

MISSION

To improve the health and well-being of society by preparing compassionate, courageous, and competent nurses who advance nursing through leadership, scholarship and practice.

VALUES

Excellence: being outstanding; fostered through intentional decision-making and development of high standards and processes for ensuring quality.

Professionalism: consistent demonstration of and adherence to accountability, competence, responsibility, dependability and a commitment to life-long learning.

Caring: an integral component of nursing practice requiring ongoing development of empathy, conscience, compassion, resilience, and confidence in interactions with patients, families, communities, other healthcare professionals, and ourselves.

Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion: acknowledgement of human dignity and autonomy, privacy, equality, freedom, and inclusivity as central to cultivating deep understanding of people in the betterment of health and well-being of all members of society.

Student-Centered Teaching and Learning: Evidence-based, innovative teaching and learning is critical to meeting the changing demands in healthcare, nursing practice, and nursing education.

Community Engagement: collaboration with community-based partners to enrich learning, foster equitable decision-making processes, and deepen relationships and trust to meet the healthcare needs of the region.



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Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Traditional and Second Degree Programs

PRE-CLINICAL MAJOR

Students interested in nursing are accepted as pre-clinical nursing majors if they meet the general admission requirements of the University.

Prerequisite Courses

All applicants must complete the following courses by the end of the spring in which they apply:

CHEM 281 *	Fundamentals of Biochemistry
CHEM 281 L	Fundamentals of Biochemistry Lab
BIO 110 *	Intro Biology: Atoms to Cells
BIO 245	Intro to Human Anatomy & Physiology
BIO 246	Advanced Human Anatomy & Physiology
BIO 251	Allied Health Microbiology
NURS 326	Pathophysiology
FND 250 *	Principles of Nutrition
~ PSY 230 *	Human Growth & Development
~ STAT 150 *	Introduction to Statistical Analysis
~ ENG 123 *	College Research Paper

*Courses also meet LAC requirements.

~Courses are exempt from the 10 year policy.

Pre-Clinical Suggested Course Sequence Plan

Traditional Student:

Fall - year 1: 12-13 credits	BIO 110 (4)
	ENG 122 (3) STAT 150 (3) LAC/elective (2-3)
Spring - year 1: 12-14 credits	BIO 245 (4)
	CHEM 281/281 L (4) ENG 123 (3) LAC/elective (2-3)
Fall - year 2: 12 credits	BIO 246 (3)
	FND 250 (3) PSY 230 (3) LAC/elective (3)
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Spring - year 2: 13 credits	NURS 326 (3) BIO 251 (4) LAC/electives (6)

All UNC students are required to complete 31 credit hours from the Liberal Arts Curriculum (LAC).

OPEN ADMISSION PROCESS & SCREENING CRITERIA

A separate application and acceptance process is required for the student to enter clinical nursing courses. Information for applying to the clinical major and application procedures are obtained on the School of Nursing website during late fall semester.

- 1 Apply and be accepted to UNC.
- 2 Potential for completion of all required prerequisite courses by the end of the spring semester of application year. Only 4 prerequisite courses can still be in progress at the time of application.
- 3 Submit School of Nursing application in January. Applications and instructions are available on the School of Nursing website in November.

SCREENING CRITERIA:

GPA will be calculated using the most recent 45 semester hours of coursework AND GPA from all of the completed nursing prerequisite courses. NOTE: Grades from remedial or technical courses such as CNA, EMT, etc. and AP credit will **not** be included.

A grade of C- or higher is required in each of the prerequisite courses (or course equivalent). Students may take prerequisite courses multiple times, however, only the most current grade from the first 2 attempts will be used for admission screening.

All prerequisite courses must have been completed within 10 years of application.

A 3.0 GPA or higher is required within your most recent 45 credits.

Admission scores will be based upon GPA, Professional Recommendation Surveys, HESI exam, and CASPER assessment.

Priority points will be given for earned credit at UNC.

- Admission Screening Criteria are subject to change.
- If not accepted into the clinical major, a student may reapply the following year. There is no waitlist.
- Priority 'Bear Admission' will be open to progressing Sophomore students who meet eligibility criteria.

CLINICAL MAJOR

The School of Nursing offers a bachelor of science in nursing that is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the Colorado State Board of Nursing.

Nursing students will have a variety of clinical experiences in hospitals, nursing homes, industry, schools and public health agencies; primarily in northern Colorado communities.

Prescribed Clinical Nursing Course Sequence

71 credits

Clinical coursework for Traditional students begins either in the summer or the fall. There are five semesters of coursework with one summer off.

Clinical coursework for Second Degree students begins each summer and continues until graduation in December of the following year.

Semester 1: 14 credits	NURS 310	Foundations of Nursing I
	NURS 313	Health Assessment Theory & Lab
	NURS 323	Clinical Practice: Nursing Concepts & Care
	NURS 327	Pharmacology in Nursing
Semester 2: 15 credits	NURS 340	Foundations of Nursing II
	NURS 374	Clinical Practice: Alterations in Adult Health
	NURS 375	Alterations in Adult Health Theory I
	NURS 376	Alterations in Adult Health Theory II
Semester 3: 15 credits	NURS 380	Research and Evidence Based Practice
	NURS 420	Clinical Practice: Childbearing Families
	NURS 421	Clinical Practice: Pediatric Nursing
	NURS 425	Childbearing Families Theory
	NURS 426	Pediatric Nursing Theory
Semester 4: 14 credits	NURS 404	Clinical Practice: Public Health Nursing
	NURS 405	Theory and Principles of Public Health Nursing
	NURS 414	Clinical Practice: Psych Mental Health Nursing
	NURS 415	Theory of Psych Mental Health Nursing
	NURS 440	Current Issues in Health Care
Semester 5: 13 credits	NURS 444	Clinical Practice: Advanced Acute Care
	NURS 445	Advanced Acute Care & Concepts
	NURS 446	Clinical Practice: Capstone
	NURS 480	Professionalism in Practice: Leadership & Management