

UNCG School of Nursing

Basic Pre-Licensure BSN

Degree Information

2020 - 2021

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is designed to be completed in four academic years, plus one summer session. The course requirements in the BSN program are rigorous. For students to be competitive when applying to the upper division, they must be able to perform well academically while completing 16-17 semester hours each semester. Factors that may present special challenges to students include long distance commuting, family obligations, or financial need requiring more than 10-15 hours of work a week. If such factors apply to you, work with your academic advisor to formulate a plan of study that fits your personal situation.

The degree consists of four components: General Education Courses (GEC), Nursing Cognate Requirements (pre-requisites for the upper division major), upper division major courses, and electives for meeting degree requirements. Students must earn a total of 120 semester hours to complete their bachelor's degree.

General Education Core Requirements (GEC): Students must complete 33-34 semester hours to meet the following requirements:

Three courses in Humanities and Fine Arts:

- **GFA** (Fine Arts, Example: DCE 200)
- **GLT** (Literature, Example: CCI 205)
- **GPR** (Philosophy/Religion/Ethics, PHI 121 or 220, or RCO 203 required for pre-nursing majors)

Additional General Education requirements:

- **GHP** (History, Example: HIS 211 or HIS 217)
- **GMT** (Math, STA 108 required for pre-nursing majors)
- **GNS** (Two Natural Sciences and One lab, CHE 104, CHE 110, NTR 213 required for pre-nursing)
- **GRD1** (Reasoning and Discourse, Example: ENG 101)
- **GRD** (Reasoning and Discourse, Example: CST 105 (SI) or ENG 102)
- **GSB** (Two Social and Behavioral Sciences, PSY 121 and HDF 211 required for pre-nursing majors)

Marker Requirements:

Students must complete courses that have the following education markers:

- **Writing Intensive Requirements (WI)** – UNCG requirement for all students. You must take two writing intensive courses, one in Nursing (NUR 450) and one non-Nursing class of your choice.
- **Speaking Intensive Requirements (SI)** – UNCG requirement for all students. You must take two speaking intensive courses, one in Nursing (NUR 415) and one non-Nursing class of your choice.
- **Global Perspectives Courses (GL and GN)** – Students must complete 4 Global courses (GL), one of which must be Global Nonwestern (GN). Try to choose classes in other categories that are also GL or GN courses. For example, DCE 200 is a GFA **and** GL. Although foreign language is not required for the Nursing Degree, up to two semesters of foreign language may be used to help meet this requirement.

Choose Carefully! It is possible to complete all marker requirements without taking extra classes. Courses used to meet the GEC core category also fulfill the Marker Requirements if the course carries the indicated marker in the semester Schedule of Courses. For example, CST 105 (Introduction to Communication Studies)

meets the GRD requirement, all sections are Speaking Intensive (SI). Freshmen Seminars (FMS) typically meet multiple requirements, including Writing Intensive (WI), have small class sizes, and are limited to freshmen only. We encourage freshmen to select these courses when possible.

NURSING COGNATE REQUIREMENTS (Pre-Requisites for the Upper Division):

Students must complete the following courses before entering the Upper Division.

Course	Grade Required	Prerequisites
BIO 271/271L (Anatomy) or KIN 291/291L	C or better	BIO 111+lab (with grade of C- or better)
BIO 277/277L (Physiology) or KIN 292/292L	C or better	BIO 111+lab (with grade of C- or better)
BIO 280/280L (Microbiology)	C or better	BIO 271 or 277 required to take BIO 280 **
HDF 211 (Lifespan Development)	C or better	–
PSY 121 (General Psychology)	C or better	–
CHE 104 (Chemistry II)	C or better	CHE 103 (Chemistry I)
CHE 110 (lab)	–	–
SOC 101, SOC 202 (GL) or ATY 100 (GN) or RCO 215 (GN)	C or better	–
NTR 213 (Nutrition) (GNS)	C or better	–
PHI 121 or 220 or RCO 203 (Ethics, GPR)	C or better	–
STA 108 (Statistics) (GMT)	C or better	–

**Please note, students MUST TAKE at least Anatomy or Physiology (BIO 271 or 277) through the Biology Department to be prepared for Microbiology. If taking the KIN 291 or 292 options, make sure at least one of the Biology options is completed, or you will not be eligible to take Microbiology.

UPPER DIVISION NURSING REQUIREMENTS

Students must be formally admitted to the upper division to take these courses (see page 3 for information about application for the upper division). NUR 210 and 220 will be taught in the summer immediately preceding the 300-level nursing courses, to students who have been admitted to the upper division major.

NUR 210, 220, 310, 320, 340, 355, 360, 365, 375, 380, 385, 410, 415, 420, 430, 440, 450, and 490

ELECTIVE HOURS

Students sometimes need to take elective hours prior to graduation. The number of electives needed varies based on your course selection and any transfer courses you might have. You must earn at least 120 hours to graduate. We highly recommend that you calculate your hours prior to entering the Upper Division to see if you will need any electives.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE UPPER DIVISION MAJOR

Students must be formally admitted to the School of Nursing, which is an upper division major. Admission to UNCG does not guarantee admission to the upper division major. Applications are available each year on the School of Nursing website from December 1 through February 1. Transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended must be submitted by February 1st, as these grades and GPA are also taken into consideration during the admissions process. Students are notified of the School's decision regarding acceptance in early to mid-March. Students may not enroll in required nursing courses without being admitted to the School.

Minimum Criteria for Admission to the upper division major, printed in the UNCG Bulletin, include:

1. Overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
2. A grade of "C" or better in the following courses: BIO 271/271L or KIN 291/291L, BIO 277/277L or KIN 292/292L, BIO 280/280L; HDF 211; PSY 121; CHE 104; SOC 101 or SOC 202 or ATY 100 or RCO 215; NTR 213; PHI 121 or 220 or RCO 203, and STA 108.
3. No more than two of the above prerequisite courses may be repeated to earn the minimum grade or better. Prerequisite courses may be repeated only one time.
4. Scores for the ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) must be submitted electronically by the application deadline, February 1st. Information regarding the ATI TEAS test is available on our website.
5. Matriculation into the upper division is contingent upon receipt of a satisfactory evaluation signed by the student's physician of the applicant's physical and emotional health to provide nursing care. Forms will be sent to the students who are admitted to the upper division.

Due to the competitive nature of this program, successful applicants typically present much higher credentials for admission.

Priority Admissions

Priority in admission (subject to space availability) will be granted to students who meet the following criteria:

1. Enter UNCG as a new, first time freshman on a 4-year plan of study.
2. Earn and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.50 by the end of the third semester.
3. Complete all but one of the following required science courses:

CHE 104	General Descriptive Chemistry II
BIO 271/271L	Human Anatomy (or KIN 291/291L Clinical Human Anatomy)
BIO 277/277L	Human Physiology (or KIN 292/292L Clinical Human Physiology)
BIO 280/280L	Fundamentals of Microbiology

and at least one of the following pre-requisite courses:

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| NTR 213 | Introductory Nutrition |
| STA 108 | Elementary Introduction to Probability and Statistics |
| PHI 121 | Contemporary Moral Problems or PHI 220 Medical Ethics or RCO 203 |

by the end of the third semester, with a 3.0 (B) or better in each course completed. Courses must be completed at UNCG. These courses may not be repeated.

4. Complete three (3) semesters at UNCG (minimum of 45 semester hours). All the courses above, **must be completed** by the end of the spring semester, to matriculate into the nursing program that summer.
5. Overall score of 78% or above on the ATI TEAS. Two scores accepted.
6. Meet all other admission requirements for the upper-division nursing major.

Campus Resources

- **Career and Professional Development (CPD):** provides career testing and counseling, resume services, job fairs, and many other career related services that are free to all UNCG students. Located in EUC, Room 1 (first floor), 336.334.5454, www.uncg.edu/csc.
- **The Counseling and Testing Center:** offers individual, group and couples counseling, 336.334.5874.
- **The Leonard J. Kaplan Center for Wellness:** Recreation & Wellness has evolved into a place where you can reflect deeper, play harder, grow stronger, explore farther, accomplish more, and enjoy life. Focus areas for personal wellness include, but are not limited to, alcohol and substance use prevention, sexual health, nutrition and body image, mental health, and sexual and relationship violence prevention. 336.334.5924, <https://recwell.uncg.edu/wellness/>
- **Student Health Center:** provides comprehensive health services. 336.334.5340, <http://www.uncg.edu/shs/>
- **The Office of Accessibility Resources & Services:** provides direct assistance to students with disabilities to promote academic success and access to all programs and services; assess and evaluate needs of students with disabilities in order to develop appropriate programs; work cooperatively with all units of the University community to maintain an accessible climate; increase the involvement of persons with disabilities in all aspects of campus life; and provide opportunities for the University community to be aware of the physical and academic needs of persons with disabilities. Located in EUC, Room 208, 336.334.5440, <https://ods.uncg.edu/>
- **Writing (336.334.3125) and Speaking (336.256.1346) Centers:** free assistance with writing projects and speaking skills. Located in Moore Humanities and Research Administration Building, room 3211.
- **Students First Office (SFO):** provides academic advising, first-year initiatives, and programs to aid undergraduate success. Students interested in looking at other majors on campus should schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor in SFO. Located in Room 101 Forney Student Success Commons, 336.334.5730, students@uncg.edu
- **Student Success Center** provides a variety of programs including:
 - **Tutoring and Academic Skills Programs (TASP):** Free tutoring for all students in many lower-level courses, study skills assessments, and academic workshops. Located in Rooms 114 and 214, Forney Student Success Commons, 336.334.3878, tasp@uncg.edu
 - **Special Support Services (SSS):** services for first generation college students and students with disabilities, include individualized tutoring (all levels), counseling & advisement, Graduate/Professional School guidance, academic skills assessment & development, cultural activities, and a Learning/Computer Lab. Same location and contact information as TASP.
 - **Supplemental Instruction Program (SIP)** for selected courses, same location and contact info as TASP

Sample 4-year Plan of Study for nursing interest students

Year 1	Fall Semester (freshman year)		Spring Semester (freshman year)	
	BIO 111+lab Principles of Biology	4	BIO 271/271L Human Anatomy	4
CHE 103 (GNS) General Chemistry I	3	CHE 104 (GNS) General Chemistry II	3	
CHE 110 Lab (GNS)	1	PSY 121 (GSB) General Psychology	3	
SOC 101, ATY 100 (GN), or SOC 202 (GL)	3	GRD with SI marker (CST 105)	3	
ENG 101/FMS 115	3	WI marker (*freshman seminar)	3	
FYE or HHS 125 (optional)	1-2			
Total Credit Hours		14-16	Total Credit Hours 16	

*FMS courses (excluding FMS 115) are Freshman Seminars which cover a GEC requirement and a WI marker

Year 2	Fall Semester (sophomore year)		Spring Semester (sophomore year)	
	BIO 277/277L Human Physiology	4	BIO 280/280L Microbiology	4
NTR 213 (GNS) Introductory Nutrition	3	STA 108 (GMT) Statistics	3	
HDF 211 (GSB) Life Span Development	3	GLT with GL marker	3	
GHP with GL or GN marker	3	PHI 121 or 220 (GPR) Ethics	3	
GFA with GL marker	3	<i>GL or GN if needed</i>	3	
Total Credit Hours		16	Total Credit Hours 13-16	

Admission to Upper Division Major

Year 2 Summer Session		
NUR 210	Fundamental Concepts in Nursing	3
NUR 220/220L	Nursing Assessment	3
6 credits total		

Year 3	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	*NUR 310/310L Nursing Care of Individuals with Neurobehavioral Problems	5	*NUR 340/340L Health and Illness in Infants/Children/Adolescents	4
*NUR 320/320L Nursing Care of Individuals with Chronical Physiological Problems	5	*NUR 360/360L Childbearing/Reproductive Health	4	
NUR 355 Pathophysiology/Pharmacology	4	NUR 365 Inter-professional Education Seminar	1	
NUR 380 Nursing Skills	2	NUR 375 Nursing Informatics/Technology	2	
		NUR 385 Critical Reasoning	2	
Total Credit Hours		16	Total Credit Hours 13	

*NUR 310, 320, 340, 360, 410, 420, and 430 all include a practicum in the clinical setting related to the subject being taught in lecture

Year 4	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	*NUR 410/410L Health and Illness in Older Adults	5	*NUR 430/430L Nursing Care of Individuals with Acute Physiological Problems	5
*NUR 420/420L Population Health Nursing	5	NUR 415 Nursing Leadership & Management (SI)	3	
NUR 450 Evidence Based Practice and Nursing Research (WI)	3	NUR 440 Senior Capstone (clinical over 7 weeks)	4	
NUR 365 (if not taken junior year)	1	NUR 490 Synthesis of Nursing Concepts	2	
Total Credit Hours		13-14	Total Credit Hours 14	

Hours to graduate: You must complete a minimum of 120 semester hours to receive your degree. If you do not need to take every course listed (such as ENG 101), you must make sure to take enough hours to total at least 120 by the end of your senior year. This 4-year plan is an example only; your personal schedule does not need to be an exact match.

- NOTE: 1. Faculty encourages students to work as CNAs (I or II) during the summer between junior and senior year.
 2. Contact hours each semester for the upper division are normally 35-40 hours per week.
 3. To meet University Requirements for full-time status, students must take a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester in fall and spring, then 6 credit hours in the summer. These hours are important for eligibility for Financial Aid.

Sample 4-year Plan of Study for students starting with one science

Year 1	Fall Semester (freshman year)		Spring Semester (freshman year)	
	BIO 111+lab (GNS) Principles of Biology	4	BIO 271/271L Human Anatomy	4
PSY 121 General Psychology	3	CHE 103 (GNS) General Chemistry I	3	
ATY 100 (GN), SOC 202 (GL), or SOC 101	3	CHE 110 (option to take with CHE 104)	1	
ENG 101/FMS 115	3	HDF 211 (GSB) Life Span Development	3	
FYE or HHS 125	1	GRD with SI marker (CST 105)	3	
		WI marker (*freshman seminar)	3	
Total Credit Hours		14	Total Credit Hours 16-17	

*FMS courses (excluding FMS 115) are Freshman Seminars which cover a GEC requirement and a WI marker

Year 2	Fall Semester (sophomore year)		Spring Semester (sophomore year)	
	BIO 277/277L Human Physiology	4	BIO 280/280L Microbiology	4
CHE 104 General Chemistry II	3 (1)	NTR 213 Introductory Nutrition	3	
CHE 110 (if not taken with CHE 103)	3	STA 108 (GMT) Statistics	3	
PHI 121 or 220 (GPR) Ethics	3	GLT with GL marker	3	
GHP with GL or GN marker	3	<i>GL or GN if needed</i>	3	
GFA with GL marker				
Total Credit Hours		16-17	Total Credit Hours 13-16	

Admission to Upper Division Major

Year 2 Summer Session		
NUR 210	Fundamental Concepts in Nursing	3
NUR 220/220L	Nursing Assessment	3
6 credits total		

Year 3	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	*NUR 310/310L Nursing Care of Individuals with Neurobehavioral Problems	5	*NUR 340/340L Health and Illness in Infants/Children/Adolescents	4
*NUR 320/320L Nursing Care of Individuals with Chronical Physiological Problems	5	*NUR 360/360L Childbearing/Reproductive Health	4	
NUR 355 Pathophysiology/Pharmacology	4	NUR 365 Inter-professional Education Seminar	1	
NUR 380 Nursing Skills	2	NUR 375 Nursing Informatics/Technology	2	
		NUR 385 Critical Reasoning	2	
Total Credit Hours		16	Total Credit Hours 13	

*NUR 310, 320, 340, 360, 410, 420, and 430 all include a practicum in the clinical setting related to the subject being taught in lecture

Year 4	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	*NUR 410/410L Health and Illness in Older Adults	5	*NUR 430/430L Nursing Care of Individuals with Acute Physiological Problems	5
*NUR 420/420L Population Health Nursing	5	NUR 415 Nursing Leadership & Management	3	
NUR 450 Evidence Based Practice and Nursing Research (WI)	3	(SI)	4	
NUR 365 (if not taken junior year)	1	NUR 440 Senior Capstone (clinical over 7 weeks)	2	
		NUR 490 Synthesis of Nursing Concepts		
Total Credit Hours		13-14	Total Credit Hours 14	

