The College of Nursing at The University of Tennessee, Knoxville, was established in July 1971 in response to a long-recognized and well-established need for nurses prepared at the collegiate level. The undergraduate program combines the unique resources of the UT Knoxville campus with those of the university’s comprehensive teaching hospital and other health care agencies in a manner that enables both faculty and students to participate fully in all facets of the health care delivery system. The program is accredited by the National League for Nursing and has full approval status from the Tennessee Board of Nursing. The baccalaureate nursing program has as its central focus and frame of reference human beings, society, and health. It is based on the belief that nursing has equal concern for the prevention of illness, the promotion of health, and the care of the sick. General education courses, nursing courses, and electives are organized in a manner designed to promote and develop creative thinking and other cognitive, affective, and psychomotor processes that are essential for effective nursing practice and for full and meaningful involvement as a contributing member of society.

A broad base of general education, a thorough study of human behavior, emphasis on health maintenance, health promotion, and health restoration and a strong family and community orientation are essential components of baccalaureate education in nursing. By maintaining a high quality, relevant program that is responsive to the increasing complexity of health care delivery, the ever-changing health needs of society, and the changing and expanding role of the nurse, graduates of the program are able to: (1) assume beginning leadership positions in nursing in a variety of settings; (2) work collaboratively with other health professionals; (3) function as socially conscious and contributing citizens; and (4) pursue advanced education either on a formal or an informal basis.

**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS**

In order to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, students are required to successfully complete eight semesters of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study. One hundred twenty-two semester hours are required for graduation. The program also accommodates registered nurses who hold associate degrees in nursing or who are graduates of diploma nursing programs. All upper-division courses, with the exception of N301 and N314, are restricted to students who have progressed into the major (see PROGRESSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES.)

**PROGRESSION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

Current standards are available from the Director of Student Services, College of Nursing, room 203. Students, including registered nurses, who are admitted as Pre-nursing students in their freshmen or sophomore years must apply for progression in to the College of Nursing prior to their junior year.

(1) During the spring semester of the year the student expects to meet all lower division course requirements, she/he must complete a Petition for Progression form and submit it to the college’s Student Services. Students who are not registered nurses must submit their Petition for Progression no later than January 15 of UT Knoxville’s spring semester. Registered nurse students should submit their Petition for Progression by March 1 of the spring semester. Since few of the required courses taken by registered nurses in the junior year require clinical experiences, registered nurses may also apply by October 1 for progression the following spring. Students will be selected on the basis of: (a) cumulative GPA for courses completed; (b) cumulative GPA for required courses exclusive of history, humanities and multicultural/integrative studies electives; (c) number of course withdrawals and repetitions; (d) grade improvement over time; (e) probability of completing all lower division requirements prior to the following fall; (f) preference will be given to those students who have completed all lower division courses; and (g) availability of space.

(2) If a student is selected for progression into the College of Nursing but then fails to successfully complete all lower division requirements (except for humanities, history, and multicultural/integrative studies electives) prior to the fall semester, the student will not progress into the major and must submit another petition for progression the following year.

(3) Registered nurses must be licensed to practice in the state of Tennessee. Registered nurses must also complete all lower division required courses, but at the discretion of the faculty advisor, they may apply for progression into the major once they are within 12 semes-
ter hours of meeting the lower division requirements. Nursing 305 must be completed before RN’s may challenge or take 325. Nursing 325 is pre- or co-requisite to 315. All junior level courses are prerequisite to the senior year.

GRADING AND CONTINUATION POLICIES

(1) The minimum acceptable grade for all courses in the curriculum is a “C”. The satisfactory/no credit grading option is not available for courses required in the nursing curriculum.

(2) No nursing course may be repeated more than once. If a “D” or “F” grade is earned on the second attempt the student will be required to withdraw from the program.

(3) Any student who receives a grade of “D” or “F” for more than one nursing course will be required to withdraw from the program even if the previous course for which “D” or “F” was awarded has been repeated with a grade of “C” or higher.

(4) If a student receives an incomplete “I” in a nursing course, the “I” must be removed prior to enrolling in any course for which the uncompleted course is a prerequisite.

(5) If a student’s clinical performance for any nursing course is found to be unsatisfactory, the grade for that course will be an “F” regardless of any other grades earned in other components of the course. If the unsatisfactory clinical performance is characterized by unethical, unprofessional, or unsafe behavior, behavior that actually or potentially places the client in jeopardy, the student will be required to withdraw from the program.

(6) Requirements for competence or certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation are included in the Undergraduate Student Handbook.

APPROVED ELECTIVES

The BSN program includes 12 semester hours of electives: 6 hours in humanities and 6 hours in multicultural or integrative studies. Courses in the following areas are accepted to satisfy elective requirements.

HUMANITIES

Art, Classics, Dance, Foreign Language, History, English, Music, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Special Education 423, Speech Communication, Theatre

MULTICULTURAL OR INTEGRATIVE STUDIES

Abnormal Psychology, Anthropology, Architecture 406, Child and Family Studies 220, 240, Comparative Literature, Economics 100, Educational and Counseling Psychology 460, Geography, Health (except 230, 310, and 325), Human Services, Intermediate foreign language, Political Science, Nursing 314, 453 (restricted to upper division nursing students only), 470, Recreation and Leisure Studies 110, University Studies

HISTORY REQUIREMENTS

History - any course offered by the History Department; African and African-American Studies 201-202 Introduction to African and African-American Studies; Asian Studies 101-102 Asian Civilization; Latin-American Studies 251-252 Introduction to Latin-American Studies; Medieval Studies 201-202 Medieval Civilization; Philosophy 120-121 Foundations of Western Thought

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NURSING SUBSTITUTIONS

Math 115 or any statistics course; Math 110 or any other college math course; Any 2 semesters of history; Child and Family Studies 210 or Psychology 300; Chemistry 100-110 or 120-130; Microbiology 210 or 310; Psychology 2100 (Psychology of Human Development) from Pellissippi which transfers to UTK as Psychology 210.

HEALTH AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet specific physical examination and immunization requirements as specified by state law and by the rules and regulations set forth by the various clinical agencies. All non-nurse students must participate in the college’s group professional liability insurance program. All registered nurses must provide proof that they have appropriate professional liability insurance coverage. Specific information concerning these requirements will be provided to the students at appropriate times by the nursing faculty and or the Director of Student Services.

COURSE LOAD

The maximum credit hours per semester for which a nursing student may register without special permission is 18.

THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING CURRICULUM

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Total: 122 hours

RNs may earn up to eleven semester hours of upper-division nursing credits by means of validation examinations that are designed to measure prior learning. More information about the examinations may be obtained from the Student Services Office or from the faculty advisor for registered nurses.

The following courses are open to all university students: 202, 301 and 314.

GRADUATE

General requirements for the Master of Science in Nursing degree are given in the Graduate Catalog.