

NURSING, BSN

Basic Licensure Track

Students with an interest in nursing are admitted to Clayton State University as a Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences major with a concentration of pre-nursing. Refer to the Bachelor of Health Sciences section of this Catalog for details. Separate application to this competitive admission program is required upon completion of 60 hours of Lower Division Major Requirements and transition course HLTH 3201 Pathophysiology. Students not admitted to this competitive admission program may continue with the Bachelor of Health Sciences degree in consultation with academic advisor to determine appropriate concentration and career path.

Admission

The basic licensure BSN track is available to recent high school graduates, non-traditional students, current Clayton State students, and transfer students who meet University admission requirements. Graduates are prepared for initial licensure as a Registered Nurse.

Nursing application is separate from University application and admission. Admission is competitive and space is limited. Students are admitted each fall and spring semester into a full-time four semester program (excluding intervening summers).

Minimum admission requirements include (details on the School of Nursing website):

- College grade point average (GPA) of 2.80 on 4.00 scale.
- Completion of 45 semester hours of BSN core curriculum with grades of C (or K or S) or better in all natural and behavioral science, math and Area F courses at the time of application and 60 semesters hours at the time of enrollment in nursing program.
- Successful completion of the USG system legislative requirements.
- Satisfactory completion of designated nursing program entrance exam.
- Satisfactory evidence of overall health status consistent with the performance standards for nursing and verified by a licensed health care professional.
- Eligible for clearance on criminal background check and drug screening.
- Applicants participating in Clayton State University's Honors Program are given priority if they meet all program admission standards.
- Applicants who have attended another nursing program are required to disclose on their application and submit a letter of good standing from the program administrator. Applicants who have been dismissed from another nursing program are ineligible for admission to the Clayton State program.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

- Demonstrate human caring as a key philosophical basis for the practice of nursing
- Utilize effective communication skills to promote therapeutic nurse-client interactions and good collegial relationships
- Engage in critical thinking by using creative problem solving and making appropriate inferences, based on evidence derived from clinical practice

- Demonstrate client care that reflects the consideration of socioeconomic, political, legal, ethical and human diversity variables in the changing health care environment
- Demonstrate competence in utilizing information technology resources to advance professional practice
- Collaborate with health care providers from other disciplines to improve client outcomes
- Utilize nursing therapeutics based on a synthesis of critical thinking strategies and a theoretical knowledge base in nursing to provide competent professional care and maximize healthy outcomes
- Demonstrate commitment to ongoing professional development as a life-long learner
- Apply selected theoretical frameworks and evidence-based practice to nursing practice in diverse settings

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Core IMPACTS		42
All core curriculum recommendations are shown under the Core IMPACTS section of the Undergraduate Graduation Requirements. (https://nextcatalog.clayton.edu/graduation-requirements/undergraduate-graduation-requirements/core-curriculum/#nonsciencemajorstext)		
Field of Study - Nursing		18
BIOL 2251 & 2251L	Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology Lab I	4
BIOL 2252 & 2252L	Anatomy and Physiology II and Anatomy and Physiology Lab II	4
BIOL 2260 & 2260L	Foundations of Microbiology and Found. of Microbiology Lab	4
PSYC 2103	Intro to Human Development	3
Lower division elective ¹		3
Transition Course		3
HLTH 3201	Pathophysiology	3
Major Requirements		54
NURS 3110	Interactive Communication	3
NURS 3200	Health Assessment	3
NURS 3300	Health Illness Transitions	6
NURS 3300L	Health Illness Trans Practicum	3
NURS 3383	Clinical Nursing Pharmacology	3
NURS 3501	Psychosocial Transitions	3
NURS 3501L	Psychosocial Transitions Prac.	2
NURS 3701	Health Illness Transitions II	3
NURS 3701L	Health Illness Trans. II Prac.	2
NURS 4000	Developmental Transitions I	3
NURS 4000L	Developmental Transitions I Pr	2
NURS 4100	Nursing Research	3
NURS 4201	Developmental Transitions II	3
NURS 4201L	Dev. Transitions II Practicum	2
NURS 4401	Health Illness Transitions III	3
NURS 4401L	Health Illness Transitions IIIP	3
NURS 4500	Role Transitions	2
NURS 4601	Organizational Transitions	4
NURS 4601L	Organizational Transitions P	1

Major Specific Elective	3
Choose any NURS, HLTH, HCMG, HFMG, or HSCI 3000/4000 level course (or appropriate upper division statistics course).	
Total Credit Hours	120

¹ Students in the health professions, including Nursing, must fulfill the Area D science requirements with a two-semester laboratory sequence. This means that specific lecture courses must be taken with the appropriate lab.

Academic Standards

Nursing students must maintain a semester grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 ("C") to progress in the program. A minimum grade of "C" is required in all upper division and major courses. Students who receive a "D", "F", "WF", or "U" in any nursing course may repeat that course one time only on a space available basis. Students who receive any two of the following: "D", "F", "WF", or "U" in any two nursing courses may not continue in the program. All students are required to finish all coursework for the BSN degree within five years of matriculation. Reference BSN Student Handbook for details.

Suggested Course Sequence

Please Note: This is a suggested course sequence and assumes a starting freshman with no prior college credit who intends to complete their degree in four years. Students should consult with their academic advisor and review the course prerequisites and minimum grade requirements as seen in the Academic Catalog.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
First Year		
First Semester		
ENGL 1101	English Composition I <small>Core Area A1</small>	3
MATH 1101	Intro to Mathematical Modeling <small>Core Area A2</small>	3
CRIT 1101	Critical Thinking <small>Core Area B1</small>	3
HSCI 2111	Intro to Health Care Environ.	3
CHEM 1151	Survey of Chemistry I	3
CHEM 1151L	Survey of Chemistry Lab I	1
Credit Hours		16
Second Semester		
ENGL 1102	English Composition II <small>Core Area A1</small>	3
Communications or Foreign Language <small>Core Area B2</small>		1-3
Behavioral Sciences <small>Core Area E4</small>		3
CHEM 1152	Survey of Chemistry II	3
CHEM 1152L	Survey of Chemistry Lab II	1
BIOL 2251	Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL 2251L	Anatomy and Physiology Lab I	1
Credit Hours		15-17
Second Year		
First Semester		
Literature, Philosophy, or Foreign Language <small>Core Area C1</small>		3
MATH 1401	Elementary Statistics <small>Core Area D2</small>	3
HIST 1111 or HIST 1112 or HIST 2750 or POLS 2401	Survey-PreModern World History <small>Core Area E2</small> or Survey of Modern World History or Critical Trends and Issues or Intro to Global Issues	3
PSYC 2103	Intro to Human Development	3
BIOL 2252	Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL 2252L	Anatomy and Physiology Lab II	1
Credit Hours		16

Second Semester		
Fine Arts or Intermediate Foreign Language <small>Core Area C2</small>		3
HIST 2111 or HIST 2112	Survey of US History to 1877 <small>Core Area E3</small> or US HIST Since Reconstruction	3
POLS 1101	American Government	3
HLTH 3201	Pathophysiology	3
BIOL 2260	Foundations of Microbiology	3
BIOL 2260L	Found. of Microbiology Lab	1
Credit Hours		16
Third Year		
First Semester		
NURS 3200	Health Assessment	3
NURS 3301	Health Promotions	3
NURS 3301L	Health Promotions Practicum	1
NURS 3401	Health Illness Transitions I	3
NURS 3401L	Health Illness Trans I Pract.	2
NURS 3110	Interactive Communication	3
Credit Hours		15
Second Semester		
NURS 3383	Clinical Nursing Pharmacology	3
NURS 3501	Psychosocial Transitions	3
NURS 3501L	Psychosocial Transitions Prac.	2
NURS 3701	Health Illness Transitions II	3
NURS 3701L	Health Illness Trans. II Prac.	2
Credit Hours		13
Fourth Year		
First Semester		
NURS 4100	Nursing Research	3
NURS 4000	Developmental Transitions I	3
NURS 4000L	Developmental Transitions I Pr	2
NURS 4201	Developmental Transitions II	3
NURS 4201L	Dev. Transitions II Practicum	2
Related Elective (3000/4000 Course)		3
Credit Hours		16
Second Semester		
NURS 4500	Role Transitions	2
NURS 4401	Health Illness Transitions III	3
NURS 4401L	HLth Illness Transitions IIIP	3
NURS 4601	Organizational Transitions	4
NURS 4601L	Organizational Transitions P	1
Credit Hours		13
Total Credit Hours		120-122