

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

First-Year Entry

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The University of Virginia School of Nursing offers a program leading to the degree of Bachelor of Science of Nursing. Students are admitted to the School of Nursing in the first year (in most cases directly from high school). The degree is awarded after the satisfactory completion of four years 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.

Clinical experiences occur in a variety of settings at the University of Virginia Medical Center, steps away from the School of Nursing buildings, as well as other local and regional clinical sites. The U.Va. Medical Center is a 590-bed, Level I Trauma Center that has been ranked one of America's Top 100 Hospitals for the past nine years.

PROGRAM FORMAT

- 120 credits; eight semesters of fulltime study

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 scholastic ability demonstrated by secondary school records and scores on the SAT and/or ACT. Relevant volunteer or work experience in a clinical setting will be taken into consideration and may be a factor in the selection process.

First Year students applying for admission will enter the School of Nursing at the start of the regular academic session in the fall. The deadline for completed applications is January 1. Official transcripts and recommendations must be submitted by the deadline.

Applications may be obtained from the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, University of Virginia, Box 400160, Charlottesville, VA 22904, (434) 982-3200. All credentials should be mailed to the same address.

You can submit the application directly online at <https://applyonline.virginia.edu/admissions/>.

International students must demonstrate ability in English, and must submit TOEFL or IELTS scores.

Application deadline for all students: January 1

Sample Program of Study for a Traditional BSN student

Year 1

Fall

First Writing Requirement (3)
Natural Science (3)
Social Science/History (3)
Humanities/Fine Arts (3)
General Education Elective (3)

Spring

Second Writing Requirement (3)
Anatomy & Physiology I (3)
Social Science/History (3)
Humanities/Fine Arts (3)
Introduction to the World of Nursing (3)

Year 2

Fall

Anatomy & Physiology II (3)
Social Science/History (3)
Humanities/Fine Arts (3)
Clinical & Interactive Skills (4)
Life Span Development (3)

Spring

Natural Science/Math (3)
Intro. to Nursing and Health Care Services (3)
Principles of Nutrition (3)
Client Assessment (3)
General Education Elective (3)

Year 3

Fall

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

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

General Education or Nursing Elective (3)
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)

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)