

UNCG
School of Nursing

Basic BSN
Degree Information
2006-2007

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is designed to be completed in four academic years. In some cases, it is advisable to plan a five-year program of studies. The course requirements in the BSN program are rigorous. In order to be competitive when applying for the upper division, students on the four-year plan must be able to perform well academically while completing 16-17 semester hours (s.h.) each semester, or should consider attending summer school. Factors that may lead students to consider a five-year plan include long distance commuting, family obligations, demanding job requirements, financial need requiring more than 10-15 hours of work a week, and previous weak academic performance.

The degree consists of four components: General Education Core Requirements (GEC), Nursing Cognate Requirements (pre- and co-requisites for the upper division major), upper division major courses, and electives sufficient for meeting degree requirements. Students must earn a total of 122 s.h. to complete their Bachelor's degree.

General Education Core Requirements (GEC):

Students must complete 36-37 s.h. to meet the following requirements:

- GFA (Fine Arts, Example: MUS 241)
- GLT (Literature, Example: ENG 201)
- GPR (Philosophy, Religion, and Ethics, PHI 121 or 220 required for Nursing majors)
- HFA (Humanities/Fine Arts: one additional course from GFA, GLT or GPR)
- GHP (History, Example: WCV 101)
- GMT (Math, STA 108 required for Nursing Majors)
- GNS (Two Natural Sciences and One lab, CHE 104, CHE 110 and NTR 213 required for Nursing)
- GRD1 (Reasoning and Discourse, Example: ENG 101)
- GRD (Reasoning and Discourse, Example: CST 105 or ENG 102)
- GSB (Two Social and Behavioral Sciences, PSY 121 and HDF 211 required for Nursing majors)

Marker Requirements:

Students must complete courses that have the following markers:

- **Writing Intensive Requirements (WI)** – This is a UNCG requirement for all students. You must take two writing intensive courses, one in Nursing (NUR 310) and one non-Nursing class of your choice.
- **Speaking Intensive Requirements (SI)** – This is a UNCG requirement for all students. You must take two speaking intensive courses, one in Nursing (NUR 440) and one non-Nursing class of your choice.

- **Global Perspectives Courses (GL and GN)** – Students must complete 4 Global courses (GL), one of which must be Global Nonwestern (GN). Try to choose classes in other categories that are also GL or GN courses. For example, MUS 241 is a GFA and GL, and ATY 100 meets a Nursing Cognate Requirement and is a GN. Although foreign language is not required for the Nursing Degree, up to two semesters of foreign language may be used to help meet this requirement.

CHOOSE CAREFULLY! It is possible to complete all marker requirements without taking extra classes. Courses used to meet the GEC core category also fulfill the Marker Requirements if the course carries the indicated marker in the semester Schedule of Courses. For example, CST 105 (Introduction to Public Speaking) meets the GRD requirement, all sections are Speaking Intensive (SI) and some sections are also Writing Intensive (WI). That means it is possible to meet three requirements with one class! Freshmen Seminars (FMS) typically meet multiple requirements, have small class sizes, and are limited to freshmen only.

NURSING COGNATE REQUIREMENTS:

Students must complete the following courses before entering the Upper Division (300 and 400 level Nursing Classes):

Course	Grade Required	Prerequisites
BIO 271 (Anatomy)	C or better	BIO 111 (with grade of C- or better)
BIO 277 (Physiology)	C or better	BIO 111 (with grade of C- or better)
BIO 280 (Microbiology)	C or better	BIO 271 or 277
HDF 211	C or better	–
PSY 121	C or better	–
CHE 104	–	CHE 103
CHE 110 (lab)	–	–
SOC 101 or 202 (GL) or ATY 100 (GN)	–	–
NUR 210 (Fall semester only)	B- or better	2.7 GPA, co-req BIO 271 or 277
NUR 220 (Spring semester only)	B- or better	2.7 GPA, co-req BIO 271 or 277

The following requirements can be completed at any time, but it is recommended that they be completed prior to entering the Upper Division due to possible scheduling conflicts:

NTR 213 (Meets one GNS requirement)

PHI 121 or 220 (Meets the GPR requirement)

STA 108 (Meets the GMT requirement), pre/co-requisite to NUR 415

UPPER DIVISION NURSING REQUIREMENTS

Students must be formally admitted to the upper division to take these courses (see page 3 for information about application for the upper division):

NUR 310, 320, 340, 360, 380, 410, 415, 420, 425, 430, 435 and 440

The School of Nursing also offers nursing elective courses: NUR 110, 330, 345, 405, 492, 493 (Honors), and 500-level courses for students with advanced standing. Course offerings vary each semester based on faculty availability.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE UPPER DIVISION MAJOR

Students must be formally admitted to the School of Nursing which is an upper division major. Admission to UNCG does not guarantee admission to the upper division major. Only students who have formal, written acceptance into the School will be permitted to register in advanced nursing courses and complete work for the major. Admission should normally be sought during the sophomore year (year 3 of a 5-year plan) and applications are available in the School of Nursing or on our website from November 1 until the February 1 deadline of each year. Transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended must be submitted with the application as these grades are also taken into consideration during the admissions process. Students are notified of the School's decision regarding acceptance in late March or early April. **Admission is extremely competitive as the number of applications typically exceeds the number of available spaces each year.**

Minimum Criteria for Admission to the upper division major are printed in the *UNCG Bulletin*. They include:

1. Overall grade point average of 2.7 or higher.
2. A grade of B- (2.7) or higher in NUR 210 and 220.
3. A grade of "C" (2.0) or better in each of the following courses: BIO 271, 277, 280; HDF 211; PSY 121.
4. No more than two of the above prerequisite courses may be repeated to earn the minimum grade or better. Prerequisite courses may be repeated only one time.
5. Admission to the upper division is contingent upon receipt of a satisfactory evaluation signed by the student's physician of the applicant's physical and emotional health to provide nursing care. Forms will be sent to the applicants during the spring semester and must be completed and on file in the School of Nursing by the following July 1.

Due to the competitive nature of this program, successful applicants typically present much higher credentials for admission. Students may not enroll in nursing courses beyond the foundation level courses without being admitted to the School. Application for admission is possible while students are still completing the prerequisite courses, but unconditional admission cannot be granted until admission criteria have been successfully completed.

Priority Admissions

Priority in admission (subject to space availability) will be granted to students who meet the following criteria:

- a. Enter UNCG as a new, first-time freshmen
- b. Declare nursing as a major by the tenth day of class of the first semester
- c. Earn a cumulative GPA of 3.50 by the end of the third semester
- d. Complete all but one of the required science courses (CHE 104, BIO 271, BIO 277, BIO 280) by the end of the third semester (courses must be completed at UNCG) with a 3.0 (B) or better in each course
- e. Complete three (3) semesters at UNCG (minimum of 45 s.h.)
- f. Receive a positive evaluation from the faculty member in NUR 210 lab
- g. Meet all other admission requirements for the upper-division nursing major

Students who do not meet the criteria for Priority Admissions above, but who do meet the Minimum Criteria for Admission, may still apply for admission.

SAMPLE 4-Year Plan of Study

If you choose to reduce any semester course load during the first 2 years, you must attend summer school.

Year 1	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	BIO 111 & lab (GNS)	4	BIO 271 or 277 & lab	4
CHE 103 (GNS)	3	CHE 104 (GNS)	3	
CHE 110 Lab (GNS)	1	PSY 121 (GSB)	3	
ENG 101 or FMS 115 (GRD1)	3	GRD with SI marker	3	
SOC 101 or 202 or ATY 100 (GN) (GSB)	3	HDF 211 (GSB)	3	
<i>NUR 110 or UNS 101 (Optional)</i>	<i>1-2</i>	<i>Elective (if needed)</i>	<i>1</i>	
Total Credit Hours		14-16	Total Credit Hours 16-17	

Year 2	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	BIO 271 or 277 or 280 & lab	4	BIO 271 or 277 or 280 & lab	4
NUR 210 & lab	4	NUR 220 and lab	4	
NTR 213 (GNS)	3	PHI 121 or PHI 220 (GPR)	3	
GHP with GL marker	3	STA 108 (GMT)	3	
GFA with GL marker	3	GLT with WI marker	3	
Total Credit Hours		17	Total Credit Hours 17	

Scheduling of non-nursing courses during the senior year will be difficult. The School of Nursing recommends that ALL non-nursing requirements be removed prior to the senior year.

Year 3	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	NUR 310 & clinical	5	NUR 340 & clinical	5
NUR 320 & clinical	5	NUR 360 & clinical	5	
NUR 380 & lab	2	HFA with GL marker	3	
<i>Elective (if needed)</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Elective (if needed)</i>	<i>3</i>	
Total Credit Hours		12-15	Total Credit Hours 13-16	

Year 4	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	NUR 410	3	NUR 430 & clinical	5
NUR 415	3	NUR 435	1	
NUR 420	3	NUR 440 (clinical)	6	
NUR 425 (clinical)	4	<i>Elective (if needed)</i>	<i>1</i>	
Total Credit Hours		13	Total Credit Hours 12-13	

Grand Total Credit Hours = 122

Please note: You must complete a minimum of 122 semester hours to receive your degree. If you do not need to take all of the courses listed (such as CHE 103), you must make sure to take enough hours to total at least 122 by the end of your senior year. This plan is an example only; your personal schedule does not need to be an exact match.

NOTE:

1. Faculty encourages students to work as a CNA (I or II) during the summers between academic years.
2. Contact hours for each of the upper division semesters is normally 35-40 hours per week.
3. To meet the University's requirement for full-time status, students must take a minimum of 12 s.h. per semester

SAMPLE 5-Year Plan of Study

Year 1	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	CHE 103 (GNS)	3	CHE 104 (GNS)	3
CHE 110 Lab (GNS)	1	PSY 121 (GSB)	3	
ENG 101 or FMS 115 or RCO 101 (GRD1)	3	GRD with SI marker	3	
SOC 101 or 202 or ATY 100 (GN) (GSB)	3	HDF 211	3	
<i>NUR 110 or UNS 101 (Optional)</i>	<i>1-2</i>			
<i>ESS elective (Optional)</i>	<i>1</i>			
Total Credit Hours		12	Total Credit Hours	
			12	

Year 2	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	BIO 111 & lab (GNS)	4	BIO 271 or 277 & lab	4
GLT with WI marker	3	NTR 213 (GNS)	3	
GHP with GL marker	3	GFA with GL marker	3	
Elective	3	Elective	3	
Total Credit Hours		13	Total Credit Hours	
			13	

Year 3	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	NUR 210 & lab	4	NUR 220 & lab	4
BIO 271 or 277 or 280 & lab	4	BIO 271 or 277 or 280 & lab	4	
HFA with GL marker	3	PHI 121 or PHI 220 (GPR)	3	
Elective	3	STA 108 (GMT)	3	
Total Credit Hours		14	Total Credit Hours	
			14	

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Year 4	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	NUR 310 & clinical	5	NUR 340 & clinical	5
NUR 320 & clinical	5	NUR 360 & clinical	5	
NUR 380 & lab	2	Elective	3	
Total Credit Hours		12	Total Credit Hours	
			13	

Year 5	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
	NUR 410	3	NUR 430 & clinical	5
NUR 415	3	NUR 435	1	
NUR 420	3	NUR 440 (clinical)	6	
NUR 425 (clinical)	4			
Total Credit Hours		13	Total Credit Hours	
			12	

Grand Total Credit Hours=128

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