

**UNCG**  
**School of Nursing**

**BSN as a Second Degree**  
**Information**  
**2006-2007**

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program typically takes three years to complete for students with a previous Bachelor's Degree. The baccalaureate degree is made up of: General Education Core Requirements (GEC), which are waived for students with baccalaureate degrees from approved, accredited institutions; cognate requirements that are prerequisite for the upper level clinical nursing courses; School requirements; and free electives (if needed to total the second degree hours to 122 semester hours).

**PREREQUISITES FOR UPPER LEVEL REQUIRED NURSING COURSES**

Five courses (minimum) are prerequisites and part of the admission criteria for the upper level clinical nursing courses. They are NUR 210, NUR 220, BIO 271 (Anatomy), BIO 277 (Physiology), and BIO 280 (Microbiology). Additional information regarding these requirements is noted below.

| <b>Course</b>                         | <b>Grade Required</b> | <b>Prerequisites</b>                     |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|--|
| <b>BIO 271</b> (Anatomy)              | <b>C or better</b>    | <b>BIO 111</b> (Principles of Biology I) |
| <b>BIO 277</b> (Physiology)           | <b>C or better</b>    | <b>BIO 111 and High School Chemistry</b> |
| <b>BIO 280</b> (Microbiology)         | <b>C or better</b>    | <b>BIO 271 or 277</b>                    |
| <b>NUR 210</b> (Fall semester only)   | <b>B- or better</b>   | <b>2.7 GPA, co-req BIO 271 or 277</b>    |
| <b>NUR 220</b> (Spring semester only) | <b>B- or better</b>   | <b>2.7 GPA, co-req BIO 271 or 277</b>    |

**Statistics:** All students must complete a statistics course (STA 108 or approved equivalent) prior to starting the 400-level Nursing courses.

As a general rule, students should not plan to complete criterion courses in the summer prior to the upper division. We cannot guarantee that any course will be offered in the summer and those which are offered normally have very limited enrollment. If one needs or chooses to complete courses in summer school, it is best to limit enrollment to one criterion course per session.

**APPLICATION FOR THE UPPER LEVEL CLINICAL COMPONENT**

**Admission to the University does not guarantee acceptance into the nursing major. Admission to the Upper Division is extremely competitive as the number of applications typically exceeds the number of available spaces each year.** Applications for the upper division are made in late fall or early spring prior to the fall semester in which you wish to begin the upper division. Applications are available November 1 and due back into the School of Nursing by February 1. Applicants are notified of the School's decision regarding acceptance for the upper division in late March or early April. 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.

**Admission criteria for the upper division major** are identified in the *UNCG Bulletin*. Minimum requirements include [1] an overall grade point average of 2.7; [2] a grade of “C” (2.0) or better is required in each of the following courses: BIO 271, BIO 277, BIO 280; [3] a grade of “B-“ (2.7) or better is required in both NUR 210 and NUR 220; and [4] no more than two of the above prerequisite courses may be repeated to attain the minimum grade identified in items 2 and 3 above; and [5] prerequisite courses may be repeated only one time. **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 cited above without being admitted to the School.

**NC Nurse Aide Certification:** The School of Nursing is authorized to certify students for CNA1 upon successful completion of NUR 210, NUR 220, and Adult/Infant/Child CPR Certification. The School of Nursing is also authorized to certify students for CNA2 after they have successfully completed NUR 380 and two of the 300-level clinical courses.

### RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Students must complete a minimum of 31 semester hours in residence at UNCG beyond requirements for the first degree by completing major and elective requirements.

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| <b>SAMPLE PLAN OF STUDY</b> |
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#### PRIOR TO UPPER DIVISION:

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| <b>Fall Semester: 12 sh</b> | <b>Spring Semester: 11 sh</b>  |
| NUR 210 and 210L*      4    | NUR 220 and 220L*      4       |
| BIO 271 and 271L*      4    | BIO 280 and 280L*      4       |
| BIO 277 and 277L*      4    | STA 108                      3 |

\*For information about prerequisites for BIO 271, 277, 280 and NUR 210, 220, please refer to the current *UNCG Bulletin*.

**UPPER DIVISION MAJOR** – Requires formal admission to enroll in any of the required nursing courses listed below.

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| <b>Fall Semester: 12 sh</b>  | <b>Spring Semester: 10 sh</b> |
| NUR 340 & clinical      5    | NUR 310 & clinical      5     |
| NUR 360 & clinical      5    | NUR 320 & clinical      5     |
| NUR 380 & lab              2 |                               |

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| <b>Fall Semester: 12sh</b>     | <b>Spring Semester: 12sh</b>   |
| NUR 410                      3 | NUR 430 & clinical      5      |
| NUR 415                      3 | NUR 435                      1 |
| NUR 420                      3 | NUR 440 (clinical)      6      |
| NUR 425 (clinical)      4      |                                |

**Notes:**

- Members of the faculty encourage students to work as a CNA during the summers between academic years.
- Contact hours for each of the upper division semesters is normally 35-40 hours per week.
- To meet the University’s requirement for full-time status students must take 12 semester hours