The College of Nursing

The College of Nursing at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, was established in July 1977 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 U.T. 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 Accrediting Commission that may be contacted for information about tuition, fees, and length of program at 350 Hudson St., New York, NY 10014, phone 1-800-669-9656. The program is also unconditionally approved by the Tennessee Board of Nursing.

Nursing students are required to successfully complete eight semesters of full-time study or the equivalent in part-time study. Petition for Progression form and submit it to the college’s Student Services Office. Applicants for upper division nursing should submit their Petition for Progression with transcripts for all colleges attended no later than January 20. Students will be selected on the basis of:

(a) cumulative GPA for required science, social science, math, and English courses;
(b) number of course withdrawals and rejections;
(c) probability of completing all lower division requirements prior to the following fall;
(d) grade improvement over time;
(e) cumulative GPA for courses completed;
(f) the availability of space. Preference will be given to those students who have completed all lower division courses.

General Education The baccalaureate nursing program has as its central focus the person, health, environment and nursing. General education 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 citizen of society. 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GRADING AND CONTINUATION POLICIES
(1) The minimum acceptable grade for all courses in the curriculum is a "C." 
(2) No nursing course may be repeated more than twice. A grade of "D," "F" or "NC" 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," "F" or "NC" for more than one nursing course will be required to withdraw from the program even if the previous course for which "D," "F" or "NC" 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 6 hours in humanities (Philosophy 345 and elective) and 6 hours in multicultural/integrative studies. Courses in the following areas are accepted to satisfy elective requirements.

HUMANITIES
Art, art history, dance, foreign language, history, English, music, philosophy, psychology, religious studies, speech communication, theatre.

MULTICULTURAL OR INTEGRATIVE STUDIES
Anthropology 100-499; Architecture 406; Comparative Literature 100-499; Economics 100-499; Geography 100-499; Health 100-499 (excluding 330, 310, 325); Human Sciences 100-499; Nursing 202, 314, 453 (restricted to upper-division nursing students only); Political Science 100-499; Psychodrama 80; Psychology 330, 350, and Leslie Studies 110, 250 (special topic: Therapeutic Recreational Programming); University Studies 100-499; Sociology 415; Chinese 231, 232; Classics 261, 264 (Greek), 251, 252, 253 (Latin); Japanese 251, 252; Arabic 221, 222; Hebrew 241, 242; Persian 261, 262; French 211, 212, 217, 218; German 201, 202, Italian 211, 212; Portuguese 211, 212; Russian 201, 202; Spanish 211, 212, 217, 218.

HISTORY REQUIREMENTS

NURSING SUBSTITUTIONS
Math 115 or any statutory course, Math 119 or any other college math course, Any 2 semesters of history, Child and Family Studies 210 or Psychology 303; Chemistry 105-110; Microbiology 210 or 310 with 319 lab.

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 complete the college's group professional liability insurance program. All registered nurses must present proof that they have appropriate professional liability insurance coverage. Specific information concerning these requirements will be provided to the student 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
Freshman
English 101, 102........................................6
Mathematics 115 or higher........................................6
Chemistry 115 or any other science course.............3
Social studies 100-109........................................8
Humanities..........................................................3
Psychology 110..................................................3
Sociology or Anthropology.....................................3
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Speech Communication, Theatre

Sophomore
Biochemistry and Cellular Biology 240 or Ecology and Evolutionary Biology 240.................4
Psychology 202 or 203.........................................3
Philosophy 120-121...........................................4
Philosophy 122..................................................3
Philosophy 315..................................................3
Philosophy 316..................................................3
Psychology 203..................................................3
Nursing 201, 202, 203...........................................9

Junior
Nursing 301, 302, 304, 306, 313, 318, 330, 332, 333........................................32
Senior
Nursing Cultural or Integrative Studies................3
Nursing 401, 405, 411, 431, 440, 441........................................27

Total: 102 hours

This 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 Master of Science in Nursing course.

RN TRACK FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
(1) RNs must complete the same non-nursing requirements as other students.
(2) Students will take the NLN Nursing Mobility Profile Examinations to begin upper-division coursework. If a decision score of 100 is achieved (per section), the student will receive proficiency credit for three out of four of our major clinical courses exclusive of Commu- nity Health. Courses for which credit can be obtained in this manner include 330, 401, 411, and 431 and are indicated with an asterisk. Proficiency credit obtained by RNs through the NLN Nursing Mobility Profile Exams is re- counted as SRC.

(3) The student will take one major clinical course in the area of choice (330, 401, 411, and 431) with clinical individualization.
(4) All students take the Community Sequence.
(5) Students can obtain proficiency credit in several other courses (Assessment and Wellness Promotion, Pharmacology, Health Deviation Concepts I and II, and Leadership/Management) by passing instructor-made challenge exams (indicated with a double asterisk). Eligibility for challenge of N440 Leadership/Management is based on documented employ- ment in a nursing leadership position for at least one year within the last five years. RNs are exempt from N441 Clinical Practicum.
(6) The entire upper division nursing curricu- lum can be completed in one calendar year and students already accepted into the Masters' Program may be exempted from Multicultural/ Integrated Studies (3 hours) and Nursing Exce- lls/Independent Study (5 hours) if they have 123 undergraduate hours. Students accepted for the Nurses Program must complete the upper division course work within 12 months of acceptance. See also the UTK Graduate Catalog for description of RN-MSN track.

Total: 59 hours

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More information about the RN-BSN track can be obtained from the College of Nursing Student Services Office or from the faculty advisors for registered nurses.