



Pittsburg State University
College of Arts & Sciences Program Guide

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing
 Major: Nursing
 Emphasis/Option:
 Minor (if required):

As of Fall 2017

The School of Nursing offers a program leading to the degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing with a major in nursing, in two tracks, the Pre-RN Licensure Track and the RN to BSN Track.

The curriculum prepares students for professional nursing in acute care agencies and in community health settings.

Please consult the School of Nursing website www.pittstate.edu/nurs and current RN to BSN program booklet for any recent changes.

Nursing Prerequisite Requirements (Additional)

Nursing Prerequisites (13 hours)

BIOL 257: Anatomy and Physiology	3
and BIOL 258: Anatomy and Physiology Laboratory	2
BIOL 371: General Microbiology	3
and BIOL 372: General Microbiology Laboratory	2
PSYCH 263: Developmental Psychology	3
or FCS 285: Lifespan Human Development	3

Professional Nursing Degree Requirements

Required Hours (62-71 hours)

- NURS 265: Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (2 hours)
- NURS 318: Nursing Fundamentals (5 hours)
- NURS 320: Health Assessment (3 hours)
- NURS 322: Professional Nursing (3 hours)
- NURS 390: Pathophysiologic Bases of Nursing (3 hours)
- NURS 405: Gerontological Nursing (3 hours)
- NURS 410: Nursing the Adult Medical-Surgical Client (7 hours)
- NURS 442: Pharmacology in Nursing (3 hours)
- NURS 452: Nursing the Childbearing Family (4 hours)
- NURS 462: Nursing the Child and Family (4 hours)

NURS 470: Nursing the Psychiatric/Mental Health Client (4 hours)

NURS 482: Evidence-Based Practice and Research (2 hours)

NURS 499: Concepts of Leadership in an Evolving Healthcare System (4 hours)

NURS 502: Community Health Nursing (5 hours)

NURS 525: Advanced Care of the Medical-Surgical Client(6 hours)

NURS 600: Transitions in Nursing Practice (2 hours)

NURS 601: Internship in Nursing Practice (1 hour)

Upper Division Nursing Electives (1-10 hours)

Total hours for Bachelor of Science in Nursing (124-136 hours)

MATH 110 or MATH 113 or MATH 126, CHEM 105 and 106 or CHEM 107 and 108, SOC 100, FCS 203 or FCS 301, PSYCH 155, BIOL 257 and 258, BIOL 371 and 372, PSYCH 263 or FCS 285 are all nursing pre-requisites and must be completed prior to enrollment in upper division nursing courses.

Nursing Articulation in Kansas

The Pittsburg State University Nursing Program participates in the Kansas Statewide Articulation Plan to promote educational mobility for nurses. As a participant of this program, Registered Nurses (RN's) must validate learning in order to receive credit for Bachelor of Science in Nursing courses:

NURS 318: Nursing Fundamentals (5 hours)

NURS 410: Nursing the Adult Medical-Surgical Client (7 hours)

NURS 452: Nursing the Childbearing Family (4 hours)

- NURS 462: Nursing the Child and Family (4 hours)
- NURS 470: Nursing the Psychiatric/Mental Health Client (4 hours)
- NURS 525: Advanced Care of the Medical Surgical Client (6 hours)
- NURS 600: Transitions in Nursing Practice (2 hours)

Validation (32 hours) is accomplished by:

1. Achieving a passing score on the National Council’s Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN), as evidenced by a current license to practice as a Registered Nurse.
2. Validation letter of a minimum of three months current nursing practice.
3. Successful completion of NURS 304 Advancing Careers: Transitioning to Baccalaureate Nursing with a “C” or above.
4. Successful completion of NURS 670 Family Health Care Nursing (capstone) with a “C” or above.

Upper Division Courses

NURS 304: Advancing Careers: Transitioning to Baccalaureate Nursing	3
NURS 321: Health Assessment for the Registered Nurse	4
NURS 340: Nurse’s Role in Health Promotion	2
NURS 407: Gerontology for the Registered Nurse	2
NURS 484: Evidence-based Research for the Registered Nurse	2
NURS 503: Population-based Health Care	4
NURS 505: Leadership and Management for the Registered Nurse	4
NURS 665: Pathophysiology and Pharmacology for the Registered Nurse	3
NURS 668: Health Care Policy Today and in the Future for the Registered Nurse	2
NURS 670: Family Health Care Nursing	4

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree at Pittsburg State University requires a minimum of 124 hours for graduation.

Nursing Credit Hours Taken at Pittsburg State University (30 hours)

Validated Nursing Credit Hours (32 hours)

Total Credit Hours for Upper Division Nursing Major (62-68 hours)

Total Credit Hours General Education and Nursing Prerequisites (62-65 hours)

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

(46-52 hrs.)

Basic Skills		12-13 hours
COMM 207	Speech Communication	3
ENGL 101	English Composition.....	3
ENGL 190	Honors English Composition	3
OR ENGL 299	Introduction to Research Writing	3
Mathematics (Select one)		
MATH 110	College Algebra with Review	5
MATH 113	College Algebra	3
MATH 126	Pre-Calculus	4
MATH 133	Quantitative Reasoning.....	3
MATH 143	Elementary Statistics.....	3
Sciences		8-9 hours
Natural Sciences (<i>Select one</i>)		
BIOL 111/112	General Biology and Laboratory	5
BIOL 113	Environmental Life Science	4
BIOL 211	Principles of Biology I.....	4
Physical Sciences (<i>Select one</i>)		
CHEM 105/106	Introductory Chemistry and Laboratory.....	4
CHEM 107/108	Chemistry for Life Sciences and Laboratory	4
PHYS 160/165	Physical Geology and Laboratory.....	4
PHYS 166/167	Meteorology and Laboratory.....	4
PHYS 171/172	Physical Science and Laboratory	4
PHYS 175/176	Descriptive Astronomy and Laboratory.....	4
PHYS 375/176	Solar System Astronomy and Laboratory	4
Social Studies		3 hours
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology	3
WGS 200	Introduction to Women's Studies	3
Political Studies (Select one)		3 hours
POLS 101	U.S. Politics	3
POLS 103	Comparative Political Institutions.....	3
Producing and Consuming		5-6 hours
<i>(Select one from two of the following three categories)</i>		
Economy		
ECON 191	Issues in Today's Economy.....	3
FCS 230	Consumer Ed. and Personal Finance	3
Technology		
EET 247	Computer Programming for Electronic Sys.	3
GT 190	Introduction to Technological Systems	2
GT 350	Technology and Civilization.....	3
EDTH 330	Technology for the Classroom.....	3
TE 551	Integrated Technology for Educators.....	3
TM 350	Societal Influence of Technology.....	3
Business		
ACCTG 201	Financial Accounting	3
CIS 130	Computer Information Systems	3
MGT 101	Introduction to Business	3
MGT 105	Introduction to Entrepreneurship.....	3
Fine Arts and Aesthetic Studies (Select one)		2-3 hours
ART 155	Printmaking and Paper Arts.....	3
ART 178	Introduction to the Visual Arts.....	3
ART 188	The Designed World	3
ART 217	Crafts I.....	3
ART 222	Jewelry Design I.....	3
ART 233	Drawing I	3
ART 244	Ceramics I.....	3
ART 266	Sculpture I.....	3

ART 277	Painting I.....	3
ART 288	Introduction to Art History I.....	3
ART 289	Introduction to Art History II	3
ART 311	Art Education	3
ART 351	Printmaking, Papermaking, Bookarts and the Letterpress.....	3
ART 430	Automotive: Art and Design.....	3
COMM 105	Performance Appreciation.....	3
COMM 205	Performance Studies.....	3
COMM 295	Theatre History	3
ENGL 250	Introduction to Creative Writing	3
HHP 151	Dance Appreciation.....	3
MUSIC 120	Music Appreciation.....	3
MUSIC 121	Introduction to Music Literature	2

Cultural Studies (Select one)		3 hours
ANTH 101	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology.....	3
MLL 114	Chinese Language and Culture I*.....	3
MLL 124	French Language and Culture I*.....	3
MLL 154	Spanish Language and Culture I*.....	3
MLL 184	Russian Language and Culture I*.....	3
MLL 194	Korean Language and Culture I*	3
GEOG 106	World Regional Geography	3
GEOG 300	Elements of Geography.....	3
GEOG 304	Human Geography.....	3
WGS 399	Global Women's Issues.....	3

Health and Well Being		4-6 hours
Psychological		
PSYCH 155	General Psychology	3
Physical (<i>Select one</i>)		
FCS 203	Nutrition and Health	3
FCS 301	Nutrition	3
HHP 150	Lifetime Fitness Concepts	1
NURS 303	Introduction to Public Health.....	3

Human Heritage		6 hours
<i>(Select one from two of the following three categories)</i>		
History		
HIST 101	World History to 1500.....	3
HIST 102	World History from 1500.....	3
HIST 201	American History to 1865	3
HIST 202	American History from 1865	3
Literature		
ENGL 113	General Literature	3
ENGL 114	General Literature(Genre)	3
ENGL 116	General Literature(Theme).....	3
ENGL 120	Literature and Film	3
ENGL 315	Mythology	3
ENGL 320	Literature and Film	3
Philosophy		
PHIL 103	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 105	Ethics.....	3
PHIL 112	Biomedical Ethics.....	3
PHIL 113	Business Ethics.....	3
PHIL 114	Environmental Ethics.....	3
PHIL 207	Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 208	Logic and Critical Thinking	3
PHIL 231	World Religions.....	3

Notes

NOTE: The information contained herein is intended to be used for the planning of a student's academic program and does not constitute a contract. While this guide was prepared with the latest information, courses, graduation requirements, and curricula are subject to change.

When a student attains 85 semester hours of credit (including current enrollment) the student must apply for a degree check in the Office of the Registrar (Degree Checking Section), Room 102 Russ Hall.

MINIMUM GENERAL REQUIREMENTS: The minimum requirements for graduation include 124 semester hours of which 60 hours must be from a four year university. In addition, 45 semester hours must be upper division and 30 hours in residence at PSU (including 24 of the last 30). Minimum GPA for non-education degree is 2.0 overall [2.0 in major], secondary education degree is 2.5 overall [2.75 in major], and early/late childhood/unified degree is 2.80 overall [3.0 in major]. A minimum GPA of 2.0 in any minor and in residence coursework is required. General Education and all degree requirements are provided in the online catalog. Refer to individual departments for specific requirements.