

Curriculum Requirements for Freshman Entry Students

Students take a variety of courses to meet the University core, School of Nursing (SON) foundation and major requirements in preparation for their bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree. SON progression in the program after sophomore year is dependent upon the following:

- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above. A grade of C or better in all nursing courses. Pass/No Pass is not allowed.
- A cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above in the required sciences (BIO 205, 305, 365, 306, 366, 359, and 379). Grades of C- or lower in any required science course and Pass/No Pass is not allowed.

Below is a listing of the courses required to earn a BSN in the SON. Non-nursing courses taken your freshman and sophomore years do not have to be completed in a specific sequence. Your schedule may vary depending on course availability, credits you transfer in (AP/IB scores or college credit), if you declare a minor or double major, as well as if you plan to study abroad. Admitted freshmen students who have transfer credits will be placed into clinical courses at the discretion of the SON. If you have any questions regarding registration or curriculum planning, please contact the undergraduate nursing program counselor.

University Core Requirements

ENG 112 - Thinking Through Literature - 3 Credit Hours
 FA 207 - Introduction to Fine Arts - 3 Credit Hours
 HST *** - Any History Course - 3 Credit Hours
 PHL 150 - Introductory Philosophy - 3 Credit Hours
 PHL 220 - Ethics - 3 Credit Hours
 SOC SCI - Social Science Elective (Discipline 1) - 3 Credit Hours
 SOC SCI - Social Science Elective (Discipline 2) - 3 Credit Hours
 THE 105 - Introduction to Theology - 3 Credit Hours
 THE 205 - The Bible, Past and Present - 3 Credit Hours
 THE 348 – Theological Dimensions of Suffering and Death - 3 Credit Hours

SON Foundation Requirements

BIO 205/005 - Foundations of Biology/Workshop - 3 Credit Hours
 BIO 305/365 - Human Anatomy & Physiology I/ Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab - 4 Credit Hours
 BIO 306/366 - Human Anatomy & Physiology II/ Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab - 4 Credit Hours
 BIO 359/379 - Microbiology/Microbiology Lab - 4 Credit Hours
 MTH 161 - Elementary Statistics - 3 Credit Hours
 Elective – 6-10 Credit Hours

Major Requirements

NRS 104 Nursing Professionalism and Practice - 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 116 Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan I - 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 204 Foundations in Health Assessment -3 Credit Hours
 NRS 206 Professional Practice: Health Assessment - 3 Credit Hours/135 clinical hours
 NRS 208 Transitions into Professional Nursing Wellness – 6 Credit Hours
 NRS 216 Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan II - 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 306 Professional Practice: Population Health and Wellness – 4 Credit Hours/180 clinical hours
 NRS 307 Clinical Reasoning Seminar: Population Health and Wellness – 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 308 Professional Practice: Acute Illness Management - 4 Credit Hours/180 clinical hours
 NRS 309 Clinical Reasoning Seminar: Acute Illness Management - 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 316 Population Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan - 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 317 Acute Illness Management Across the Lifespan - 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 325 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I - 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 326 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology II - 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 406 Professional Practice: Chronic Illness Management - 4 Credit Hours/180 clinical hours
 NRS 407 Clinical Reasoning Seminar: Chronic Illness Management - 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 408 Transition to Professional Practice - 4 Credit Hours/180 clinical hours
 NRS 409 Clinical Reasoning Seminar: Transition to Professional Practice - 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 416 Chronic Illness Management Across the Lifespan - 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 440 Social Justice and Population Health - 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 460 The Baccalaureate Nurse’s Role in Advancing the Culture of Health - 3 Credit Hours
 NRS 480 Life-long Learning - 3 Credit Hours

Total semester credit hours: 121

Total on-campus and off-campus clinical hours: 855

Sample Program of Study for Freshman - Senior Years

Freshman Fall		Credits	Freshman Spring		Credits	Freshman Summer
NRS 104 Nursing Professionalism and Practice	3	NRS 116 Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan I	3	Options for Study Abroad		
NRS 001 First Year Workshop	0	ENG 112 Thinking Through Literature	3			
BIO 205 Foundations of Biology	3	BIO 359 Microbiology	3			
BIO 005 Foundations of Biology Workshop	0	BIO 379 Microbiology Lab	1			
PHL 150 Introductory Philosophy	3	History	3			
THE 105 Introduction to Theology	3	Social Science Elective	3			
Social Science Elective	3					
Total Credit Hours	15	Total Credit Hours	16			
Sophomore Fall		Credits	Sophomore Spring		Credits	Sophomore Summer
NRS 216 Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan II	3	NRS 204 Foundations in Health Assessment	3	Options for Study Abroad Provide support for CNA licensure		
MTH 161 Elementary Statistics	3	NRS 206 Professional Practice: Health Assessment (135 clinical hours)	3			
BIO 305 Anatomy and Physiology I	3	BIO 306 Anatomy and Physiology II	3			
BIO 365 Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1	BIO 366 Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1			
PHL 220 Ethics	3	THE 205 The Bible, Past and Present	3			
Elective	3	FA 207 Introduction to Fine Arts	3			
Total Credit Hours	16	Total Credit Hours	16			
Junior Fall		Credits	Junior Spring		Credits	Junior Summer
NRS 316 Population Health and Wellness Across the Lifespan	3	NRS 317 Acute Illness Management Across the Lifespan	3	Electives: -Research Practicum -Specialty immersions -Study abroad with clinical experience		
NRS 325 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology I	3	NRS 326 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology II	3			
NRS 306 Professional Practice: Population Health and Wellness (180 clinical hours)	4	NRS 308 Professional Practice: Acute Illness Management (180 clinical hours)	4			
NRS 307 Clinical Reasoning Seminar: Population Health and Wellness	3	NRS 309 Clinical Reasoning Seminar: Acute Illness Management	3			
Elective	3	THE 348 Theological Dimensions of Suffering and Death	3			
Total Credit Hours	16	Total Credit Hours	16			
Senior Fall		Credits	Senior Spring		Credits	Total Credits
NRS 416 Chronic Illness Management Across the Lifespan	3	NRS 460 The Baccalaureate Nurse's Role in Advancing the Culture of Health	3	121 credits 855 Clinical Hours		
NRS 440 Social Justice and Population Health	3	NRS 480 Life-long Learning	3			
NRS 406 Professional Practice: Chronic Illness Management (180 clinical hours)	4	NRS 408 Transition to Professional Practice (180 clinical hours)	4			
NRS 407 Clinical Reasoning Seminar: Chronic Illness Management	3	NRS 409 Clinical Reasoning Seminar: Transition to Professional Practice	3			
Total Credit Hours	13	Total Credit Hours	13			