

The University of Iowa

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS, ADMISSION



COLLEGE OF NURSING

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree comprises a total of 128 semester hours and consists of 1 1/2 - 2 years of pre-nursing coursework (40-50 semester hours), 2 1/2 years of nursing major requirements (56 semester hours), general education courses (3-11 semester hours), and 10-23 semester hours of elective coursework. Specifically, the curriculum includes the following:

A. General Education Requirements

<i>Course</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>
Statistics	3
Humanities	3
Foreign Civ. and Culture	3

B. Graduation Requirements

+ Foreign Language	8
Cultural Anthropology	3

C. Pre-requisite Requirements

<i>Course</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>
+ Intermediate Algebra	3
+ Physics	3
Rhetoric	4-8
General Chemistry I (Inorganic)	3
General Chemistry II (Organic/Biochem)	3
Animal Biology	4
Microbiology	4
Anatomy	4
Physiology	4
Nutrition	3
Psychology	3
Sociology	3
Human Development and Behavior	3
Professional Nursing: An Overview	3

D. Nursing Major Requirements

<i>Course</i>	<i>Semester Hours</i>
Pathophysiology	3
Neurological & Behavioral Pathology	2
Intermediate Pharmacology	3
Foundations of Nursing Practice	7
Clinical & Technological Nursing Skills I	2
Nursing & Health Transitions I	7
Clinical & Technological Nursing Skills II	2
Nursing & Health Transitions II	7
Research for Nursing Practice	2
Nursing in Community Health	7
Nursing Leadership & Care Management	8
The Evolution of Professional Nursing Practice	3

E. Elective Coursework

Balance needed to meet 128 semester hours ~ 10-23

Note: + = unless satisfied by high school courses.

APPLICATION AND ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

To apply for admission to the undergraduate program in nursing, each student must be admissible to The University of Iowa and present:

completion of ALL prerequisites (or current enrollment in any remaining prerequisites). Enrollment in the College of Nursing is contingent upon successful completion of all prerequisites completed in an accredited institution of higher education.

a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale.

Applicants for whom English is not their first language also are required to present a minimum TOEFL score of 550.

The prerequisites to the first clinical course are:

1. *Rhetoric*—8 semester hours (may be satisfied by testing for advanced standing; a student who has earned 6 semester hours of credit in English composition may complete the speech component after admission to the College of Nursing).
2. *Mathematics*—Students who have not satisfied the math requirement with 3 years of high school math (2 years of algebra and one year of geometry), or a score of 26 or above in the mathematics section of the American College Tests, or a passing score on the University of Iowa Math Proficiency Test, will be required to take Basic Algebra I (22M:001) and Basic Algebra II (22M:002) or an approved statistics course or a comparable or more advanced course. The semester hour credit earned for 22M:001 and 22M:002 to satisfy the math requirement will not be counted in the 128 semester hours needed for graduation from the College of Nursing. However, the grade will be used to compute the cumulative G.P.A.
3. *Physics*—One semester of high school physics or its equivalent
4. Inorganic Chemistry
5. Organic Biochemistry
6. Animal Biology
7. Microbiology
8. Anatomy
9. Physiology
10. Nutrition
11. Psychology
12. Sociology
13. Human Development and Behavior
14. Professional Nursing: An Overview*

*Transfer students may take this course the first semester in the College of Nursing.

Application Procedure

- A. In order for The University of Iowa students to apply for admission to the College of Nursing, the student must complete:

an admission form which is available from the University Admissions Office and must be returned to that office prior to the College of Nursing admission deadline.

- B. In order for transfer students to apply for admission to the College of Nursing, the student must submit:

1. an application for admission to The University of Iowa.
2. transcripts of all coursework completed, including high school.

- C. Selection Factors

Fulfillment of minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission to the College of Nursing. From applicants who meet minimum requirements, the college's admissions committee recommends those who appear to be best qualified.

- D. Health Screening Requirements

Reports of the following must be on file at Student Health Service 10 days prior to opening of classes:

- a) the results of a physical examination
- b) urine analysis
- c) immunizations for tetanus, diphtheria, and poliomyelitis
- d) tuberculin skin tests
- e) Hepatitis B Vaccine

- E. Mandatory Health Insurance

All newly registered students in the Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, and Pharmacy will be required to maintain continuous health insurance (or equivalent alternative care plan) sufficient to satisfy minimum standards of coverage each year of attendance at The University of Iowa.

- F. Mandatory Professional Liability Insurance

All students in the College of Nursing must show annual verification that they have obtained and currently hold professional liability insurance with coverage of at least \$1,000,000 single occurrence limit.

- G. Foreign Students: A high level of English comprehension will assist students to be successful in meeting the requirements of the program in nursing at The University of Iowa and to be successful in taking the licensure examination. A verbal assessment interview may be required.

Resources to assist foreign students on campus include: The Writing Lab at 110 EPB, the Reading Lab at 12 EPB, and the Office of International Education.

The University of Iowa College of Nursing prepares students to practice nursing in this country.

CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Applicants to the College of Nursing are expected to have the capability to complete the entire nursing curriculum and achieve the degree of Bachelor of Science in Nursing. The nursing curriculum requires demonstrated proficiency in a variety of cognitive, problem-solving, manipulative, communicative, and interpersonal skills. Therefore College of Nursing students must meet the following performance standards:

- Possess and use critical thinking skills sufficient for clinical judgment. Example*: identify cause-effect relationships in clinical situations, develop nursing care plans.
- Demonstrate interpersonal abilities sufficient to interact with individuals, families and groups from a variety of social, emotional, cultural and intellectual backgrounds. Example: establish rapport with patients/clients and colleagues.
- Communicate sufficiently for interaction with others. Example: explain treatment procedures; initiate health teaching; observe patient/client responses; document and interpret nursing actions and patient/client responses.
- Administer cardio-pulmonary procedures and other clinical procedures necessary for nursing care; calibrate and use equipment, position patients/clients.
- Possess** tactile abilities sufficient for performing physical assessment. Example: perform palpation functions of physical examination and those related to nursing interventions.

Applicants who may not meet these standards are encouraged to contact the Associate Dean for Undergraduate Studies. Personal interviews may be requested.

*Examples not all-inclusive.

**Possess is defined as having the ability with or without an assistive device.

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