours | Year 3: 965 hours | Three-year total: 1,995 hours.

1,500 PLANNED U.S. CLINICAL HOURS

RN U.S. Clinical Track

The RN U.S. Clinical Track preserves the approved 1,995-hour curriculum while assigning 1,500 clinical hours to approved U.S. placements and 495 hours to Guyana or an approved home-country site.

PROGRAM YEAR	TOTAL HOURS	U.S. HOURS	HOME-COUNTRY	TYPICAL PATTERN
Year 1	305	305	0	Approx. final 5-month U.S. block
Year 2	725	598	127	Home clinical + approx. 5-month U.S. block
Year 3	965	597	368	Senior home clinical + approx. 5-month U.S. block
TOTAL	1,995	1,500	495	Curriculum-aligned

Planned U.S. locations

Georgia, Florida, New York, and California are current planned placement states; New York capacity may be limited. Specific cities, healthcare facilities, specialties, dates, and states depend on affiliation agreements, capacity, preceptor availability, course prerequisites, student compliance, and GAU approval.

Typical yearly placement window

An approximately five-month U.S. placement window may be scheduled in each program year. Weekly clinical intensity varies because the curriculum requires different annual hour totals and specialty exposure.

TRAVEL AND IMMIGRATION

Students are responsible for satisfying applicable visa/immigration, travel, health, insurance, and site-compliance requirements. Admission to the U.S. Clinical Track does not guarantee visa issuance or U.S. licensure.

FOUR-YEAR DEGREE PATHWAY

Bachelor of Science in Nursing



The BSN is a four-year nursing degree pathway emphasizing patient-centered care, leadership, communication, evidence-based practice, health promotion, professional responsibility, and clinical competence.

Learning model

- Online/hybrid didactic instruction may be used where approved.
- Skills laboratories and simulation provide structured practice before or alongside clinical experiences.
- Clinical education is completed in person at approved healthcare sites.
- Students progress through competency assessment, clinical evaluation, and academic review.

Clinical placement options

BSN clinical placements may be completed in Guyana and, where approved for a cohort, at sites in the United States, Canada, or another approved country. The exact country/hour allocation is established in the cohort's written clinical plan; the fixed 1,500-hour U.S. allocation on page 22 applies specifically to the ASN-RN U.S. Clinical Track unless GAU issues a separate BSN schedule.

Licensure planning

Professional nursing registration is jurisdiction-specific. Students who intend to seek U.S. RN licensure should review the relevant state board's requirements for internationally educated nurses before enrollment and again before graduation. U.S. boards use the NCLEX-RN as the licensure examination, but authorization to test and license issuance depend on the applicable board.

CYBERSECURITY PROGRAMS

School of Technology



GAU offers a two-year Associate of Science and a four-year Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity. The programs develop foundation skills in networking, computing, information assurance, risk, policy, security management, and applied cybersecurity practice.

AS in Cybersecurity Two-year pathway combining general education with core networking, systems, cryptography, cyber threats, policy/compliance, risk analysis, and project work.	BS in Cybersecurity Four-year pathway that builds on associate-level foundations with international frameworks, penetration testing, information-system audit/security topics, advanced electives, and capstone projects.
Applied Learning Selected courses may include practical/computer-lab activity, projects, simulations, technical exercises, and case-based analysis.	Industry Credentials The curriculum may support preparation for external industry certifications, but certification eligibility, experience requirements, fees, and examination outcomes are controlled by the external credentialing body.
TUITION AS Cybersecurity: US\$15,000 per year / US\$30,000 standard total. BS Cybersecurity: US\$15,000 per year / US\$60,000 standard total.	

TWO-YEAR CURRICULUM

Associate of Science in Cybersecurity

STAGE	COURSES
Foundation / General Education	Introduction to Networking; Introduction to Programming; IT Systems; Psychology & Human Behavior; Professional Development; Biostatistics; Humanities; English Composition & Communications
Year 1 Major Courses	Introduction to Cryptography; Principles of Cybersecurity; Foundations of Cybersecurity; Network Defense; Operating Systems Concepts; Elective
Year 2 Major Courses	Cyber Threats; Cybersecurity Planning & Management; Policy, Legal, Ethics & Compliance; Security Program Management; Security Risk Analysis; Elective / applied course; Project

Program outcomes

- Describe core principles of confidentiality, integrity, availability, authentication, and risk.
- Identify and analyze common cyber threats and vulnerabilities.
- Apply foundational controls for networks, operating systems, data, and access.
- Interpret security policy, legal/ethical responsibilities, and compliance requirements.
- Communicate technical risk and security recommendations to technical and nontechnical stakeholders.
- Complete applied project work demonstrating integrated cybersecurity problem-solving.

PROGRESSION

Students who successfully complete the associate degree and satisfy progression requirements may apply to continue into the Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity pathway.

ADVANCED CURRICULUM

Bachelor of Science in Cybersecurity

The bachelor pathway extends the associate-level foundation into cybersecurity governance, international standards, ethical hacking/penetration testing, systems security, audit, specialized electives, and senior project work.

STAGE	ADVANCED COURSE THEMES
Year 3	International Cybersecurity Organizations; International Standards & Requirements; Cybersecurity Frameworks; Penetration Testing & Ethical Hacking; Offensive Penetration Testing; Information Systems Audit; Electives; Project
Year 4	Advanced Penetration Testing; Information Systems Security; pathway/specialization electives; End-of-Year Project

Professional development

Students are encouraged to build a professional portfolio through project artifacts, documented lab work, ethical-security exercises, technical writing, and presentations. External certifications may supplement, but do not replace, the University degree requirements.

Ethical practice

Cybersecurity instruction involving penetration testing or offensive techniques is taught for authorized educational and defensive purposes. Students must follow University conduct rules, applicable law, acceptable-use policies, and the scope of any lab or exercise authorization.

CURRICULUM REVIEW

Technology programs evolve rapidly. GAU may update tools, elective titles, technical platforms, and course sequencing to maintain relevance while preserving approved program outcomes.

Academic Policies

Transfer credit

Transfer applicants are evaluated individually. Credit is considered only when prior study is comparable in level, content, academic quality, and documentation. The Admissions/Academic Committee determines placement and may require additional assessment. Final-year transfer into a degree program is generally not permitted; students must satisfy GAU residency and graduation requirements.

Deferral

An admitted student may request a deferral in writing. Approval is discretionary, normally limited to one academic year, and may require updated transcripts, activities, documentation, or a new fee. The deadline and conditions are stated in the admission offer or current deferral policy.

Attendance and participation

Students are expected to attend and participate in required classes, laboratories, simulation, clinical activities, assessments, and professional-development sessions. Health-professions programs may impose higher attendance and punctuality standards because clinical competence and patient safety depend on supervised participation.

Academic integrity and conduct

Students are subject to University policies governing academic integrity, honor conduct, professionalism, mistreatment, complaints, counselling, withdrawal, diversity/equality, tuition/fees, clinical conduct, and student records. Current policy copies are made available through University systems or the relevant office.

Catalog changes

GAU may revise curricula, policies, fees, schedules, delivery methods, clinical sites, or administrative requirements when necessary for academic quality, compliance, safety, or operational reasons. Students are notified through official channels when a change materially affects their program.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Equity, Accessibility & Student Support

Nondiscrimination

GAU is committed to an educational environment that supports equal opportunity and does not tolerate unlawful discrimination or harassment. University decisions are made in accordance with applicable law and institutional policy, including protections related to race, color, nationality or origin, religion or creed, sex, age, disability, marital or family status, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, political belief or affiliation where protected, and other legally protected characteristics.

Students with disabilities / accommodation

Students who have a disability or health condition and require reasonable academic access or accommodation should notify the appropriate University office as early as possible. Accommodation is individualized and may require supporting documentation. Clinical and professional programs must also preserve essential academic, safety, and technical standards.

Student support

- Admissions and onboarding support
- Academic advising and progression review
- Faculty office hours and tutoring/academic support
- Clinical coordination and compliance guidance
- Student counselling/referral resources
- Registrar and records services
- Financial-office support and approved payment arrangements
- Career and professional-pathway guidance where available

SPEAK EARLY

Students are encouraged to raise academic, financial, health, accessibility, or clinical-placement concerns early so the appropriate office can identify available support and required next steps.

READY TO APPLY

Application Checklist & Contact

Before you submit Select the program and intended clinical option; prepare transcripts/certificates; confirm passport/ID details; prepare personal statement and recommendations; gather English evidence if applicable; budget for tuition and non-tuition costs.	After admission Read the written offer; confirm tuition and ancillary fees; accept by the stated deadline; complete registration; satisfy health/clinical requirements; obtain required travel/immigration permissions; attend orientation.
Questions about clinical tracks Ask Admissions to confirm whether the Guyana Track, RN/Nursing Assistant U.S. Clinical Track, Canada placement option, or another approved-country arrangement is available for your cohort.	Licensure planning Contact the regulator in the jurisdiction where you intend to practice. Do not rely on a recruiter's promise of automatic NCLEX, medical registration, residency, certification, immigration, or employment.

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