

NURSING MAJOR (B.S.N.)

Purpose

The mission of the School of Nursing: "Training Champions for Christ who care with their hearts and their minds, exhibiting both our art and our science to care for those most in need here and around the world by impacting and investing in the lives of others." The purpose of the Liberty University School of Nursing Undergraduate program is to prepare baccalaureate level nurses who are committed to Christian ethical standards and view nursing as a ministry of caring. The nursing curriculum is built upon a foundation from the arts, sciences, and the Bible, and focuses on the use of the nursing process and nursing theories to guide the acquisition of nursing knowledge, the development of strong clinical skills, and a commitment to a sound work ethic.

Program Learning Outcomes

The student will be able to:

- View nursing as a ministry, demonstrating Christ's love to all people.
- Coordinate resources and provide safe nursing care for individuals, families, and populations.
- Utilize critical thinking, clinical judgment decision-making, and evidence-based practice in determining nursing interventions and applying therapeutic skills.
- Demonstrate personal and professional leadership skills when interfacing with patients and professionals in healthcare settings encompassing prevention and management of disease and implementation of restorative and palliative care.
- Apply a Christian value system, based on Biblical principles, and professional ethics to the profession of nursing.
- Identify the need for ongoing personal and professional development through formal and informal, nursing and interprofessional scholarship.
- Demonstrate professionalism in behavior, communication, informatics, and research.

Accreditation and Licensure

The bachelor of science in nursing program, at Liberty University School of Nursing is accredited by the

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This degree is approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing.

Application to the School of Nursing

A prospective student applies for candidacy to the nursing major when all prerequisite classes have been successfully completed or are in progress. Applicants are considered for candidacy to the nursing major following enrollment and successful completion of the following courses:

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 104	Introduction to Nursing and Medical Terminology	3
CHEM 107	Essentials of General and Organic Chemistry	4
NURS 115	Pre-licensure Pathophysiology	3

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BIOL 213 & BIOL 214	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	4
BIOL 215 & BIOL 216	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	4

Students must complete BIOL 213 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (3 c.h.)/BIOL 214 Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab (1 c.h.), BIOL 215 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (3 c.h.)/BIOL 216 Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab (1 c.h.), CHEM 107 Essentials of General and Organic Chemistry (4 c.h.), NURS 104 Introduction to Nursing and Medical Terminology (3 c.h.), and NURS 115 Pre-licensure Pathophysiology (3 c.h.) with grades of "C" or better, (grades of "A" or "B" in science course are preferred) and have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 for fall and spring admission and 3.25 for summer admission. A personal interview with a nursing faculty member may also be required. The faculty reserves the right to refuse admission into the program. Acceptance by Liberty University does not guarantee acceptance into the nursing major.

Retention and Progression

Policies related to retention and progression are outlined in the annual *Liberty University Nursing Student Handbook*.

Clinical Prerequisites

Each student must secure uniforms, immunizations, urine drug screen, background check, and current American Heart Association CPR certification prior to the first clinical/lab experience. Compliance with these requirements is expected throughout the program.

Transportation

Nursing students are responsible for transportation to and from clinical settings.

Physical Examination

A physical examination including a urine drug screen, TB test, Rubella Titer, documentation of Hepatitis B vaccinations, and all childhood immunizations is required prior to the first day of class. Additional requirements may be determined by assigned clinical partner sites.

Accelerated Program

Students who hold a bachelor's degree in another field of study or have active duty military experience may qualify for the Accelerated Program. After pre-requisites are satisfied, this program can be completed in twelve months.

Fast Track Program

The Fast Track Program is available for students who have already completed one to two years of college work before deciding to enter the nursing program and meet the admissions criteria can finish the nursing requirements up to six months early.

Certificate Programs

Senior level students have an opportunity to choose an elective in a specific field of nursing by participating in one of four certificate programs:

- Advanced Critical Care and Emergency Nursing
- Advanced Maternal-Child Nursing

- Advanced Acute Care Nursing
- Cross Cultural Nursing

Selected students complete extra classes and clinical experiences so that they are able to enter the workplace with a broader knowledge base and highly developed clinical skills.

- Certified Nurse Midwife
- Nurse Administrator
- Nurse Informaticist
- Nurse Advocate

Programs of Study

Delivery Format: Residential Only

- Nursing: Accelerated Pre-Licensure (B.S.N.) - B.A./B.S. (2nd Degree) - Resident
- Nursing: Accelerated Pre-Licensure (B.S.N.) - Veteran - Resident
- Nursing: Pre-Licensure (B.S.N.) - Global Studies - Resident
- Nursing: Pre-Licensure (B.S.N.) - Resident

Career Opportunities

Acute and Chronic Disease Management

- Critical Care
- Emergency Department
- Flight Nurse
- Medical
- Obstetrics
- Oncology
- Orthopedics
- Surgical
- Pediatrics

Regenerative/Restorative Care

- Rehabilitation
- Home Health

Wellness, Disease Prevention

- Global Missions Nursing
- School Nursing
- Occupational Health
- Red Cross
- Outpatient Clinic
- Primary Care Office
- Public Health

Palliative Care

- Hospice

Armed Services

- Army
- Navy
- Air Force

The BSN Degree is a pathway to these advanced practice specialties

- Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Nurse Anesthetist
- Nurse Educator
- Nurse Practitioner