

NURSING

Nursing

Total minimum number of credits required for a major in Nursing leading to the BSN degree — 120.

Accreditation

The baccalaureate degree in nursing/master's degree in nursing/Doctor of Nursing Practice/, and post graduate APRN certificate programs at Wilkes University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (www.ccnaccreditation.org).

Philosophy and Curriculum

The practice of professional nursing is a deliberative process of assessing, analyzing, planning, implementing, and evaluating care with clients that promotes and restores health and prevents illness. The baccalaureate program prepares a beginning, self-directed practitioner who is capable of initiating, implementing, and revising nursing care.

Professional nursing is based upon the integration of knowledge from the humanities, the physical and social sciences, and nursing theories and research. The curriculum is based on the development of the individual and the family within a community. The curriculum flows from the philosophy and covers a four-year academic period. It includes integrated nursing courses, electives, and the General Education Curriculum requirements. Due to the cultural diversity of clients, it is suggested that students consider taking a foreign language. Written agreements with the cooperating hospitals and agencies in Northeastern Pennsylvania ensure clinical facilities for the student's practice, which is concurrent with the classroom theory. NOTE: Students are responsible for their own transportation to assigned clinical areas.

In addition, opportunities for learning are provided in the Clinical Nursing Simulation Center, which is equipped with computer-assisted instructional materials and with low fidelity and high fidelity manikins. A simulated clinical environment allows the student to practice the psychomotor skills necessary in nursing practice. A faculty member is available to assist the students.

Undergraduate Nursing Programs

Students majoring in Nursing are required to have completed courses in English (4 units), Social Studies (3 units), Mathematics (2 units, including algebra), and Science (two units, including Biology and Chemistry) during their secondary school program. The preferred criteria for admission are a high school GPA of 3.3 or numeric grade of 87, SAT scores of 510 in both Math and Reading (1020) or an ACT score of 21 for those students who do not take the SAT's. Students who have graduated from an accredited institution and meet all other admission requirements will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. Admission is not guaranteed. Transfer students or change of major students must meet the required score on the nursing entrance examination prior to admission into the nursing program.

The student of nursing assumes all of the financial obligations listed in the section on fees in this bulletin. Additional expenses incurred in the Nursing Program are listed in the [Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook](#). A price list for these items follows.

Students must complete the required health and clearance documents and submit all requirements as directed by Castlebranch by June 30th every year of enrollment in clinical nursing courses for the fall semester and by January 5 for the spring semester. Failure to complete requirements by June 30th or January 5 will result in the loss of a clinical seat. Students must contact Lori Drozdis, Student Affairs Coordinator (at lori.drozdis@wilkes.edu or (570) 408-4092) for the required code.

In addition to the required health and clearance documents noted above, any student transferring into the nursing program from another school or from another program or from an undeclared status at Wilkes University must be in good academic standing and must successfully complete the nurse entrance examination before July 1st preceding the start of the entry level clinical nursing course (NSG 210). Students must also meet the technical standards essential to the practice of nursing, as defined in the [Undergraduate Nursing Student Handbook](#) to progress into clinical nursing courses.

Satisfactory clinical performance is an essential component of the Wilkes Nursing program. Students become eligible to progress into clinical nursing courses when they have met the following prerequisite course requirements: nursing majors must earn a 2.5 or better in the required prerequisite sciences (BIO 113, 115-116, CHM 111) and a 2.0 in ENG 101. In order to remain in clinical courses and progress in the nursing curriculum, students must earn a 2.5 or higher in the required co-requisite science (EES 242). Students will be allowed to repeat a science course one time for a grade less than 2.5. A student who achieves less than a 2.5 in two science courses **will not be** able to progress into the nursing program. Students must obtain a cumulative GPA of 2.5 at all times.

In order to progress THROUGH the nursing program, all nursing students must:

- Follow the admission and progression policy of the Passan School of Nursing.

In addition to fulfilling the academic requirements of the University, students majoring in Nursing are required to successfully complete comprehensive examinations and required studies as assigned by the School of Nursing before being eligible to graduate

Nursing Major- Required Courses and Recommended Course Sequence

First Semester

[[BIO-115]] Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
[[CHM-111]] Fundamentals of Chemistry	4

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[[ENG-101]] Composition* or	4
[[FYF-101]] First-Year Foundations	3
[[NSG-117]] Basic Life Support elective	1
Total Credits	16

Second Semester

[[BIO-113]] Microbiology	4
[[BIO-116]] Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
[[PSY-101]] General Psychology* or	3
[[SOC-101]] Intro. to Sociology* or	3
[[ANT-101]] Intro. to Anthropology*	
[[ART-101]], [[MUS-101]], or [[DAN-101]]	3
Total Credits	17

Third Semester

[[NSG-200]] Principles of Normal Nutrition	3
[[MTH-150]] Elementary Statistics**	3
[[NSG-214]] Pathophysiology for Professional Nurses	3
[[CS-115]] Computers & Applications	3
[[ENG-120]] Introduction to Literature & Culture	3
Total Credits	15

Fourth Semester

[[NSG-210]] Principles of Nursing	6
[[NSG-211]] Physical Assessment	3
[[NSG-215]] Pharmacotherapeutics I	
[[HIS-101]] Historical Foundations of the Modern World	3
PSY Elective	3
Total Credits	16

Fifth Semester

[[NSG-213]] Nursing Care of the Psychiatric Mental Health Client	4
[[NSG-235]] Medical Surgical Nursing I	6

[[NSG-236]] Pharmacotherapeutics II	1
[[NSG-342]] Introduction to Nursing Research	3
Total Credits	14

Sixth Semester

[[EES-242]] Environmental Health	3
[[NSG-237]] Medical Surgical Nursing II	6
[[NSG-238]] Pharmacotherapeutics III	1
[[NSG-241]] Nursing Care of Child Bearing Family	4
[[NSG-217]] Basic Life Support elective	1
Total Credits	15

Seventh Semester

[[NSG-340]] Advanced Care Concepts	5
[[NSG-242]] Nursing Care of the Child Rearing Family	4
[[NSG-321]] Population Health	3
[[PHL-101]] or Foreign Language	3
Total Credits	15

Eighth Semester

[[NSG-345]] Senior Practicum	5
[[NSG-239]] Nursing Care Older Adult	2
[[NSG-325]] NCLEX Preparation for Professional Practice	2
[[NSG-341]] Nursing Informatics	3
Total Credits	12

* Please note: Students must take [[ENG-101]] and both [[PSY-101]] and [[SOC-101]] or [[ANT-101]] during their freshman year.

**Please note: [[MTH-150]] is required and prerequisite to [[NSG-342]].

Additional Nursing Expenses and Fees for Traditional Baccalaureate Students

Item	Freshman	Sophomore	Junior	Senior
Capstone Project				
National Student	\$45	\$45	\$45	\$45

Nurses Association (NSNA)				
Uniform Scrub Top		\$30 - \$35		
Uniform Scrub Pants		\$25		
Uniform Shoes		\$40 and up		
Stethoscope, penlight, bandage scissors		\$55 - \$85		
Hemostats		\$6		
BP Cuff		\$40		
AHA CPR Certification for Health Care Providers		\$35 and up		\$35 and up
Castle Branch Profile		\$175 and up	\$175 and up	\$175 and up
Criminal Record Check		\$40 and up	\$40 and up	\$40 and up
PA Child-Abuse-History Clearance		\$10		
Physical, Immunizations, and PPD		\$100 and up*	\$100 and up*	\$100 and up*
Urine for Drug Screen		\$50 and up	\$50 and up	\$50 and up
<i>*May be covered by the student's medical insurance</i>				
<i>**Will be billed by the Financial Management Office.</i>				

The School of Nursing Faculty reserves the right to revise the Nursing Major requirements as deemed necessary at any time to prepare students for new and emerging roles in nursing.

License to Practice

Candidates for a license to practice in the health field are required to have "good moral character." The Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing takes into consideration, when deciding on the applications for registration and a license to practice under their jurisdiction, whether candidates have been convicted of any felony or misdemeanor. Candidates are referred to the regulations specified in the Professional Nurse Law (P.L. 317, No. 69).

NSG. NURSING

NSG-117. BASIC LIFE SUPPORT RENEWAL

Credits: 1

This hybrid course combines online learning and cognitive evaluation with hands-on skills practice and psychomotor evaluation in accordance with the standards of the American Heart Association's (AHA) Core Curriculum. Students who successfully complete this course will receive AHA course completion cards for both Basic Cardiac Life Support for the Health Care Provider and Heartsaver First Aid.
[Click here for course fee.](#)

NSG-200. PRINCIPLES OF NORMAL NUTRITION

Credits: 3

Fees: \$32 for non-nursing majors

An introduction of the basic science of human nutrition: principles of normal nutrition, meal planning, computation of diets, physiological, psychosocial, and social effects of food and its constituents; and some local, national, and international nutrition problems.

Pre-Requisites

[[BIO-113]], [[BIO-115]], [[BIO-116]], [[CHM-111]], [[ENG-101]] and [[PSY-101]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-214]]

NSG-210. PRINCIPLES OF NURSING: INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY

Credits: 6

This course introduces the student to the profession of nursing. Use of the nursing process is emphasized in meeting the basic human needs of clients within families and their communities. Nursing theory is correlated with clinical practice in the Clinical Nursing Simulation Center and selected clinical agencies. Hours weekly: 4 hours of class and 6 hours of clinical practice.

[Click here for course fees.](#)

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-200]], [[NSG-214]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-211]], [[NSG-215]]

NSG-211. PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT

Credits: 3

This course is designed to facilitate the integration of physical assessment skills as an essential element of the nursing process. The components of physical assessment, including the health history and physical examination, are organized to allow the student to proceed from an assessment of the overall function of a client to the more specific functions of each body system. Requirement: Sophomore standing in the Nursing program and online Accelerated Baccalaureate Program for Second Degree Students.
[Click here for course fees.](#)

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-210]], [[NSG-215]] or [[NSG-330]]

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NSG-213. NURSING CARE OF THE PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH CLIENT: INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, AND COMMUNITY

Credits: 4

The nursing process is utilized in assisting adults and their families within their communities to achieve optimum health and to resolve selected problems in mental health and psychiatric nursing. Nursing theory is correlated with clinical practice in a variety of health care settings. Hours weekly: 2 hours of class, 6 hours of clinical practice.

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-210]], [[NSG-211]], [[NSG-215]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-235]], [[NSG-236]], [[NSG-342]]

NSG-214. PATHOPHYSIOLOGY FOR THE PROFESSIONAL NURSE

Credits: 3

This course focuses on altered cell functioning resulting in deviations from homeostasis. Topics of study include principles of homeostasis and the immune, cardiopulmonary, renal, nervous, gastrointestinal, hematological, musculoskeletal, and endocrine systems. The student's ability to relate this to the individual's need for care is emphasized. Pathological alterations in health at the systems level and implications for nursing care are emphasized. Requirement: Sophomore standing in the Nursing program.

Pre-Requisites

[[BIO-113]], [[BIO-116]], [[ENG-101]]
[[PSY-101]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-200]]

NSG-215. PHARMACOTHERAPEUTICS I

Credits: 1

Principles of pharmacology and specific drug groups are explored. An emphasis is placed on pharmacotherapeutics, pharmacokinetics, and pharmacodynamics.

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-200]], [[NSG-214]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-210]], [[NSG-211]]

NSG-217. BASIC LIFE SUPPORT RENEWAL

Credits: 1

This hybrid course combines online learning and cognitive evaluation with hands-on skills practice and psychomotor evaluation in accordance with the standards of the American Heart Association's (AHA) Core Curriculum for renewal. Students who successfully complete this course will receive a renewal of AHA course completion cards for both Basic Cardiac Life Support for the Health Care Provider and Heartsaver First Aid.

[Click here for course fee.](#)

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-117]]

NSG-224. PHARMACOTHERAPEUTICS AND CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING IN NURSING

Credits: 3

(Accelerated Bachelors Program online students only). This course is designed to assist students to understand the multidisciplinary science of pharmacology based on human systems. Content includes drug classifications, indications, adverse effects and contraindications, age-related variables, dosages, and nursing implications. Using critical thinking skills related to drug therapy, clinical decision-making is developed.

Pre-Requisites

Acceptance into the Accelerated Bachelors Program.
[[NSG-211]], [[NSG-330]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-331]], [[NSG-341]]

NSG-235. MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING I

Credits: 6

Terms Offered: Fall

The nursing process is utilized in assisting adults and their families within their communities to achieve optimum health and managed selected health problems. Nursing theory is correlated with clinical practice in a variety of health care settings. Hours weekly: 3 hours of class and 9 hours of clinical practice.

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-210]], [[NSG-211]], [[NSG-215]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-213]], [[NSG-236]], [[NSG-342]]

NSG-236. PHARMACOTHERAPEUTICS II

Credits: 1

This course is designed to assist students to understand the multidisciplinary science of pharmacology based on human systems. Content includes drug classification, indications, adverse effects and contraindications, age-related variables, dosages, and nursing implications. Using critical thinking skills related to drug therapy, clinical decision making is developed.

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-210]], [[NSG-211]], [[NSG-215]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-213]], [[NSG-235]], [[NSG-342]]

NSG-237. MEDICAL SURGICAL NURSING II

Credits: 6

Terms Offered: Spring

The nursing process is utilized in assisting adults and their families within their communities to achieve optimum health and manage selected health problems. Nursing theory is correlated with clinical practice in a variety of health care settings. Hours weekly: 3 hours of class and 9 hours of clinical practice.

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-213]], [[NSG-235]], [[NSG-236]], [[NSG-342]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-241]], [[NSG-238]], [[EES-242]]

NSG-238. PHARMACOTHERAPEUTICS III**Credits:** 1

This course is designed to assist students to understand the multidisciplinary science of pharmacology based on human systems. Content includes drug classification, indications, adverse effects and contraindications, age-related variables, dosages, and nursing implications. Using critical thinking skills related to drug therapy, clinical decision making is developed.

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-213]], [[NSG-235]], [[NSG-236]], [[NSG-342]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-237]], [[NSG-241]], [[EES-242]]

NSG-239. GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING**Credits:** 2

This course will focus on the nursing management of older adults. Contemporary theories of gerontology, theories of aging, physiological / psychological functioning, impact of developmental changes, illness, and dysfunction will be emphasized. The geriatric patient will be examined at various levels – healthy older adult, older adult at risk, the older adult experiencing acute and chronic illness.

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-242]], [[NSG-340]], [[NSG-321]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-325]], [[NSG-345]]

NSG-241. NURSING CARE OF THE CHILD BEARING FAMILY**Credits:** 4

The nursing process is utilized in childbearing families within their communities to meet their human needs. Nursing theory is correlated with clinical practice in a variety of health care settings. This course is designated for Women's and Gender Studies (WGS).

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-213]], [[NSG-235]], [[NSG-236]], [[NSG-342]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-237]], [[NSG-238]]

NSG-242. NURSING CARE OF THE CHILD REARING FAMILY**Credits:** 4

The nursing process is utilized in assisting families with children within the communities to meet their human needs. Nursing theory is correlated with clinical practice in a variety of health care settings.

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-237]], [[NSG-238]], [[NSG-241]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-321]], [[NSG-340]]

NSG-317. ADVANCED LIFE SUPPORT**Credits:** 3

This course covers the essential material for Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support in accordance with the standards of the American Heart Association. Enrolled students are eligible for American Heart Association ACLS and PALS Course Completion Cards at the end of the course.

[Click here for course fee.](#)**NSG-321. POPULATION HEALTH****Credits:** 3

This course provides a foundation in population health, including community and population assessment, intervention, and evaluation of culturally diverse and vulnerable populations.

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-237]], [[NSG-238]], [[NSG-241]], [[EES-242]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-242]], [[NSG-340]]

NSG-325. PREPARATION FOR PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE**Credits:** 2

This course uses a variety of strategies to prepare final semester pre-licensure baccalaureate nursing students for entry into professional nursing practice. Students are assessed for readiness to sit for the NCLEX-RN licensure examination as well as for entry into professional nursing practice in a general health care setting. This course provides students with quantitative analysis of their readiness to pass the NCLEX-RN exam

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-242]], [[NSG-321]], [[NSG-340]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-239]], [[NSG-345]]

NSG-330. NURSING PRACTICE I**Credits:** 12

(Accelerated Baccalaureate Program for Second Degree Students) This online course introduces the student to the profession of nursing. Use of the nursing process is emphasized in meeting the human needs of clients identified as individuals, families, and communities. Nursing theory is correlated with clinical practice during the residency in the Clinical Nursing Simulation Center and selected clinical agencies. 12 hours of clinical practice.

[Click here for course fees.](#)**Co-Requisites**

[[NSG-211]]

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NSG-331. NURSING PRACTICE II

Credits: 12

(Accelerated Baccalaureate Program for Second Degree Students, online) Building on the foundation of Nursing, the nursing process is used to assist individuals, families, and communities to achieve optimum health and to resolve selected medical, surgical, and mental health problems. Nursing theory is correlated with clinical practice, and is mastered in a variety of settings. Hours weekly: 7 hours of class; 15 hours of clinical practice.

[Click here for course fees.](#)

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-211]], [[NSG-330]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-224]], [[NSG-341]]

NSG-332. NURSING PRACTICE III

Credits: 12

(Accelerated Baccalaureate Program for Second Degree Students, online) This course prepares the student for professional role development in emerging health care delivery systems. The nursing process is utilized in assisting individuals, families, and communities to meet their health needs. Nursing theory is correlated with clinical practice in a variety of health care settings. Hours weekly: 6 hours of class; 18 hours of clinical practice.

[Click here for course fees.](#)

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-224]], [[NSG-331]], [[NSG-341]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-342]]

NSG-340. ADVANCED CARE CONCEPTS

Credits: 5

The nursing process is used in assisting adults and their families, within their communities, to achieve optimum health and to resolve complex health problems. Hours weekly: 3 hours of class, 6 hours of clinical practice.

[Click here for course fees.](#)

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-237]], [[NSG-238]], [[NSG-241]], [[EES-242]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-242]], [[NSG-321]]

NSG-341. NURSING INFORMATICS

Credits: 3

This course provides information about technology used to communicate, manage information, and support decision making to facilitate the achievement of client healthcare outcomes. The course integrates information related to the areas of nursing science, information management science, and computer science.

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-242]], [[NSG-321]], [[NSG-340]]

ABSN: [[NSG-211]], [[NSG-330]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-239]], [[NSG-325]], [[NSG-345]]

ABSN: [[NSG-224]], [[NSG-331]]

NSG-342. INTRODUCTION TO NURSING RESEARCH

Credits: 3

The research process is examined in this course. Emphasis is placed on studies in nursing that provide a foundation for critical reflection on research reports and application of findings to practice. Designated oral presentation option (OPO). Accelerated students to complete in the third semester.

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-210]], [[NSG-211]], [[NSG-215]], [[MTH-150]]

Accelerated Students [[NSG-224]], [[NSG-331]], [[NSG-341]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-213]], [[NSG-235]], [[NSG-236]]

Accelerated Students [[NSG-332]], [[NSG-342]]

NSG-345. SENIOR PRACTICUM

Credits: 5

This course prepares the student for professional role development in emerging health care delivery systems. The nursing process is utilized in the care of older adult clients and their families within their communities in a variety of settings. Nursing theory is correlated with clinical practice. Hours weekly: 2 hours of class, 9 hours of clinical practice.

[Click here for course fees.](#)

Pre-Requisites

[[NSG-242]], [[NSG-321]], [[NSG-340]]

Co-Requisites

[[NSG-239]], [[NSG-325]], [[NSG-341]]