Students admitted will be required to supply additional documentation, including current CPR certification, Hepatitis B immunizations, TB skin test or chest x-ray, Tetanus, MMRs, proof of professional liability (minimum $1,000,000/$3,000,000 coverage) and criminal background check. All documentation required by the School of Nursing must be kept current at all times during the course of your program.

The School of Nursing affirms that all students enrolled in the BSN program must possess those intellectual, ethical, physical and emotional capabilities required to undertake the full curriculum and to achieve the levels of competence required by the faculty for safe professional practice. The criteria are included in the Nursing Student Handbook.

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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The nurse prepared at the baccalaureate level is a professional who has acquired a well-delineated and broad knowledge base for practice. The role of a baccalaureate graduate is multifaceted and developed through extensive study in the areas of liberal education, professional values, core competencies, core knowledge and role development. This knowledge base prepares the beginning baccalaureate graduate to function as a provider of direct and indirect care to individuals, families, groups, communities and populations. The baccalaureate graduate is also a member of the profession and a designer, manager and coordinator of care. Additionally, the baccalaureate-prepared nurse has a background in teaching, research and management skills that lays the foundation for leadership positions and graduate education.

The BSN program is approved by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc., 3343 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Phone (404) 975-5000. www.acenursing.org

Career opportunities include a variety of work settings such as hospitals, clinics, home health environments, schools, industries, rehabilitation facilities, nursing homes and public health units.

Upon completion of the BSN program the student is eligible to apply for licensure as a Registered Nurse. A first-time applicant for any license by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing will have a state and national criminal background check. Any offenses identified in section § 17-87-312 of the Nurse Practice Act may prohibit a graduate from obtaining a license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the State of Arkansas. Although an appeal may be possible there are offenses that permanently disqualify an applicant from a license. Upon passing the National Council of State boards of Nursing Licensing Examination (NCLEX), the graduate is licensed to practice nursing.

BSN CURRICULUM

The following is one suggested sequence in which requirements for the BSN degree may be completed. Students should consult their adviser for a plan that best meets their individual needs.

Freshman Year - Fall Semester
ENG 1003 Composition I 3
MATH 1023 College Algebra 3
*BIO 2203 Human Anatomy & Physiology I 3
*BIO 2201 Lab for Human Anatomy & Physiology I 1
Making Connections FYE 3
PSY 2013 Intro to Psychology 3

Freshman Year - Spring Semester
ENG 1013 Composition II 3
*BIO 2223 Human Anatomy & Physiology II 3
*BIO 2221 Lab for Human Anatomy & Physiology II 1
*BIO 2103 Microbiology for Nursing & Allied Health 3
*BIO 2101 Lab for Microbiology for Nursing 1
HIST 2763 U.S. History to 1876 OR
HIST 2773 U.S. History since 1876 OR
POSC 2103 U.S. Government 3
SOC 2213 Principles of Sociology 3

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

• Students must have at least 30 semester hours with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above completed by the application deadline (June 15).
• The following courses must be completed with a “C” or higher prior to application deadline:
  ENG 1003 Composition I
  ENG 1013 Composition II
  Math 1023 College Algebra
  *BIO 2203/2201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab
  *BIO 2223/2221 Human Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab
  PSY 2013 Intro to Psychology
  HIST 2763 U.S. History to 1876 OR
  HIST 2773 U.S. History since 1876 OR
  POSC 2103 U.S. Government
  English Proficiency requirements (see website for details)
  Consideration will be given for Spanish proficiency.

For application consideration:
• *BIO 2103/2101 Microbiology for Nursing and Allied Health & Lab
• *CHEM 1043/1041 Fundamental Concepts of Chemistry & Lab

Sophomore Year - Fall Semester
*CHEM 1043/1041 Fund. Concepts of Chemistry & Lab 4
NRS 2314 Concepts of Nursing 4
NRS 1422 Foundations of Nursing Practice 2
NRS 2392 Health Assessment 2
NRS 2391 Health Assessment Practicum 1
Fine Arts 3

Sophomore Year - Spring Semester
*CHEM 1052 Fund. Concepts of Organic/Biochemistry 2
NRS 2334 Health Promotion/Intro to Acute Care Nursing 4
NRS 2343 Nursing Care II 3
NRS 3463 Patho-Based Pharmacology I 3
Humanities 3

Junior Year - Fall Semester
Statistics (any three-hour course) 3
NRS 3315 Acute Care Nursing I 5
NRS 3325 Nursing Care III 5
NRS 3473 Patho-Based Pharmacology II 3

Junior Year - Spring Semester
NRS 3312 Intro to Nursing Research 2
NRS 3345 Acute Care Nursing II 5
NRS 3355 Nursing Care IV 5
Fine Arts or Humanities 3

Senior Year - Fall Semester
NRS 4355 Critical Care and Emergency Nursing 5
NRS 4396 Nursing Care VI 6
NRS 4542 Health Care Administration 2

Senior Year - Spring Semester
NRS 4312 Chronic Illness & Rehabilitation Nursing 2
NRS 4362 Professional Role Development 2
NRS 4336 Nursing Care V 6
NRS 4343 Professional Nursing: Community 3
NRS 4481 Critical Decision Making 1
BSLS Basic Disaster Life Support

*These courses must be completed prior to Junior Year: Fall Semester