

NURSING, LPN/BSN

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Licensed Practical Nurse (820003BS)

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Program Description

The LPN to BSN nursing program provides students the education they need to earn a Registered Nurse license, begin work in an entry level nursing position and apply for graduate school.

Requirements for Admission

All applicants must:

- Have graduated from an accredited LPN Program
- Hold a valid, unencumbered LPN License in the State of Ohio
- Complete all pre-requisites courses with a grade of C or better. Grades of a C- or lower must be repeated. (See School of Nursing Repeat Policy below)
- Complete a Progression to Major form with their academic Advisor
- Achieve a minimum 2.75 GPA in the science prerequisite courses.
- Achieve a minimum of 2.75 GPA in all the prerequisite courses (physical education and electives are not included in the calculations).

All students admitted to the Sophomore class by August 1st will begin nursing coursework in the fall and take a six or eight semester course of study. Upon successful completion of the program, the student is granted the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. They may then apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for Registered Nurses.

School of Nursing Repeat Policy: If School of Nursing Pre-Nursing students or students located in the Center for Academic Advising & Student Success or College of Applied Science & Technology do not achieve a C or higher in science prerequisite courses the first time they take them, they are allowed to repeat the course for a change of grade **one time only**. (UA policy allows for two repeats for change of grade.) If a student must take a science course for a third time in order to earn a grade of "C" or higher, the student will *no longer* be eligible for consideration for the nursing major until the previous science courses are 5 years old. This policy includes the repetition of a course originally taken at another institution or vice versa.

Transfer Students: A student must be accepted by the University and have all course work applicable to the Nursing requirements evaluated by the respective UA departments with a copy of the departmental approval on the file by August 1st of the year of entry into School of Nursing. All transfer prerequisites will be combined and averaged with those earned at the University of Akron. *Transfer students who have been dismissed from a Nursing program at another institution are not eligible to apply to*

The University of Akron's Nursing program. Transfer students are eligible to Intercollegiate Transfer to the School of Nursing after completing 12 credits at the University of Akron, completion of one or more core science courses and earning a 3.0 GPA at The University of Akron.

Notification of Admission: Pending the outcome of spring semester, all applicants will be notified of admission by June 30th. **Meeting minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission.** Qualified students who do not receive admission will be placed on a waiting list which will be in effect through the first week of fall classes.

Reapplication Process: Applications for the College of Health Professions are only effective for the current academic year. A student meeting the minimum entry criteria but not admitted from the waiting list or denied admission will have their file remain in the School of Nursing as a pre-nursing student. These students will need to reapply during the next year's application period.

*****Background Checks & Fingerprinting:** All Nursing students are subject to yearly thorough criminal background checks and urine screen at the students' expense. Background checks *may* reveal a student's unsealed and sealed criminal record.

The School of Nursing reserves the right to approve admission to those individuals whose abilities, attitudes and character promise satisfactory achievement of the program of studies.

The following information has official approval of **The School of Nursing and The College of Health and Human Sciences**, but is intended only as a supplemental guide. Official degree requirements are established at the time of transfer and admission to the degree-granting college. Students who were admitted prior to fall 2021 would follow the program of study that was in effect at the time of their admission. Students should refer to the Degree Progress Report (Stellic) which is definitive for graduation requirements. *Completion of this degree within the identified time frame below is contingent upon many factors, including but not limited to: class availability, total number of required credits, work schedule, finances, family, course drops/withdrawals, successfully passing courses, prerequisites, among others.* The transfer process is completed through an appointment with your academic advisor.

Requirements Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements (https://bulletin.uakron.edu/undergraduate/general-education/) *	7
	Preadmission Courses	42
	Nursing Core	72
Total Hours		121

* Several courses required for the major also satisfy General Education requirements. The University minimum of 36 credits are required for General Education and credit for these courses will apply to multiple requirements.

Total credit hours will be 121-122 for students starting the nursing core courses in the fall of 2025 or after

General Education Courses

Code	Title	Hours
Students pursuing a bachelor's degree must complete the following General Education coursework. Diversity courses may also fulfill major or Breadth of Knowledge requirements. Integrated and Applied Learning courses may also fulfill requirements in the major.		
Academic Foundations		12
<i>Mathematics, Statistics and Logic: 3 credit hours</i>		
<i>Speaking: 3 credit hours</i>		
<i>Writing: 6 credit hours</i>		
Breadth of Knowledge		22
<i>Arts/Humanities: 9 credit hours</i>		
<i>Natural Sciences: 7 credit hours</i>		
<i>Social Sciences: 6 credit hours</i>		
Diversity		
Domestic Diversity		
Global Diversity		
Integrated and Applied Learning		2
<i>Select one class from one of the following subcategories:</i>		
Complex Issues Facing Society		
Capstone		
<i>Review the General Education Requirements page for detailed course listings.</i>		
Total Hours		36

Preadmission Courses

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 130	Principles of Microbiology	3
BIOL 200	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BIOL 201	Human Anatomy & Physiology Laboratory I	1
BIOL 202	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 203	Human Anatomy & Physiology Laboratory II	1
CHEM 114	Introduction to General, Organic & Biochemistry (Lecture)	4
CHEM 115	Introduction to General, Organic & Biochemistry (Laboratory)	1
ENGL 111	English Composition I	3
ENGL 112	English Composition II	3
STAT 250 or STAT 260	Statistics for Everyday Life Basic Statistics	3-4
PHIL 120	Introduction to Ethics	3
PSYC 100	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 230	Developmental Psychology	4
SOCIO 100	Introduction to Sociology	3
COMM 105 or COMM 106	Introduction to Public Speaking Effective Oral Communication	3
Total Hours		41-42

Nursing Core

Code	Title	Hours
NUTR 316	Science of Nutrition	4
NURS 211	Foundations of Nursing Practice I	5

NURS 212	Foundations of Nursing Practice II	5
NURS 216	Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing	3
NURS 217	Pathophysiology for Nurses	3
NURS 225	Health Assessment	3
NURS 230	Nursing Pharmacology	3
NURS 341	Professional Role Development	3
NURS 350	Nursing of the Childbearing Family	5
NURS 360	Nursing Care of Adults	5
NURS 370	Nursing Care of Older Adults	5
NURS 380	Mental Health Nursing ¹	5
NURS 401	RN Transition	1
NURS 410	Nursing of Families with Children ¹	5
NURS 430	Nursing in Complex & Critical Situations	5
NURS 435	Evidence Based Practice in Nursing	2
NURS 440	Nursing of Communities	4
NURS 450	Senior Practicum and Nursing Leadership	5
Total Hours		71

¹ Credit hours for NURS 380 Mental Health Nursing and NURS 401 RN Transition will change to 4 and 3 credits, respectively, for students starting the nursing core courses in the fall of 2025 or after.

Recommended Sequence

1st Year		Hours
Fall Semester		
ENGL 111	English Composition I ¹	3
BIOL 200	Human Anatomy & Physiology I ¹	3
CHEM 114	Introduction to General, Organic & Biochemistry (Lecture)	4
CHEM 115	Introduction to General, Organic & Biochemistry (Laboratory)	1
BIOL 201	Human Anatomy & Physiology Laboratory I ¹	1
STAT 250 or STAT 260	Statistics for Everyday Life ^{1,2} or Basic Statistics	3-4
Hours		15-16
Spring Semester		
ENGL 112	English Composition II ¹	3
BIOL 202	Human Anatomy & Physiology II ¹	3
BIOL 203	Human Anatomy & Physiology Laboratory II ¹	1
PSYC 100	Introduction to Psychology ¹	3
COMM 105 or COMM 106	Introduction to Public Speaking ¹ or Effective Oral Communication	3
Hours		13

2nd Year		Hours
Fall Semester		
PSYC 230 or NUTR 316	Developmental Psychology ⁴ or Science of Nutrition	4
NURS 211	Foundations of Nursing Practice I (Credit by Exam)	5
NURS 216	Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing	3
NURS 217	Pathophysiology for Nurses	3

NURS 225	Health Assessment	3
Hours		18
Spring Semester		
BIOL 130	Principles of Microbiology ⁴	3
NUTR 316	Science of Nutrition ⁴	4
	or PSYC 230 or Developmental Psychology	
NURS 212	Foundations of Nursng Practice II	5
NURS 230	Nursing Pharmacology	3
Hours		15
3rd Year		
Fall Semester		
NURS 350	Nursing of the Childbearing Family ⁵	5
NURS 360	Nursing Care of Adults ⁵	5
PHIL 120	Introduction to Ethics ⁴	3
	Arts Requirement	3
Hours		16
Spring Semester		
SOCIO 100	Introduction to Sociology ⁴	3
NURS 341	Professional Role Development	3
NURS 370	Nursing Care of Older Adults ⁵	5
NURS 380	Mental Health Nursing ^{5,7}	5
	Arts or Humanities Requirement	3
Hours		19
4th Year		
Fall Semester		
NURS 410	Nursing of Families with Children ⁶	5
NURS 435	Evidence Based Practice in Nursing	2
NURS 430	Nursing in Complex & Critical Situations ⁶	5
Hours		12
Spring Semester		
NURS 401	RN Transition ^{6,7}	1
NURS 440	Nursing of Communities (meets Complex Issues Requirement) ⁶	4
NURS 450	Senior Practicum and Nursing Leadership ⁶	5
	Global Diversity Requirement	3
Hours		13
Total Hours		121-122

- NURS 370 Nursing Care of Older Adults
- NURS 380 Mental Health Nursing

⁶ Senior level clinical courses may be taken in any order:

- NURS 410 Nursing of Families with Children
- NURS 430 Nursing in Complex & Critical Situations
- NURS 440 Nursing of Communities
- NURS 450 Senior Practicum and Nursing Leadership

⁷ Credit hours for NURS 380 Mental Health Nursing and NURS 401 RN Transition will change to 4 and 3 credits, respectively, for students starting the nursing core courses in the fall of 2025 or after.

¹ Preadmission courses: A grade of C or better is required.

² The math requirement is STAT 260 Basic Statistics or STAT 250 Statistics for Everyday Life. A student may substitute STAT 261 Introductory Statistics I, STAT 262 Introductory Statistics II. Either option will fulfill the Mathematics, Statistics, and Logic requirement.

³ It is strongly recommended that a student have recent high school algebra and chemistry. If algebra skills need updating, a student should see advisor for assistance. If a student has no high school chemistry, CHEM 101 Chemistry for Everyone should be taken prior to enrollment in CHEM 114 Introduction to General, Organic & Biochemistry (Lecture) and CHEM 115 Introduction to General, Organic & Biochemistry (Laboratory).

⁴ Corequisite courses: A grade of "C" or higher is required.

⁵ Junior level clinical courses may be taken in any order:

- NURS 350 Nursing of the Childbearing Family
- NURS 360 Nursing Care of Adults