

School of Nursing

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Degree Offered

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Nature of Program

The School of Nursing undergraduate program in nursing is recognized by health care agencies as providing excellent preparation for the nursing profession. Our graduates are in great demand and enjoy a large number of career opportunities. The B.S.N. curriculum includes courses in the humanities, social sciences, basic sciences, and nursing science. These courses are taken in conjunction with nursing clinical courses that enable students to apply their learning to actual client, family, and community situations that warrant nursing intervention. The curriculum has been carefully designed to equip graduates to begin professional nursing practice with clients of all ages in any health care setting where there is a position for the professional nurse at the start of his or her career. The program also provides an excellent foundation for graduate study in nursing and in other fields.

The baccalaureate program (B.S.N.) is available for high school graduates who aspire to a career in nursing (basic students). It is also available to registered nurses (R.N.s) who are licensed graduates of associate degree or diploma nursing programs seeking to continue their career development, and to individuals with college degrees in other fields who wish to attain the bachelor of science in nursing. The basic B.S.N. program can be completed in four years at WVU's Morgantown campus or at WVU Institute of Technology. Programs with Glenville State College and WVU Potomac State College allow students to complete the first two years at those schools. Glenville students complete the program at WVU Tech; WVU Potomac State students complete the program in Morgantown.

Registered nurses can complete the B.S.N. requirements at WVU in Morgantown, at the Charleston division, at WVU Tech, at WVU Parkersburg, or at Glenville State College. Nursing courses for R.N. students are scheduled to provide opportunity for completion of degree requirements in three semesters if non-nursing courses are already completed. All nursing courses in the R.N. to B.S.N. program are Web offerings. Credit may be earned by enrollment and by challenge through advanced placement and portfolio exams.

A B.S./B.A. to B.S.N. accelerated program is available for the college graduate with a degree in a field other than nursing. Following 18 months of continuous enrollment, students attain the B.S.N. degree and are eligible to take the R.N. licensing examination. The B.S./B.A. to B.S.N. program is offered at WVU in Morgantown.

In keeping with the University's commitment to the West Virginia Rural Health Education Partnerships (WVRHEP) program and to improving health care for all West Virginians, all health sciences students in state-supported schools complete a rural clinical practice requirement of at least three months duration as part of degree requirements. Nursing students complete the rural clinical practice requirement during their senior year.

Further information about the B.S.N. program or the M.S.N. and D.S.N. graduate programs in nursing may be obtained from the School of Nursing Web site at www.hsc.wvu.edu/son or by contacting the WVU School of Nursing Office of Student Services, 6400 Health Sciences South, P.O. Box 9600, Morgantown, WV 26506-9600; telephone (304) 293-1386 or (toll free) 1-866-WVUNURS.

Accreditation

Initial accreditation was received with graduation of the first class in 1964. The baccalaureate program in nursing is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, a national accrediting agency.

Fees, Expenses, Housing, Transportation, and Immunization

Students enrolling at the Morgantown campus pay fees which are detailed on the WVU Admissions and Records Web site at http://www.arc.wvu.edu/admissions/tuition_fees.html. Special fees and deposits are also required. Students enrolling at other sites pay the fees shown in the catalog for that site. Fees are subject to change without notice. Students' expenses vary according to the course of study and individual needs. Information concerning financial assistance, application forms, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form may be obtained from our financial aid Web site www.hsc.wvu.edu/fin/ or by contacting the HSC Financial Aid Office, Health Sciences North, P.O. Box 9810, Morgantown, WV 26506-9810; telephone (304) 293-3706.

The University Housing and Residence Life Office, telephone (304) 293-3621, provides information concerning University-owned housing. The Student Life Office in E. Moore Hall, telephone (304) 293-5611, provides information concerning privately owned, off-campus housing.

Students are expected to provide their own transportation, equipment, and instruments for the clinical courses. Some clinical experiences require travel in a multi-county area.

Proof of specific immunizations is required for all health sciences students.

Scholarships

The School of Nursing offers several scholarships. These scholarships are administered by the University's Student Financial Aid Office and require completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form in order to be considered for financial aid. School of Nursing scholarships are available only to students already admitted to the School of Nursing and are awarded each April for the following academic year.

Criminal Background Checks

Students are required by clinical agencies to undergo a criminal background check prior to clinical experiences. Felony convictions and some serious misdemeanors may preclude participation in clinical rotations. This could, in turn, prevent the completion of clinical course requirements, and completion of the nursing program.

Direct Admission to Basic Program

Applicants are eligible to enter the B.S.N. program as freshmen. Admission is based on a combination of high school grade point average and composite ACT or total SAT scores in a single testing session. Students admitted to the nursing major as freshmen have a total of three semesters to complete the required freshman coursework.

High school students eligible for admission to the University are admitted directly into nursing if they meet the following criteria:

GPA	Composite ACT	Total SAT (Critical Reading and Math)
3.6 or higher	25 or higher	1140 or higher

In addition, students must have completed the following high school credits required by the University:

Units (years)

- 4 English (including courses in grammar, composition, and literature)
- 3 Social studies (including U.S. history)
- 3 College preparatory mathematics (algebra I, algebra II, and plane geometry)
- 2 Laboratory science (biology, chemistry, physics, or other courses with a strong laboratory science orientation)

Admission to Basic Program as Pre-Nursing or other College Major

If a student does not meet the nursing admission criteria to be directly admitted to the B.S.N. program as a freshman, the student can apply for admission to the B.S.N. program as a sophomore after completion of one semester of college coursework with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.8.

Application to the basic B.S.N. program must be made by February 1 of the year the candidate wishes to be admitted. Acceptance and placement in the program are dependent upon space available in the program. There are limited spaces available and the best qualified applicants are accepted. Application forms are distributed after December 1 by the Health Sciences Center Office of Admissions and Records, or are available online from the Admissions and Records Web site. Qualified applicants will be invited for an interview as part of the admissions process.

First-Year Basic Student Curriculum

All basic students admitted to the school complete a common curriculum in the freshman year designed to provide the foundation for success in subsequent nursing courses.

First Year

First Semester	Hrs.	Second Semester	Hrs.
CHEM 111	4	CHEM 112	4
PSYC 101	3	ENGL 101	3
SOCA 101 or 105	3	BIOL 102 and 104	4
HN&F 171	3	PSYC 241	3
*MATH 124 or 126	3	NSG 110	3
UNIV 101	1	Total	17
Total	17		

*MATH 124 or 126 may be waived with an ACT math score of 24 or SAT math score of 560.

Students admitted to the School of Nursing as sophomores must have completed the freshman-year courses prior to beginning the sophomore year. All freshman-year courses must be completed with a grade of C or better.

Academic Standards and Graduation Requirements

To be in good academic standing, students must:

1. Maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.8 or better in all college work attempted.
2. Pass all nursing courses and pre- or co-requisite non-nursing courses with a grade of C or better.

A student who receives a grade of D, F, WU, or W in a required nursing course or pre- or co-requisite non-nursing course may repeat that course once and must earn a grade of C or better when the course is repeated. Students who repeat a nursing course or a pre- or co-requisite non-nursing course and earn a grade of D, F, WU, or W will be dismissed from the school. A student may repeat only one nursing course. Students who do not maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better will be placed on probation for one semester. Students on probation who do not raise their cumulative GPA to 2.8 or better after one semester will be dismissed from the School of Nursing. Nursing courses and pre- and co-requisite courses in which students earn a grade of D, F, WU, or W must be repeated prior to the student's progression to the next course(s) in the nursing sequence. Nursing courses must be repeated in the next fall or spring semester that the course is offered. Any general education course that is not a pre- or co-requisite of nursing courses and in which a grade of D has been earned must be repeated prior to graduation if it is to be counted toward graduation requirements. The baccalaureate of science in nursing degree is conferred upon completion of 128 hours and all required courses.

Curriculum for the Basic Student B.S.N. Suggested Plan of Progression (Morgantown)

First Year

As listed on previous page.

Second Year

First Semester	Hrs.	Second Semester	Hrs.
NSG 221	3	NSG 241	3
NSG 225	3	NSG 245	3
NSG 361	3	PSIO 241	4
NBAN 205 and 206	4	ENGL 102	3
MICB 200	3	GEC	3
Total	16	Total	16

Third Year

First Semester	Hrs.	Second Semester	Hrs.
NSG 322	2	NSG 376	3
NSG 325	2	NSG 345	2
NSG 351	2	NSG 356	3
NSG 355	2	NSG 334	2
NSG 333W	3	NSG 335	3
STAT 211	3	GEC	3
GEC	3	Total	16
Total	17		

Fourth Year

First Semester	Hrs.	Second Semester	Hrs.
NSG 421	3	NSG 441	3
NSG 423	2	NSG 442	2
NSG 425	6	NSG 445	5
NSG 476	3	NSG 455	1
Total	14	NSG 486	1
		GEC	3
		Total	15

The sequence of courses may vary from campus to campus.

Transfer Students

Students with nursing credit from an accredited college or university are eligible for consideration for transfer admission by presenting a record of courses comparable to those required in this curriculum and meeting other School of Nursing admission requirements. These students must provide a statement of good standing from the nursing program in which they are currently enrolled. Acceptance and placement in the program is dependent on the individual's academic record and the number of spaces available. Transfer students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 for previous college coursework, and must have earned at least a C in all nursing and pre- and co-requisite non-nursing courses. Transfer students are admitted for the fall semester only and are required to complete a transfer student orientation.

B.S./B.A. to B.S.N. Admission

Applicants for the B.S./B.A. to B.S.N. program must have a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university with a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.8 on a 4.0 scale.

The following prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C or better prior to enrollment:

English 101 and 102	6 credit hours
Chemistry	3–4 credit hours
Biology	3–4 credit hours
Human Anatomy	3–4 credit hours
Human Physiology	3–4 credit hours
Microbiology	3–4 credit hours
Statistics	3 credit hours
Introductory Psychology	3 credit hours
Introductory Sociology	3 credit hours
Lifespan Growth and Development	3 credit hours
Human Nutrition	3 credit hours

Application to the B.S./B.A. to B.S.N. program must be made by December 1 for admission to the program the following May. Acceptance and placement in the program are dependent upon space available in the program. There are limited spaces available and the best qualified applicants are accepted. Application forms are distributed after September 1 by the Health Sciences Center Office of Admissions and Records, or are available online from the Admissions and Records Web site. Qualified applicants will be invited for an interview as part of the admissions process. Students in the B.S./B.A. to B.S.N. program must meet the same academic standards and graduation requirements as basic B.S.N. students.

Curriculum for the B.S./B.A. to B.S.N. Student

Summer 1	
NSG 251	3
NSG 255	3
NSG 361	3
Total	9

Fall 1	Hrs.
NSG 322	2
NSG 325	2
NSG 334	3
NSG 335	3
NSG 376	3
Total	13

Spring 1	Hrs.
NSG 333W	3
NSG 345	2
NSG 351	2
NSG 355	2
NSG 356	3
Total	12

Summer 2	Hrs.
NSG 421	3
NSG 423	2
NSG 425	6
NSG 476	3
Total	14

Fall 2	Hrs.
NSG 441	3
NSG 442	2
NSG 445	5
NSG 455	1
NSG 486	1
Total	12

Admission for R.N. to B.S.N. Program

Registered nurses are admitted directly to the School of Nursing. Acceptance and placement in the program are dependent upon the individual's academic record and upon the number of spaces available. An unrestricted license to practice nursing and a grade point average of 2.5 or better on all college work attempted are required to be eligible for consideration.

All registered nurses will transfer 50 hours of undifferentiated nursing credit. All R.N. to B.S.N. students will be required to meet WVU's General Education Curriculum (GEC). If a student already holds a bachelors degree in another discipline, only a course in statistics (if not already taken) will be required to fulfill the GEC requirements. Advisors will work with students to identify courses already appearing on the transcript that meet GEC requirements, and then develop a plan to fulfill any remaining requirements.

R.N. to B.S.N. Full-time Progression Plan

Progression will vary depending on the amount of non-nursing courses that must be completed, whether the student wishes to be part-time or full-time, and when courses are offered. This full-time progression plan is projected on the basis that all non-nursing requirements have been completed.

<i>Fall</i>		<i>Spring</i>	
First Semester	Hrs.	Second Semester	Hrs.
NSG 333W	3	NSG 433.....	3
NSG 340	3	NSG 434.....	4
NSG 361	3	Total	7
NSG 476.....	3		
Total	12		

<i>Summer I (12 wks.)</i>	
Third Semester	Hrs.
NSG 441*	3
NSG 445*	5
NSG 455*	1
Total	9

*Note: based on background and experience, the R.N. student may establish credit by examination for all courses marked with *. A written examination is used for Nursing 441. A portfolio is used to establish credit for Nursing 445 and 455. Only those students who have adequate prior experience in the content areas covered by these courses are eligible to use the credit by examination or portfolio option.

R.N. to M.S.N. curriculum details are available on the School of Nursing Web page at <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/son>.