



Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The four-year BSN program prepares students for entry-level professional nursing. Graduates will be eligible to sit for the NCLEX examination for licensure as a Registered Nurse. The program can be completed in eight semesters if students adhere to a curriculum schedule of 14-17 credit hours per semester as prescribed on page 3. A minor is not required.

The BSN degree program is approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing, www.nursing.ohio.gov, and is fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, www.acenursing.org and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, www.aacnnursing.org/ccne.

PRE-NURSING

Students who are interested in pursuing the BSN degree are admitted into the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services as a pre-nursing major. Students must complete a core of pre-nursing courses (see page 2) prior to acceptance into the BSN program. It is important for students to meet with a pre-nursing advisor for evaluation of transcripts and a plan for completing the pre-nursing courses successfully. Appointments with a pre-nursing academic advisor can be scheduled by calling the Dean's Office: **Pre-Nursing Academic Advisor Appointments, Call 330.941.1820. Please see Pre-Nursing Requirement sheet for important admission information.**

Nursing Major

When students are accepted into the nursing program they become a nursing major in the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services. Each student is assigned a nursing faculty advisor who will advise the student throughout the nursing program (sophomore through senior year).

ADMISSION

Admission into the BSN degree program is restricted. Admissions for the entry-level BSN program are held only once a year for Fall registration. Admission to the University provides students with the opportunity to complete a core of pre-nursing courses after which they may apply and compete for a position in the Nursing Program.

Guaranteed Admission

First-time freshmen students who graduate with an overall GPA of 3.4 from their high school class AND score a Composite ACT of 24 or higher, or an equivalent combined SAT score of 1190, AND receive a grade of C or better in high school Chemistry, Biology and Math are

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guaranteed a position in the Nursing program.

Guaranteed Admission will only be available to students who are able to complete the program in four years. To maintain this guaranteed position in the Nursing program, students must maintain a pre-nursing GPA of 3.2 with at least a "C" in all required pre-nursing courses (with no course repetitions). In addition to these grade requirements, all other admission requirements must be met. Students who do not meet the criteria for maintaining their guaranteed position, but meet the general requirements for admission into the Nursing program, will be considered for fall admission along with all other nursing applications. **All pre-nursing students, regardless of status, must complete formal application to the nursing program.** See BSN Admission policy for details. For questions, contact the Youngstown State University Department of Nursing at 330-941-3293.

Progression

Students fully accepted into the nursing program must follow the prescribed nursing curriculum (see page 3). Students must also adhere to the policies designated in the *Department of Nursing Undergraduate Student Handbook* located on the YSU website. A hard copy of this handbook will be provided to students upon request.

After admission to the program, a grade of "C" or better is mandatory for all nursing courses, required non-nursing support courses, GERs and electives.

Only one nursing or one non-nursing support course (BIOL 1560/L Microbiology and FNUT 1551 Nutrition) may be repeated. A repeated course must be successfully completed with a grade of "A", "B", or "C" and all incompletes must be removed before progressing in the nursing curriculum. Grades of less than "C" in a second nursing or required non-nursing support course will result in permanent removal from the nursing program. Up-to-date immunizations and CPR certification and an annual criminal background check, drug screen, TB test, and flu shot are required for program progression.

Graduation

A Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree will be granted to the student who has completed the required baccalaureate nursing curriculum with a minimum grade point average of 2.0. Once admitted into nursing, questions or concerns related to admission, progression, and graduation should be forwarded to the Admission, Progression, and Graduation Committee. The current chairperson and BSN Coordinator is Cindy Shields, DNP, APRN-CNP who may be emailed at cmshields@ysu.edu.

1. Complete the following pre-nursing courses **by the end of Spring Semester** prior to Fall admission with a grade of “C” or better and a pre-nursing GPA in these courses of **3.0 or greater**.

REQUIRED PRE-NURSING COLLEGE COURSES

- BIOL 1551/Lab • ENGL 1550 • YSU 1500 • PSYC 1560 • STAT 2625
- BIOL 1552/Lab • ENGL 1551 • CHEM 1510/Lab • PSYC 3758 • SOC 1500

Please note: There are only 9 pre-nursing courses (shown above) calculated in the nursing GPA; YSU 1500 is not included. Admission to the University and completion of the core of pre-nursing courses with the required GPA does not guarantee admission to the Nursing Program.

2. Current students must apply **by 4pm on Friday of week 16 (Finals Week) in December**. Application packets are in the Dean’s Office, Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, Room 2104.
3. Cumulative GPA of **2.50 or greater** in all college work.
4. Former YSU and Transfer Students:
 - A. Must first apply and be admitted to the University. For deadlines and application, call 330.941.2000 or visit the website at <http://www.ysu.edu>.
 - B. Complete the Nursing Program application form and return to the Dean’s office in the Bitonte College of Health and Human Services, Room 2104, **by 4pm on Friday of week 16 (Finals Week) in December**. Include catalog course descriptions of each of the pre-nursing courses listed on the application form (transfer students only).
 - C. Submit transcripts from each of the postsecondary institutions and high school(s) attended. Transcripts of any academic work being completed during the Academic year of requested admission date **MUST** be submitted to the YSU Admissions Office immediately upon completion of each of the quarters/semesters in which the courses are taken (transfer students only).
 - D. LPNs and students who are requesting transfer of nursing courses from another program should refer to the Nursing Department’s Advanced Standing Policy.
5. Upon receiving admission to the Nursing Program, and as a condition of admission, a student must show satisfactory evidence of the following:
 - A. Current CPR certification, BLS for Health Care Provider
 - B. Completed history and physical exam
 - C. Immunization requirements
 - D. Fingerprinting and drug testing by Corporate Screening Services. Note: Certain egregious felonies are absolute bars to taking the licensure exam. Some lesser offenses may impede student placement at a clinical site which will affect student’s ability to progress in the program.

OTHER FACTORS AFFECTING ADMISSION

7. Number of course repetitions: As the number of course repetitions increases, the likelihood of being admitted decreases. Applicants will have, within the last 5 years, no more than 2 repetitions in any pre-nursing course (listed above) or in NURS 2610 Contemporary Nursing, BIOL 1560 Microbiology/Lab, or FNUT 1551 Nutrition.
8. Spaces available.

Prescribed BSN Curriculum Sequence

PRE-NURSING			
Freshman Year – FALL		Freshman Year – SPRING	
YSU 1500 Student Success Seminar	2	CHEM 1510/L Chem for Allied Health (NS) ^[Prereq]	4 (3+1)
BIOL 1551/L Anatomy & Physiology I (NS) ^[Prereq]	4 (3+1)	BIOL 1552/L Anatomy & Physiology II (NS) ^[Prereq]	4 (3+1)
ENGL 1550 Writing I ^[Prereq]	3	ENGL 1551 Writing II ^[Prereq]	3
PSYC 1560 General Psychology (SS)	3	PSYC 3758 Life Span Development (SPA) ^[Prereq]	3
STAT 2625 Statistical Literacy & Critical Reasoning ^[Prereq]	4	SOC 1500 Sociology (SS)	3
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	17

ADMISSION TO NURSING MAJOR			
Sophomore Year – FALL		Sophomore Year – SPRING	
BIOL 1560/L Microbiology	3 (2+1)	CMST 1545 Communications	3
NURS 2610 Contemporary Nursing	3	FNUT 1551 Nutrition (SPA)	3
NURS 2643/L Health Assessment	4 (3+1)	NURS 2645/L Professional Nursing 1	8 (3+5)
NURS 2646 Pathophysiology	4	NURS 2650 Pharmacology	3
Total Hours	14	Total Hours	17
Junior Year – FALL		Junior Year – SPRING	
NURS 3710/L Nursing in the Community	5 (3+2)	NURS 3743/L Professional Nursing 3	5 (3+2)
NURS 3741/L Professional Nursing 2	6 (3+3)	NURS 3749 Nursing Research	3
Arts & Humanities GER (AH)	3	NURS 3731/L Childbearing, Family & Women’s Health	5 (3+2)
		OR	
		NURS 4832/L Nursing Care of Children	5 (3+2)
		Arts & Humanities GER (AH)	3
Total Hours	14	Total Hours	16
Senior Year – FALL		Senior Year – SPRING	
NURS 3731/L Childbearing, Family & Women’s Health	5 (3+2)	NURS 4840/L Complex Care	5 (3+2)
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OR		NURS 4842/L Mental Health Nursing	5 (3+2)
NURS 4832/L Nursing Care of Children	5 (3+2)	NURS 4852 Senior Capstone Seminar	1
NURS 4842/L Mental Health Nursing	5 (3+2)	NURS 4853/L Nursing Transitions	4 (2+2)
NURS 4844 Community Health Nursing	3	NURS 4855 Comprehensive Nursing Summary	2
Elective	3		
Total Hours	16	Total Hours	12

^[Prereq]= Check Undergraduate Bulletin for prerequisite(s)

Basic Skills (Total = 4)

Writing – 2
Mathematics – 1
Speech – 1

Knowledge Domains (Total = 9)

Arts & Humanities (AH) – 2
Natural Science (NS) – 2
Social Science (SS) – 2
Social & Personal Awareness (SPA) – 2
General Education Elective (Any AH, NS, SS or SPA) – 1

Total Upper Division Hours: 48

Total Program Hours: 122

Note: All Basic Skills & Knowledge Domains requirements are included in the above curriculum.

Sequencing:

All nursing courses (NURS prefix) must be taken in chronological order as listed above except NURS 2610 which may be taken prior to the semester listed (fall semester, sophomore year). Required nursing support courses (BIOL 1560/L, CMST 1545, FNUT 1551) may be taken prior to semester listed in curriculum, but not after semester listed. Arts & Humanities (AH), GERs, and the elective may be taken any semester.

Nursing courses are only offered in the semester(s) designated above except the following courses which may be offered summer semester: NURS 2610 (pre-nursing students), NURS 3749 (sophomore students after NURS 2645 completed), NURS 4844 (junior students after NURS 3743 completed).

Once admitted into the program sophomore year, any deviation from the prescribed curriculum must be approved by the Admission, Progression, and Graduation (APG) Committee.

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree Curriculum Sheet (with grades)

Advisor: _____

Student Name: _____

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UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS				
GER	Dept	Course	SH	GR
FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	YSU	1500	2	
WRITING	ENGL	1550*	3**	
	ENGL	1551*	3**	
SPEECH	CMST	1545*	3	
STATISTICS	STAT	2625*	4**	
NATURAL SCIENCES (NS)	CHEM	1510/L*	3**	
	BIOL	1551/L*	4**	
	BIOL	1552/L*	4**	
	BIOL	1560/L	3	
ART & HUMANITIES (AH)			3	
			3	
SOCIAL SCIENCE (SS)	SOC	1500	3**	
	PSYC	1560	3**	
SOCIAL & PERSONAL AWARENESS (SPA)	PSYC	3758*	3**	
	FNUT	1551*	3	

NURSING MAJOR COURSES				
Dept	Course	Nursing (NURS) Courses:	SH	GR
NURS	2610	Contemporary Nursing	3	
NURS	2643/L	Health Assessment (3+1)	4	
NURS	2645/L	Professional Nursing 1 (3+5)	8	
NURS	2646	Pathophysiology	4	
NURS	2650	Pharmacology	3	
NURS	3741/L	Professional Nursing 2 (3+3)	6	
NURS	3710	Nursing in the Community (3+2)	5	
NURS	3731/L	Childbearing, Family & Women's Health (3+2)	5	
NURS	3743/L	Professional Nursing 3 (3+2)	5	
NURS	3749	Nursing Research	3	
NURS	4832/L	Nursing Care of Children (3+2)	5	
NURS	4840/L	Complex Care (3+2)	5	
NURS	4842/L	Mental Health (3+2)	5	
NURS	4844	Community Health	3	
NURS	4852	Capstone Seminar	1	
NURS	4853/L	Nursing Transitions (2+2)	4	
NURS	4855	Comp Nursing Summary	2	

ELECTIVES				
Elective			3	

Total 122 hours

* = Check Undergraduate Bulletin for prerequisite

** = Required Pre-nursing courses

All nursing courses except NURS 2610 and NURS 2643 have a nursing prerequisite (follow prescribed curriculum, page 3).

Many nursing courses include an off-campus clinical component. These courses are designated on the curriculum sheet with semester hours in parentheses. Example: NURS 3743...5 (3 + 2). This course has three semester hours of lecture and two semester hours of clinical. Generally, one semester hour of credit is earned for each three clock hours of on-campus laboratory skills instruction and for each three off-campus clock hours of clinical instruction. The exceptions are NURS 3741 clinical, where it is 2.7 clock hours per semester hour and NURS 4853 clinical where it is 4 clock hours per semester hour.

A variety of clinical sites are utilized. Personal responsibility for transportation is required for travel to these off-campus clinical sites.

The University's General Education Requirements (GERs) are met by fulfilling the requirements for the prescribed BSN nursing curriculum.

Arts & Humanities (AH), GERs and the required elective may be taken CR/NCR following the guidelines listed in the Undergraduate Bulletin. A list of GER courses is available on the YSU Website and in the Undergraduate Bulletin.

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