NURSING (BSN)

The Benedictine College Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program (BSN) is based on a framework of the Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). The professional nurse who graduates from Benedictine College is educated through a four-year degree with a major in nursing. This educational process includes preparation in the liberal arts; behavioral, biological, and natural sciences; communication; and higher-level thinking abilities. The program prepares the graduate at the entry level into professional nursing practice and facilitates the acquisition of competencies as clinician, advocate, educator, leader, manager, and colleague.

The candidate for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree must complete all the general education degree requirements of the College.

Accreditation

 The baccalaureate degree program in Nursing at Benedictine College is accredited by

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) 655 K Street NW, Suite 750 Washington, DC 20001 202-887-6791

 The Pre-Licensure Baccalaureate of Nursing Program is approved by the Kansas State Board of Nursing (KSBN).

Admission Information

- The Benedictine College Bachelor of Nursing Program is committed to nondiscrimination and equal opportunity in its admission process.
- Upon attainment of sophomore status (or the academic year prior to entering the nursing program), written application by the student is to be submitted no later than January 15 (or the first school day after January 15) prior to the anticipated fall semester. Applications submitted after this date will be considered on a space available hasis
- Written notification of acceptance of admission to the nursing program will be sent to students from the School of Nursing.
- Prior to the beginning of and continuing throughout nursing clinical courses, first-year (junior) clinical students must have on file in the School of Nursing a current physical examination and health assessment completed by a healthcare provider, evidence of current immunizations, current certification in American Heart Association BLS CPR and AED for Healthcare Professionals, results of annual TB skin tests, evidence of their own health insurance coverage, a completed criminal background check and drug screen, VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children for Adults" training program, and any other clinical agency requirements.

Criteria for Admission Consideration

Minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 with a minimum
of 64 hours at the start of nursing courses and the ability to
complete all academic requirements for graduation in two years.
Applicants must have completed all prerequisites to the major, all
the Core requirements, and have no more than nine remaining hours
to complete in the Foundations and/or Skills and Perspectives
requirements when starting the nursing program. A written plan for

- completing any missing Foundations and/or Skills and Perspective requirements must be submitted with the application;
- Obtain a grade of 'C' or above and earn a minimum grade point average of 3.0 in all prerequisite courses. Up to two (2) different prerequisite courses may be repeated one (1) time each;
- · Complete the Benedictine College SoN admission application;
- The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) is required of all applicants to the School of Nursing whose first language is not English. The minimum TOEFL scores for admission consideration are listed below. The test must be completed within one year of application to the SoN.

Minimum TOEFL Admission Scores

Paper-Based: 577 Computer-Based: 233 Internet-Based: 90 Writing: 20 Speaking: 25 Reading: 20 Listening: 25

Additional consideration given to the following:

- · Overall GPA and GPA on prerequisite courses;
- · Number of full-time semesters completed at Benedictine College;
- · Short personal essay or video;
- Academic history with patterns and trends indicating potential for academic success (e.g., successful completion of a full-time semester);
- · Pre-admission test;
- Eligibility for licensure. Refer to the Nurse Practice Act in the state in which you anticipate licensure. In Kansas refer to KSA 65–1120 of the Nurse Practice Act at www.ksbn.org. Graduation does not ensure licensure eligibility.
- Admission preference is given to current Benedictine College students. Admission preference will be given to students who have completed three full-time semesters at an institution of higher learning after high school graduation.
- Transfer students will be considered on a space-available basis.
- Transfer students who are accepted into the nursing program must complete a minimum of 60% of the required courses at Benedictine College.

General Biology Policy

Students are strongly encouraged to take BIOL-1121 General Biology I at Benedictine College. The nursing department MAY allow General Biology I (with a laboratory and genetics component) from another accredited college in place of Benedictine College's BIOL-1121 General Biology I. Note that AP Biology or BIOL-1107 Principles of Biology will NOT be accepted for this requirement. General Biology taken as a dual enrollment class in high school will NOT be accepted for this requirement.

Additional information on policies may be found in the current Benedictine College Student Nursing Handbook.

Prerequisites for Nursing

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL-1121	General Biology I (with lab)	5
BIOL-2242	Human Anatomy & Physiology I (with lab)	4
BIOL-2243	Human Anatomy & Physiology II (with lab)	4
BIOL-2260	Principles of Microbiology	4
CHEM-1200	General Chemistry I Lecture	4
& CHEM-1201	and General Chemistry I Laboratory	
EXSC-3303	Basic Nutrition	3
MATH-1220	Introductory Statistics	4
NURS-1100	Introduction to Professional Nursing	1
PSYC-1000	General Psychology	3
PSYC-2503	Lifespan Development	3

All prerequisite courses must have been completed within 10 years.

In addition, students are required to have the following Core general education requirements completed before starting the nursing program:

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL-1010	English Composition	3
EXSC Fitness Course ¹		
Foreign Language requirement (both semesters)		
PHIL-1750	Principles of Nature	3
THEO-1100	Introduction to Theology	3

Students do not need to take EXSC-1115 Wellness for Life (NURS-3200 Foundations of Nursing will fulfill this requirement)

(Students transferring into Benedictine College their junior year may have slightly different core general education requirements. Review the Benedictine College Catalog for further information.)

When students are accepted into the Nursing program, they are assigned to the College Catalog for the following year with the latest Nursing program. Students may elect to keep the general education requirements of the Catalog they started with when they matriculated to Benedictine College. If they wish to keep their original general education requirements, they must let the Registrar's Office know as soon as possible so their degree audit will be corrected in Self Service > My Progress.

Essential Functions of Student Nurses

Reasonable accommodations for students with disabilities, either temporary or permanent, will be considered on a case-by-case basis and in consultation with Benedictine College's Disability Services and the clinical agencies as appropriate. To enter and complete the nursing program, student nurses must be able to meet specific emotional, cognitive, and physical requirements. These requirements are outlined in the *Benedictine College School of Nursing Student Handbook* under "Essential Functions of Nursing Student" and can be provided to applicants upon request.

Progression Policies

- 1. Students will successfully complete a course in the nursing program if they meet all the following requirements:
- a. Meet the minimum exam average of 78% in each didactic course where examinations are administered.

- b. Earn a minimum grade of "B-" in each nursing course.
- c. Complete externally prepared standardized exams and remedial activities as assigned.
- d. Maintain required clinical documentation (including immunizations, Basic Life Support (BLS) CPR, and AED
- training for health care professionals, proof of health insurance, background check and drug screen).
- 2. If a student does not successfully complete a nursing course, he or she may repeat the course per the *Benedictine College School of Nursing Handbook*.

Leave of Absence

 A student who is maintaining a grade of at least a 'B-' in all nursing courses and has a minimum grade point average of 2.70 at the time of the leave may be granted a leave of absence from the nursing program for personal health or family health-related reasons. This leave is not to exceed one calendar year.

Note that a student who has been absent from Benedictine College must apply to the Associate Dean for readmission (refer to section in the *Benedictine College Course Catalog* on "Readmission").

- Students may be granted readmission into the nursing program provided space is available. If changes in the curriculum have occurred, students must complete the curriculum effective at the time of readmission.
- · Students may request a leave of absence one time.
- Students readmitted will be required to complete a new criminal background check and drug screen.

Dismissal From the Nursing Program

The following criteria is used to dismiss a student from the Nursing program:

- 1. If the student has earned less than the required grades in two required courses as defined in the General Progression Requirements.
- 2. If the student has less than 2.70 cumulative grade point average for two (2) semesters.
- If a student engages in activities that are considered incompetent, unethical or illegal.
- 4. If the student engages in egregious behavior or fails to meet expectations of the plan identified in the Benedictine College School of Nursing Student Professional Misconduct or Behavioral Report.

Readmission to the Nursing Program

A student who is withdrawn from the nursing program may apply for readmission to the nursing program by the specified due date. The student seeking readmission must meet the criteria for admission and graduation that are in effect at the time of readmission to the nursing program. The Nursing faculty must approve the readmission and space must be available in the nursing program. A student who has been denied readmission may not apply to the program again for five years at which time, if accepted to the program, all nursing coursework must be repeated. All prerequisite courses must have been completed within 10 years. Subsequent failure to progress in any nursing course will result in dismissal from the nursing program without consideration for readmission.

Program Mission

The mission of the Nursing Program is to provide an evidence-based curriculum to prepare future nurse leaders and life-long learners. We educate students to become professional nurses who will deliver personcentered, ethical, holistic, compassionate, safe, and effective care.

Program Outcomes and Performance Indicators

For students entering the School of Nursing FA 2022 or earlier, the following program outcomes, based on the AACN Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice (2008), drive the undergraduate curriculum. The graduate of the Benedictine College Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will demonstrate the following role dimensions of the professional nurse.

Provider of Care

Graduates will use the nursing process to provide evidence-based, culturally-competent care that incorporates bio-psycho-social, ethical, and spiritual aspects of health.

Performance Indicators

Demonstrates use of nursing process:

- · Performs assessments appropriately;
- · Accurately analyzes assessment data;
- · Plans appropriate interventions;
- · Demonstrates appropriate interventions;
- · Evaluates patient care outcomes; and
- · Documents accurately.

Incorporates bio-psycho-social, ethical, and spiritual aspects of health into care:

- · Incorporates evidence-based care principles;
- · Provides ethical, culturally competent care; and
- · Incorporates spiritual components into care.

Leader of Care

Graduates will demonstrate and facilitate leadership through collaboration and advocacy to design and coordinate safe, cost-effective, quality care of individuals, families, and aggregates.

Performance Indicators

Demonstrates appropriate coordination, delegation, and supervision of nursing care.

Designs and evaluates safe, effective, quality care for individuals, families, and aggregates.

Advocates for patients through collaboration with the interdisciplinary team

Member of a Profession

Graduates will enact professional behaviors that communicate respect for own and others' values, commitment to ongoing learning, and promotion of social justice.

Performance Indicators

Demonstrates the use of professional nursing standards.

Communicates respectfully in a clear, accurate, relevant manner in oral, nonverbal, and written modes.

For students entering the School of Nursing FA 2023 or later, the following program outcomes, based on the AACN Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice (2008), drive the undergraduate curriculum. The graduate of the Benedictine College Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will demonstrate the following role dimensions of the professional nurse.

- Formulate well-reasoned clinical judgements based on current evidence in the care of diverse clients across the lifespan.
- 2. Provide person-centered healthcare across the continuum of care.
- Implement safe, quality, and cost-effective patient care in the healthcare system.
- Integrate legal and ethical standards into professional nursing practice.
- Model effective communication among patients, families, and interprofessional team members.
- 6. Demonstrate leadership and professional identity in nursing practice.
- Apply informatics and healthcare technologies to the care of patients, families, communities, and populations.

Program Requirements

Time Limit of Degree Completion

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree must be completed within four years of the date of the first enrollment in nursing courses.

For other policies and procedures refer to the Benedictine College Student Nursing Handbook.

Criteria for Completion of the Current Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree

- Completion of at least 128 semester hours of academic work with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75;
- · Completion of required assessments; and
- Completion of the following nursing courses (56 hours) in addition to the prerequisite courses listed previously and the college general education requirements:

Code	Title	Hours	
Curriculum for students entering School of Nursing FA 2022			
NURS-3000	Introduction to Health Care Environment	2	
NURS-3120	Clinical Nursing Assessment	3	
NURS-3140	Pathophysiology	3	
NURS-3200	Foundations of Nursing	3	
NURS-3210	Foundations of Nursing: Clinical	3	
NURS-3300	Pharmacology I	2	
NURS-3400	Nursing Care of Adults I	3	
NURS-3410	Nursing Care of Adults I: Clinical	2	
NURS-3500	Maternal-Child Nursing	4	
NURS-3510	Maternal-Child Nursing: Clinical Lab	2	
NURS-3640	Pharmacology II	2	
NURS-4200	Population-Based Health Care	3	
NURS-4210	Population-Based Health Care: Clinical	2	
NURS-4220	Research, Quality Improve, & Evid-Bas Pr	3	
NURS-4300	Mental Health Nursing	3	

Total Hours		59
THEO-3940	Christian Bioethics	3
NURS-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
NURS-4910	Capstone Clinical	2
NURS-4900	Synthesis	1
NURS-4700	Professional, Legal & Ethical Issues	3
NURS-4600	Nursing Leadership & Management in Nursi	3
NURS-4510	Nursing W/Complex Acute Needs-Clinical	2
NURS-4500	Nursing Patient W/Complex Acute Needs	3
NURS-4310	Mental Health Nursing: Clinical Lab	2

Code	Title	Hours	
Curriculum for students entering School of Nursing FA 2023			
NURS-3120	Clinical Nursing Assessment	3	
NURS-3140	Pathophysiology	3	
NURS-3200	Foundations of Nursing	3	
NURS-3210	Foundations of Nursing: Clinical	3	
NURS-3350	Pharmacology	4	
NURS-3400	Nursing Care of Adults I	3	
NURS-3410	Nursing Care of Adults I: Clinical	2	
NURS-3520	Pediatric Care	2	
NURS-3530	Maternal/Newborn Care	2	
NURS-3710	Specialty Nursing: Clinical	2	
NURS-3800	Mental Health	2	
NURS-4200	Population-Based Health Care	3	
NURS-4210	Population-Based Health Care: Clinical	2	
NURS-4220	Research, Quality Improve, & Evid-Bas Pr	3	
NURS-4300	Mental Health Nursing	3	
NURS-4310	Mental Health Nursing: Clinical Lab	2	
NURS-4500	Nursing Patient W/Complex Acute Needs	3	
NURS-4510	Nursing W/Complex Acute Needs-Clinical	2	
NURS-4600	Nursing Leadership & Management in Nursi	3	
NURS-4700	Professional, Legal & Ethical Issues	3	
NURS-4900	Synthesis	1	
NURS-4910	Capstone Clinical	2	
NURS-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0	
THEO-3940	Christian Bioethics	3	

Upon completion of graduation requirements, the graduate may apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). Licensure applicants must have completed the basic professional curriculum from an approved program of nursing. Graduation does not ensure licensure eligibility. Certain criminal activity, functional abilities, and other applicant information may render a graduate ineligible for licensure. The State Board of Nursing in the state in which licensure is sought will make the decision whether or not to allow the individual to take the licensure examination. For additional information, refer to Sections KSA 65-1120 of the State of Kansas Nurse Practice Act or the Nurse Practice Act of the state in which the graduate anticipates licensure. It is the student's responsibility to contact and verify with the State Board of Nursing whether he or she will be able to apply for licensure and take the NCLEX-RN.

Students may submit a written petition with rationale to the nursing program for special exception to the above policies. The nursing faculty will have the right to accept or reject this petition.

Travel

Students in the nursing program are responsible for arranging their own transportation to and from the clinical partner, which provides the student with direct clinical experiences. Students are responsible for the cost of travel for direct clinical experiences. Faculty members are not allowed to transport students to activities or clinical experiences.

Costs

Course fees will be charged for each semester of the nursing program. Nursing is a professional discipline, and students enrolled in the SoN must anticipate additional costs that are directly related to the nursing program. These include uniforms, laboratory equipment and supplies, textbooks, standardized tests, criminal background check, malpractice insurance, examination software, drug screen, CPR certification, health requirements, transportation, liability insurance, externally prepared examinations, and any other equipment, as necessary.

Suggested Sequence of Courses for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree for Students Entering the School of Nursing FA 2022 or earlier

The curriculum has been developed based on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice. Below is outlined a sample curriculum for the Benedictine College Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

Course	Title	Hours
Freshman Year		
First Semester		
GNST-1000	BC Experience	1
ENGL-1010	English Composition	3
Foreign Language		4
PHIL-1750	Principles of Nature	3
BIOL-1121	General Biology I ¹	5
Fitness Activity Cours	se	1
	Hours	17
Second Semester		
PSYC-1000	General Psychology ¹	3
THEO-1100	Introduction to Theology	3
Foreign Language		4
Historical Inquiry Fou	ndation	3
CHEM-1200	General Chemistry I Lecture ¹	3
CHEM-1201	General Chemistry I Laboratory ¹	1
	Hours	17
Sophomore Year		
First Semester		
BIOL-2242	Human Anatomy & Physiology I ¹	4
MATH-1220	Introductory Statistics ¹	4
PSYC-2503	Lifespan Development ¹	3
Aesthetic Experience		3

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Historical Inquiry F	oundation	3
	Hours	17
Second Semester		
BIOL-2243	Human Anatomy & Physiology II ¹	4
BIOL-2260	Principles of Microbiology ¹	4
EXSC-3303	Basic Nutrition ¹	3
Aesthetic Experienc	ce	3
Faith / Elective		3
Students apply for a sophomore year.	admission into the nursing program in their	
	Hours	17
Junior Year		
First Semester		
NURS-3000	Introduction to Health Care Environment	2
NURS-3120	Clinical Nursing Assessment	3
NURS-3140	Pathophysiology	3
NURS-3200	Foundations of Nursing	3
NURS-3210	Foundations of Nursing: Clinical ²	3
NURS-3300	Pharmacology I	2
	Hours	16
Second Semester		
NURS-3400	Nursing Care of Adults I	3
NURS-3410	Nursing Care of Adults I: Clinical ²	2
NURS-3500	Maternal-Child Nursing	4
NURS-3510	Maternal-Child Nursing: Clinical Lab ²	2
NURS-3640	Pharmacology II	2
Philosophical Inqui	ry	3
	Hours	16
Senior Year		
First Semester		
NURS-4200	Population-Based Health Care	3
NURS-4210	Population-Based Health Care: Clinical ²	2
NURS-4220	Research, Quality Improve, & Evid-Bas Pr	3
NURS-4300	Mental Health Nursing	3
NURS-4310	Mental Health Nursing: Clinical Lab ²	2
THEO-3940	Christian Bioethics	3
	Hours	16
Second Semester		
NURS-4500	Nursing Patient W/Complex Acute Needs	3
NURS-4510	Nursing W/Complex Acute Needs-Clinical ²	2
NURS-4600	Nursing Leadership & Management in Nursi	3
NURS-4700	Professional, Legal & Ethical Issues	3
NURS-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
NURS-4900	Synthesis	1
NURS-4910		2
	Hours	14
		130
NURS-4510 NURS-4600 NURS-4700 NURS-COMP NURS-4900	Nursing W/Complex Acute Needs-Clinical ² Nursing Leadership & Management in Nursi Professional, Legal & Ethical Issues Senior Comprehensive Exam Synthesis Capstone Clinical ³	1

¹ Prerequisite course

Total clinical clock hours: 720 hours

Suggested Sequence of Courses for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree for Students Entering the School of Nursing FA 2023 or Later.

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Course	Title	Hours
Freshman Year		
First Semester		
GNST-1000	BC Experience	1
ENGL-1010	English Composition	3
Foreign Language		4
PHIL-1750	Principles of Nature	3
BIOL-1121	General Biology I ¹	5
Fitness Activity Cour	rse	1
	Hours	17
Second Semester		
PSYC-1000	General Psychology ¹	3
THEO-1100	Introduction to Theology	3
Foreign Language		4
Historical Inquiry		3
CHEM-1200	General Chemistry I Lecture	4
& CHEM-1201	and General Chemistry I Laboratory ¹	
NURS-1100	Introduction to Professional Nursing ¹	1
	Hours	18
Sophomore Year		
First Semester		
BIOL-2242	Human Anatomy & Physiology I ¹	4
MATH-1220	Introductory Statistics ¹	4
PSYC-2503	Lifespan Development ¹	3
Aesthetic Foundation	n	3
Historical Foundatio	n	3
	Hours	17
Second Semester		
BIOL-2243	Human Anatomy & Physiology II ¹	4
BIOL-2260	Principles of Microbiology ¹	4
EXSC-3303	Basic Nutrition ¹	3
Aesthetic Foundation	n	3
Faith Foundation (or	Elective)	3
Students apply for a sophomore year.	dmission into the nursing program in their	
	Hours	17
Junior Year		
First Semester		
NURS-3120	Clinical Nursing Assessment	3
NURS-3140	Pathophysiology	3

Foundations of Nursing

NURS-3200

All clinical courses except NURS-4910 Capstone Clinical are 3 hours of clinical per credit hour each week.

³ NURS-4910 Capstone Clinical is 135 clinical hours

NURS-3210	Foundations of Nursing: Clinical ²	3
NURS-3350	Pharmacology	4
	Hours	16
Second Semester	•	
NURS-3400	Nursing Care of Adults I	3
NURS-3410	Nursing Care of Adults I: Clinical ²	2
NURS-3520	Pediatric Care	2
NURS-3530	Maternal/Newborn Care	2
NURS-3710	Specialty Nursing: Clinical ²	2
NURS-3800	Mental Health	2
Philosophical Inq	uiry Foundation	3
	Hours	16
Senior Year		
First Semester		
(Proposed – subj	ect to approval by Kansas Board of Nursing)	
NURS-4100	Nursing Care of Adults II	3
NURS-4110	Nursing Care Adults 2: Clinical ²	2
NURS-4200	Population-Based Health Care	3
NURS-4210	Population-Based Health Care: Clinical ²	2
NURS-4220	Research, Quality Improve, & Evid-Bas Pr	3
THEO-3940	Christian Bioethics	3
	Hours	16
Second Semester	•	
NURS-4600	Nursing Leadership & Management in Nursi	3
NURS-4700	Professional, Legal & Ethical Issues	3
NURS-4800	Nursing Care of Adults III	3
NURS-4810	Nursing Care Adults 3: Clinical ²	2
NURS-COMP	Senior Comprehensive Exam	0
NURS-4900	Synthesis	1
NURS-4910	Capstone Clinical	2
	Hours	14
	Total Hours	131

NURS-3530 Maternal/Newborn Care

NURS-3710 Specialty Nursing: Clinical

NURS-3800 Mental Health

Level III Courses:

NURS-4100 Nursing Care of Adults II

NURS-4110 Nursing Care Adults 2: Clinical

NURS-4200 Population-Based Health Care

NURS-4210 Population-Based Health Care: Clinical

NURS-4220 Research, Quality Improve, & Evid-Bas Pr

Level IV Courses:

NURS-4600 Nursing Leadership & Management in Nursi

NURS-4700 Professional, Legal & Ethical Issues

NURS-4800 Nursing Care of Adults III

NURS-4810 Nursing Care Adults 3: Clinical

NURS-4900 Synthesis

NURS-4910 Capstone Clinical

For students entering the School of Nursing in 2023, leveled courses are defined below.

Level I Courses:

NURS-3120 Clinical Nursing Assessment

NURS-3140 Pathophysiology

NURS-3200 Foundations of Nursing

NURS-3210 Foundations of Nursing: Clinical

NURS-3350 Pharmacology

Level II Courses:

NURS-3400 Nursing Care of Adults I

NURS-3410 Nursing Care of Adults I: Clinical

NURS-3520 Pediatric Care

¹ Prerequisite course

² All clinical courses are 3 hours of clinical per credit hour each week.