

Program: **Nursing**
 Major: **Nursing**
 Degree: Bachelor of Science (B.S.)

Dept: Nursing
 College: Mathematics and Science
 Major Code: 6200

University Core (Total Listed 42-44)

Specific courses within the University Core are listed on pages 95-96.

• Courses from the major may apply to the areas marked in the University Core.

Written and Oral Communication 9

Quantitative Reasoning/Scientific Method 10-11

Math 3

• Life Science 4

• Physical Science 3-4

Critical Inquiry and Aesthetic Analysis 6

Aesthetic Analysis 3

• Critical Inquiry 3

American Historical and Political Analysis 6

American National Government 3

American History 3

Cultural and Language Analysis 3-4

Second Language 4

OR

Cultural Analysis 3

• **Social and Behavioral Analysis..... 3**

Life Skills 5

Required Health Course 2

• Elective Life Skills 3

**Minimum
Required Hours**

Major Requirements

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The baccalaureate degree in nursing at UCO is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.ccnaccreditation.org>). Graduates of this state approved program are eligible to apply to write the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) for registered nurses.

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The following courses:

- CHEM 1014 Introductory Chemistry and Lab
- BIO 1114 General Biology **OR**
- BIO 1204 Biology for Majors: Principles
- NTRN 1513 Introduction to Nutrition
- PSY 1103 General Psychology
- SOC 2103 Sociology
- BIO 2314 Introductory Microbiology and Lab
- BIO 2504 Human Anatomy and Lab **OR**
- FNRL 2214 Elementary Human Anatomy and Dissection
- BIO 2604 Human Physiology and Lab
- ECON 2173 Principles of Business Statistics **OR**
- PSY 2753 Psychological Statistics **OR**
- SOC 4043 Sociological Statistics **OR**
- STAT 2113 Statistical Methods **OR**
- ECON 2303 Statistics for Healthcare **OR**
- STAT 2103 Introduction to Statistics for Sciences
- PHIL 1103 Logic and Critical Thinking **OR**
- PHIL 1113 Introduction to Philosophy **OR**
- PHIL 1123 Contemporary Moral Problems **OR**
- PHIL 2073 Social & Political Philosophy
- NURS 1221 Introduction to Nursing
- NURS 2113 Individual and Family Development Through the Lifespan

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The following courses:

- NURS 2207 Foundations of Nursing
- NURS 3202 Introduction to Pharmacology
- NURS 3307 Adult Medical-Surgical Nursing I
- NURS 3314 Maternal-Newborn Nursing

**Minimum
Required Hours**

- NURS 3324 Pediatric/Child Health Nursing
- NURS 3333 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing
- NURS 3344 Adult Med/Surg Nursing II
- NURS 3512 Service Learning and Health Promotion
- NURS 4134 Community Health Nursing
- NURS 4146 High Acuity Nursing
- NURS 4153 Research/Evidence-Based Practice
- NURS 4324 Care of Vulnerable Individuals
- NURS 4722 Pharmacology II
- NURS 4746 Professional Nursing Leadership & Management
- NURS 4821 Preparing for Entry into Practice

Electives to bring total to 124*

*Total hours required for this major may exceed the minimum 124 credit hour institutional requirement and will vary according to course selection. It is recommended students complete two years of a second language in high school.

Minimum Grade Requirements

1. Average in (a) all college course work, and (b) course work at UCO 2.00
2. A minimum grade of "C" must be earned in all courses in the major to count toward meeting degree requirements.

For other regulations pertaining to graduation, see pages 66-67 of the 2019-2020 catalog.

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Admission to Nursing Program

Students planning to become candidates for the Bachelor of Science with a major in Nursing are required to make formal application to the Chairperson of the Department of Nursing for admission into the Professional Nursing program. Applications must be submitted to the Department of Nursing on or before the **last Friday of January for fall admission, and the second Friday of September for spring admission** into the program.

Admission is competitive as applications exceed the number of positions available. Formal approval by the selection committee is required for admission. Preference is given to University of Central Oklahoma students. The student will be notified eight to ten weeks after the filing date as to the disposition of the application.

The following must be submitted to the Department of Nursing as part of the admission process and are used by the faculty in selection of candidates:

- A. Transcript(s) reflecting a minimum retentive grade point average of 2.50 in all course work completed at the time of the application.
- B. A minimum grade of "C" in chemistry, all biological sciences, NURS 1221 and NURS 2113 is required. Two of the five required science courses must be successfully completed prior to the application deadline. Human Anatomy must be successfully completed before starting NURS 2207 Foundations of Nursing. Students may enroll a maximum of two times in any nursing course.
- C. Score on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) or HESI A2 Exam.
- D. Submit a criminal background check (OSBI).
- E. Meet "Performance Standards for Admission and Progression in the Department of Nursing" (available in application packet).
- F. International students (i.e. students for whom English is a second language regardless of resident status) must have a minimum TOEFL score of 83 on the internet version or equivalent on the written examination (560).

Career Ladder Students

RN to BS

Registered nurses who have graduated from an ACEN accredited associate degree program may be eligible for matriculation into the program on an advanced standing basis. For information regarding criteria and application, go to <http://www.uco.edu/cms/nursing/index.asp>, or contact the Department of Nursing.

Accelerated RN-MS

A tailored, accelerated RN-MS option is offered to qualifying RN-BS students. Students who are accepted to the RN to BS degree option may take three specified 5000-level NURS courses (9 credit hours) during the senior year of the BS program. These courses will count towards both the BS and MS degrees. Formal application and department permission is required. Specifics of the requirements are located in the UCO Graduate Catalog under Nursing: Master of Science (M.S.).

Transfer Students

Students transferring to the University of Central Oklahoma from other institutions are expected to fulfill all requirements specified for regularly enrolled students. The three lower division nursing courses (NURS 1221 - Introduction to Nursing, NURS 2207 - Foundations of Nursing, and NURS 2113 - Individual and Family Development Through the Lifespan) must be completed at UCO before entering the junior year of nursing. Call the Department of Nursing for detailed information.

Progression in the Program

- A. To continue in the Nursing Program, candidates must show evidence of satisfactory progress toward graduation and comply with all requirements as indicated in the UCO Undergraduate Catalog, UCO Student Handbook, and the Department of Nursing Student Handbook.
- B. Nursing courses (after admission to the program) will begin with NURS 2207. NURS 1221 and NURS 2113 may be taken prior to, or concurrently with NURS 2207. All university core and pre-professional courses must be successfully completed prior to beginning Upper Division (3000 level) nursing courses.

A minimum grade of "C" must be obtained in all professional courses.

Other Requirements

- A. Transportation to the clinical area and to other special assignments is the responsibility of each student;
- B. Professional liability insurance is required of all students for the duration of the program. Information is available from the Department of Nursing;
- C. Additional expenses for the nursing major include such items as uniforms, equipment, and fees for achievement tests;
- D. Documentation of immunizations: see UCO Department of Nursing Student Handbook for required immunizations;
- E. Current CPR Certification as an American Heart Association Health Care Provider.
- F. A criminal background check (Federal).
- G. Drug screening.