

# Be ready for tomorrow's workplace

## Discover the programs preparing ASU students for successful careers

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Workforce demand is accelerating in fields that combine technical knowledge with real-world application. Health care and legal professions will continue to face shortages; business roles require more specialization. Meanwhile, organizations across industries increasingly rely on data, cybersecurity and analytics to operate, compete and grow.

Success in this ever-changing environment requires transformational education that prepares students for the unknown and where the job marketplace is headed. Here are some degrees at ASU that do just that and signal to employers that you're not keeping up with change — you're leading it.

### Jobs forecast

#### **1.98 million**

jobs to be added to health care and social assistance from 2024 to 2034

#### **60%**

of employers expect broadening digital access, including AI, to transform their businesses by 2030

#### **30%**

of working hours in the U.S. expected to be exposed to automation by AI by 2030

#### **14,000**

nursing jobs unfilled in Arizona in 2025

#### **124,200**

openings for accountants and auditors are projected each year from 2024 to 2034

#### **Data scientists**

among the fastest-growing occupations from 2024 to 2034

## **13% growth**

in forensic professions between 2024 and 2034, vs. average of 3.1%

## **2 lawyers**

per 1,000 residents served Arizona in 2024

*Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, ASU, McKinsey Global Institute and The American Bar Association*

## **Some of the programs that will get you there**

Accelerated BSN clinical nursing program in 12 months

BS or MS in forensic science

MS in organizational leadership

AI degrees across the university, an MS in artificial intelligence in business

ASU Law JD, part time and online; highest-ranked U.S. law school offering a JD part time and online

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MS in business analytics

MS in information systems management

MS in computer science (cybersecurity)

MS in program evolution and data analytics

MS in public health technology

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