

PROGRAM SUMMARY

- **Credit Hours:** 122
- **Concentrations:** Upper division bachelor of science in nursing
- **Declaring the Major:** Freshmen can request Pre-Nursing when applying to the University; a minimum GPA of 3.0 is required for transfer students; change of major form accepted year-round; advising session required prior to declaration. Must complete nursing prerequisite courses by the end of the semester of application to the Upper Division Nursing (BSN) major, with a minimum grade of a C; all pre-requisite science courses and respective labs, general nutrition and human growth and development must be completed with a grade of B or better.
- **Advising (For Pre-Nursing):** Required on declaration of the pre-major and before application to the Upper Division major; recommended more frequently as needed.
- **Advising (For the Nursing major):** By School of Nursing faculty advisors.
- **Advising (For General Education):** Occurs with pre-nursing advising as well as advising in the nursing major.
- **Minimum Grades/GPA:** Minimum grade of C in pre-nursing prerequisite courses **except** for a grade of B or better in prerequisite sciences and the respective labs, general nutrition, and human growth and development; only 1 repeat allowed to replace a grade of C or less in pre-requisite courses; minimum overall GPA of 3.0 to progress to 2nd year of Pre-Nursing. Minimum grades of C in nursing major courses. Major GPA of 2.0 required for graduation.
- **Teacher Licensure:** No.
- **Evening Classes Available:** No.
- **Weekend Classes Available:** No.
- **Other Information:** Certified Nurse Aide I licensure (NC Nurse Aide Registry) required once admitted to the Upper Division
- **Contact(s):** College of Health & Human Services Advising Center, CHHS 103, 704-687-7922.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at UNC Charlotte is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) through 2021, and approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

The BSN curriculum is a 4-year program of study that prepares the graduate for generalist practice in nursing and allows the graduate to sit for the national licensing exam (NCLEX) to practice as a registered nurse (RN). BSN graduates are prepared to function in a variety of care settings to include hospitals, clinics, public health, home health, hospice and long term care facilities, and may assume leadership and management roles as well because of their education.

Upon completion of the nursing pre-requisite courses, students apply to the Upper Division Nursing program. Students are admitted to the Upper Division Nursing major twice a year. Decisions on admission are made by the School of Nursing in the Spring for Fall admission and in the Fall for Spring admission. Admission is competitive, and not all students are accepted into the Upper Division Nursing program. Consistent with University policy, the School offers admission to applicants whose credentials present the best qualifications among those meeting minimum requirements.

Minimum criteria to be considered for Admission to the Upper Division Nursing major:

- Completion of required prerequisite courses with a minimum grade of a C, except for a grade of B in the prerequisite sciences and respective labs, general nutrition, and human growth and development, by the end of the semester of application.
- Repeat of only 1 pre-requisite course to change a grade of C or less to a B or better.
- Students earning 2 grades of C on a pre-requisite course are ineligible for admission to the upper division major.
- Completion of a minimum of three (3) of the five (5) science (chemistry, biology) prerequisite courses, with related labs, prior to applying.
- GPA (Grade Point Average) of 3.0 overall and for prerequisite courses.
- Completion of application via online application by the deadline stated on the School of Nursing website.
- Additional consideration is granted to students with 30+ credit hours earned at UNC – Charlotte, 50+ hours of paid or volunteer experience in a human-based healthcare environment in which the applicant directly contributed to the welfare of

patients, a previous bachelor's degree, and/or a previous master's degree.

- Listing in the North Carolina Nurse Aide Registry (after completion of the Nurse Aid I training program), once admitted to the Upper Division Nursing Major and prior to the first day of classes.

The Pre-Nursing and Upper Division Nursing majors are relatively structured but contain some flexibility during the Pre-Nursing major (years 1 & 2). The Upper Division Nursing major (years 3 & 4) is very structured and requires students to complete a precise curriculum in the order in which it is scheduled by the School of Nursing. Students may achieve one failing grade (less than a C) in an Upper Division Nursing major course; however, the student must repeat the course during the next available offering (space available). Achieving two failing grades in an Upper Division Nursing major course will result in the student's dismissal from the Upper Division Nursing major with no chance for readmission within 2 years.

Areas	Credit Hours	Description
Pre-Major/ Prerequisites	40	Required courses in the pre-major will satisfy General Education requirements for Development of Fundamental Skills of Inquiry and Inquiry in the Sciences.
Upper Division Nursing Major	61	Required courses also fulfill the General Education Communication Skills requirements (Writing in the Discipline and Oral Communication).
General Education (not satisfied by other major requirements)	12	This includes the "Themes of Liberal Education for Private and Public Life" (Liberal Studies)
Related Work	0	DNA
Foreign Language	0	DNA
Electives	9	As needed to complete 122 hours total; depending upon total hours earned in Pre-Nursing Major. Includes BIOL 1110 (3 CH), required by Biology Dept. as prerequisite to BIOL 2273 and BIOL 2259.
Total Credit Hours	122	

SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY

Freshman Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
CHEM 1203	Intro to General, Organic, and Biochemistry I	3	X		Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher by end of 32 hours. Grade of B or better required.
CHEM 1203L	Intro to General, Organic, and Biochemistry I Lab	1	X		
Elective	Elective	3			
MATH 1100	College Algebra	3	X		Grade of C or better required.
SOCY or ANTH 1101	Introduction to Sociology or Anthropology	3	X		Choose 1. Grade of C or better required.
LBST 1101 – 1105 series	Arts and Society	3	X		Choose 1 course. Grade of C or better required.
HAHS 1000	Prospect for Success in Health and Human Services	1			All CHHS freshmen are required to take HAHS 1000
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
CHEM 1204	Intro to General, Organic, and Biochemistry I	3	X		Grade of B or better required.
CHEM 1204L	Intro to General, Organic, and Biochemistry I Lab	1	X		Grade of B or better required.
UWRT 1103 or 1104	*Writing and Inquiry in Academic Contexts II or III	3	X		Grade of C or better required.
STAT 1222	Introduction to Statistics	3	X		Grade of C or better required.
Elective	Elective (or BIOL 1110)	1-3			BIOL 1110 required by Biology Dept. as prerequisite for BIOL 2273/L and 2259/L.
LBST 2101 or 2102	Western Cultural and Historical Awareness	3	X		

33 Credit Hours for Year

Sophomore Year					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
BIOL 2273 or KNES 2168	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	X		Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher at end of semester. Grade of B or better required.
BIOL 2273L or KNES 2168L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1	X		
NURS 2100	General Nutrition	2			Grade of B or better required.
NURS 2200	Human Growth and Development	3			Grade of B or better required.
LBST 2211-2215 series		3	X		Choose 1 course. Grade of C or better required.
Elective	Elective	3			
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
BIOL 2274 or KNES 2169	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	X		Overall GPA of 3.0 or higher at end of semester. Grade of B or better required.
BIOL 2274L or KNES 2169L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1	X		Grade of B or better required.
BIOL 2259	Fundamentals of Microbiology	3	X		Grade of B or better required.
BIOL 2259L	Fundamentals of Microbiology Lab	1	X		Grade of B or better required.
PSYC 1101	General Psychology	3	X		Grade of C or better required.
LBST 2301	Critical Thinking and Communication	3	X		Grade of C or better required.

29 Credit Hours for Year

Junior Year

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
NURS 3102	Introduction to Nursing Science	3			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 3105	Concepts of Professional Nursing	3			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 3107	Pathophysiology	3			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 3108	Health Assessment and Application	3			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 3425	Practicum in Concepts of Professional Nursing	2			Grade of C or better required.
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
NURS 3205	Pharmacology	3			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 3230	Illness and Disease Management	3			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 3250	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family	2			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 3260	Nursing Care of Children	2			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 3430	Practicum in Illness and Disease Management	3			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 3440	Practicum in Nursing Care of Children and the Childbearing Family	3		W	Grade of C or better required.

30 Credit Hours for Year

Senior Year

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
<i>Fall Semester</i>					
NURS 4100	Nursing Care of the Aging Adult	3			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 4120	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	3			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 4130	Complex Illness and Disease Management	3			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 4420	Practicum in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	3			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 4430	Practicum in Complex Illness and Disease Management	3		O	Grade of C or better required
<i>Spring Semester</i>					
NURS 4203	Leadership and Informatics for Nursing Practice	3			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 4240	Population Focused Nursing	3			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 4440	Practicum in Population Focused Nursing	2			Grade of C or better required.
NURS 4450	Design and Coordination of Care	3		W	Grade of C or better required.
NURS 4600	Seminar in Professional Licensure	3			Grade of C or better required
NURS 4900	Research in Nursing Practice	2			Grade of C or better required

31 Credit Hours for Year

ADVISING RESOURCES

- General Education Requirements for ALL Students: ucol.uncc.edu/general-education
- Undergraduate Catalog: catalog.uncc.edu
- Central Advising website: advising.uncc.edu
- College of Health and Human Services advising website: health.uncc.edu/advising-center
- University Advising Center website: advisingcenter.uncc.edu