

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Goals of the Program

The BSN Curriculum is designed to prepare graduates for entry into professional nursing practice. This foundation offers both academic and professional nursing courses that provide the base for clinical competence and informed judgments about health care situations and care of patients in both in and out-patient settings. The curriculum prepares nurses who:

- Apply theoretical and empirical knowledge from nursing, scientific, and humanistic disciplines to make evidence-based practice decisions.
- Participate in quality improvement processes to provide high quality, safe nursing care in a variety of settings.
- Engage in critical inquiry to improve the nursing care of individuals, families, groups, and communities.
- Use information technology and patient data for ethical clinical decision-making.
- Advocate for the healthcare needs of society in a changing economic, demographic, and cultural environment.
- Demonstrate effective communication and collaboration skills with patients and interprofessional teams to improve healthcare outcomes.
- Provide professional nursing care to individuals and populations that include health promotion and maintenance, illness care, end-of-life care, restoration, and rehabilitation.
- Demonstrate a commitment to professional nursing values, ethical practice, and life-long learning.
- Demonstrate the ability to independently and collaboratively apply the problem-solving process to facilitate patient, family, and community adaptation to internal and external environmental variables for the purpose of achieving maximum health.

Getting Started

- Your nursing education at UAB begins with the foundation courses in the arts, sciences, and humanities that provide the base for the upper division courses in nursing during the junior and senior years. A minimum grade of “C” in the pre-nursing courses and an overall GPA and a pre-nursing course GPA of at least 2.75 is required to be considered for admission. Meeting the minimum requirements does not constitute admission into the nursing program.
- Submit all material and adhere to the same deadlines and requirements as all other undergraduate BSN applicants.
- Advisement with an assigned Pre-Nursing Advisor is a requirement for application to the School of Nursing. Once admitted as an undergraduate, pre-nursing student to UAB, you will be notified through an offer of admission letter to contact your assigned Pre-Nursing Advisor in the Division of General Studies at (205) 934-6135 for pre-nursing academic advisement. The Pre-Nursing Advisor will also explain the requirements and process for admission to the BSN Program.
- Admission decisions are based on your academic record, supporting documents, and BSN application at the time of the deadline.
- You are strongly encouraged to provide proof of work/volunteer experience in a healthcare setting as part of the application process. This experience is not required for admission but may factor into the admission decision.

Pre-Nursing Course Requirements

Area I: Written Composition		6 hours total	Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts		12 hours total
EH 101	English Composition I	3	Literature*		3 (or 6)*
EH 102	English Composition II	3	Arts		3
			Humanities		3
			Elective		3
Area III: Natural Sciences and Mathematics		11 hours total	Area IV: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences		12 hours Total
CH 105/106	Inorganic Chemistry	4	PY 101	Psychology	3
CH 107/108	Organic Chemistry**	4**	PY 212	Developmental Psychology	3
MA 105 or 110	Pre-Calculus or Finite Math	3	History*		3 (or 6)*
			Elective		3
Area V: Additional Pre-Nursing Requirements		18 hours total	TOTAL: 59 hours		
BY 115	Human Anatomy	4	* Student needs either a 6 hour sequence of literature or history. ** Applies to students who take Microbiology at UAB. Students may otherwise take any additional science with lab (excluding Geology and Astronomy).		
BY 116	Human Physiology	4			
BY 261	Microbiology	4			
NTR 222	Nutrition	3			
	Descriptive Statistics	3			

BSN-Upper Division Nursing Studies (5 semesters)

Spring Admission

Semester 1 (Spring)		Sem Hrs	Semester 2 (Summer)		Sem Hrs
NUR 355	Foundations of Professional Nursing	4	NUR 365	Maternal-Newborn & Women's Health Nursing	3
NUR 356L	Foundations of Professional Nursing Practicum	3	NUR 366L	Maternal-Newborn & Women's Health Practicum	2
NUR 345L	Basic Nursing and Health Assessment Skills	4	NUR 370	Clinical Pharmacology	3
NUR 346	Pathophysiology for Professional Nursing	3	NUR 374Q	Informatics and Research for Nursing Practice	4
Semester 3 (Fall)		Sem Hrs	Semester 4 (Spring)		Sem Hrs
NUR 385	Nursing of the Psychiatric Mental Health Client	3	NUR 435	Nursing of the Adult	4
NUR 386L	Nursing of the Psychiatric Mental Health Client Practicum	2	NUR 436L	Nursing of the Adult Practicum	3
NUR 395	Community and Public Health Nursing	3	NUR 445	Nursing of the Child and Adolescent	3
NUR 396L	Community and Public Health Nursing Practicum	2	NUR 446L	Nursing of the Child and Adolescent Practicum	2
NUR 376	Nursing of the Older Adult	3			
Semester 5 (Summer)		Sem Hrs	<u>Please Note:</u>		
NUR 455	Leadership and Management in Professional Nursing	3	Students may deviate from this curriculum plan only with permission from the BSN Program Coordinator. Q = Web-based, L = Lab or Clinical		
NUR 456L	Leadership and Management in Professional Nursing Practicum	5			
	Nursing Elective	3			

Fall Admission

Semester 1 (Fall)		Sem Hrs	Semester 2 (Spring)		Sem Hrs
NUR 355	Foundations of Professional Nursing	4	NUR 365	Maternal-Newborn & Women's Health Nursing	3
NUR 356L	Foundations of Professional Nursing Practicum	3	NUR 366L	Maternal-Newborn & Women's Health Practicum	2
NUR 345L	Basic Nursing and Health Assessment Skills	4	NUR 385	Nursing of the Psychiatric Mental Health Client	3
NUR 346	Pathophysiology for Professional Nursing	3	NUR 386L	Nursing of the Psychiatric Mental Health Client Practicum	2
			NUR 370	Clinical Pharmacology	3
Semester 3 (Summer)		Sem Hrs	Semester 4 (Fall)		Sem Hrs
NUR 374Q	Informatics and Research for Nursing Practice	4	NUR 435	Nursing of the Adult	4
NUR 376	Nursing of the Older Adult	3	NUR 436L	Nursing of the Adult Practicum	3
	Nursing Elective	3	NUR 445	Nursing of the Child and Adolescent	3
			NUR 446L	Nursing of the Child and Adolescent Practicum	2
Semester 5 (Spring)		Sem Hrs	<u>Please Note:</u>		
NUR 395	Community and Public Health Nursing	3	Students may deviate from this curriculum plan only with permission from the BSN Program Coordinator. Q = Web-based, L = Lab or Clinical		
NUR 396L	Community and Public Health Nursing Practicum	2			
NUR 455	Leadership and Management in Professional Nursing	3			
NUR 456L	Leadership and Management in Professional Nursing Practicum	5			

Where can I get more information?

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