

# 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
	Core Curriculum Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/core-curriculum/">https://catalog.vanguard.edu/interdisciplinary-offerings/core-curriculum/</a> ) <sup>1,2</sup>	43
	Nursing Major (BSN) Requirements	85
	General Electives	0
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>128</b>

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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
<b>Related Discipline Core Requirements</b>		
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 <sup>1</sup>	3
MATH-270C	Health Professions Statistical Methods	3
<b>Upper Division<sup>2,3</sup></b>		
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
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>85</b>

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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
<b>Year 1 Term 1</b>		
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
<b>Units</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Year 1 Term 2</b>		
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
<b>Units</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Year 2 Term 1</b>		
BIOL-304	Human Physiology	3
BIOL-304L	Human Physiology Lab	1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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
	<b>Units</b>	<b>18</b>
	<b>Total Units</b>	<b>128</b>

**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.

