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

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At least 10 hours of General Education requirements may be satisfied through coursework required by the degree program.

| College/School Requirements | 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

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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/)
- 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.
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<td>CHEM 105</td>
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<td>PSYC 306</td>
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<td>or ECPY 305</td>
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<td>MATH 111</td>
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Select one of the following:

- MATH 109 Introduction to Social Statistics - QR
- 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 as needed

Minimum Total Hours 21-22

Program/Major Requirements

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NURS 364 Evidence-Based Practice 2

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 8

NURS 498 Nursing Leadership, Quality, & Policy 3

Minimum Total Hours 70

Flight Plan

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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.
NURS 498 Nursing Leadership, Quality, & Policy 3

Minimum Total Hours 120

Flight Plan Without Summer Courses

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

PSYC 201 Introduction to Psychology - SB 3

Hours 17

Spring
BIOL 250 Human Anatomy & Physiology I 3

BIOL 254 Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory 1

ENGL 102 Intermediate College Writing - WC 3

General Education: Cardinal Core Social & Behavioral Sciences Historical Perspective US Diversity - SBHD1 3

General Education: Cardinal Core Arts/Humanities A/H 3

Summer
BIOL 257 Introduction to Microbiology - S 3

BIOL 258 Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory - SL 1

Hours 13

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 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 428 Nursing Care of the Older Adult 3

Hours 13

Spring
NURS 495 Global Public Health Nursing 3

NURS 496 Role Transition - CUE 8

Hours 13
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/](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](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)).