

NURSING (BSN)

The Nursing, Traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program provides pre-licensure students with the knowledge and skills to meet contemporary society's nursing needs and prepare students for the nursing licensure exam. In the program, students develop their critical thinking and clinical judgment skills to integrate knowledge regarding the nature of individuals, their environment, and their health state, as well as those of populations and communities. Students nursing competencies are promoted by learning activities that are carried out in the classroom, skills laboratory, low and high-fidelity simulation laboratory, and clinical in various acute and chronic care and community settings. It prepares students to provide nursing care for individuals, families, and groups across the lifespan in various healthcare and community settings.

The traditional BSN program offers courses at the 200, 300, and 400 levels that are a total of 67 semester hours. Students complete a minimum of 62 semester hours of prerequisite, general education, and cognate courses.

The prerequisite general education courses must be completed prior to beginning the clinical nursing sequence because those courses are specifically selected due to their relevance to the nursing major. This foundation contributes to students' understanding of individuals, their environment and health, and is a basis for students' personal and professional development.

General Education & Prerequisite Requirements

The nursing curriculum consists of required prerequisite general education courses specifically selected because of their relevance to the nursing major. This foundation contributes to students' understanding of individuals, their environment, and health, and is a basis for students' personal and professional development.

General Education Courses (59 credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Must be completed prior to any nursing core courses.		
ACAF 110	Foundations I: Bona Ventura Cosmic Journey	4
ACAF 120	College Writing II	3
BIOL 124 & BIOL 125	Principles of Biology I and Principles of Biology I Lab ¹	4
BIOL 211	Microbiology	5
BIOL 221	Human Anatomy	4
BIOL 252	Human Physiology	4
CHEM 120	Foundations of Chemistry	5
ENGL 111	College Writing I	3
MATH 105	Introduction to Statistics	3
PSYC 111	General Psychology	3
SOCI 111	Principles of Sociology	3
Recommended to be completed prior to the start of the clinical block or during the summer while in the program.		
CMMA 142	Speech Communication	3
ENGL 200	Introduction to Literature	3
ENGL 201	Nature Writing (3)	

ENGL 202	Travel Writing (3)	
ENGL 203	Introduction to African American Literature (3)	
ENGL 204	Know Thyself (3)	
HIST XXX	Approved history course	3
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophical Thinking	3
THEO 101	Introduction to Theology	3
Nursing Cognate Courses		
HCLD 336	Ethics in Health Care ((Must be taken prior to or concurrently with NURS 420 Ministry of Nursing.))	3
PSYC 240	Life-Span Development ((Must be taken prior to or concurrently with NURS 450 Nursing Care of the Family.))	3

Total Hours **62**

¹ Prerequisite for BIOL 211, BIOL 221, BIOL 252.

Major Program (66 credit hours)

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 250	Concepts of Professional Nursing	3
NURS 255	Concepts of Population-Based Nursing	3
NURS 260	Human Nutrition	2
NURS 308	Health Assessment	3
NURS 310	Fundamentals of Nursing	5-8
NURS 311	Pathophysiology	3
NURS 315	Pharmacology	4
NURS 330	Nursing Care of the Adult I	6
NURS 335	Nursing Care of the Adult II	6
NURS 340	Psychosocial Nursing	4
NURS 412	Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 420	The Ministry of Nursing	3
NURS 430	Nursing Care of the Adult III	4
NURS 450	Professional Nursing Practice III	6-8
NURS 461	Nursing Leadership and Management	3
NURS 465	Community Health Nursing	2
NURS 468	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice I	2
NURS 469	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice II	3
Total Hours		65-70

¹ Students may choose electives from non-required nursing courses or electives in related fields. Nursing electives include:

- NURS 364 Spiritual/Ethnocultural Aspect
- NURS 367 Complementary Therapies in Nursing
- NURS 418 End of Life Issues

Completion of General Education and Prerequisite course work at USF does not automatically guarantee progression into nursing clinical courses. Students are in the Pre-Nursing major until selected by the Nursing Admission and Progression Committee and before any student can progress into clinical nursing courses. Admission into the nursing program is highly selective.

The suggested sequence:

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Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
ACAF 110	Foundations I: Bona Ventura Cosmic Journey	4
BIOL 124 & BIOL 125	Principles of Biology I and Principles of Biology I Lab	4
CHEM 120	Foundations of Chemistry	5
ENGL 111	College Writing I	3
Hours		16
Second Semester		
ACAF 120	College Writing II	3
BIOL 211	Microbiology	5
BIOL 221	Human Anatomy	4
CMMA 142	Speech Communication	3
PSYC 111	General Psychology	3
Hours		18
Second Year		
First Semester		
BIOL 252	Human Physiology	4
ENGL 200	Introduction to Literature	3
MATH 105	Introduction to Statistics	3
NURS 260	Human Nutrition	2
PHIL 101	Introduction to Philosophical Thinking	3
SOCI 111	Principles of Sociology	3
Hours		18
Second Semester		
NURS 250	Concepts of Professional Nursing	3
NURS 255	Concepts of Population-Based Nursing	3
NURS 308	Health Assessment	3
NURS 311	Pathophysiology	3
THEO 101	Introduction to Theology	3
Hours		15
Third Year		
First Semester		
NURS 310	Fundamentals of Nursing	5-8
NURS 315	Pharmacology	4
NURS 420	The Ministry of Nursing	3
HCLD 336	Ethics in Health Care	3
HIST Gen Ed Course		3
Hours		18-21
Second Semester		
NURS 330	Nursing Care of the Adult I	6
NURS 340	Psychosocial Nursing	4
NURS 412	Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice	3
PSYC 240	Life-Span Development	3
Hours		16
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
NURS 335	Nursing Care of the Adult II	6
NURS 450	Professional Nursing Practice III	6-8
NURS 465	Community Health Nursing	2
Hours		14-16
Fifth Year		
Second Semester		
NURS 430	Nursing Care of the Adult III	4
NURS 461	Nursing Leadership and Management	3
NURS 468	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice I	2
NURS 469	Transition to Professional Nursing Practice II	3
Hours		12
Total Hours		127-132

Note: PSYC 111 is a prerequisite for PSYC 240 or SWRK 242. SWRK 242 (Spring only) may be substituted for PSYC 240. All students must complete NURS 102, NURS 245, NURS 250, NURS 260, and NURS 308 prior to entering the clinical course sequence. The general education component also consists of courses in Speech, Literature, History, Theology, and Philosophy. It is recommended that all general education courses be completed prior to the start of the clinical block of courses.

Students work with their advisors in selecting additional elective credits to fulfill the 120 credit hours required for graduation.