

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Features of Distinction

Rank #3 out of 26 registered nursing programs in West Virginia by
RegisteredNursing.org

- More than 50 years' experience educating over 3,000 nurses
- Innovative and accessible courses intentionally designed to meet diverse health care needs of the community
- Solid educational foundation for career mobility, graduate education and further academic study
- Faculty have professional nursing expertise in diverse health care settings
- Small clinical/lab/simulation sections with an 8-10:1 student /faculty ratio
- Interdisciplinary education
- Interprofessional courses with clinical/laboratory experiences
- Extensive set of electronic library, books, journals and databases accessible online and on mobile devices
- High fidelity simulation lab on campus
- Assessment and skills laboratories on campus
- Premier health care facilities utilized for clinical rotations less than ten minutes from campus
- Clinical experiences in a wide variety of health care settings, including a Level I Trauma Center, premier cardiac center and the only free-standing Women's and Children's hospital in West Virginia
- Extensive nursing practicums in the senior year of the program under the supervision of faculty and clinical nurse preceptors
- NCLEX-RN passage rate above state and national average
- Nationally accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

End of Program Learning Outcomes (EPSLO)

The National League for Nursing (NLN) Educational Competencies Model revolves around four outcome areas: Human Flourishing, Nursing Judgment, Professional Identify and Spirit of Inquiry. The Nursing Department has identified End of Program Student Learning Outcomes for each outcome area.

Graduates of the BSN program will demonstrate achievement of the following:

Outcome 1: Human Flourishing. Create a plan of care through collaboration with the patient or designee that respects the diversity of the patient's individual values and needs.

Outcome 2: Nursing Judgement. Analyze judgments made in practice, substantiating them with evidence that uses the nursing process to integrate nursing science with the provision of safe, effective care.

Outcome 3: Professional Identity. Implement their role as a nurse in ways that reflect integrity, responsibility, and ethical practice.

Outcome 4: Spirit of Inquiry. Apply current best practices to plan, implement, and evaluate safe and effective patient care.

Student Achievement Data (2019)

- Pass Rate 95.45%
- Employment Rate 100%
- Completion Rate 95.83%

Admission Requirements

Students must gain general admission to the University of Charleston. Application to the BSN program occurs during the Spring semester of the freshman year. Applicants must score 60% or higher on the TEAS entrance exam and have a cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher. Graduation from the BSN program requires completion of all course work with a grade of "C" or better.

Graduation Requirements

Graduation from the BSN program requires completion of all course work with a grade of "C" or better. Students must also maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 and successfully complete the ATI Comprehensive exam.

Curriculum

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program consists of 120 credits hours. Some courses may be offered online or in a hybrid format.

Bachelor's Degree Nursing Program Curriculum Sequence

FRESHMAN					
FALL			SPRING		
BIOL 171	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	BIOL 172	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL 171L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1	BIOL 172L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1
COMM 101	Freshman Writing I	3	COMM 102	Freshman Writing II	3
SSCI FLEX	Social Sciences FLEX Course	3	MATH FLEX	STEM FLEX Course	3
HSCI 110	History of Health Sciences	3	SPCH 103*	Oral Communication Skills*	3
UNIV 104X	College Motivation & Success	3	UNIV 105X	Foundations of Character & Leadership	3
TOTAL		16	TOTAL		16

*Embedded in UNIV 104 and UNIV 105

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SOPHOMORE

FALL			SPRING		
HSCI 212	Drug and Dosage Calculations	3	HSCI 230	Interprofessional Collaboration	3
NURSB 201	Fundamentals of Nursing	4	NURSB 210	Medical Surgical Nursing I	4
NURSB 201L	Fundamentals of Nursing Lab/Clinical/Simulation	2	NURSB 210L	Medical Surgical Nursing I Clinical/Lab/Simulation	2
NURSB 204	Health Assessment	3	NURSB 215	Mental Health Nursing	2
NURSB 204L	Health Assessment Lab/Clinical/Simulation	1	NURSB 215L	Mental Health Nursing Clinical/Lab/Simulation	1
PSYCH 212	Lifespan and Development	3	NURSB 225	Pathopharmacology I	2
TOTAL		16	TOTAL		14

Please Note: Progression from the sophomore level to the junior level requires completion of all course work listed for the sophomore level with a grade of “C” or better. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better.

JUNIOR

FALL			SPRING		
HSCI 310	Introduction to Informatics	3	HSCI 312	Statistics for Evidence-Based Practice	3
HUMN FLEX	HUMN FLEX Course	3	HUMN FLEX	HUMN Flex Course	3
NURSB 315	Pathopharmacology II	2	NURSB 335	Medical Surgical Nursing III	4
NURSB 325	Medical Surgical Nursing II	4	NURSB 335L	Medical Surgical Nursing III Clinical/Lab/Simulation	2
NURSB 325L	Medical Surgical Nursing II	2	NURSB 340	Pediatric Nursing	2

	Clinical/Lab/Simulation				
NURSB 330	Obstetrics Nursing	2	NURSB 340L	Pediatric Nursing Clinical/Lab/Simulation	1
NURSB 330L	Obstetrics Nursing Clinical/Lab/Simulation	1			
TOTAL		17	TOTAL		15

Please Note: Progression from the junior level to the senior level requires completion of all course work listed for the junior level with a grade of “C” or better. Students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better.

SENIOR

FALL			SPRING		
NURSB 404	Nursing Research	3	NURSB 465	Nursing Practicum II	2
NURSB 450	Nursing Practicum I	2	NURSB 465L	Nursing Practicum II Clinical/Lab/Simulation	4
NURSB 450L	Nursing Practicum I Clinical/Lab/Simulation	4	NURSB 470	Leadership and Health Policy	3
NURSB 455	Prevention and Population Health	3	NURSB 470L	Leadership and Health Policy Practicum	1
NURSB 455L	Prevention and Population Health Practicum	1	NURSB 475	NCLEX-RN Review	3
TOTAL		13	TOTAL		13

Please Note: Students are required to complete all course work listed for the senior level with a grade of “C” or better and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better. All students must complete the University Capstone course and successfully pass the ATI Comprehensive Exam.