

Undergraduate Program Requirements

Degree Offered

Research College of Nursing and Rockhurst University confer the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree for graduates of the undergraduate program. This degree enables the graduate to apply to write the National Comprehensive Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) to become a licensed registered nurse (RN). Graduation does not automatically ensure eligibility to write the licensure examination.

This section contains a description of degree requirements for Traditional B.S.N. students entering with no previous college credit. It also contains information on the Accelerated B.S.N. Each option is designed to provide a quality educational experience for the student population it serves.

Transfer students in the Traditional B.S.N. option and students with a degree must have an evaluation of all transcripts of credit to determine what courses are needed to meet the degree requirements for the B.S.N. It is recommended that students meet with their advisers to develop a plan of study. As circumstances dictate, the plan may be revised.

Traditional B.S.N. Degree Requirements

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree consists of a liberal core curriculum rooted in the values and beliefs expressed in the Rockhurst mission statement (see the Overview section of the Rockhurst University Catalog) and the nursing curriculum which is rooted in the values and beliefs expressed in the Research College of Nursing Mission found in this catalog. The curriculum for the B.S.N. degree program has four categories of courses: the modes of inquiry, proficiencies, prerequisites for the nursing major, and the nursing major.

“The modes of inquiry—that is, the methods or systems by which the human intellect pursues some essential knowledge, truth or aspect of truth—give structure to the core curriculum (that set of required courses taken by all degree-seeking undergraduate students) in a way that encourages the full development of students in various aspects of their humanity. As methods or systems, each mode suggests the appropriate kinds of questions to be asked in its study, organizes the steps by which study is furthered, and measures what counts as progress in its particular sphere” (Rockhurst University Catalog 2010-2012, p. 69).

Proficiencies consist of oral and written communications and math, representing basic skills and abilities required of all degree-seeking undergraduate students. Prerequisites are those required courses that establish a foundation for the nursing major. Honors Program – Rockhurst and Research offer the Honors Program for outstanding students who want to make the very most of their education. Honors Program students take specially designed liberal arts courses and modified nursing courses which meet program requirements. Nursing students participating in the Honors Program should consult the director of the Honors Program for the appropriate course substitutions. Additional information about the Honors Program, including course descriptions, is available in the Rockhurst University catalog.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing requires successful completion of the equivalent of 128 semester credit hours which must include:

1. A total of 66 semester credit hours in liberal arts and sciences as follows.

A. Courses (12 hours) in the Liberal Arts and Sciences designated to meet proficiency requirements:

Proficiency in Oral Communication (OCP):
CT 2000 Fundamentals of Communication (3 credits)

Proficiency in Written Communication (WCP):
EN 1110 College Composition I (3 credits)
EN 1120 College Composition II (3 credits)

(Note: Advanced Students may satisfy the proficiency in written communication by the single semester course EN 1140 English Composition.)

Proficiency in Mathematics :
MT 1190 Precalculus (3 credits) or completion of an approved equivalent course.

B. Students must successfully complete at least one approved three-hour, upper-division course with a Global Perspectives designation. Students can also fulfill this requirement with two semesters of the same college-level foreign language.

C. A total of 40 hours in the Modes of Inquiry as follows:

Artistic

1 level-one course (3 credits)

Historical

1 level-one course (3 credits)

Literary

1 level-one course (3 credits)

(Note: Level-one requirements in the artistic, historical, and literary modes of inquiry may all be satisfied simultaneously by the two semester sequence of HU 1110 and HU 1120, Integrated Humanities.)

Either Historical or Literary

1 level-two course (3 credits)

Scientific Causal

1 level-one course (4 credits)
CH 1050/1060 Principles of General Chemistry

Scientific Relational

1 level-one course (3 credits)
PY 1000 Introduction to Psychology
1 level-one or level-two course from an area that is not psychology (3 credits)

Either Scientific Relational or Scientific Causal (3 credits)

1 level-two course
PY 3400 Developmental Psychology

Philosophical

1 level-one course (3 credits)

PL 1100 Reality and Human Existence
1 level-two course (3 credits)
PL 3100 Ethical Theory

Theological

1 level-one course (3 credits)
TH 1000 Christianity I: Foundations
1 level-two course (3 credits)
TH 3000 Christianity II: Development

Philosophy or Theology 1 level-two course (choose one)

PL 3300 Philosophy of Death and Dying (3 credits)
PL 4700 Seminar in Ethics: Medical Ethics (3 credits)
TH 4350 Theology, Morality & Health Care (3 credits)

D. *Courses (14 hours) in the liberal arts and sciences which are required support courses for the nursing major.*

NS 1000 Freshmen in Science Seminar (1 credit)
BL 2929 Cellular Basis for Human Anatomy and Physiology (1 credit)
BL 2930/2931 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4 credits)
BL 2940/2941 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4 credits)
BL 3100/ 3101 Microbiology (4 credits)

2. A total of 62 semester credit hours in the nursing major as follows.

Each theory (T) credit hour is equivalent to one clock hour

Each clinical (C) credit hour is equivalent to three clock hours.

2000 Level Courses (10 credit hours)

NU 2030 Foundations of Nursing Practice (2T, 1C)
NU 2050 Nursing Health Assessment (2C)
NU 2750 Normal Nutrition (2T)
NU 2850 Pathophysiology (3T)

3000 Level Courses (39 credit hours)

NU 3100 Professional Concepts (3T)
NU 3200 Adult Health Nursing I (3T)
NU 3210 Adult Health Nursing Practice I (3C)
NU 3220 Older Adult Health (2T)
NU 3230 Older Adult Health Practice (1C)
NU 3430 Adult Health Nursing II (4T)
NU 3440 Adult Health Nursing Practice II (4C)
NU 3510 Mental Health Nursing (2T)
NU 3530 Mental Health Nursing Practice (1C)
NU 3550 Pharmacology (2T)
NU 3570 Nursing Research (2T)
NU 3730 Maternal–Newborn Nursing (3T)
NU 3750 Child Health Nursing (3T)
NU 3770 Maternal–Child and Family Nursing Practice (3C)
NU 3790 Professional Development Strategies (1T)
NU ___ Nursing Elective (2T)

4000 Level Courses (13 credit hours)

- NU 4100 Leadership and Professional Issues (3T)
- NU 4210 Community Health Nursing (3T)
- NU 4230 Community Hlth Nsg Practice (2C)
- NU 4400 Capstone: Leadership in Prof Nsg Practice (5C)

- 3. Achieve a minimum grade of C in all math and science courses. *Note: Students must have a C or better in BL 2930/2931 prior to enrollment in BL 2940/2941 and BL 3100/3101.**
- 4. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.7 to initially enroll in any NU 2000 nursing courses and maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00 to progress.**
- 5. Achieve a final minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 and a minimum grade of C in all nursing courses for graduation.**
- 6. Meet the residency requirement by completing 15 semester credit hours at Research, 15 semester credit hours at Rockhurst and the final 30 semester credit hours at either Research or Rockhurst.**

Lower Division Prerequisites

This section illustrates courses which must be completed to progress in the nursing major. Certain courses must be successfully completed before others can be taken. (* nursing courses ending in "1" are in accelerated option curriculum)

Required Courses for:

NU 2030/2031* Foundations of Professional Nursing

BL 2929	Cellular Basis for Human Anatomy and Physiology
BL 2930/31	Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BL 2940/2941	Human Anatomy & Physiology II
BL 2965 (Accelerated students)	Accelerated Human Anatomy& Physiology
MT 1190	Precalculus (or approved equivalent course)

NU 2050/2051* Nursing Health Assessment

BL 2929	Cellular Basis for Human Anatomy and Physiology
BL 2930/2931	Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BL 2940/2941	Human Anatomy & Physiology II
BL 2965 (Accelerated students)	Accelerated Human Anatomy& Physiology
PY 1000	Introduction to Psychology

NU 2850 Pathophysiology

CH 1050/1060	Principles of General Chemistry
BL 2929	Cellular Basis for Human Anatomy and Physiology
BL 2930/2931	Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BL 2940/2941	Human Anatomy & Physiology II
BL 2965 (Accelerated students)	Accelerated Human Anatomy & Physiology

Recommended courses prior to lower division nursing

EN 1110/1120	College Composition I & II
PY 3400	Developmental Psychology
CT 2000	Fundamentals of Communication

Upper Division Prerequisites

The following courses must be completed satisfactorily for progression to upper division. Deficits in prerequisites prohibit a student's progression.

Required courses prior to upper division nursing courses (3000 and 4000 level courses):

BL 3100/3101	Microbiology
PY 3400	Developmental Psychology
CT 2000	Fundamentals of Communication
NU 2750	Normal Nutrition
NU 2850	Pathophysiology
NU 2030/2031	Foundations of Nursing Practice
NU 2050/2051	Nursing Health Assessment

Typical Four-Year Curriculum (Traditional B.S.N.)

Students work closely with their advisers throughout their college years to fulfill program requirements. To illustrate the degree requirements a curriculum guide has been developed. This is intended as a model only.

Actual sequence and course selections are developed by individual students and their advisers, following guidelines for prerequisites and progression.

First Year – Fall		
<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
NS 1000	Freshman in Science	1
CH 1050/1060	General Chemistry	4
EN 1110	College Composition I	3
PL 1100	Reality and Human Existence	3
PY 1000	Introduction to Psychology	3
MT 1190	Precalculus	3
Total Credits		17

First Year – Spring		
<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
BL 2929	Cellular Basis for Anatomy and Physiology	1
BL 2930/2931	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
EN 1120	College Composition II	3
TH 1000	Christianity I: Foundations	3
SR	Science Relational Level 1 or Level 2 (not psychology)	3
HS	Level 1	3
Total Credits		17

Second Year Fall		
<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
BL 2940/2941	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
PY 3400	Developmental Psychology	3
CT 2000	Fund of Communication	3
AR/MS/TA	Artistic Mode Level 1	3
BL 3100/3101	Microbiology	4
Total Credits		17

Second Year – Spring		
<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
NU 2030	Found of Nsg Practice	3
NU 2050	Nursing Health Assessment	2
NU 2750	Normal Nutrition	2
NU 2850	Pathophysiology	3
EN _____	Literary Mode Level 1	3
HS/EN ____	Historical or Lit Mode Level 2	3
Total Credits		16

Third Year Fall		
<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
NU 3200	Adult Hlth Nursing I	3
NU 3210	Adult Hlth Nsg Practice I	3
NU 3100	Professional Concepts	3
NU 3550	Pharmacology	2
NU3220	Older Adult Health	2
NU3230	Older Adult Health Practice	1
PL 3100	Ethical Theory	3
Total Credits		17

Third Year – Spring		
<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
NU 3430	Adult Hlth Nursing II	4
NU 3440	Adult Hlth Nsg Practice II	4
NU 3510	Mental Hlth Nsg	2
NU 3530	Mental Hlth Nsg Practice	1
NU XXXX	Nsg Elective OR	2 or 3
NU 3570	Nursing Research (2 credits)	
TH 3000	Christianity II: Development	3
Total Credits		16 or 17

Fourth Year Fall		
<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
NU 3730	Maternal-Newborn Nursing	3
NU 3750	Child Health Nursing	3
NU 3770	Mat-Child/Fam Nsg Practice	3
NU 3790	Professional Development Strategies	1
NU 3570	Nursing Research OR	2
NU XXXX	Nsg Elective	2 or 3
PL or TH XXXX	Theology, Morality and Health Care OR Philosophy of Death and Dying (3 credits) OR Medical Ethics (3 credits)	3
Total Credits		15 or 16

Fourth Year – Spring		
<u>Course #</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credits</u>
NU 4100	Leadership & Prof Issues	3
NU 4210	Community Health Nursing	3
NU 4230	Comm Hlth Nsg Practice	2

NU 4400	Capstone:Ldrshp Prof Nsg Practice	5
Total Credits		13

Accelerated B.S.N. Degree Requirements

Accelerated B.S.N. students are considered to have met the general education requirements (liberal arts and sciences) with their prior degree. There are, however, certain prerequisites necessary for progression to the nursing major. An evaluation of transcripts of credit will determine which of these may already be met by previous study.

The Accelerated B.S.N. option requires successful completion of the equivalent of 128 semester credit hours.

1. A total of 66 semester credit hours in Liberal Arts and Sciences* as follows.

A. Prerequisite courses and minimum semester credit hours required:

Principles of General Chemistry	4
Anatomy and Physiology	6
Microbiology	4
General Psychology	3
Developmental Psychology	3
Theology (not course specific)	6
Philosophy (not course specific)	6
Humanities and Liberal Arts	18
(English Composition, Literature, Fine Arts, Foreign Language, History and Communications)	
Designated Electives	6
(Science, Social Science, Global Perspectives, Computer Science)	
Students must successfully complete at least one approved three-hour, upper-division course with a Global Perspectives designation. Students can also fulfill this requirement with two semesters of the same college-level foreign language.	
Other Electives	10
Total	66

* Science credits earned more than seven years before entering the accelerated curriculum will be evaluated individually. Proficiency testing may be necessary to demonstrate comparable knowledge for those courses taken beyond the seven year limit.

2. A total of 62 semester credit hours in the nursing major as follows:

A. The following are nursing courses taken in the nursing major prior to commencing the one year nursing curriculum.

Nutrition	2
Pathophysiology +	3
Subtotal	5

+ Pathophysiology may be taken from either Natural Science or Nursing Departments. If taken from Natural Science Department credit will transfer as nursing credit for purpose of meeting degree requirements.

B. The following are nursing courses taken during the one year nursing curriculum. Each theory (T) credit hour is equivalent to one clock hour; each clinical (C) credit hour is equivalent to three clock hours.

Nursing Curriculum

Course #	Course Title	Credits
NU 2031	Foundations of Nursing Practice	2T, 1C

NU 2051	Nursing Health Assessment	2C
NU 2750	Normal Nutrition	2T
NU 2850	Pathophysiology	3T
NU 3101	Professional Concepts	3T
NU 3201	Adult Health Nursing I	3T
NU 3211	Adult Health Nursing Practice I	3C
NU 3221	Older Adult Health	2T
NU 3231	Older Adult Health Practice	1C
NU 3431	Adult Health Nursing II	4T
NU 3441	Adult Health Nursing Practice II	4C
NU 3511	Mental Health Nursing	2T
NU 3531	Mental Health Nursing Practice	1C
NU 3551	Pharmacology	2T
NU 3571	Nursing Research	2T
NU 3731	Maternal–Newborn Nursing	3T
NU 3751	Child Health Nursing	3T
NU 3771	Mat-Child & Family Nursing Practice	3C
NU 3791	Professional Development Strategies	1T
NU ____	Nursing Elective	2T
NU 4101	Leadership and Professional Issues	3T
NU 4211	Community Health Nursing	3T
NU 4231	Comm Hlth Nsg Practice	2C
NU 4401	Capstone: Ldrship in Prof NsgPractice	5C

- 3. Achieve a minimum grade of B minus in all science courses. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00 to progress in the nursing program.**
- 4. Achieve a final cumulative grade point average of 2.00 and a minimum grade of C in all nursing courses.**
- 5. Meet the residency requirement by completing 15 semester credit hours at Rockhurst University before starting the nursing sequence and the final 30 semester credit hours at Research College of Nursing.**

Graduation Honors

A candidate for a B.S.N. degree who has a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 graduates Cum Laude; one who has an average of 3.7 graduates Magna Cum Laude; and one who has an average of 3.85 graduates Summa Cum Laude. In computing honors, the average of all college work or work only at Rockhurst University and Research College of Nursing is used, whichever is lower. These honors are announced at commencement.