



BACHELOR of SCIENCE in NURSING (#586)

School of Nursing

College of Health and Human Services

Western Kentucky University

The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your advisor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives selected. **Admission to the major required to register for all 300 and 400 nursing classes. All upper-division nursing courses must be taken in sequence to meet NURS course prerequisite requirements.**

Success Markers

FIRST YEAR

Visit the Math Lab for free tutoring

SAMPLE - 4 year plan

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
*ENG 100 Intro to College Writing	3	HIST 119 or 120 Western Civilization to 1648 or since 1648	3
*BIOL 131 Human Anatomy & Physiology	4	*BIOL 231 Advanced Human Anatomy & Physiology	4
*MATH 116 College Algebra	3	*AH 290 Medical Terminology	2
*Category C Elective in General Education (Cannot be Psychology or History)	3	*NURS 102 Intro to Professional Nursing	3
*COMM 145 or 161 Fundamentals of Public Speaking and Communication or Business and Professional Speaking	3	Foreign Language (Level 2)	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	15

SECOND YEAR

Volunteer or Join a Student Organization like Green Toppers

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
*ENG 200 Intro to Literature	3	*Psychology 199 Intro to Developmental Psychology	3
*Category BII Humanities Elective in General Education (Cannot be Philosophy)	3	*ENG 300 Writing in the Disciplines	3
*BIOL 207/208 General Microbiology and Laboratory	4	Humanities Elective (PHIL 322 Biomedical Ethics highly recommended)	3
*Category E Elective	3	*CHEM 109	4
*Statistics (MATH 183 or ECON 206 or SWRK 344 or SOCL 300 or PH 383 or PSY 301)	3	*HMD 211 Human Nutrition	3
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	16

THIRD YEAR

Admission to the major required to register for all 300 and 400 nursing classes.

NOTE:
All clinical and lab courses require 3 or more contact hours per week for every one credit hour

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
NURS 324 Pathophysiology for Nursing	3	NURS 329 Concepts in Pharmacology I	2
NURS 335 Health Assessment	3	NURS 337 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
NURS 336 Health Assessment lab	1	NURS 341 Medical Surgical Nursing I	3
NURS 333 Fundamentals of Nursing	3	NURS 342 Medical Surgical Nursing I Clinical	3
NURS 334 Fundamentals Clinical	2	NURS 343 Mental Health Nursing	2
		NURS 344 Mental Health Nursing Clinical	1
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	12	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	14

FOURTH YEAR

Apply for Graduation

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
NURS 429 Concepts in Pharmacology II	2	Nursing Elective	3
NURS 413 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3	NURS 403 Leadership, Mgmt, Prof Issues	4
NURS 432 Medical Surgical Nursing II	3	NURS 421 High Acuity Nursing	3
NURS 433 Medical Surgical Nursing II Clinical	3	NURS 422 Senior Practicum	3
NURS 444 Maternal Child Nursing	4	NURS 448 Community Health Nursing	3
NURS 445 Maternal Child Nursing Clinical	2	NURS 449 Community Health Nursing Clinical	2
TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	17	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	18

Total Credit Hours: 124

Required Pre-Requisites and General Education = 63 hours.

Hours in the Major = 61; 44 credit hours of nursing theory, 17 credit hours of nursing clinical.

750+ hours of clinical experience.

* Denotes prerequisite courses before program admission

Course prerequisites are in parentheses and italics after each course listing.

**Note: all general education courses and nursing prerequisites must be completed prior to entry into the major at the Junior level. All sciences must be completed with a grade of C or above. A two course Anatomy and Physiology sequence must have been completed no more than 5 years prior to application and must have been completed at the same institution. Additional testing, fees and deadlines apply. Talk with a pre-nursing advisor for details concerning application.

For more Information:

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Course Descriptions: <http://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/>