

NURSING, B.S.N.

Begin Campus: Any Penn State Campus

End Campus: Abington, Altoona, Erie, Fayette, Harrisburg, Mont Alto, New Kensington, Schuylkill, Scranton, Shenango, University Park, World Campus

Suggested Academic Plan

The suggested academic plan(s) listed on this page are the plan(s) that are in effect during the 2023-24 academic year. To access previous years' suggested academic plans, please visit the archive (<https://bulletins.psu.edu/undergraduate/archive/>) to view the appropriate Undergraduate Bulletin edition (*Note: the archive only contains suggested academic plans beginning with the 2018-19 edition of the Undergraduate Bulletin*).

General Nursing Option: Nursing, B.S.N. at University Park, Altoona, Erie, Fayette, Mont Alto, Schuylkill, and Scranton Campuses

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
BIOL 161 ^{*#† 1}	3 BIOL 163 ^{*#† 1}	3
BIOL 162 ^{*#† 1}	1 BIOL 164 ^{*†}	1
ENGL 15 or 30H [†]	3 HDFS 129 ^{*†}	3
PSYCH 100 ^{*†}	3 NUTR 251 ^{*†}	3
NURS 100 (or other First Year Seminar - as required by campus) ²	1 General Education Course (GQ) ^{†3}	3
General Education Course (GH)	3 CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, or CAS 100C [†]	3
General Education Course (GA)	3	
	17	16

Second Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
CHEM 130 or 110 <i>and</i> 111 ^{*3}	3-4 SOC 1 or 5 [*]	3
MICRB 106 ^{*†}	3 STAT 200 or 250 ^{*††}	3-4
MICRB 107 ^{*†}	1 NURS 225 [*]	3
NURS 250 [*]	2 NURS 230 [*]	4
NURS 251 [*]	3 Integrative Studies Interdomain Course	3
Elective	2-3	
	14-16	16-17

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
NURS 305 [*]	3 NURS 200W [*]	3
NURS 301 [*]	4 NURS 302 [*]	1

NURS 310 [*]	3 NURS 306 [*]	3
NURS 350 [*]	2 NURS 320 [*]	3
Integrative Studies Interdomain Course	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [†]	3
	Elective	3
	15	16

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
NURS 405A [*]	4 NURS 450B [*]	3
NURS 450A [*]	2 NURS 405B [*]	4
NURS 415 [*]	4 NURS 420 [*]	4
Elective	3 NURS 480 [*]	2
	NURS 400-level Supporting Course [*]	3
	13	16

Total Credits 123-126

* Course requires a grade of C or better for the major

‡ Course requires a grade of C or better for General Education

Course is an Entrance to Major requirement

† Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

¹ BIOL 161, BIOL 162, and BIOL 163 are entrance to major courses for students not directly admitted to the Nursing program who are applying for admission to the Commonwealth Campus Nursing programs through the Review Process. BIOL 161, BIOL 162, and BIOL 163 must be passed with a quality grade of **C** or better to progress to 200-level Nursing courses.

² Alternative First Year Seminar courses can be petitioned to fulfill this requirement.

³ MATH 21 is a prerequisite for CHEM 130. MATH 22 is a prerequisite for CHEM 110. If a student places higher than MATH 21 on the ALEKS Assessment Exam, any GQ may be scheduled.

University Requirements and General Education Notes:

US and IL are abbreviations used to designate courses that satisfy Cultural Diversity Requirements (United States and International Cultures).

W, M, X, and Y are the suffixes at the end of a course number used to designate courses that satisfy University Writing Across the Curriculum requirement.

General Education includes Foundations (GWS and GQ), Knowledge Domains (GHW, GN, GA, GH, GS) and Integrative Studies (Inter-domain) requirements. N or Q (Honors) is the suffix at the end of a course number used to help identify an Inter-domain course, but the inter-domain attribute is used to fill audit requirements. Foundations courses (GWS and GQ) require a grade of 'C' or better.

All incoming Schreyer Honors College first-year students at University Park will take ENGL 137H/CAS 137H in the fall semester and ENGL 138T/CAS 138T in the spring semester. These courses carry the GWS designation and satisfy a portion of that General Education requirement. If the student's program prescribes GWS these courses will replace both ENGL 15/ENGL 30H and CAS 100A/CAS 100B/CAS 100C. Each course is 3 credits.

Program Notes:

- **ACADEMIC PLAN OF STUDY:** Each level of required nursing courses (200-level, 300-level and 400-level) must be completed PRIOR to progressing to the next level of required nursing courses (e.g. 200-level required nursing courses MUST be completed before progressing to 300-level required nursing courses; 300-level required nursing courses MUST be completed before progressing to 400-level required nursing courses).
- See Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing Grading Scale and Academic Progression Policy in the BSN Handbook at <https://www.nursing.psu.edu/student-handbooks/>.
- **Scheduling Patterns:** NURS courses are offered only in the semester indicated, except NURS 415 and NURS 420 may be offered both Fall and Spring semesters at UP and Hershey.
- Students studying at University Park will spend third or fourth year at Hershey Medical Center.

RN to BSN Option: Nursing, B.S.N. at University Park, Abington, Fayette, New Kensington, Shenango, Schuylkill, and World Campuses Campuses

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BIOL 162 ^{**†}	1 BIOL 164 ^{**†}	1
PSYCH 100 ^{**†}	3 HDFS 129 ^{**†}	3
ENGL 15 or 30H [‡]	3 NUTR 251 ^{**†}	3
General Education Course (GH) [†]	3 General Education Course (GQ) [‡] 1,2	3
General Education Course (GA) [†]	3 CAS 100, CAS 100A, CAS 100B, or CAS 100C [‡]	3
	16	16

Second Year

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CHEM 130 or 110 <i>and</i> 111 ^{**2}	3-4 SOC 1 or 5 [*]	3
MICRB 106 ^{**†}	3 STAT 200 or 250 ^{**†}	3-4
MICRB 107 ^{**†}	1 NURS 251 or 352 [*]	3
NURS 390 ^{*3}	3 NURS Supporting Course [*]	3
NURS 357 [*]	3 Integrative Studies Interdomain Course	3
Elective	2-3	
	15-17	15-16

Third Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
NURS 417 [*]	4 NURS 200W [*]	3
Integrative Studies Interdomain Course	3 NURS 465 [*]	3
Elective	3 ENGL 202A, 202B, 202C, or 202D [‡]	3
	10	9

Fourth Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits
NURS 475 ^{*4}	3 Portfolio Credits for RN License	33
NURS 400-level Supporting Course [*]	3	
	6	33

Total Credits 120-123

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¹ Within the 30 credits of required General Education Domain courses, students must take 6 credits of Integrative Studies courses (Inter-domain or Linked courses). Students should consult with their academic adviser to select appropriate courses.

² MATH 21 is a prerequisite for CHEM 130. MATH 22 is a prerequisite for CHEM 110. If a student places higher than MATH 21 on the ALEKS Assessment Exam, any GQ may be scheduled.

³ NURS 390 should be the first NURS course taken in the R.N. to B.S.N. option.

⁴ NURS 475 should be the final NURS course taken in the R.N. to B.S.N. option.

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Program Notes:

- Typically, students entering NURN have the General Education and/or major requirements completed and will receive transfer credits. Speak with an adviser to have transfer transcripts evaluated.

Second Degree in Nursing Option: Nursing, B.S.N. at Altoona and Harrisburg Campuses

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First Year

Fall	Credits Spring	Credits Summer	Credits
NURS 250*	2 NURS 350*	2 NURS 320*	3
NURS 225*	3 NURS 301*	4 NURS 306*	3
NURS 230*	4 NURS 310*	3 NURS 420*	4
NURS 305*	3 NURS 415*	4 NURS 405B*	4
NURS 251*	3 NURS 405A*	4	
	15	17	14

Second Year

Fall	Credits
NURS 302*	1
NURS 450A*	2
NURS 450B*	3
NURS 480*	2
NURS 495*	3
NURS 200W*	3
	14

Total Credits 60

- * Course requires a grade of C or better for the major
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- # Course is an Entrance to Major requirement
- † Course satisfies General Education and degree requirement

Additional Notes:

- See **Ross and Carol Nese College of Nursing Grading Scale** and **Academic Progression Policy** in the Second Degree BSN Handbook at <https://www.nursing.psu.edu/student-handbooks/>.
- All General Education and prerequisite courses are completed with first degree and prior to admission.
- The SCND curriculum is sequential and prescribed. All courses must be successfully completed with a grade of "C" or higher in order to progress to the next semester.
- **NURS 495 Nursing Study in Specialized Setting** : 3 credits required in place of 3 credits of general electives; clinical immersion practicum.