

# NURSING, B.S.N.

**Begin Campus:** Any Penn State Campus

**End Campus:** Altoona, Erie, Fayette, Harrisburg, Mont Alto, Schuylkill, University Park, Scranton

## Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2020-21 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition (*Note: the archive only contain suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin*).

### General Nursing Option: Nursing, B.S.N. at University Park, Altoona, Erie, Fayette, Mont Alto, Schuylkill, and Scranton Campuses

The course series listed below provides **only one** of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an **Academic Requirements** or **What If** report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

#### First Year

| Fall  | Credits Spring                                   | Credits   |
|---|--|-----------|
| BIOL 161 <sup>*#† 1,2</sup>   | 3 BIOL 163 <sup>*#† 1,2</sup>                    | 3         |
| BIOL 162 <sup>*#† 1,2</sup>   | 1 BIOL 164 <sup>*†</sup>                         | 1         |
| ENGL 15 or 30H <sup>†</sup>   | 3 HDFS 129 <sup>*† 2</sup>                       | 3         |
| PSYCH 100 <sup>*† 2</sup>   | 3 NUTR 251 <sup>*† 2</sup>                       | 3         |
| NURS 100 (or other First Year Seminar - as required by campus) <sup>3</sup> | 1 General Education Course (GQ) <sup>† 2,4</sup> | 3         |
| General Education Course (GH) <sup>2</sup>                                  | 3 CAS 100, 100A, 100B, or 100C <sup>†</sup>      | 3         |
| General Education Course (GA) <sup>2</sup>                                  | 3  |           |
|   | <b>17</b>  | <b>16</b> |

#### Second Year

| Fall  | Credits Spring                               | Credits      |
|---|--|--------------|
| CHEM 130 or 110 <b>and</b> 111 <sup>* 4</sup> | 3-4 SOC 1 or 5 <sup>*</sup>                  | 3            |
| MICRB 106 <sup>*† 2</sup>                     | 3 STAT 200 or 250 <sup>*†† 2</sup>           | 3-4          |
| MICRB 107 <sup>*†</sup>                       | 1 NURS 225 <sup>*</sup>                      | 3            |
| NURS 250 <sup>*</sup>                         | 2 NURS 230 <sup>*</sup>                      | 4            |
| NURS 251 <sup>*</sup>                         | 3 General Education Course (GH) <sup>2</sup> | 3            |
| Elective                                      | 2-3  |              |
|   | <b>14-16</b>                                 | <b>16-17</b> |

#### Third Year

| Fall                  | Credits Spring           | Credits |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|---------|
| NURS 305 <sup>*</sup> | 3 NURS 200W <sup>*</sup> | 3       |
| NURS 301 <sup>*</sup> | 4 NURS 350 <sup>*</sup>  | 2       |
| NURS 310 <sup>*</sup> | 3 NURS 306 <sup>*</sup>  | 3       |

|  |   |           |
|--|---|-----------|
| General Education Course (GA) <sup>2</sup> | 3 NURS 320 <sup>*</sup>                       | 3         |
| Elective                                   | 3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D <sup>†</sup> | 3         |
|  | <b>16</b>                                     | <b>14</b> |

#### Fourth Year

| Fall                   | Credits Spring                                  | Credits   |
|------------------------|---|-----------|
| NURS 405A <sup>*</sup> | 4 NURS 450B <sup>*</sup>                        | 3         |
| NURS 450A <sup>*</sup> | 2 NURS 405B <sup>*</sup>                        | 4         |
| NURS 415 <sup>*</sup>  | 4 NURS 420 <sup>*</sup>                         | 4         |
| Elective               | 3 NURS 400-level Supporting Course <sup>*</sup> | 3         |
|                        | <b>13</b>                                       | <b>14</b> |

#### Total Credits 120-123

- \* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major
- ‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education
- # Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
- † Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

- 1 BIOL 161, BIOL 162, and BIOL 163 are entrance to major courses for students not directly admitted to the Nursing program, who are applying for admission to the Commonwealth Campus Nursing programs through the Review Process. BIOL 161, BIOL 162, and BIOL 163 must be passed with a quality grade of C or better to progress to 200-level Nursing courses.
- 2 Within the 30 credits of required General Education Domain courses, students must take 6 credits of Integrative Studies courses (Inter-domain or Linked courses). Students should consult with their academic adviser to select appropriate courses.
- 3 Alternative First Year Seminar courses can be petitioned to fulfill this requirement.
- 4 MATH 21 is a prerequisite for CHEM 130 and STAT 200 or STAT 250. MATH 22 is a prerequisite for CHEM 110. If a student places higher than MATH 21 on the ALEKS Assessment Exam, any GQ may be scheduled.

#### University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy University Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

GWS, GQ, GHW, GN, GA, GH, and GS are abbreviations used to identify General Education program courses. General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ) and Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS, and Integrative Studies). Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

Integrative Studies courses are required for the General Education program. N is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate an Inter-Domain course and Z is the suffix at the end of a course number used to designate a Linked course.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the

GWS designation and replace both ENGL 30H and CAS 100. Each course is 3 credits.

**Program Notes:**

- See **College of Nursing Grading Scale** and **Academic Progression Policy** in the BSN Handbook at <https://www.nursing.psu.edu/student-handbooks/>
- Scheduling Patterns: NURS courses are offered only in the semester indicated, except NURS 415 and NURS 420 are offered both Fall and Spring semesters
- Third and fourth years include 6-12 hours of clinical experience per week
- Students studying at University Park will spend third or fourth year at Hershey Medical Center

## Second Degree in Nursing Option: Nursing, B.S.N. at Altoona and Harrisburg Campuses

The course series listed below provides **only one** of the many possible ways to move through this curriculum. The University may make changes in policies, procedures, educational offerings, and requirements at any time. This plan should be used in conjunction with your degree audit (accessible in LionPATH as either an **Academic Requirements** or **What If** report). Please consult with a Penn State academic adviser on a regular basis to develop and refine an academic plan that is appropriate for you.

### First Year

| Fall      | Credits   | Spring     | Credits   |
|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| NURS 250* | 2         | NURS 350*  | 2         |
| NURS 225* | 3         | NURS 301*  | 4         |
| NURS 230* | 4         | NURS 310*  | 3         |
| NURS 305* | 3         | NURS 415*  | 4         |
| NURS 251* | 3         | NURS 405A* | 4         |
|           | <b>15</b> |            | <b>17</b> |

### Second Year

| Fall       | Credits   | Spring     | Credits   |
|------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| NURS 320*  | 3         | NURS 450A* | 2         |
| NURS 306*  | 3         | NURS 450B* | 3         |
| NURS 420*  | 4         | NURS 495*  | 6         |
| NURS 405B* | 4         | NURS 200W* | 3         |
|            | <b>14</b> |            | <b>14</b> |

**Total Credits 60**

- \* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major
- ‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education
- # Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
- † Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

### Additional Notes:

- See **College of Nursing Grading Scale** and **Academic Progression Policy** in the Second Degree BSN Handbook at <https://www.nursing.psu.edu/student-handbooks/>
- **All General Education and prerequisite courses are completed with first degree and prior to admission**
- NURS 250, 251, 225, 230, 305 must be successfully completed prior to enrolling in NURS 301 and 310
- NURS 301 and 310 must be successfully completed prior to enrolling in NURS 306, 320, 405A, 405B, 415, 420
- Students may not enroll in NURS 450A, 450B and 495 until all other nursing courses are completed or in progress
- **NURS 495 Nursing Study in Specialized Setting** : 6 credits required in place of 3 credits of supporting courses and 3 credits of general electives; clinical immersion practicum