

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Internal 3rd Year Transfer

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The University of Virginia School of Nursing offers a program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science of Nursing. Although many students are admitted to the School of Nursing in the first year (in most cases directly from high school), spaces are available for qualified transfer applicants from both within the University and from other colleges and universities. Successful internal transfer students enroll as Third Year students, and complete the BSN after the satisfactory completion of five semesters of study.

Students in the School of Nursing take classes in anatomy and physiology, growth and development, pharmacology, pathophysiology, administration, and nursing practice. Direct progression to graduate study is encouraged and facilitated for interested, qualified individuals.

PROGRAM FORMAT

- 120 credits for degree; five semesters of fulltime study for third year transfer students.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Students who complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program are able to:

- ensure holistic and culturally sensitive care based on an understanding of the norms and health care beliefs/practices of various racial, ethnic, religious, socioeconomic, gender-specific, and age-related populations;
- provide health care that demonstrates professional values and standards of practice, and includes moral, ethical, and legal concepts;
- incorporate knowledge of health promotion and disease prevention into professional nursing practice;
- demonstrate knowledge of the structure, organization, and financing of the U.S. health care delivery system, and the role and importance of nursing within that system;
- understand the development and implementation of national and international health care policy from social, economic, political, legislative, and professional perspectives;
- manage and coordinate patient care across health care settings and client populations;
- employ critical thinking in the provision of professional nursing care;
- effectively use current and changing health care and information technologies;
- utilize communication techniques effectively;
- accept increasing professional responsibility, provide professional leadership, and participate in activities for professional growth and development.

ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

In every case, an applicant must be in good academic and social standing. Selection of students to the School of Nursing is competitive, based primarily on your prior academic performance at UVA. The opportunity to transfer to the School of Nursing is not assured, even for students from within the University. Relevant volunteer or work experience in a clinical setting will be taken into consideration and may be a factor in the selection process. Students wishing to transfer must have completed a minimum of 55 semester hours of the required general education courses.

Students applying for internal transfer admission will enter the School of Nursing as Third Year students in the summer between their second and third year at the University. The deadline for completed applications is March 1, and potential applicants are invited to consult with the Assistant Dean for Undergraduate Student Services. The application for internal transfer may be obtained from the Office of Admissions & Student Services, CMNEB 1023, or can be found on our website at <http://www.nursing.virginia.edu/pdf/Intra-University-Transfer-Application.pdf>.

Application deadline for all students: March 1

Sample Program of Study for a Third Year BSN Transfer student

General Education Requirements (51 credits in all)

English Composition (3 credits)

Required for all students except for those who are exempt.

Second Writing Requirement (SWR)- 3 credits.

Required for all students. To qualify, a course must have a minimum of 4,000 words (20 pages) written over at least 2 occasions.

Natural Science & Math (12 credits)

Anatomy & Physiology is required. Other acceptable courses include biology, mathematics, chemistry, physics, genetics, environmental science, geology and ecology. Students considering graduate education should take statistics.

Social Science & History (9 credits)

Acceptable courses include history, government, psychology, sociology, economics, western civilization, political science, and anthropology.

Humanities & Fine Arts (9 credits)

Acceptable courses include philosophy, ethics, art history, religion, music, drama, literature, and foreign languages.

Electives (15 or more credits)

Three courses (up to 7 credits) in physical education or skills courses such as studio art or music performance may be added toward these elective course requirements.

Sample Pre-Nursing Curriculum:

Year 1

Fall

- First writing requirement (3)
- Natural Science (3)
- Social Science/History (3)
- Humanities (3)
- Elective (3)

Spring

- Second writing requirement (3)
- Anatomy & Physiology I (3)
- Social Science/History (3)
- Humanities/Fine Arts (3)
- Elective (3)

Year 2

Fall

- Anatomy & Physiology II (3)
- Social Science/History (3)
- Intro. to the World of Nursing (3)
- Life Span Development (3)
- Humanities or Elective (3)

Spring

- Natural Science/Math or Anatomy and Physiology I (if not already completed) (3)
- Principles of Nutrition (3)
- Elective (3)
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Summer Session

- Foundations of Clinical Nursing (3)
- Intro. to Nursing and Health Care Services (3)
- Client Assessment (3)

Year 3

Fall

- Principles of Pharmacology (3)
- Pathology & Clinical Management I (3)
- Nursing of Children and Families (4) or
Nursing Care of Women & the Childbearing Family (4)
- General Education or Nursing Elective (3)

Spring

- Pathology & Clinical Management II (4)
- Nursing Care of the Chronically Ill Adult (5)
- Foundations of Nursing Research (3)
- Nursing of Children and Families (4) or
Nursing Care of Women & the Childbearing Family (4)

Year 4

Fall

- Leadership & Management in Health Care Systems (3)
- Nursing Care of the Older Adult (2)
- Nursing Management of Common Health Problems (5)
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing (4) or
Community Health Nursing (4)
- General Education or Nursing Elective (3)

Spring

- Current Issues in Nursing (3)
- Nursing Management of Complex Health Problems (2)
- Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing (4) or
Community Health Nursing (4)
- Synthesis Practicum (3)