

NURSING B.S.N. (PRE-LICENSURE)

Program Learning Outcomes

1. Critical Thinking/Clinical Reasoning/Clinical Judgment: Use a systematic approach in assessing, planning, testing, and evaluating innovative and evidence-based solutions to patient care problems across a variety of healthcare settings.
2. Integration of Faith and Learning: Develop and articulate an understanding of a Biblical worldview in integrating values of truth, virtue, and service in personal and professional life and in providing Christ-centered leadership and service.
3. Ethical Practice: Demonstrate behaviors that integrate altruism, autonomy, integrity, social justice, and respect for diversity and human dignity across the lifespan.
4. Holistic Living: Demonstrate responsibility and accountability for self and nursing practice, engagement in life-long learning, and ongoing professional growth.
5. Communication: Demonstrate appropriate written and oral communication skills to promote collaborative relationships with intro-professional healthcare team members, individuals, families, groups, and communities.
6. Professional Excellence: Use a problem-solving approach in evaluating patient health status and in advocating for the patient and family, anticipating and reducing risk, and improving health outcomes.
7. Cultural Competency and Citizenship: Apply cultural competence theory in the care of diverse individuals, families, groups, communities, and populations across the lifespan and across the continuum of healthcare environments.
8. Information and Technology Competency: Demonstrate technology skills in locating, retrieving, applying, and evaluating the integrity of information while using information responsibly and ethically.
9. Leadership and Patient Safety: Apply leadership concepts, skills, decision making, and problem solving in the provision and oversight of nursing practice, and in advocating for equitable health care.

Requirements

| Code | Title | Units |
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| Core Curriculum Requirements (https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/core-curriculum/) ^{1,2} | | 43 |
| Nursing Major (BSN) Requirements | | 85 |
| General Electives | | 0 |
| Total Units | | 128 |

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Number of units required from the Core Curriculum not included in the major requirements below.

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See the Four Year Plan for Core Curriculum courses and the sequence in which they are to be taken.

Pre-Licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing Major Requirements

| Code | Title | Units |
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| Related Discipline Core Requirements | | |
| BIOL-100C | Fundamentals of Biology for Non-Majors | 3 |
| BIOL-100CL | Fundamentals/Biology for Non-Majors Lab | 1 |
| BIOL-204C | Human Anatomy | 3 |
| BIOL-204CL | Human Anatomy Laboratory | 1 |
| BIOL-304 | Human Physiology | 3 |
| BIOL-304L | Human Physiology Lab | 1 |
| BIOL-209 | Principles of Microbiology | 3 |
| BIOL-209L | Principles of Microbiology Lab | 1 |
| CHEM-210C | Integrated Chemistry | 4 |
| CHEM-210CL | Integrated Chemistry Laboratory | 1 |
| PSYC-103C | Introduction to Psychology ¹ | 3 |
| MATH-270C | Health Professions Statistical Methods | 3 |
| Upper Division^{2,3} | | |
| NRS-302 | Fundamentals of Nursing Theory and Practice in Older Adults | 3 |
| NRS-302P | Fundamentals of Nursing Theory and Practice in Older Adults Practicum | 2 |
| NRS-350 | Nursing Care of the Adult I | 3 |
| NRS-350P | Nursing Care of the Adult I Practicum | 3 |
| NRS-355 | Physical Assessment | 2 |
| NRS-355L | Physical Assessment Lab | 1 |
| NRS-360 | Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing | 2 |
| NRS-360P | Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing Practicum | 2 |
| NRS-365 | Integr Pathophys/Pharmacology | 4 |
| NRS-370 | Nursing Care of the Adult II | 3 |
| NRS-370P | Nursing Care/Adult II Practicum | 3 |
| NRS-375 | Maternity and Women's Health | 2 |
| NRS-375P | Maternity and Women's Health Practicum | 2 |
| NRS-400 | Nursing Care of the Critically Ill Adult | 3 |
| NRS-400P | Nursing Care of the Critically Ill Adult Practicum | 3 |
| NRS-420 | Nursing Care of the Child and Adolescent | 2 |
| NRS-420P | Nursing Care of the Child and Adolescent Practicum | 2 |
| NRS-460 | Leadership and Management | 2 |
| NRS-465 | Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice | 3 |
| NRS-469 | Community and Public Health Nursing | 3 |
| NRS-469P | Community and Public Health Nursing Practicum | 2 |
| NRS-476 | Nursing Capstone and Preceptorship | 3 |
| NRS-480 | Ethical Issues and Holistic Care | 3 |
| Total Units | | 85 |

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Course fulfills Core requirements

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Registration for the upper division courses in the Pre-Licensure program are predicated on acceptance into the Pre-Licensure program during the Spring of Sophomore year. Questions, contact the Pre-Nursing Advising Coordinator or the Chair of the Pre-Licensure Nursing Program.

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NRS-385 Specialty Residency Elective is an elective course that may be taken, but is not part of the academic program requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing for Pre-Licensure students. For more information, contact the Department of Nursing.

Four Year Plan

Disclaimer: This *sample Four Year Plan* is provided as a guide for the recommended sequencing of courses. Vanguard University requires that students complete a minimum of 120 units of required course work as outlined on the Requirements tab in order to receive a Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Science, or Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. It is the student's responsibility to confirm with the department the course rotation before enrolling in courses. If applicable, please note the footnotes at the bottom of the page for additional information related to courses listed in a particular year and term. Questions, contact the Department of Nursing.

Study Abroad Participation: Students interested in participating in the university's Study Abroad programs are encouraged to reach out to the Global Education and Outreach Office (studyabroad@vanguard.edu) for more information and collaboration in their academic course planning. Students using Education and Training Benefits through the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs are encouraged to also reach out to the School Certifying Official (veteranscertifyingofficial@vanguard.edu) for more information regarding how benefits can be applied.

| Course | Title | Units |
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| Year 1 Term 1 | | |
| BIOL-100C | Fundamentals of Biology for Non-Majors | 3 |
| BIOL-100CL | Fundamentals/Biology for Non-Majors Lab | 1 |
| ENGL-120C | Persuasive Writing | 3 |
| NT-101C | New Testament Survey | 3 |
| CORE-100C | Cornerstone | 1 |
| PSYC-103C | Introduction to Psychology | 3 |
| Units | | 14 |
| Year 1 Term 2 | | |
| BIOL-204C | Human Anatomy | 3 |
| BIOL-204CL | Human Anatomy Laboratory | 1 |
| MATH-270C | Health Professions Statistical Methods | 3 |
| KINE-148C | Lifetime Fitness and Wellness Lecture | 3 |
| HIST-PLCR1 | History Core Req (US Hist Or Democracy) | 3 |
| THEO-101C | Foundations of Christian Life | 3 |
| Units | | 16 |
| Year 2 Term 1 | | |
| BIOL-304 | Human Physiology | 3 |
| BIOL-304L | Human Physiology Lab | 1 |

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| HIST-PLCR2 | History Core Requirement (World Civ) | 3 |
| ENGL-220C | Researched Writing | 3 |
| FINA-PLCR | Fine Arts Core Curriculum Requirement | 3 |
| OT-201C | Old Testament Survey | 3 |

Units **16**

Year 2 Term 2

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| BIOL-209 | Principles of Microbiology | 3 |
| BIOL-209L | Principles of Microbiology Lab | 1 |
| CHEM-210C | Integrated Chemistry | 4 |
| CHEM-210CL | Integrated Chemistry Laboratory | 1 |
| COMM-201C | Speech Composition and Presentation | 3 |
| ENGL-230C | Literature and the Human Experience | 3 |

Units **15**

Year 3 Term 1

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| NRS-302 | Fundamentals of Nursing Theory and Practice in Older Adults | 3 |
| NRS-302P | Fundamentals of Nursing Theory and Practice in Older Adults Practicum | 2 |
| NRS-355 | Physical Assessment | 2 |
| NRS-355L | Physical Assessment Lab | 1 |
| NRS-365 | Integr Pathophys/Pharmacology | 4 |
| SOC-PLCR | Social Science Core Curriculum Req'm't | 3 |

Units **15**

Year 3 Term 2

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| NRS-350 | Nursing Care of the Adult I | 3 |
| NRS-350P | Nursing Care of the Adult I Practicum | 3 |
| NRS-375 | Maternity and Women's Health | 2 |
| NRS-375P | Maternity and Women's Health Practicum | 2 |
| NRS-360 | Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing | 2 |
| NRS-360P | Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing Practicum | 2 |
| THEO-300C | Developing a Christian World View | 3 |

Units **17**

Year 4 Term 1

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| NRS-370 | Nursing Care of the Adult II | 3 |
| NRS-370P | Nursing Care/Adult II Practicum | 3 |
| NRS-420 | Nursing Care of the Child and Adolescent | 2 |
| NRS-420P | Nursing Care of the Child and Adolescent Practicum | 2 |
| NRS-465 | Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice | 3 |
| NRS-468 | Community and Public Health Nursing | 2 |
| NRS-468P | Community and Public Health Nursing Practicum | 2 |

Units **17**

Year 4 Term 2

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| NRS-400 | Nursing Care of the Critically Ill Adult | 3 |
| NRS-400P | Nursing Care of the Critically Ill Adult Practicum | 3 |
| NRS-460 | Leadership and Management | 2 |

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| NRS-475 | Nursing Capstone and Preceptorship | 2 |
| NRS-475P | Nursing Capstone and Preceptorship Practicum | 2 |
| NRS-480 | Ethical Issues and Holistic Care | 3 |
| CHIS-400C | Christian Heritage | 3 |
| | Units | 18 |
| | Total Units | 128 |

Notes:

- Enrollment in NRS courses is predicated on acceptance into the Pre-Licensure BSN program. This process takes place during Year 2, Term 2. Consult the Pre-Nursing Student Success Advisors with questions.
- Students may choose to take the optional course NRS-385 Specialty Residency Elective for 1-4 units in the summers following year three and year four.

