

School of Nursing

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THE SCHOOL OF NURSING, established in 1979, offers a program of study leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The nursing curriculum prepares beginning professional nurse generalists who are capable of functioning as members of the health-care team in providing care for individuals and groups in diverse settings. The program also provides an educational base for advancement in formal study, research and practice. The facilities and resources of the University are used to provide a broad academic background in the humanities and sciences. Graduates are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN examination to become registered nurses.

A pre-professional program in Nursing Science is required of students seeking admission to the professional curriculum. The first two years of course work are designated Pre-Nursing (PNUR). The traditional Professional Program (NURS) requires four semesters and one summer of study, including classroom, laboratory and clinical experiences.

Curriculum in Nursing-Traditional

FR	F	S		F	S
BIOL	1020		Principles of Biology	4	**
CHEM	1030/1031		Fundamentals of Chemistry	**	4
ENGL	1100	1120	English Composition I & II	3	3
HIST		1010	World History I	**	3
MATH	1120		Pre-Calculus Algebra	3	**
HDFS		2010	Lifespan Human Development	**	3
			Social Science	3	3
NURS	1010		Orientation to Nursing	1	**
				14	16
SO					
ENGL	2220	2210	Great Books I & II	3	3
HIST	1020		World History II	3	**
PHIL		1030	Ethics	**	3
			Core Fine Arts	**	3
BIOL	3200		General Microbiology	4	**
NUFS	2000		Nutrition & Health	3	**
STAT		2510	Statistics	**	3
BIOL	2500	2510	Human A & P I & II	4	4
				17	16
JR					
NURS		3320	Applied Pharmacology	**	2
NURS		3420	Nursing Research & Data Mgt	**	2
NURS	3510		Functional Nursing Skills	1	**
NURS	3511		Functional Nursing Skills Lab	1	**
NURS	3610		Comprehensive Health Assessment	3	**
NURS	3611		Comprehensive Health Assess Lab	2	**
NURS	3710	3720	Professional Nsg Concepts I & II	5	5
NURS	3711	3721	professional Nsg Conc I & II Lab	1	4
BIOL	4400		Clinical Physiology	3	**
				13	13
SUMMER					
NURS	3530		Nursing Care of Special Pop I	3	
NURS	3531		Nursing Care of Special Pop I Lab	2	
NURS	3630		Nursing Care of Special Pop II	3	
NURS	3631		Nursing Care of Special Pop II Lab	2	
				10	
SR					
NURS	4440		Leadership & Mgt in Nursing	2	**
NURS	4740	4910	Professional Nsg Concepts III & IV	4	4
NURS	4741	4911	Professional Nsg Conc III & IV lab	5	8
NURS			Elective (major)	3	**
				14	12

TOTAL HOURS - 125

Curriculum-Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses (EARN)

FR	F	S		F	S
BIOL	1020		Principles of Biology	4	**
CHEM	1030/1031		Fundamentals of Chemistry	**	4
ENGL	1100	1120	English Composition I & II	3	3
HIST		1010	World History I	**	3
MATH	1120		Pre-Calculus Algebra	3	**

HDFS	2000		Lifespan Human Development	3	**
			Social Science	3	3
				16	13
SO					
ENGL	2220	2210	Great Books I & II	3	3
HIST	1020		World History II	3	**
PHIL		1030	Ethics	**	3
			Core Fine Arts	**	3
BIOL	3200		General Microbiology	4	**
BIOL	2500	2510	Human A & P I & II	4	4
STAT		2510	Statistics	**	3
				14	16
SUMMER					
NURS	3830		Nursing Research and Data Management	2	
NURS	3831		Computers in Nursing	1	
NURS	3810		Advanced Health Assessment	2	
NURS	3811		Advanced Health Assessment Clinical	1	
NURS	3840		Transition Into Prof Nursing I	4	
NURS	3841		Transition Into Prof Nursing I- Clinical	2	
				12	
SR					
NURS	4810		Holistic Pathophysiology	3	**
NURS	4820		Health Prom in Family Systems	3	**
NURS	4821		Health Prom in Family Syst. Clinical	1	**
NURS	4830		Leadership & Mgmt. in Nursing	2	**
NURS	4831		Leadership & Mgmt. in Nursing Clin.	1	**
NURS	4840		Transition to Prof. Nursing II	**	4
NURS	4850		Population Based Practice	**	3
NURS	4851		Population Based Practice Clinical	**	2
NURS	4860		Public Policy in Nursing	**	3
NURS			Elective (major)	2-3	**
				12-13	12

Curriculum-Accelerated Nursing Degree (AND)

SR	F	S		F	S
BIOL	4400		Clinical Physiology	3	**
NURS		3320	Applied Pharmacology	**	2
NURS	3510		Functional Nursing Skills	1	**
NUFS	3511		Functional Nursing skills Lab	1	**
NURS	3610		Comp Health Assessment	3	**
NURS	3611		Comp Health Assess Lab	2	**
NURS	3710		Prof Nursing Concepts I	2	**
NURS	3711		Prof Nursing Concepts I Lab	1	**
NURS	3880		Accelerated Prof Nurse Conc II	**	6
NURS	3881		Accelerated Prof Nurse Conc II Lab	**	6
				13	14
SUMMER					
NURS	3420		Nurse Research & Data Mgt	2	
NURS	4880		Accelerated Prof Nurse Conc III	5	
NURS	4881		Accelerated Prof Nurse Conc III L	5	
				12	
NURS	4440		Leader/Mgt in Nursing	2	**
NURS	4910		Prof. Nursing Concepts IV	4	**
NURS	4911		Prof. Nursing Concepts IV Lab	8	**
				14	

Admission

Freshman eligibility is determined by the University Admissions Office. Admission requirements are stated elsewhere in this Bulletin. High school mathematics, chemistry and biology courses are strongly recommended, along with other college preparatory courses in social science, history, literature and English composition. Due to changes in the Pre-Nursing curriculum, students should see the adviser for the School of Nursing.

Transfers from other institutions must apply through the University Admissions Office. Review of transcripts by the School of Nursing will determine the amount of credit allowed for the pre-nursing requirements. Students planning to transfer are encouraged to contact the School of Nursing as soon as possible for advisement on transfer

of credits. Students must possess the functional ability to perform the skills and behaviors required of a professional nurse. These abilities include but are not limited to:

- a) Adequate vision, such as that required to observe changes in physical conditions, to read small print on labels and markings on syringes, and to discern subtle changes in color;
- b) Adequate hearing, such as that required to distinguish muted sounds through a stethoscope;
- c) Fine motor skills and manual dexterity, such as that required to handle small, delicate equipment;
- d) Strength to turn and assist with lifting adults, and to lift and carry children;
- e) The mobility to respond quickly in emergency situations;
- f) The ability to communicate and interact effectively with others, orally and in writing;
- g) The ability to detect odors; and
- h) The ability to read independently and to comprehend the written word.

Professional Program: Admission to the professional program is open annually in fall semester. Pre-nursing students must formally apply in February to the School of Nursing. Applicants are notified by June 1 of acceptance or non-acceptance. Due to limited enrollment, all students who meet minimum criteria may not be admitted. Criteria for consideration for admission include a minimum GPA of 2.5, completion of the pre-nursing requirements, references and a completed application. Admission decisions are based on unadjusted GPAs.

Registered nurses: The School of Nursing offers an Educational Advancement for Registered Nurses (EARN) Program in which RN students may complete the requirements for the B.S.N. degree in one calendar year of full-time study. A flexible format with full-time and part-time options allows RN students to continue employment. Registered nurse students must complete the pre-nursing curriculum required of all nursing majors. The School of Nursing should be contacted for further advisement.

Accelerated Nursing Degree Program: The School of Nursing offers an Accelerated Nursing Degree (AND) Program which enables students who hold a bachelor's or higher degree in another field to progress through the professional nursing curriculum in three semesters and one summer of full-time study. Students interested in the AND Program must complete specified pre-nursing courses prior to being considered for admission to the Professional curriculum. An undergraduate GPA of 2.5 is required for admission to the AND Program. Admission decisions are based on unadjusted GPAs. The School of Nursing should be contacted for further advisement.

Academic Regulations

Advanced placement or CLEP credit in pre-nursing courses is granted according to university policies stated elsewhere in the Bulletin. No advanced standing is allowed in the natural sciences by the School of Nursing. Proficiency examinations or Advanced Placement (CEEB), with accepted score, may be used for advanced placement.

An overall GPA of 2.0 must be maintained for progression through the professional program. Pre-nursing students who do not attain an overall GPA of at least 2.5 at the beginning of their sophomore year should consider alternative fields of study.

A minimum grade of C is required in pre-nursing courses. Transfer credit will not be granted for courses in which a grade less than C is earned.

In the professional program, a minimum grade of C must be achieved in all courses. Because the professional nursing curriculum is designed for progressive development of nursing knowledge and skills, students who earn a grade less than C in a professional program course are not allowed to progress to the next clinical course. The course in which the student earns a grade less than C may be repeated one time only. Students who earn a grade less than C in two or more professional program courses or whose GPA falls below a 2.0 will be dropped from the professional program. Transfer credit is not generally allowed for courses in the professional program.

The Professional Program

Facilities: The School of Nursing is housed in Miller Hall, where classrooms, an auditorium, a skills laboratory and faculty offices are located. A learning resource and computer center is jointly operated with the School of Pharmacy. Facilities for clinical nursing experiences include East Alabama Medical Center and other hospitals in the area, Lee County Mental Health Center, clinics, nursing homes, physicians' offices, Lee County Public Health Department, public schools and industrial sites. Students are responsible for complying with policies and procedures required by agencies in which clinical work is done.

Expenses: Students accepted into the professional program should expect to incur additional expenses. Uniforms, equipment, transportation to clinical sites, exit exams, content exams, NCLEX reviews, a health examination and liability and health insurance coverage are among the requirements. Detailed information is furnished by the dean's office at the time of admission.

Accreditation: The School of Nursing operates with full approval of the Alabama Board of Nursing and is fully accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission, 350 Hudson St., New York, N.Y., 10014. Telephone (212) 363-5555.