

Nursing BSN

Overview

The **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** is offered by the Department of Nursing.

The degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) may be conferred upon a student by recommendation of the faculty and upon the satisfactory completion of a minimum of 124 credit hours with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 overall and in the major. The minimum passing grade in all required nursing major courses is 73% (C); this includes all courses listed under Department of Nursing requirements and Nursing Major requirements.

Campus Location: Main

Program Codes: HP-NUR4-BSNU, HP-NURS-BSNU

Admissions

Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is competitive. A minimum high school GPA of 3.25 is required for first-year applicants. Students seeking to transfer from a different institution must have a minimum GPA of 3.5 for college-level work.

Facilities and Clinical Sites

The Nursing Resource Center at Temple's Health Sciences Center campus is a simulation-based learning environment that utilizes state-of-the-art technology to aid in student skill development, critical reasoning and teamwork. Students participate in real-life situations in a safe and controlled simulated setting with guidance from our faculty. BSN students complete a total of 798 hours of clinical experience in community-and hospital-based settings.

Clinical Sites may include Temple Hospital Main, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Jeanes Hospital, Episcopal Hospital, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and St. Christopher's Hospital for Children.

Accreditation

The program is approved by the State Board of Nursing, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The baccalaureate degree program in nursing program at Temple University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

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Graduates are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) leading to licensure as a Registered Nurse.

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These requirements are for students who matriculated in academic year 2023-2024. Students who matriculated prior to fall 2023 should refer to the Archives to view the requirements for their Bulletin year.

Summary of Requirements

University Requirements

All students are required to complete the university's General Education (GenEd) curriculum.

All students must take a minimum of two writing-intensive courses as part of the major. The writing-intensive courses required for this major are NURS 3296 and NURS 3496.

College Requirement

All College of Public Health undergraduates must successfully complete the College Core Course, HRPR 1001 Public Health: The Way We Live, Work and Play.

Community and Hospital Clinical Requirements

All nursing students must complete a pre-matriculation physical prior to the start of attending Temple University. Starting sophomore year, the nursing program requires students to complete clinical education experiences at facilities both on and off the University campus. As part of the clinical experience all students must complete and submit the following clearances annually: Pennsylvania state criminal background check, Pennsylvania state child abuse clearance, FBI fingerprinting clearance, and a 12-panel drug screening. The results of these requirements may impact the student's ability to continue on with the clinical component of the program, thus resulting in an inability to satisfy graduation requirements. Additionally, the conviction of a misdemeanor, felony, or illegal act may prevent the individual from becoming credentialed and/or licensed to practice nursing. Please see www.ncsbn.org/contact-bon.htm for more information about licensure.

Students also need proof of required immunizations, annual influenza vaccination, proof of Covid vaccination, Quantiferon testing (a blood test that detects the bacteria that causes tuberculosis), American Heart Association (AHA) cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certification, and personal health insurance. Students must complete the required health and immunization requirements to attend clinical. If these requirements are not completed, students may not progress in the nursing program. Additionally, all nursing students are required to be covered under the Temple University Accident Insurance Policy. If the student sustains an injury as a result of a required clinical activity, the student's expenses related to that injury are covered by this policy (see the policy in detail since there may be some limitations). To examine the details of this policy and the procedure, go to <https://careers.temple.edu/hr-resources/our-functional-areas/benefits-administration/health-insurance-plans/student-health-1>.

Student Transportation

Transportation to and from clinical sites is the responsibility of the student. Shuttle service is available from Temple University-Main Campus to the Health Sciences Center Campus Monday through Friday. To review the current schedule, go to <https://campusoperations.temple.edu/shuttle-services/between-main-campus-hsc-ambler>. Students need to consider transportation costs in their educational planning when attending the nursing program.

Department of Nursing Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
BIOL 1012	General Biology II	4
BIOL 2001	Clinical Microbiology	4
CHEM 1021 & CHEM 1023	Introduction to Chemistry I and Introduction to Chemistry Laboratory I	4
EPBI 2219	Biostatistics and Public Health	3
HRPR 1001	Public Health: The Way We Live, Work and Play	3
KINS 1223	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
KINS 1224	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
PSY 1001	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY 2301	Foundations of Developmental Psychology	3
SBS 2106	Perspectives on Lifecycle Nutrition	2
Total Credit Hours		34

Nursing Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
NURS 1003	Introduction to the Nursing Profession	1
NURS 2089	(Foundations of Nursing)	3
NURS 2144	Health Assessment	3
NURS 2262	(Pharmacology for Generalist Nursing Practice I)	2
NURS 2263	(Pharmacology for Generalist Nursing Practice II)	2
NURS 2689	(Med-Surg I Nursing Care of the Adult)	7
NURS 3296	Perspectives on Health, Thinking Globally	3
NURS 3487	(Pediatric Health Nursing)	4
NURS 3496	(Intro to Nursing Research (WI))	3
NURS 3589	(Med-Surg II - Complex Care of the Adult)	7

NURS 3687	(Mental Health Nursing)	2
NURS 3787	(Population Health)	3
NURS 3889	(Maternal Infant Nursing)	4
NURS 4189	(Leadership and Management)	4
NURS 4886	(General Nursing Practice Internship)	9
NURS 4401	(Senior Seminar I: Transition to Practice)	2
NURS 4402	(Senior Seminar II: Synthesis of Nursing)	2

Total Credit Hours		61
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Suggested Academic Plan

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Suggested Plan for New Students Starting in the 2023-2024 Academic Year

Year 1		Credit Hours
Fall		
CHEM 1021	Introduction to Chemistry I	3
CHEM 1023	Introduction to Chemistry Laboratory I	1
ENG 0802	Analytical Reading and Writing	4
or ENG 0812	or Analytical Reading and Writing: ESL	
or ENG 0902	or Honors Writing About Literature	
HRPR 1001	Public Health: The Way We Live, Work and Play	3
KINS 1223	Human Anatomy and Physiology I ¹	4
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
IH 0851	Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life	3
or IH 0951	or Honors Intellectual Heritage I: The Good Life	
BIOL 1012	General Biology II	4
KINS 1224	Human Anatomy and Physiology II ¹	4
PSY 1001	Introduction to Psychology	3
NURS 1003	Introduction to the Nursing Profession	1
Credit Hours		15
Year 2		
Fall		
IH 0852	Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good	3
or IH 0952	or Honors Intellectual Heritage II: The Common Good	
BIOL 2001	Clinical Microbiology	4
NURS 2089	Foundations of Nursing	3
NURS 2144	Health Assessment	3
NURS 2262	Pharmacology for Generalist Practice Nursing I	2
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
GenEd Quantitative Literacy Course ^{GQ}		4
PSY 2301	Foundations of Developmental Psychology	3
SBS 2106	Perspectives on Lifecycle Nutrition	2
NURS 2263	Pharmacology for Generalist Nursing Practice II	2
NURS 2689	Med-Surg I - Nursing Care of the Adult	7
Credit Hours		18
Year 3		
Fall		
GenEd Breadth Course		3
EPBI 2219	Biostatistics and Public Health	3
NURS 3589	Med-Surg II - Complex Care of the Adult	7
NURS 3687	Mental Health Nursing	2

NURS 3787	Population Health	3
Credit Hours		18
Spring		
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
NURS 3296	Perspectives on Health, Thinking Globally ²	3
NURS 3889	Maternal Infant Nursing	4
NURS 3487	Pediatric Health Nursing	4
Credit Hours		17
Year 4		
Fall		
GenEd Breadth Course		3
GenEd Breadth Course		3
NURS 4189	Leadership and Management	4
NURS 4401	Senior Seminar I: Transition to Practice	2
Credit Hours		12
Spring		
NURS 4886	General Nursing Practice Internship	9
NURS 4402	Senior Seminar II: Synthesis of Nursing	2
NURS 3496	Intro to Nursing Research	3
Credit Hours		14
Total Credit Hours		124

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The GS requirements will be satisfied upon the successful completion of KINS 1223 and KINS 1224.

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Indicates writing-intensive capstone for the major.