



# University Bulletin

## Undergraduate Degree Programs

### Nursing, School of

The mission of the Penn State School of Nursing is to improve the health for all people in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the nation, and the world through the development of qualified nurse leaders at all levels of practice, the development of nursing science related to health and health care, and the provision of nursing care to individuals, families, and communities. This mission will be accomplished through the integrated programs of nursing education, research, scholarship, and outreach.

The school, which became an independent academic unit July 1, 2008, maintains a strong relationship with its original academic home, the College of Health and Human Development, as well as with the College of Medicine and the Penn State Hershey Medical Center. More than half of all junior and senior baccalaureate students receive a majority of their clinical experiences at the Medical Center, resulting in a large number of students being hired there after graduation.

The change in status of the school was made to accommodate growth in areas including a steady increase in overall enrollment, and online and resident continuing education opportunities for registered nurses to renew credentials. The change also brought the school into line with most nursing schools at Big Ten universities.

The School of Nursing features a complete range of educational programs in nursing, including the associate degree program, which helps students prepare for entry-level employment in a variety of acute and long-term care settings, and the baccalaureate program, which has two options for study: the bachelor of science, for students who are entering the four-year program for an initial professional degree, and the R.N. to B.S., for registered nurses who wish to complete a B.S. degree.

Graduate programs in Nursing can be found under N in the [Graduate Programs menu of the Graduate Degree Programs Bulletin](http://www.psu.edu/bulletins/whitebook/$programs.htm)([http://www.psu.edu/bulletins/whitebook/\\$programs.htm](http://www.psu.edu/bulletins/whitebook/$programs.htm)).

Geographic dispersion helps extend offerings to students across the state and to positively influence the health of the citizens of the Commonwealth, even in the most rural areas.

The school is approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing, and the associate, baccalaureate, and master's degree programs are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

**SCHOOL OF NURSING**

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## Baccalaureate Degrees

### Nursing

*Altoona College*

*Capital College*

*Penn State Erie, The Behrend College*

*University College: Penn State Fayette, Penn State Mont Alto, Penn State New*

*Kensington, Penn State Shenango, Penn State Worthington Scranton*

*University Park, School of Nursing (NURN)*

*World Campus*

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This major prepares registered nurse students as professional practitioners in areas of health promotion and maintenance, illness care, and rehabilitation. The major in Nursing is accredited by The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006; 212-363-5555, Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One DuPont Circle, NW Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036; 202-463-6930.

Part-time or full-time study is available at any of the campus sites. The University Park site is a blended program, which includes resident instruction and online nursing courses. The World Campus site is completely online.

Senate legislation 42-97 *Credit by Portfolio Assessment* enables students to receive credit for certain prescribed nursing courses based on their RN licensure.

Students must carry professional liability insurance, have an annual health examination, maintain CPR certification when enrolled in any clinical course, and meet all requirements of the clinical institutions that provide precepted clinical experience, which may include criminal background and child abuse history clearances. Students also are responsible for their own transportation to clinical settings and may need the use of a car.

Graduates of this major may qualify for admission to a graduate nursing program.

For the B.S. degree in Nursing, a minimum of 120 credits is required.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** 45 credits

(20-22 of these 45 credits are included in the REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

(See description of General Education in this bulletin.)

**UNITED STATES CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES:**

(Included in ELECTIVES, GENERAL EDUCATION course selection, or REQUIREMENTS

FOR THE MAJOR)

**WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:**

(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

**ELECTIVES:** 2-5 credits

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:** 92-93 credits[1](#mnote01)

(This includes 20-22 credits of General Education courses: 3 credits of GHA courses; 7-9 credits of GN courses; 4 credits of GQ courses; 6 credits of GS courses.)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (80 credits)

BIOL 129 GN(4), BIOL 141 GN(3), BIOL 142(1), HD FS 129 GS(3), MICRB 106 GN(3), MICRB 107 GN(1), NUTR 251 GHA(3), PSYCH 100 GS(3), STAT 200 GQ(4) (Sem: 1-4)  
NURS 390 US(3)[38](#mnote38) (Sem: 3-4)  
NURS 205(3)[37](#mnote37), NURS 215 US(3)[37](#mnote37), NURS 225(3)[37](#mnote37), NURS 230(4)[37](#mnote37), NURS 301(4)[37](#mnote37), NURS 310(4)[37](#mnote37), NURS 320(4)[37](#mnote37), NURS 406(4)[37](#mnote37), NURS 420(4)[37](#mnote37) (Sem: 5-6)  
NURS 200W(3)[38](#mnote38), NURS 351(3)[38](#mnote38) (Sem: 5-6)  
NURS 417 US;IL(4)[38](#mnote38), NURS 418(3)[38](#mnote38), NURS 457(3)[38](#mnote38), NURS 465(3)[38](#mnote38) (Sem: 7-8)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (6-7 credits)

CHEM 101 GN(3); or CHEM 110 GN(3) and CHEM 111 GN(1) (Sem: 1-4)  
SOC 001 GS(3) or SOC 005 GS(3) (Sem: 1-4)

**SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS** (6 credits)

Select 6 credits from courses on school-approved list in consultation with adviser (3 credits of which must be at the 400 level)

[1] A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

[37] Credit by Portfolio Assessment

[38] Due to restricted enrollment, the School of Nursing assigns the semester in which students enroll in these courses and all course prerequisites must be successfully completed.

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## Nursing

*University Park (NURS)*

PROFESSOR PAULA MILONE-NUZZO, *Dean, School of Nursing*

The Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing prepares students to become professional practitioners in areas of health promotion and maintenance, illness care, and rehabilitation. After earning this degree in Nursing, students are qualified to take the registered nurse examination for licensure by the State Board of Nursing. The Nursing major is accredited by The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326 (404-975-5000), the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One DuPont Circle, NW Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036 (202-463-6930), and approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

**B.S. Nursing majors will choose one of the following options:**

**General Nursing Option:** This option admits students to the major either as freshmen or in the sophomore year through a review process as a change-of-major or transfer student. Clinical experiences occur at local clinical facilities surrounding Penn State's University Park Campus or at Penn State Hershey Medical Center, which requires students to reside at that location.

**Second or Additional Degree Option:** This option admits students, who have successfully completed a bachelor's degree in another discipline, to the major through a review process. All students must have met all general education and prerequisite course requirements. This option is only available at Penn State Altoona. Clinical experiences occur at facilities surrounding Penn State Altoona.

**For Both Options:** All transportation and expenses related to clinical are the responsibility of the student. All students must carry professional liability insurance; complete an annual health examination, criminal background and child abuse history clearance; maintain CPR certification and adhere to any additional requirements of the clinical facilities.

**Undergraduate Academic Progression Policy**

The Academic Progression policy delineates the academic standards for pre-licensure students (students without an RN license). Failure of two nursing courses results in dismissal from the Nursing major. Details of the academic progression policy are available in the student handbook. (<http://www.hhdev.psu.edu/nurs/Handbooks/index/html>).

For the B.S. degree in Nursing, a minimum of 120 credits is required. The Second or Additional Degree Option requires the completion of 60 credits of general education and prerequisite courses in the first degree program (prior to admission) and 60 credits of nursing courses completed after admission.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** 45 credits  
(20-22 of these 45 credits are included in the REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)  
(See description of General Education in front of *Bulletin*.)

**FIRST-YEAR SEMINAR:**  
(Included in ELECTIVES or GENERAL EDUCATION course selection)

(Second or Additional Degree Option: First-Year Seminar not required since

students accepted into this program are required to have earned a bachelor's degree in another discipline)

**UNITED STATES CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES:**

(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

**WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM:**

(Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

**ELECTIVES:** 5-7 credits

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:** 88-92 credits [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#) [\[2\]\(#mnote02\)](#)

(This includes 20-22 credits of General Education courses: 3 credits of GHA courses; 7-9 credits of GN courses; 4 credits of GQ courses; 6 credits of GS courses.)

**COMMON REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR (ALL OPTIONS):** 31-32 credits

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (25 credits)

BIOL 129 GN(4), BIOL 141 GN(3), BIOL 142(1), HD FS 129 GS(3), MICRB 106 GN(3), MICRB 107 GN(1), NUTR 251 GHA(3), PSYCH 100 GS(3), STAT 200 GQ(4) (Sem: 1-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (6-7 credits)

CHEM 101(3); or CHEM 110 GN(3) and CHEM 111 GN(1) (Sem: 1-4)  
SOC 001 GS(3) or SOC 005 GS(3) (Sem: 1-4)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE OPTION:** 57-60 credits

**GENERAL NURSING OPTION:** (57 credits)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (54 credits)

NURS 215 US(3)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 225(3)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 230(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#) (Sem: 3-4)  
NURS 200W(3)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 205(3)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 301(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 302(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 310(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 320(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 351(3)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#) (Sem: 5-6)  
NURS 400(3)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 405(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 406(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 415 US;IL(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 420(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#) (Sem: 7-8)

**SUPPORTING COURSES AND RELATED AREAS** (3 credits)

Select 3 credits from School-approved list in consultation with adviser, 3 credits of which must be at the 400 level (Sem: 7-8)

**SECOND OR ADDITIONAL DEGREE OPTION:** (60 credits)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (60 credits)

NURS 205(3)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 215 US(3)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 225(3)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 230(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 351(3)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#) (Sem: 1)  
NURS 200W(3)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 301(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 302(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 310(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#) (Sem: 2)  
NURS 320(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 406(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 415 US;IL(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 420(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#) (Sem: 3)

NURS 400(3)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 405(4)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#), NURS 495(6)[\[38\]\(#mnote38\)](#) (Sem: 4)

**[1]**A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

**[2]** Completed prior to admission for students taking the Second or Additional Degree Option.

**[38]** Due to restricted enrollment, the School of Nursing assigns the semester in which students enroll in these courses and all course prerequisites must be successfully completed.

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## Associate Degrees

### Nursing

*Penn State Altoona (2NURS)*

*Penn State Erie, The Behrend College (2NURS)*

*University College: Penn State Fayette, Penn State Mont Alto, Penn State Worthington Scranton (2NURS)*

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Graduates of this major are prepared to provide care in a variety of health care settings to individuals with commonly occurring acute or chronic health problems. After earning the associate degree, students are eligible to take the registered nurse examination for licensure by the State Board of Nursing. The Nursing program is accredited by The National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 500, Atlanta, GA 30326 (404-975-5000), and approved by the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing.

Students must carry student nurse professional liability insurance, maintain CPR certification, have yearly criminal background and child abuse clearances, and adhere to any additional requirements of the individual clinical agencies. All transportation and related expenses to off-campus clinical sites are the responsibility of the student and may require the use of a car.

### Undergraduate Academic Progression Policy

The Academic Progression policy delineates the academic standards for pre-licensure students (students without an RN license), who are admitted to the undergraduate nursing program. The policy states that all prerequisite courses may be repeated only one time and failure of two nursing courses results in dismissal from the nursing major. Details of the academic progression policy are available in the student handbook. (<http://www.hhdev.psu.edu/nurs/Handbooks/index.html> (<http://www.hhdev.psu.edu/nurs/Handbooks/index.html>)).

Graduates of this major may qualify for admission to the RN to BS program in Nursing.

For the Associate in Science degree in Nursing, a minimum of 68 credits is required.

*Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)*

**GENERAL EDUCATION:** 21 credits  
(15 of these 21 credits are included in the REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)  
(See description of General Education in this bulletin.)

**REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR:** 62 credits [\[1\]\(#mnote01\)](#)  
(This includes 15 credits of General Education courses; 3 credits of GN courses; 3 credits of GQ courses; 6 credits of GS courses; 3 credits of GWS courses)

**PRESCRIBED COURSES** (53 credits)  
BIOL 129 GN(4), BIOL 141 GN(3), BIOL 142(1), ENGL 015 GWS(3), NURS 111(4), NURS 112(4), NURS 113(4), NURS 114(4), PSYCH 100 GS(3) (Sem: 1-2)  
MICRB 106 GN(3), MICRB 107 GN(1), NURS 211(5), NURS 212(4), NURS 213(5), NURS 214W(5) (Sem: 3-4)

**ADDITIONAL COURSES** (9 credits)  
HD FS 129 GS(3) or PSYCH 212 GS(3); SOC 001 GS(3) or SOC 005 GS(3) (Sem: 1-2)  
Select 3 credits of GQ courses (Sem: 3-4)

**[1]** A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

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## Minors

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