

# NURSING, R.N. TO B.S.N.

**Begin Campus:** Abington, Fayette, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Shenango, Schuylkill, University Park, World Campus

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## Degree Requirements

For the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in Nursing, a minimum of 120 credits is required:

Requirement	Credits
General Education	45
Electives	4-5
Requirements for the Major	91-93

21-22 of the 45 credits for General Education are included in the Requirements for the Major. This includes: 3 credits of GHW courses; 9 credits of GN courses; 3-4 credits of GQ courses; 6 credits of GS courses.

### General Education

Connecting career and curiosity, the General Education curriculum provides the opportunity for students to acquire transferable skills necessary to be successful in the future and to thrive while living in interconnected contexts. General Education aids students in developing intellectual curiosity, a strengthened ability to think, and a deeper sense of aesthetic appreciation. These are requirements for all baccalaureate students and are often partially incorporated into the requirements of a program. For additional information, see the General Education Requirements (<http://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/general-education/baccalaureate-degree-general-education-program/>) section of the Bulletin and consult your academic adviser.

The keystone symbol appears next to the title of any course that is designated as a General Education course. Program requirements may also satisfy General Education requirements and vary for each program.

### Foundations (grade of C or better is required.)

- **Quantification (GQ):** 6 credits
- **Writing and Speaking (GWS):** 9 credits

### Knowledge Domains

- **Arts (GA):** 6 credits
- **Health and Wellness (GHW):** 3 credits
- **Humanities (GH):** 6 credits
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences (GS):** 6 credits
- **Natural Sciences (GN):** 9 credits

### Integrative Studies (may also complete a Knowledge Domain requirement)

- **Inter-Domain or Approved Linked Courses:** 6 credits

## University Degree Requirements

### First Year Engagement

All students enrolled in a college or the Division of Undergraduate Studies at University Park, and the World Campus are required to take 1 to 3 credits of the First-Year Seminar, as specified by their college First-Year Engagement Plan.

Other Penn State colleges and campuses may require the First-Year Seminar; colleges and campuses that do not require a First-Year Seminar provide students with a first-year engagement experience.

First-year baccalaureate students entering Penn State should consult their academic adviser for these requirements.

### Cultures Requirement

6 credits are required and may satisfy other requirements

- United States Cultures: 3 credits
- International Cultures: 3 credits

### Writing Across the Curriculum

3 credits required from the college of graduation and likely prescribed as part of major requirements.

### Total Minimum Credits

A minimum of 120 degree credits must be earned for a baccalaureate degree. The requirements for some programs may exceed 120 credits. Students should consult with their college or department adviser for information on specific credit requirements.

### Quality of Work

Candidates must complete the degree requirements for their major and earn at least a 2.00 grade-point average for all courses completed within their degree program.

### Limitations on Source and Time for Credit Acquisition

The college dean or campus chancellor and program faculty may require up to 24 credits of course work in the major to be taken at the location or in the college or program where the degree is earned. Credit used toward degree programs may need to be earned from a particular source or within time constraints (see Senate Policy 83-80 (<http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#83-80>)). For more information, check the Suggested Academic Plan for your intended program.

### Requirements for the Major

A grade of C or better is required for all courses in the major. To graduate, a student enrolled in the major must earn at least a C grade in each course designated by the major as a C-required course, as specified by Senate Policy 82-44 (<http://senate.psu.edu/policies-and-rules-for-undergraduate-students/82-00-and-83-00-degree-requirements/#82-44>).

Code	Title	Credits
<b>Prescribed Courses</b>		
<i>Prescribed Courses: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
BIOL 161	Human Anatomy and Physiology I - Lecture	3
BIOL 162	Human Anatomy and Physiology I - Laboratory	1
BIOL 163	Human Anatomy and Physiology II - Lecture	3
BIOL 164	Human Anatomy and Physiology II - Laboratory	1
HDFS 129	Introduction to Human Development and Family Studies	3
MICRB 106	Elementary Microbiology	3
MICRB 107	Elementary Microbiology Laboratory	1
NURS 200W	Principles of Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 357	Introduction to Nursing Informatics <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 390	Transition and the Professional Nursing Role <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 417	Family and Community Health Concepts <sup>1</sup>	4

NURS 465	Health Concepts for Adults with Complex Health Care Needs <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 475	Integrated Concepts in Nursing Practice <sup>1</sup>	3
NUTR 251	Introductory Principles of Nutrition	3
PSYCH 100	Introductory Psychology	3
<i>Prescribed Courses: Credit by portfolio assessment</i>		
NURS 225	Pathophysiology	3
NURS 230	Introduction to the Fundamentals of Nursing	4
NURS 250	Professional Role Dev I: Intro to Professional Issues in Nursing Practice and Nursing Informatics	2
NURS 301	Nursing Care of the Adult Client Requiring Medical-Surgical Intervention	4
NURS 305	Introduction to Pharmacological Concepts	3
NURS 306	Nursing Care of Children and Adolescents	3
NURS 310	Therapeutic Nursing Care of the Older Adult Client in a Variety of Settings	3
NURS 320	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family and Gynecological Client	3
NURS 405B	Nursing Care of the Adult Client with Complex Health Problems: Part B	4
NURS 420	Mental Health Nursing	4
<b>Additional Courses</b>		
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CHEM 130	Introduction to General, Organic, and Biochemistry	3-4
or CHEM 110 & CHEM 111	Chemical Principles I and Experimental Chemistry I	
NURS 251	Health Assessment <sup>1</sup>	3
or NURS 352	Advanced Health Assessment for the Registered Nurse	
SOC 1	Introductory Sociology	3
or SOC 5	Social Problems	
STAT 200	Elementary Statistics	3-4
or STAT 250	Introduction to Biostatistics	
<b>Supporting Courses and Related Areas</b>		
<i>Supporting Courses and Related Areas: Require a grade of C or better</i>		
Select 6 credits (3 credits of which must be at the 400 level) from courses on school-approved list in consultation with adviser		6

<sup>1</sup> Due to restricted enrollment, the College of Nursing assigns the semester in which students enroll in these courses and all course prerequisites must be successfully completed.