

# CURRICULUM INFORMATION

## NURSING

The UND College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines offers an on campus Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). This degree requires 121 credits (36 of which must be numbered 300 or higher) including Essential Studies (ES) Requirements. ES requirements can be found in the academic catalog. Specific requirements for the degree are given below.

### Pre-Nursing Curriculum

First Semester	Credits
*ENGL 110: College Comp I	3
*CHEM 115/Lab: Intro Chem or CHEM 121/Lab: Gen Chem I	4
*PSYC 111: Intro Psych	3
*SOC 110: Intro Soc or SOC 115: Soc Prob or ANTH 171: Cult Anth	3
*MATH 103: College Algebra	3
SEMESTER TOTAL	16

Second Semester	Credits
*ENGL 130: College Comp II	3
*CHEM 116/Lab: Intro Organic & Biochemistry	4
*BIMD 220: Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
*BIMD 220L: Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1
# Essential Studies	3
SEMESTER TOTAL	14

Third Semester	Credits
*BIMD 202: Intro to Medical Microbiology	3
*BIMD 202L: Intro to Medical Microbiology Lab	2
*BIMD 221: Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
*BIMD 221L: Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1
*N&D 240: Fund of Nutrition	3
# Essential Studies	3
SEMESTER TOTAL	15

Fourth Semester	Credits
# PSYC 250: Dev Psych	4
# Statistics: SOC 326 or PSYC 241 or ECON 210	3/4
# PPT 315: Pharmacology	3
# Essential Studies	6
SEMESTER TOTAL	16 - 17

\* Courses must be completed by Aug. 15 (spring) or Feb. 1 (fall) for application for nursing admission.

# Courses must be completed before admission and beginning your nursing courses.

**Core courses are listed in bold** and are used to compute core course GPA for admission. These courses can be repeated or withdrawn a maximum of once per course.

Direct admission students must complete core courses with a minimum letter grade of B or higher.

### Nursing Curriculum

First Semester	Credits
NURS 300: Foundations of Nursing Practice	5
NURS 301: Professional Nurse	2
NURS 304: Nursing Pharmacology	3
NURS 310: Health & Illness I	2
NURS 312: Pathophysiology I	2
NURS 313: Clinical Practicum	2
SEMESTER TOTAL	16

Second Semester	Credits
NURS 330: Health & Illness II	4
NURS 331: Patient & Family-Centered Nursing	3
NURS 332: Pathophysiology II	2
NURS 333: Clinical Practicum II	4
NURS 334: Nursing Pharmacology II	2
SEMESTER TOTAL	15

Third Semester	Credits
NURS 403: Nursing Across the Lifespan Practicum	2
NURS 404: Professional Nurse II	2
NURS 406: Evidence-Informed Practice	2
NURS 420: Interprofessional Health Care	1
NURS 430: Health & Illness III	4
NURS 433: Clinical Practicum III	4
SEMESTER TOTAL	15

Fourth Semester	Credits
NURS 441: Population-Based Health	3
NURS 442: Health Care Infrastructure	3
NURS 443: Clinical Practicum IV	2
NURS 444: Baccalaureate Nursing Review Course	1
NURS 450: Transition to Practice – Seminar	2
NURS 453: Clinical Practicum V – Trans to Practice	3
SEMESTER TOTAL	14

Alternate sequence of CHEM 122/122L, BIOL 150/150L and BIOL 151/151L is acceptable in place of CHEM 116/116L; alternative chemistry/biology courses will need prior approval.

**Nursing students are admitted both fall and spring.**

Online application deadlines:

Dec. 1 through Feb. 1: Fall Admission

May 1 through July 1: Spring Admission

## Getting Started

University of North Dakota nursing graduates receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree and are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurses. UND nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and are approved by the North Dakota State Board of Nursing.

**Students first must be admitted to the University of North Dakota before applying for admission to the nursing program.** For information on how to gain admission to UND, contact the Office of Admissions at und.edu. Prospective students are encouraged to contact the Nursing Office of Student Services (OSS). Students who transfer from other accredited institutions must fulfill the same minimum prerequisite requirements as current UND students. During the process of becoming admitted to UND, student transfer work will be evaluated. Contact OSS for assistance with course evaluations.

## Pre-Nursing Declaration

Students who wish to pursue an undergraduate degree in nursing must declare a pre-nursing major in the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines. Once the student successfully has been admitted to UND as a pre-nursing major, an Office Student Services (OSS) advisor will be assigned. Pre-nursing students who fall below a 2.75 GPA will work with their OSS advisor to complete the STEPS program. Failure to achieve a 2.75 after completing the program will result change in major. Advisors will assist and notify students about this process.

## Nursing Program Application Process

Students are admitted each semester based on availability of clinical and faculty resources. The nursing program admits pre-nursing students who meet criteria for direct admission and standard admission.

## Standard Admission Application Criteria

- Admission to UND as a pre-nursing student.
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.75.
- Achieve minimum score of "proficient" on Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) test. Students with a previous bachelor's degree do not need to take ATI TEAS. The degree must be posted on a transcript.
- Documented completion of the first three pre-nursing semesters outlined on the front of this sheet with a letter grade C or better by **Aug. 15** for spring applications and **Feb. 1** for fall applications.
- Core nursing prerequisite coursework may be repeated or withdrawn from a maximum of one time per course. The highest grade of the two attempts will be used in admission process.
- To promote mission-based practices, additional evaluation is completed to identify students who graduate from a rural high school. Rural is defined as a town with a population of less than 50,000 people as per HRSA. Rural will be determined based on the student's high school graduation location.

**All students** must show completion of the following courses with a letter grade C or better before beginning nursing courses.

- Statistics
- PPT 315: Human Pharmacology
- PSYC 250: Developmental Psychology
- Essential Studies

## Direct Admission Application Criteria

Direct admission is a criterion-based early admission program for pre-nursing students who have exemplary academic performance during high school. Direct admission will admit 20 qualified candidates. Direct admissions will occur once per academic year and begins in September for the following fall. Students must meet either Option A or Option B requirements (listed below). Those considered under Option B must complete the Nursing direct admission application (invitation and link to application will be emailed to a selection of qualified candidates). Priority is given to early applicants and those who most align with the mission of the College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines. Students who are not selected for direct admission are eligible to apply for admission to the traditional BSN program through the standard admission process.

- Must be admitted to the University of North Dakota as a senior in high school anticipating becoming a full-time freshman student the next academic year with declared intent to pursue a baccalaureate degree in nursing on their UND admission application.
- Preference will be given to those students graduating from a high school that is:
  1. located in ND
  2. rural (as defined by [HRSA](#))
- Transfer students are not eligible for admission through direct admission.

OPTION A: Must have earned a high school GPA of 3.5 and earned a composite ACT score of at least 27 or a combined SAT score of at least 1280 in the previous 2 years. Super scores are not considered.

OPTION B: Must have earned a high school GPA of 3.75 or higher and selected to complete the direct admission application.

## Progression Criteria for Direct Admission Students

- Must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 in all undergraduate coursework up until admission to the nursing program. Students are allowed one "grace period" if their cumulative GPA falls below a 3.5. The student must achieve a term GPA of 3.5 or higher for all future semesters.
- Must obtain a minimum letter grade of B or higher in all 'core' courses.
- Must obtain a letter grade of C or higher in all other prerequisite nursing coursework.
- Only one withdrawal or repeat will be allowed in any one nursing prerequisite coursework.
- Must meet all criteria for standard admission, with the exception of the TEAS exam.
- If a 'direct admit' does not maintain all of the above listed criteria they will not retain their 'direct admit' status. The student is eligible to apply to the traditional BSN program through the standard admission process.

## Office of Student Services (OSS)

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## Recruitment/Retention of American Indians into Nursing (RAIN)

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