

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Overview

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree is a four year undergraduate program. The program objectives are to provide students with skills to competently manage health care of individuals and/or communities. The curriculum combines professional education in nursing with a strong foundation in liberal arts. The BSN program is approved by the South Carolina Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Students admitted to USC enter the lower division and apply for the upper division. Upper division consists of 2 years of clinical practice. Clinical practice is supported by concurrent classroom study. Students have opportunities for learning experiences in a variety of settings such as hospital, extended-care facilities, clinics etc. Upon successful completion of the BSN program, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Learning Outcomes

1. Exhibit professional behavior in all activities.
2. Provide evidence-based clinically competent care across the continuum of care.
3. Demonstrate cultural awareness, sensitivity, and competency in providing nursing care to individuals, families, and groups within a diverse society.
4. Make clinical judgments using reflection, critical thinking, and problem solving skills.
5. Perform health promotion, risk reduction, and disease prevention activities for individuals, groups, and populations.
6. Use information and health care technologies.
7. Perform the professional roles of care provider, coordinator of care, member of a profession, and life-long learner.
8. Work as a member of the interdisciplinary health care team.
9. Assume leadership roles within the scope of professional practice.

Admission Requirements

1. **Incoming freshmen** must meet all USC admissions requirements.
2. **Entering transfer students** must have a cumulative 3.0 average in all college work and must meet freshman requirements if less than 30 semester hours have been completed.
3. Acceptance into USC does not guarantee progression into the upper division of the Nursing major.

Progression Requirements

Progression into upper-division nursing occurs in the fall semester. Students who have completed at least 45 credit hours (including 8 hours of the required science courses and 9 hours of required lower division nursing courses) and wish to apply to upper division nursing must submit a completed College of Nursing Progression Application no later than Dec. 1 for the following fall semester in which registration is desired. Factors considered in the progression decision include:

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1. a minimum cumulative USC and collegiate summary grade point average of 3.00 or better (**Progression is competitive, based on cumulative GPA, and limited to a set number of qualified students.**)
2. a grade of **C** or better in all required courses in the nursing program
3. verified completion of 45 prerequisite credits in general education and lower division nursing courses at the time of application
4. successful completion of 8 hours of the required sciences in the 45 hours presented for progression consideration
5. successful completion of 9 hours of the required lower division nursing courses in the 45 hours presented for progression consideration
6. must have not repeated more than one required science or lower division nursing course
7. must have completed all lower division nursing and science requirements prior to progression
8. must be full-time and take courses in sequence if accepted into upper division

University Application Process

Applications are to be completed and submitted online at <http://www.sc.edu/admissions/>

Curriculum

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours
LOWER DIVISION:		
ENGL 101	Critical Reading and Composition	3
ENGL 102	Rhetoric and Composition	3
STAT 110	Introduction to Statistical Reasoning	3
STAT 201 or MATH 122	Elementary Statistics or Calculus for Business Administration and Social Sciences	3
PSYC 101 or SOCY101	Introduction to Psychology or Introduction to Sociology	3
PSYC 420 or SOCY 305	Survey of Developmental Psychology or Sociology of the Family	3
CHEM 102	Fundamental Chemistry II (with lab) – <i>an introduction to organic and biochemistry</i>	4
BIOL 243/243L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (with lab)	4
BIOL 244/244L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (with lab)	4
BIOL 250/250L	Microbiology (with lab)	4
Elective #1		3
Elective #2		3
Fine Arts		3
History	<i>any HIST course</i>	3
NURS 201	Introduction to Human Genetics for Health Care Professionals	3
NURS 210	Facilitative Communication	3
NURS 212	Evolution of Nursing Science	3
NURS 220	Clinical Nutrition	3
NURS 226	Socio-Cultural Variations in Health and Illness	3
NURS 216	Biophysical Pathology	3
UPPER DIVISION:		
NURS 311	Introduction to Health Assessment	3
NURS 312	Foundations of Nursing Practice	5
NURS 313	Nursing Care of the Older Adult	3
NURS 314	Clinical Reasoning	2
NURS 324	Chemical Therapeutics	3
NURS 400	Evidence-based Nursing Practice	3
NURS 411	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	5
NURS 412	Acute Care Nursing of Adults I	6
NURS 422	Acute Care Nursing of Adults II	5
NURS 424	Maternal/Newborn Nursing	4
NURS 425	Nursing of Children and Families	4
NURS 428	Nursing Leadership and Management	4
NURS 431	Family and Community Health Nursing	3
NURS 435	<u>Senior Nursing Capstone Practicum</u>	8
Total Hours		122