

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

## Academic Program Guide:

### Fall 2021 entrance and beyond



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA

College of Nursing

This guide is intended as a **sample** course schedule to help direct student progression. Students must meet regularly with their academic advisor to discuss specific course selections, remaining requirements, and degree options. **Shaded courses are required Nursing prerequisite courses** necessary for admission to the BSN professional program. Non-shaded courses are required foundation and general education courses necessary to graduate. Pre-Nursing students (semesters 1-4) must apply for competitive admission into the BSN professional program (remaining 4 semesters). This BSN program is only at the Tucson campus.

Course Title		Units	Notes
SEMESTER 1 (15 hours)		PRE-NURSING PROGRAM	
First Year Composition I: choose 1: <sup>1</sup> -ENGL 101 (will need to do ENGL 102 later) -ENGL 109H (also covers composition II requirement)	3	<sup>1</sup> First Year Composition requires one sequence of two options: -ENGL 101 & 102 -ENGL 109H. This is an Honors course requiring appropriate placement  <sup>2</sup> Chemistry requires knowledge of organic chemistry elements. There is a 1-sequence allied health class available, or it may be fulfilled through a 2-class sequence. For two-class sequences, we recommend doing the first of the sequence in semester 1 to allow enrollment in the second class in semester 2.  <sup>3</sup> Math requires College Algebra level course with appropriate placement. May also be fulfilled by select Statistics courses.	
Nutrition: choose 1: -NSC 101 -NSC 170C1	3		
Chemistry (if doing a 2-course sequence): choose 1: <sup>2</sup> -CHEM 151 (leading to CHEM 152 in Semester 2) -CHEM 141 lecture & 143 lab (leading to CHEM 142 & 144 in Semester 2) -CHEM 161 lecture & 163 lab (leading to CHEM 162 & 164 in Semester 2)	3		
Moderate Mathematics Strand: MATH 112 <sup>3</sup>	3		
Tier 1: Individuals & Societies (150): Numerous options available to students <sup>4</sup>	3		
SEMESTER 2 (17 hours)		PRE-NURSING PROGRAM	
First Year Composition II: ENGL 102 <sup>1</sup>	3	<sup>4</sup> General Education courses that Pre-Nursing students must take include the following: Individuals and Societies (#150s), Traditions and Cultures (#160s), Arts, and Humanities.  One General Education course must also double with the Diversity Emphasis requirement. Please see advisor for details.  <sup>5</sup> Language requirement may be met by completion of a course at or above the second semester level, credit from CLEP or AP at or above the second semester level, or a language proficiency examination above the second semester level.	
Chemistry (1-course sequence or finishing 2-course sequence) choose 1: <sup>2</sup> -CHEM 130 lecture & 130L lab (single-course sequence will fulfill chemistry) -CHEM 152 (must have taken CHEM 151 prior) -CHEM 142 lecture & 144 lab (must have taken CHEM 141 & 143 prior) -CHEM 162 lecture & 164 lab (must have taken CHEM 161 & 163 prior)	4		
Human Lifespan Development: choose 1: -EDP/FSHD/PSY 200 -FSHD 117	3		
Tier 1: Traditions & Cultures (160): Numerous options available to students <sup>4</sup>	3		
Second Language I: Numerous options available to students <sup>5</sup>	4		
SEMESTER 3 (17 hours)		PRE-NURSING PROGRAM	
Human Anatomy & Physiology I: PSIO 201 (lecture and lab)	4	<sup>5</sup> Language requirement may be met by completion of a course at or above the second semester level, credit from CLEP or AP at or above the second semester level, or a language proficiency examination above the second semester level.	
Statistics: choose 1: -MATH 163 -SBS 200 -PSY 230 (must have taken MATH 112 prior) -MATH 263 -and more! See an advisor to determine best statistics for you and your math placement/history	3 or 4		
Introduction to Biology: MCB 181R lecture	3		
Tier 1: Traditions & Cultures (160) and Diversity: Recommended to combine requirements <sup>4</sup>	3		
Second Language II: Numerous options available to students <sup>5</sup>	4		
SEMESTER 4 (16 hours)		PRE-NURSING PROGRAM	
Human Anatomy & Physiology II: PSIO 202 (lecture and lab)	4	<sup>6</sup> Microbiology requirement is lecture only for UA. However, those wishing to pursue licensure in California will also require a microbiology lab. If you think you have even a chance at working in California eventually, we recommend you also enroll into the microbiology lab (MIC 205L).	
General Microbiology: MIC 205A (lecture only needed) <sup>6</sup>	3		
Tier 2: Arts: Numerous options available to students <sup>4</sup>	3		
Tier 2: Humanities: Numerous options available to students <sup>4</sup>	3		
Tier 1: Individuals & Societies (150): Numerous options available to students <sup>4</sup>	3		
Apply to BSN program before starting BSN officially. See second page for additional details			
LEVEL 1 (15 hours)		BSN PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM	
NURS 350: Pathophysiology <sup>10, 12</sup>	3	<sup>10</sup> Non-BSN students may enroll in NURS 350 with instructor permission. Students are encouraged to take this course only while in the BSN program. All other BSN courses require Professional Program admission.	
NURS 356: Foundations in Nursing Care	7		
NURS 379: Scholarly Inquiry in Evidence-Based Practice <sup>12</sup>	2		
NURS 472A: Nursing Pharmacology	3		
LEVEL 2 (15 hours)		BSN PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM	
NURS 366: Acute & Chronic Illness Management I	10	<sup>12</sup> Honors sections available. Honors students are required to take 379 as honors. Honors students will also enroll in 2 units of NURS 498H in Levels 2, 3, and 4.	
NURS 368: Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family <sup>12</sup>	5		
LEVEL 3 (15 hours)		BSN PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM	
NURS 470: Acute & Chronic Illness Management II	10		
NURS 471: Mental Health Nursing <sup>12</sup>	5		
LEVEL 4 (14 hours)			
NURS 473: Population Health & Community Nursing	5		
NURS 478: Nursing Leadership & Management in Health Systems <sup>12</sup>	4		
NURS 479: Transition to the Professional Nursing Role	5		
DEGREE TOTALS		124	59 units of upper-division nursing coursework
After graduation, pass NCLEX-RN in order to gain Registered Nurse (RN) licensure. (If you are seeking CA licensure see point #6 above about microbiology lab)			

## GENERAL EDUCATION AND DEGREE TOTALS REQUIRED

### UNIVERSITY DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (UNITS)

**Total Units Required:** 120 units; 42 units must be upper division (300-499)

**Minimum GPA:** Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA; Minimum 2.0 major GPA

### UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION COURSEWORK (see university catalog for requirements <http://catalog.arizona.edu/>)

1. **English Composition** requirement satisfied with either ENGL 101 and 102, or ENGL 109H
2. **Moderate Mathematics Strand** requirement satisfied by: <http://math.arizona.edu/academics/placement/>
  - a. College Algebra: MATH 112; or higher-level mathematics course
  - b. An approved statistics course: MATH 163, MATH 263, SBS/SOC 200, or ISTA 116. Other courses may meet the statistics requirement for Nursing but do not meet the Moderate Math Strand.
3. **Second language** proficiency requires completion of second semester level (or higher) coursework (typically 102 or higher) or a Proficiency Exam. Proficiency Exams include CLEP, AP, IB or College of Humanities Language Proficiency Exam.

### UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-NURSING: <http://www.gened.arizona.edu/content/information-students>

### DECLARING PRE-PROFESSIONAL NURSING AND COMPLEMENTARY MAJORS

The College of Nursing requires all students meet certain eligibility requirements to declare the Pre-Professional major. Please review the criteria online at [www.nursing.arizona.edu/bsn-admissions](http://www.nursing.arizona.edu/bsn-admissions) and contact an Academic Advisor at [con-studentaffairs@arizona.edu](mailto:con-studentaffairs@arizona.edu) if you have questions.

**Students unable to declare the Pre-Professional Nursing major at this time** are encouraged to identify and declare a complementary major, and then declare the major after completing a semester or more of coursework at or above the minimum GPA for declaration of the major. GPA requirements to change major are also online at [www.nursing.arizona.edu/bsn-admissions](http://www.nursing.arizona.edu/bsn-admissions). **Common complementary majors include: Public Health, Nutrition, Family Studies and Human Development, Physiology, Psychology, or Care, Health and Society.**

### BSN PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

**BSN Professional Program Admission Requirements:** (All requirements and deadlines are subject to change. See Nursing website for additional details.)

- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0, as well as minimum prerequisite GPA of 3.0. Grades of C or better in all prerequisite courses
- Minimum score of 75 on HESI A2 exam (Math, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary, and Biology)
- Submit an application with NursingCAS.
- Non-current UA students that are admitted to the program must also submit a UA transfer student application by the deadline outlined in their admissions packet. UA admissions information is available via The University of Arizona's Office of Admissions ([admissions.arizona.edu](http://admissions.arizona.edu))

**Nursing College admission is based on a holistic review of criteria, including:**

<b>Prerequisite GPA</b> (Highest grade for each prerequisite course)	Prerequisite GPA of a minimum 3.0 GPA for all prerequisite courses, with a minimum grade of 'C' or better in each required course. If a prerequisite course is repeated, the highest grade earned will be utilized in the calculation.
<b>Cumulative GPA</b> (All courses at all regionally accredited colleges ever)	Cumulative GPA of a minimum 3.0 GPA for all post-secondary coursework ever taken. Grade replacement rules at the institution where the course is taken will be honored for GPA calculations. Unless grade replacement occurs, all attempts of all courses will be included, reflecting all schools ever attended.
<b>Optional Experience</b>	Optional experiences that may be included to increase application strength include: healthcare experience, volunteerism, transferable non-healthcare employment, and leadership experiences.
<b>HESI Admissions Assessment</b>	Students must take the HESI Admissions Assessment with a 75% minimum score based on a single attempt. Details on nursing website regarding score expirations and considerations: <a href="http://nursing.arizona.edu">nursing.arizona.edu</a>
<b>Interview</b>	A secondary interview is required as the second and final step in the admissions process. Interview offer is determined by ranking based on the above metrics.

### Application Deadlines for BSN Professional Program

Students interested in the BSN must apply for admission through Nursing CAS by the relevant deadlines at **11:59pm EST** (see below).

- **February 1** for admission to the upcoming Fall semester (may have 2 prerequisite courses in progress at time of application)
- **September 1** for admission to the upcoming Spring semester (may have 2 prerequisite courses in progress at time of application)

If enrolled at the time of application and given admissions offer, applicants must maintain their 3.0 cumulative and prerequisite GPA minimum after completion of any in-progress coursework, as well as a grade of 'C' or better in any in-progress prerequisite courses.