

NURSING

North Dakota State University offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree as a two-phase program consisting of a pre-professional program and a professional program. The professional program is offered at the NDSU Fargo site and NDSU Nursing at Sanford Health in Bismarck. Graduates are eligible to apply for the national licensing examination (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse (RN). The program is fully accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the North Dakota Board of Nursing.

The Program

The mission of the School of Nursing is to advance nursing knowledge and develop dynamic nurse leaders who improve the health of all people, emphasizing underserved, rural, and diverse populations. The nursing curriculum prepares professional nurses by providing a sound educational base for practice, graduate study, professional development, and professional and civic responsibility. The nursing program serves as a resource for society through consultation, collaboration, advocacy and scholarship.

Career Opportunities

Rapid changes in health care and technology require the nursing profession to continually expand its role. Employment forecasts predict an increasing demand for professional nurses. Career opportunities for a nurse with a BSN include positions in hospitals, schools, community agencies, the military, insurance companies, nursing homes, clinics, businesses and research settings. Graduates are prepared to work in a variety of settings that demand critical thinking, autonomy, collaboration and accountability. A four-year BSN degree offers an array of career options and opportunities for career advancement.

Extra-Curricular Activities

Numerous active student organizations are available at NDSU, including Student Nurses Association chapters in Bismarck and Fargo. Nursing students are strongly encouraged to participate in campus activities because they provide opportunities for teamwork, leadership, service and enjoyment.

Scholarships

Information on scholarships for students admitted to the major is available from the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships and the School of Nursing. Information on first year or transfer student scholarships is available from the Office of Admission.

The Faculty and Facilities

The NDSU BSN program is offered at two locations: the NDSU Fargo site and NDSU Nursing at Sanford Health in Bismarck. At the NDSU Fargo site, department and faculty offices are located at the Stop and Go Center. Laboratories and some classes are held at Sudro Hall. At the Bismarck site, department offices, faculty offices and classrooms are located north of Sanford Health. A nursing skills laboratory, assessment laboratory and simulation center are maintained at both sites to enhance student learning. The Fargo-Moorhead and Bismarck communities provide a rich source of health care facilities, which are utilized by the nursing program. The faculty members are experts in their specialized areas and assist students with learning in both classroom and clinical settings.

Advising

The School of Nursing is part of the College of Health Professions. Pre-nursing advising is available for all students prior to acceptance into the professional program. Each nursing student admitted to the professional program is assigned a nursing faculty advisor who is available for academic guidance and assistance. Students are strongly encouraged to

seek the assistance of their advisor early in their plan of study and maintain contact on a regular basis.

Transfer

The pre-professional program may be completed at NDSU or at another accredited college or university. Transfer students are encouraged to contact a pre-nursing advisor early to discuss course selection and transferability. The professional program, which takes three years to complete, must be taken in sequence and cannot be accelerated due to clinical placements.

Selective Admission

To apply to the professional program, students must be admitted to the University and have completed select prerequisite coursework.

One cohort of students is admitted into the professional nursing program each spring and fall semester. To apply to the professional program, an online application must be submitted by **April 20** for fall semester and **September 20** for spring semester. Enrollment to the nursing major is limited.

Eligibility for application requires 1) a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.75* on all college level work, 2) completion of the prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or higher, 3) eligibility for sophomore standing, and 4) submission of the completed application.

Admission is competitive and involves a holistic review process. The holistic review considers a student's life experiences, personal qualities and attributes as well as traditional measures such as GPA. The following documents must be on file in the School of Nursing by **April 20** for fall admission and **September 20** for spring admission:

1. Evidence of admission to NDSU,
2. Evidence of pre-nursing status,
3. Completed application to the professional program,
4. Official transcripts from all colleges attended (excluding NDSU),
5. Interview upon request,
6. Application fee,
7. Background check.

The application may be obtained online at www.ndsu.edu/nursing

Students are encouraged to consult with the pre-nursing advisor at their preferred site prior to the application deadline.

**Because of limitations on class size, the typical student admitted to the nursing program has a selective GPA higher than 2.75.*

Selected Prerequisite Courses

The selected GPA is calculated based on grades in the following prerequisite courses. (Spring applicants may have prerequisite courses in progress at the time of application.)

- COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking
- ENGL 120 College Composition II
- PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology
- SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology *or* ANTH 111 Introduction to Anthropology

A minimum of 8 credits in the science category (preference will be given to those students who have completed 11 credits or more.)

- BIOL 220/220L Human Anatomy and Physiology I/Lab
- BIOL 221/ 221L Human Anatomy and Physiology II/Lab
- BIOC 260 Elements of Biochemistry
- CHEM 117/117L Chemistry Concepts and Applications/Lab
- MICR 202/202L Introductory Microbiology/Lab

Note:

- Students should consult their faculty advisor for electives that may enhance their program of study to meet graduation requirements.
- Computer proficiency is expected before beginning the nursing major.
- Disclaimer: The recommended curriculum is subject to change based on nursing program development. Students must consult with their nursing advisor to facilitate progression in the program.

Nursing Plan of Study

Please note this is a sample plan of study; actual student schedules will vary depending on start year, individual goals, applicable transfer credit, and course availability. Students are encouraged to work with their academic advisor on a regular basis to review degree progress and customize their own plan of study.

Freshman			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 110 College Composition I	4	ENGL 120 College Composition II	3
CHEM 117 Chemical Concepts and Applications	3	BIOC 260 Elements of Biochemistry	4
CHEM 117L Chemical Concepts and Applications Laboratory	1	COMM 110 Fundamentals of Public Speaking	3
SOC 110 or ANTH 111 Introduction to Sociology or Introduction to Anthropology	3	PSYC 111 Introduction to Psychology	3
CHP 190 Critical Thinking and Academic Success	2	MICR 202 Introductory Microbiology	2
Gen Ed Quantitative Reasoning	3	MICR 202L Introductory Microbiology Laboratory	1
	16		16
Sophomore			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
BIOL 220 Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3	BIOL 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL 220L Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	1	BIOL 221L Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	1
NURS 210 Orientation to Research and Evidence-Based Practice	2	HNES 250 Nutrition Science	3
NURS 250 Health Promotion	2	NURS 251 Skills and Concepts for Nursing	2
PSYC 250 Developmental Psychology	3	NURS 252 Gerontologic Nursing	2
Gen Ed Cultural Diversity	3	NURS 360 Health Assessment	4
	14		15
Junior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
ENGL 325 Writing in the Health Professions	3	NURS 352 Family Nursing I	4
NURS 341 Foundations of Clinical Nursing	3	NURS 362 Family Nursing II	4
NURS 342 Adult Health Nursing I	5	NURS 382 Clinical Applications	1
NURS 300 Pharmacology for Nursing	3	CHP 400 Interprofessional Health Care Practice	3
	14	Gen Ed Global Perspectives	3
			15
Senior			
Fall	Credits	Spring	Credits
NURS 402 Mental Health Nursing	4	NURS 404 Adult Health III	4
NURS 403 Adult Health Nursing II	5	NURS 406 Community and Public Health Nursing	4
NURS 410 Research and Redesign	2	NURS 450 Nursing Synthesis/Practicum	4
NURS 460 Management, Leadership and Career Development	3	Gen Ed Humanities & Fine Arts	3
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	17		15
Total Credits: 122			

View NDSU equivalencies of transfer courses at: www.ndsu.edu/transfer/equivalencies

For Further Information	
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<p>NDSU Nursing at Sanford Health (Bismarck): Mary Smith, Pre-Nursing Advisor & Student Services Coordinator 512 N 7th St Bismarck, ND 58501</p> <p>Phone: (701) 224-3800 Fax: (701) 224-3834 Email: Mary.J.Smith@ndsu.edu Web: www.ndsu.edu/nursing/</p>	

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