

NURSING (BSN)

Program Overview

The BSN degree prepares a nurse generalist with a liberal arts background who focuses upon treating human responses to actual or potential health programs. Graduates are expected to meet the program outcomes to function in entry-level nursing practice positions. After successful completion of required core coursework, students enter nursing courses in the fall of their junior year.

CSU Nursing Facts:

There are more than 1,000 health science majors focusing on nursing and nursing majors and the numbers continue to increase.

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing is approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing (<https://sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/45/>). The baccalaureate degree program in nursing is accredited by:

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
655 K Street, NW, Suite 750
Washington, DC 20001
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Our faculty provides hands-on experiences to our students. All of our professors are clinical experts in the area in which they teach.

Students get relevant, hands-on experience, in the classroom and in clinical settings.

Low instructor-to-student ratio.

The clinical nursing curriculum is offered over four semesters beginning in the junior year and is preceded by two years of pre-nursing (core) courses.

RN to BSN - Online (<https://catalog.columbusstate.edu/academic-units/education-health-professions/nursing/nursing-rn-bsn/>)

Career Opportunities

Graduates are able to obtain entry-level nursing practice positions in hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, clinics and other healthcare facilities once completing the NCLEX (National Council Licensure Exam) requirement.

Program of Study

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core IMPACTS Area : Institutional Priorities ¹		4-5
COMM 1110	Public Speaking	3
ITDS 1779	Scholarship Across the Disciplines	2
LEAD 1705	Introduction to Servant Leadership	2
PERS 1506	Perspectives 1-hour	1
PERS 1507	Perspectives 2-hour	2
Foreign Language Course Options		
ARAB, CHIN, FREN, GERM, GREK, ITAL, JAPN, KREN, LATIN, PORT, SPAN - 1001, 1002, 2001, 2002		
SWAH 1001	Elementary Swahili I	
SWAH 1002	Elementary Swahili II	

Core IMPACTS Area : Mathematics & Quantitative Skills ¹		3-7
DATA 1501	Introduction to Data Science	3
MATH 1001	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning	3
MATH 1101	Introduction to Mathematical Modeling	3
MATH 1111	College Algebra	3
MATH 1113	Pre-Calculus	4
MATH 1125	Applied Calculus	3
MATH 1131	Calculus with Analytic Geometry I	4
MATH 1132	Calculus with Analytic Geometry II	4
MATH 1165	Computer-Assisted Problem Solving	3
MATH 1401	Introduction to Statistics	3
MATH 1501	Calculus I	4
MATH 2125	Introduction to Discrete Mathematics	3
STAT 1401	Elementary Statistics	3
Core IMPACTS Area : Political Science and U.S. History		6
HIST 2111	U. S. History to 1865	3
	or HIST 2112 U. S. History since 1865	
POLS 1101	American Government	3
Core IMPACTS Area : Arts, Humanities, and Ethics		6
Select one Fine Arts course		3
ARTH 1100	Art Appreciation	
ARTH 2125	Introduction to the History of Art I– Prehistoric through Gothic	
ARTH 2126	Introduction to the History of Art II– Renaissance through Modern	
MUSC 1100	Music Appreciation	
THEA 1100	Theatre Appreciation	
ITDS 1145	Comparative Arts ²	
Select one Humanities course		3
ENGL 2111	World Literature I	
ENGL 2112	World Literature II	
ITDS 1774	Introduction to Digital Humanities	
PHIL 2010	Introduction to Philosophy	
ITDS 1145	Comparative Arts ²	
Core IMPACTS Area : Communicating in Writing		6
ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3
ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3
Core IMPACTS Area : Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences ¹		7-11
ANTH 1145	Human Origins	3
ASTR 1105	Descriptive Astronomy: The Solar System	3
ASTR 1106	Descriptive Astronomy: Stars and Galaxies	3
ASTR 1305	Descriptive Astronomy Lab	1
ATSC 1112	Understanding the Weather	3
ATSC 1112L	Understanding the Weather Lab	1
BIOL 1125	Contemporary Issues in Biology Non-Lab	3
BIOL 1215K	Introductory Biology	4
BIOL 1225K	Contemporary Issues in Biology with Lab	4
CHEM 1151 & 1151L	Survey of Chemistry I and Survey of Chemistry I Lab	4
CHEM 1152 & 1152L	Survey of Chemistry II and Survey of Chemistry II Lab	4
CHEM 1211 & 1211L	Principles of Chemistry I and Principles of Chemistry I Lab	4

CHEM 1212 & 1212L	Principles of Chemistry II and Principles of Chemistry II Lab	4
CPSC 1105	Introduction to Computing Principles and Technology	3
CPSC 1301K	Computer Science I	4
ENVS 1105	Environmental Studies	3
ENVS 1105L	Environmental Studies Laboratory	1
ENVS 1205K	Sustainability and the Environment	4
GEOG 2215	Introduction to the Geographic Information Systems	3
GEOL 1110	Natural Disasters: Our Hazardous Environment	3
GEOL 1121	Introductory Geoscience I: Physical Geology	3
GEOL 1121L	Introductory Geoscience I: Physical Geology Lab	1
GEOL 1122	Introductory Geo-sciences II: Historical Geology	3
GEOL 1322	Introductory Geo-sciences II: Historical Geology Lab	1
GEOL 2225	The Fossil Record	4
PHYS 1111 & PHYS 1311	Introductory Physics I and Introductory Physics I Lab	4
PHYS 1112 & PHYS 1312	Introductory Physics II and Introductory Physics II Lab	4
PHYS 1125	Physics of Color and Sound	3
PHYS 1325	Physics of Color and Sound Lab	1
PHYS 2211 & PHYS 2311	Principles of Physics I and Principles of Physics I Lab	4
PHYS 2212 & PHYS 2312	Principles of Physics II and Principles of Physics II Lab	4
Core IMPACTS Area : Social Sciences		6
Select one Behavioral Science course		
ECON 2105	Principles of Macroeconomics	
ECON 2106	Principles of Microeconomics	
PHIL 2030	Moral Philosophy	
PSYC 1101	Introduction to General Psychology	
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	
Select one World Cultures course		3
ANTH 1107	Discovering Archaeology	
ANTH 1105	Cultural Anthropology	
ANTH 2105	Ancient World Civilizations	
ANTH 2136	Language and Culture	
ENGL 2136	Language and Culture	
GEOG 1101	World Regional Geography	
HIST 1111	World History to 1500	
HIST 1112	World History since 1500	
ITDS 1155	The Western Intellectual Tradition	
ITDS 1156	Understanding Non-Western Cultures	
Core IMPACTS Total Hours		42
Health and Wellness		3
KINS 1106	Lifetime Wellness	2
	or PHED 1205 Concepts of Fitness	
Select one PEDS course (https://catalog.columbusstate.edu/course-descriptions/peds/#peds)		

¹ The hours applied in the Institutional Priorities; Mathematics & Quantitative Skills; and Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences areas must add to 18 credit hours.

² ITDS 1145 Comparative Arts, though listed under both Fine Arts and Humanities, may be taken only once.

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core Requirements		
Complete the core requirements for this program		45
Area F Courses Related to Major		
BIOL 2251K	Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 2252K	Anatomy & Physiology II	4
BIOL 2260K	Foundations of Microbiology	4
PSYC 1101	Introduction to General Psychology	3
STAT 1401	Elementary Statistics	3
Area F Total		18
Area G Program Requirements		
NURS 3275	Foundations of Clinical Nursing Practice	6
NURS 3175	Pharmacology in Nursing I	2
NURS 3174	Dosage Calculations for Nursing	1
NURS 3276	Introduction to Health Assessment and Wellness	3
NURS 3279	Applied Pathophysiology	3
NURS 3177	Pharmacology in Nursing II	2
NURS 3280	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	4
NURS 3111	Servant Leadership Concepts for the Professional Nurse	3
NURS 3277	Medical Surgical Nursing	6
NURS 4111	Professional Development Perspectives III	2
NURS 4112	Professional Development Perspectives IV	2
NURS 4175	Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 4279	Professional Clinical Nursing IV	10
NURS 4280	Professional Clinical Nursing III	10
NURS 4377	Senior Preceptorship	3
Area G Total		60
Total Credit Hours		123

Program Map

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall		
ENGL 1101	English Composition I (minimum grade of C)	3
MATH 1001 or MATH 1101	Quantitative Skills and Reasoning (or higher) (minimum grade of C) or Introduction to Mathematical Modeling	3
Area B2	ITDS 1779 (2), LEAD 1705 (2), PERS 1506 (1; may be repeated with different topic), PERS 1507 (2)	1
Area C	Fine Arts Elective	3

CHEM 1151	Survey of Chemistry I (minimum grade of C)	3
CHEM 1151L	Survey of Chemistry I Lab (minimum grade of C)	1
KINS 1106 or PHED 1205	Lifetime Wellness or Concepts of Fitness	2

Credit Hours 16

Spring

ENGL 1102	English Composition II (minimum grade of C)	3
Area B1	COMM 1110 Public Speaking or foreign language 1001, 1002, 2001, 2002	3
AREA C	Humanities Elective	3
CHEM 1152	Survey of Chemistry II (minimum grade of C)	3
CHEM 1152L	Survey of Chemistry II Lab (minimum grade of C)	1
HIST 2111 or HIST 2112	U. S. History to 1865 or U. S. History since 1865	3

Credit Hours 16

Second Year**Fall**

AREA D	Math/Science/Tech Elective	3
POLS 1101	American Government	3
AREA E	World Culture Elective	3
BIOL 2251K	Anatomy & Physiology I (minimum grade of C)	4
STAT 1401	Elementary Statistics	3

Credit Hours 16

Spring

AREA E	Behavioral Science Elective ¹	3
BIOL 2252K	Anatomy & Physiology II (minimum grade of C)	4
PSYC 1101	Introduction to General Psychology (minimum grade of C) ¹	3
BIOL 2260K	Foundations of Microbiology (minimum grade of C)	4
PEDS 1000 level course		1

Credit Hours 15

Third Year**Fall**

NURS 3279	Applied Pathophysiology (minimum grade of C)	3
NURS 3275	Foundations of Clinical Nursing Practice (minimum grade of C)	6
NURS 3276	Introduction to Health Assessment and Wellness (minimum grade of C)	3
NURS 3174	Dosage Calculations for Nursing (minimum grade of C)	1
NURS 3175	Pharmacology in Nursing I (minimum grade of C)	2

Credit Hours 15

Spring

NURS 3111	Servant Leadership Concepts for the Professional Nurse (minimum grade of C)	3
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NURS 3277	Medical Surgical Nursing (minimum grade of C)	6
NURS 3177	Pharmacology in Nursing II (minimum grade of C)	2
NURS 3280	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing (minimum grade of C)	4

Credit Hours 15

Fourth Year**Fall**

NURS 4111	Professional Development Perspectives III (minimum grade of C)	2
NURS 4175	Evidence-Based Practice (minimum grade of C)	3
NURS 4280 or NURS 4279	Professional Clinical Nursing III (minimum grade of C) ² or Professional Clinical Nursing IV	10

Credit Hours 15

Spring

NURS 4112	Professional Development Perspectives IV (minimum grade of C)	2
NURS 4279 or NURS 4280	Professional Clinical Nursing IV (minimum grade of C) ² or Professional Clinical Nursing III	10
NURS 4377	Senior Preceptorship (minimum grade of C)	3

Credit Hours 15

Total Credit Hours 123

¹ Behavioral Science Elective and PSYC 1101 Introduction to General Psychology can be taken at any time in the nursing program.

² PCN III/PCN IV or PCN IV/PCN III sequence.

Admission Requirements

The School of Nursing accepts one class of nursing students to its program to start the nursing program each fall term and each spring term. An application to the School of Nursing is required for the competitive selection process. Admittance to the nursing program (upper level clinical course sequence) is conducted through a rolling admissions process. Evaluation for the fall cohort begins in November of each year, and students are selected by April of each year. Evaluation for the Spring cohort begins in March of each year, and students are selected by August of each year.

Students can apply for the Nursing program once they have met the following requirements:

- Completed AREA A, AREA D required sciences (CHEM 1151 Survey of Chemistry I/CHEM 1151L Survey of Chemistry I Lab and CHEM 1152 Survey of Chemistry II/CHEM 1152L Survey of Chemistry II Lab), Area F, and have fewer than nine (9) remaining hours of Core left to complete. Students must meet the terms of the School of Nursing Science Policy
- Students must meet the terms of the School of Nursing Science Policy:
 - Students may only FAIL (D or F) or WITHDRAW FAILING (WF) from one Area D/F science course and be allowed to repeat it within five years of acceptance into the Nursing Program. The grade of the AREA D/F science course failure and the grade of the

second attempt of the AREA D/F science course will be averaged and utilized in the program GPA. Failing two science courses (D, F, or WF) will make a student ineligible to apply for five years.

- A science course that was taken more than seven years prior to acceptance into the Nursing Program MUST be repeated and ONLY the grade earned for the repeated course will be used in the nursing GPA.
- Science courses: CHEM 1151/1151L (Survey of Chemistry I), CHEM 1152/1152L (Survey of Chemistry II), BIOL 2251K (Human and Physiology I), BIOL 2252K (Human and Physiology II), BIOL 2260K (Microbiology)
- Maintaining a 3.00 or higher overall GPA
- Pass the "A2 Assessment" test with 75% or greater on each of the three (3) sections (math, grammar and reading).
- During the application process, students will also be asked to provide three (3) professional recommendations

The application process begins in January each year for the upcoming fall nursing class.

Application deadlines are provided at our Nursing (BSN) page (<https://www.columbusstate.edu/nursing/bsn.php>)

Additional Program Requirements

Requirements for students to progress in clinical nursing course sequence include:

- maintaining 3.00 overall GPA
- successful completion of prerequisites not met before entry into program
- successful completion of required nursing achievement exams
- annual evidence of required immunizations, TB screening, BLS certification, and current professional liability insurance
- eligibility to enter clinical agencies for clinical experiences

Requirements for students to graduate from BSN Program:

- maintaining a 3.00 or higher overall GPA
- successful completion of all university requirements
- successful completion of all BSN program requirements
- students who fail to meet graduation requirements within seven years of their first admission to the nursing program are subject to having all credits reevaluated