UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE.

NURSING, PRE-LICENSURE PROGRAM (BSN)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2023−Spring 2024 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/).

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Unit: Nursing (http://www.louisville.edu/nursing/)
Academic Plan Code(s): NU_BSN, NURSBSN, NU_BSNOW, NURSBSNOW

Program Information

The Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is a four-year program that consists of lower division and upper division course work that prepares students for a career in professional nursing by providing a dynamic course of study that is both theoretical and practical. As citizens of a larger community, our focus is to address the complex health care needs of diverse and dynamic populations through nursing education, research, scholarship and service. Our graduates are prepared to demonstrate excellence in nursing science, practice, and leadership in a variety of settings for the benefit of clients across the lifespan and to meet the evolving health care needs of society. Our BSN program also provides the necessary foundation for master's and doctoral degrees in nursing.

Students will use innovative Patient Simulation Centers and conduct clinical in acute care and community-based settings.

By including a core of knowledge in the humanities and the behavioral, physical, and biological sciences, as well as theory and practice of professional nursing, graduates of the BSN program will be prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [1]		31
At least 10 hours of General Education requirements may be satisfied through coursework required by the degree program		
College/School Requirements [1,2]		21-22
Program/Major Requirements		70
Minimum Total Hours		**120-121**

[1] To complete the degree in the **minimum number of hours** listed, some hours from the General Education Requirements must be satisfied by courses defined by the unit and/or program. Using other courses to satisfy General Education requirements will require additional hours to complete the degree requirements. See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.

[2] NURS 101 is only required for new students with less than 24 earned college credits.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

Departmental Admission Requirements
New Students and Transfer Students
Students are admitted directly into the Lower Division of the Nursing Program.

Please refer to the catalog pages containing the admissions details for the School of Nursing (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/admission/school-nursing/).

Current Students
Students who have completed a minimum of 12 credit hours at the University of Louisville with a minimum college grade point average of 2.8 may apply to the School of Nursing. They must complete an online change of major form that can be found in ULink. Students admitted through this process must be advised before registering for courses in their first semester in the nursing program.

General Education Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [1]		31
The following courses are required by the program and should be taken to fulfill the respective General Education Requirement:		
CHEM 105	Chemistry for Health Professionals - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
or CHEM 201	General Chemistry I - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
BIOL 257	Introduction to Microbiology - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [2]	
BIOL 258	Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory - SL (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
MATH 109	Introduction to Social Statistics - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
Minimum Total Hours		**31**

All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Completion of the BSN degree in the minimum number of hours requires using some credit hours from courses included in the school and/or program requirements to satisfy General Education requirements. Additional General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree. The degree requirements listed in this catalog are for students pursuing the five-semester Nursing Professional Curriculum progression plan. The first time the nursing professional courses will be offered is spring 2025. Students intending to pursue the four-semester Nursing Professional Curriculum progression plan are required to complete additional Nursing Pre-Professional Curriculum courses. Please refer to the 2022-2023 Undergraduate Catalog for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree requirements. Students that will complete the nursing pre-professional curriculum prior to fall 2024 should consult with their advisor on their progression options.

College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Nursing Pre-Professional Curriculum		
NURS 101	S.T.A.T. for Nursing Students (Success Tips And Techniques) (not required for transfer students with 24+ hours)	0-1
BIOL 257	Introduction to Microbiology - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
BIOL 258	Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory - SL (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	1
BIOL 260	Human Anatomy & Physiology I [2]	3
BIOL 264	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	1
BIOL 261	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 265	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	1
CHEM 105	Chemistry for Health Professionals - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3-4
or CHEM 201	General Chemistry I - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
PSYC 306	Life Span Developmental Psychology	3
or ECPY 305	Human Development and Learning	
MATH 111	College Algebra - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [3]	see note
Select one of the following:		3
MATH 109	Introduction to Social Statistics - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	
PSYC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
SOC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
BSW 204	Introduction to Social Statistics	
PHST 301	Quantitative Methods in Public Health	
Electives [4]		as needed
Minimum Total Hours		**21-22**

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Nursing Professional Curriculum		
Sophomore Level		
NURS 250	Foundations for Professional Nursing Practice	5
NURS 251	Wellness and Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 252	Fundamentals for Success in Nursing	2
NURS 253	Health Assessment	3
Junior Level		
NURS 331	Nursing Management of Adult Clients I	3.5
NURS 332	Nursing Management of Adult Clients II	3.5
NURS 333	Population Health Nursing	4
NURS 334	Mental Health Nursing	5
NURS 361	Nursing Management of Adult Clients III	4
NURS 362	Nursing Management of Adult Clients IV	4
NURS 363	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	4

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 364	Evidence-Based Practice	2
Senior Level		
NURS 427	Pediatric Nursing	5
NURS 426	Complex Health Nursing	5
NURS 428	Nursing Care of the Older Adult	3
NURS 495	Global Public Health Nursing	3
NURS 496	Role Transition - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	8
NURS 498	Nursing Leadership, Quality, & Policy	3
Minimum Total Hours		**70**

Code	Title	Hours
Minimum Total Hours, Degree Program [1]		**120-121**

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
NURS 496	Role Transition - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	8

[1] Completion of the degree in the minimum number of hours requires using some credit hours from courses included in the school and/or program requirements to satisfy General Education requirements. Students using other coursework will require additional hours to complete the degree or will reduce the number of available electives.

[2] BIOL 102 is a prerequisite for BIOL 260, BIOL 262. BIOL 102 is not required if students have satisfactorily completed BIOL 260, BIOL 257, or any other Biology course at the 200 level or above.

[3] Nursing math competency requirement. This requirement may alternatively be met with a minimum Math ACT sub-score of 25 or an approved higher level mathematics course; however, additional elective course work may be required to meet the 120 minimum credit hour degree requirement.

[4] Students are recommended to complete any electives prior to admission into Upper Division. Students may reserve up to 2 credit hours of electives to complete during Upper Division, which can be fulfilled through completion of NURS 430, to meet the minimum 120-hour degree requirement.

Flight Plan

Flight Plan With Summer Courses

Year 1

Fall		Hours
BIOL 102	Biology: Current Issues and Applications - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
CHEM 105	Chemistry for Health Professionals - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	4
NURS 101	S.T.A.T. for Nursing Students (Success Tips And Techniques)	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
MATH 111	College Algebra - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3

PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
	Hours	**17**
Spring		
BIOL 260	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BIOL 264	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	1
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective US Diversity - SBHD1		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts/Humanities A/H		3
	Hours	**13**
Summer		
BIOL 257	Introduction to Microbiology - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
BIOL 258	Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory - SL (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	1
	Hours	**4**
Year 2		
Fall		
BIOL 261	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 265	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	1
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities D2- AH		3
MATH 109	Introduction to Social Statistics - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [1]	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communications		3
PSYC 306	Life Span Developmental Psychology	3
	Hours	**16**
Spring		
NURS 250	Foundations for Professional Nursing Practice	5
NURS 251	Wellness and Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 252	Fundamentals for Success in Nursing	2
NURS 253	Health Assessment	3
	Hours	**13**
Year 3		
Fall		
NURS 331	Nursing Management of Adult Clients I	3.5
NURS 332	Nursing Management of Adult Clients II	3.5
NURS 333	Population Health Nursing	4
NURS 334	Mental Health Nursing	5
	Hours	**16**
Spring		
NURS 361	Nursing Management of Adult Clients III	4
NURS 362	Nursing Management of Adult Clients IV	4
NURS 363	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	4
NURS 364	Evidence-Based Practice	2
	Hours	**14**
Year 4		
Fall		
NURS 427	Pediatric Nursing	5
NURS 426	Complex Health Nursing	5
NURS 428	Nursing Care of the Older Adult	3
	Hours	**13**
Spring		
NURS 495	Global Public Health Nursing	3
NURS 496	Role Transition - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	8

NURS 498	Nursing Leadership, Quality, & Policy	3
	Hours	**14**
	Minimum Total Hours	**120**

Flight Plan Without Summer Courses

Year 1

Fall		**Hours**
BIOL 102	Biology: Current Issues and Applications - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
CHEM 105	Chemistry for Health Professionals - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	4
NURS 101	S.T.A.T. for Nursing Students (Success Tips And Techniques)	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
MATH 111	College Algebra - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology - SB (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
	Hours	**17**
Spring		
BIOL 260	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BIOL 264	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	1
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
BIOL 257	Introduction to Microbiology - S (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	3
BIOL 258	Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory - SL (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	1
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective US Diversity - SBHD1		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts/Humanities AH		3
	Hours	**17**
Year 2		
Fall		
BIOL 261	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 265	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	1
MATH 109	Introduction to Social Statistics - QR (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/) [1]	3
PSYC 306	Life Span Developmental Psychology	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communications		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts/Humanities AHD2		3
	Hours	**16**
Spring		
NURS 250	Foundations for Professional Nursing Practice	5
NURS 251	Wellness and Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 252	Fundamentals for Success in Nursing	2
NURS 253	Health Assessment	3
	Hours	**13**
Year 3		
Fall		
NURS 331	Nursing Management of Adult Clients I	3.5
NURS 332	Nursing Management of Adult Clients II	3.5
NURS 333	Population Health Nursing	4

NURS 334	Mental Health Nursing	5
	Hours	**16**
Spring		
NURS 361	Nursing Management of Adult Clients III	4
NURS 362	Nursing Management of Adult Clients IV	4
NURS 363	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	4
NURS 364	Evidence-Based Practice	2
	Hours	**14**
Year 4		
Fall		
NURS 427	Pediatric Nursing	5
NURS 426	Complex Health Nursing	5
NURS 428	Nursing Care of the Older Adult	3
	Hours	**13**
Spring		
NURS 495	Global Public Health Nursing	3
NURS 496	Role Transition - CUE (http://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/)	8
NURS 498	Nursing Leadership, Quality, & Policy	3
	Hours	**14**
	Minimum Total Hours	**120**

1   Alternative statistics courses are listed on the degree requirements page.

Degree Audit Report

Degree Audit reports illustrate how your completed courses fulfill the requirements of your academic plan. What-if reports allow you to compare the courses you have completed in your current academic plan to the courses required in another academic plan. Should you have questions about either report, please consult with your academic advisor.

Flight Planner

The Flight Planner tool is available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan to graduation. Advisors have access to review your Flight Planner and can help you adjust it to ensure you remain on track to graduate in a timely manner.

To create these reports:

a. Log into your ULink account.
b. Click on the Academic Progress tile.
c. Select the appropriate report.
    i. To run a Degree Audit report, click on "View my Degree Audit."
    ii. To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."
    iii. To run a Flight Planner report, click on "Use My Flight Planner."

Click here to run a Degree Audit report, create a What-if report, or run a Flight Planner report. (https://ulink.louisville.edu)

Graduates from the UofL School of Nursing are prepared to apply for RN licensure upon graduation; however, educational preparation does not guarantee professional licensure. If you have questions regarding Kentucky RN licensure, please contact the Kentucky Board of Nursing (kbn.ky.gov/Pages/lpn-rn.aspx (https://kbn.ky.gov/Pages/lpn-rn.aspx)). For RN licensure questions in other states, please contact the respective state board of nursing (ncsbn.org/contact-bon.htm (https://ncsbn.org/contact-bon.htm)).