

NURSING, PRE-LICENSURE PROGRAM (BSN)



This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2019–Spring 2020 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

Program Information

The Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is a four year program that consists of four semesters of lower division course work and four semesters of 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 students graduate 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 masters and doctoral degrees in nursing.

Students have access to innovative Patient Simulation and Standardized Patient Centers. Faculty have the highest qualifications and conduct research in their areas of specialization.

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
	Ten (10) hours of General Education requirements may be satisfied through coursework required by the degree program	
	College/School Requirements ^{1,2}	41-42

Program/Major Requirements	59
Minimum Total Hours	120-121

- Some courses required in this degree program can satisfy multiple requirements. Using other courses to satisfy General Education requirements will require additional hours to complete the degree requirements (or reduce the number of available electives). See the Degree Requirements tab for specific coursework.
- 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

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>).

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	
	or CHEM 201 General Chemistry I - S	
BIOL 257	Introduction to Microbiology - S ²	
BIOL 258	Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory - SL	
MATH 109	Elementary Statistics - QR	
Minimum Total Hours		31

All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some 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.

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 260	Human Anatomy & Physiology I ²	3
BIOL 261	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 262	Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab	1
PSYC 306	Life Span Developmental Psychology	3
Select one of the following:		3
PHIL 207	Introduction to Philosophy through Cultural Diversity - AH, D2	
PHIL 211	Critical Thinking - AH	
PHIL 222	Contemporary Moral Problems - AH	
PHIL 323	Medical Ethics	

HSS 303	Human Nutrition	3
or PHEH 331	Food Composition and Public Health - S	
NURS 338	Lifespan Pathophysiology	4
NURS 395	Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics	3
MATH 111	College Algebra - QR ³	3
Electives (as needed)		3-4
Minimum Total Hours		30-31

⁴ Clinical hours will be met with a one-credit hour Special Topics Course

Flight Plan

Flight Plan With Summer Courses

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Fall		
BIOL 102	Biology: Current Issues and Applications - S	3
CHEM 105	Chemistry for Health Professionals - S	4
NURS 101	S.T.A.T. for Nursing Students (Success Tips And Techniques)	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC	3
MATH 111	College Algebra - QR	3
Hours		14
Spring		
BIOL 260	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC	3
MATH 109	Elementary Statistics - QR	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective US Diversity - SBHD1		3
Hours		15
Year 2		
Fall		
BIOL 261	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 262	Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab	1
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology - SB	3
HSS 303	Human Nutrition	3
or PHEH 331	or Food Composition and Public Health - S	
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
Hours		13
Spring		
BIOL 257	Introduction to Microbiology - S	3
BIOL 258	Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory - SL	1
PSYC 306	Life Span Developmental Psychology	3
PHIL Ethics Elective ¹		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Diversity - AHD2		3
Hours		13
Summer		
NURS 338	Lifespan Pathophysiology	4
NURS 395	Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics	3
Hours		7
Year 3		
Fall		
NURS 344	Community Health Nursing	4
NURS 345	Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice	4
NURS 346	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client I	5
NURS 347	Health Assessment	3
Hours		16
Spring		
NURS 356	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client II	7
NURS 357	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	4
NURS 358	Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice	2
Hours		13
Year 4		
Fall		
NURS 481	Child Health Nursing	5
NURS 486	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client III	5

Program/Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Nursing Professional Curriculum		
<i>Junior Level</i>		
NURS 344	Community Health Nursing	4
NURS 345	Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice	4
NURS 346	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client I	5
NURS 347	Health Assessment	3
NURS 356	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client II	7
NURS 357	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	4
NURS 358	Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice	2
<i>Senior Level</i>		
NURS 481	Child Health Nursing	5
NURS 486	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client III	5
NURS 487	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	5
NURS 491	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	2
NURS 493	Nursing Leadership and Management	2
NURS 494	Capstone in Professional Nursing Practicum - CUE	7
Select one of the following:		4
NURS 492	Global Public Health	
NURS 500	Variables Impacting Health Care Delivery: A Global Context ⁴	
Minimum Total Hours		59

Code	Title	Hours
Minimum Total Hours, Degree Program		120-121

Code	Title	Hours
Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation requirement)		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
NURS 494	Capstone in Professional Nursing Practicum - CUE	

¹ Completion of the degree in the minimum number of hours requires using courses included in the program/major 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 261, 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.

NURS 487	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	5
	Hours	15
Spring		
NURS 491	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	2
NURS 492	Global Public Health	4
NURS 493	Nursing Leadership and Management	2
NURS 494	Capstone in Professional Nursing Practicum - CUE (CUE)	7
	Hours	15
	Minimum Total Hours	121

Flight Plan Without Summer Courses

Course	Title	Hours
Year 1		
Fall		
BIOL 102	Biology: Current Issues and Applications - S	3
CHEM 105	Chemistry for Health Professionals - S	4
NURS 101	S.T.A.T. for Nursing Students (Success Tips And Techniques)	1
ENGL 101	Introduction to College Writing - WC	3
MATH 111	College Algebra - QR	3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities Global Diversity - AHD2		3
	Hours	17
Spring		
BIOL 260	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
ENGL 102	Intermediate College Writing - WC	3
BIOL 257	Introduction to Microbiology - S	3
BIOL 258	Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory - SL	1
General Education: Cardinal Core Oral Communication - OC		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective US Diversity - SBHD1		3
	Hours	16
Year 2		
Fall		
BIOL 261	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 262	Human Anatomy & Physiology Lab	1
PSYC 201	Introduction to Psychology - SB	3
HSS 303	Human Nutrition	3
or PHEH 331	or Food Composition and Public Health - S	
MATH 109	Elementary Statistics - QR	3
	Hours	13
Spring		
NURS 338	Lifespan Pathophysiology	4
NURS 395	Nursing Pharmacotherapeutics	3
PSYC 306	Life Span Developmental Psychology	3
PHIL Ethics Elective ¹		3
General Education: Cardinal Core Arts & Humanities - AH		3
	Hours	16
Year 3		
Fall		
NURS 344	Community Health Nursing	4
NURS 345	Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice	4
NURS 346	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client I	5
NURS 347	Health Assessment	3
	Hours	16
Spring		
NURS 356	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client II	7
NURS 357	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	4
NURS 358	Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice	2
	Hours	13

Year 4

Fall		
NURS 481	Child Health Nursing	5
NURS 486	Management of Care of the Adult Health Client III	5
NURS 487	Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	5
	Hours	15
Spring		
NURS 491	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	2
NURS 492	Global Public Health	4
NURS 493	Nursing Leadership and Management	2
NURS 494	Capstone in Professional Nursing Practicum - CUE (CUE)	7
	Hours	15
	Minimum Total Hours	121

¹ Select one of the following: PHIL 207; PHIL 211; PHIL 222; or PHIL 323.

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.

To create either report:

1. Log into your ULink account.
2. Click on the Student Services tab.
3. Next, click on "View my Academic Advisement Report" to run a Degree Audit report in the Undergraduate Advising area.
4. To create a What-if report, click on "Create a What-if Advisement Report."

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

Flight Planner

Based on your major, the Flight Planner tool may be available for you to create a personalized Flight Plan. The Flight Planner can be found in the ULink Student Center. Consult with your advisor for assistance with the Flight Planner.