



Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Major: Nursing

2024-2025 Sample 4-Year Plan

Total Degree Requirements: 120 credits

Student _____ Student ID# _____ Student Phone # _____

Advisor _____ Minimum GPA _____ Minor/Career Interest(s) _____

Students are not limited to this plan; it is meant to be used as a guide for planning purposes in consultation with your advisor. The sample schedule is one possible path to completing your degree within four (4) years. For official program requirements, please refer to the [Undergraduate Catalog](#).

FIRST YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #1	Written Communication		3		
SGR #5	Mathematics		3		
CHEM 106/L	Chemistry Survey & Lab	p. MATH 101 or higher	4		
or CHEM 112/L	General Chemistry I & Lab	MATH 114 co-requisite			
NURS 119	First Year Seminar		2		
PSYC 101	General Psychology		3		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Spring

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
BIOL 221/L	Human Anatomy & Lab	Recommended: 30 credits complete; or 30 credits in process & "B" in CHEM 106, & 3.0 GPA	4		
NURS 201	Medical Terminology	Optional (Elective credit)	1		
NUTR 315	Human Nutrition	p. CHEM 106/L or CHEM 112/L	3		
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
SOC 100, 150, 240 or ANTH 210	Intro to Sociology, Social Problems, or Rural Sociology or Cultural Anthropology		3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities		3		
Total Credit Hours			17		

SECOND YEAR

Fall

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
BIOL 325/L	Physiology & Lab	p. (BIOL 151 or BIOL 153 or BIOL 221) + (CHEM 106 or CHEM 112)	4		
HDFS 210	Lifespan Development		3		
MICR 231/L	General Microbiology & Lab	p. CHEM 106/L or CHEM 112/L	4		
SGR #1	Written Communication		3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities		3		
Total Credit Hours			17		

NURSING MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Semester 1

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
NURS 234	Patient-Centered Care Concepts I	p. Admission to the Nursing major; Co-requisites NURS 235, NURS 258/L, NURS 272, & NURS 323	2		
NURS 235	Clinical Application I	p. Admission to the Nursing major; Co-requisites NURS 234, NURS 258/L, NURS 272 & NURS 323	2		
NURS 258/L	Nursing Principals & Application I: Assessment & Interventions & Lab	p. Admission to the Nursing major; Co-requisites NURS 234, NURS 235, NURS 272, & NURS 323	4		
NURS 272	Professional Nursing Concepts I	p. Admission to the Nursing major; Co-requisites NURS 234, NURS 235, NURS 258/L, & NURS 323	2		
NURS 323	Pathophysiology	p. BIOL 325/L	3		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

p. = Course Prerequisite
Semester: F = Fall, S = Spring, SU = Summer



Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
Total Credit Hours			13		

Semester 2

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
NURS 322	Pharmacology	p. CHEM 108 or 114, BIOL 325, & NURS 323	3		
NURS 334	Patient-Centered Care Concepts II	p. NURS 234, NURS 235, NURS 258/L, & NURS 272	5		
NURS 335	Clinical Application II	p. NURS 234, NURS 235, NURS 258/L, & NURS 272	3		
NURS 358/L	Nursing Principles & Application II: Interventions & Lab	p. NURS 234, NURS 235, NURS 258/L, & NURS 272	4		
Total Credit Hours			15		

Semester 3

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
NURS 344	Patient-Centered Care Concepts III	p. NURS 322, NURS 334, NURS 335, & NURS 358/L	5		
NURS 345	Clinical Application III	p. NURS 322, NURS 334, NURS 335, & NURS 358/L	3		
NURS 347	Concept Synthesis I	p. NURS 322, NURS 334, NURS 335, & NURS 358/L	1		
NURS 360	Research and Evidence Based Practice	p. NURS 322, NURS 334, NURS 335, & NURS 358/L	3		
NURS 372	Professional Nursing Concepts II	p. NURS 322, NURS 334, NURS 335, & NURS 358/L	2		
Total Credit Hours			14		

Semester 4

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
NURS 434	Patient-Centered Care Concepts IV	p. NURS 344, NURS 345, NURS 347, NURS 360, & NURS 372	5		
NURS 435	Clinical Application IV	p. NURS 344, NURS 345, NURS 347, NURS 360, & NURS 372	4		
NURS 437	Concept Synthesis II	p. NURS 344, NURS 345, NURS 347, NURS 360, & NURS 372	1		
Elective			3		
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Total Credit Hours			16		

Semester 5

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
NURS 444/L	Population-Centered Care Concepts & Lab	p. NURS 434, NURS 435, & NURS 437	3		
NURS 472	Professional Nursing Concepts III	p. NURS 434, NURS 435, & NURS 437	3		
NURS 495	Practicum: Capstone	p. NURS 434, NURS 435, & NURS 437	4		
Elective			3		
Total Credit Hours			13		

COMMENTS/NOTES

Students from all academic majors can pursue graduation with Fishback Honors College distinction. View the [Honors program requirements](#).

The College of Nursing admits students into the Standard Option nursing major every Fall and Spring semester in Brookings and Rapid City, and every Spring semester in Sioux Falls. Students are eligible to apply to the Nursing major while they are in progress with their final pre-nursing courses. To be considered for admission, students must have pre-nursing* and cumulative GPAs of 2.700 or higher. The College of Nursing also requires a grade of "C" or higher in all coursework applied toward graduation. Meeting the minimum qualifications does not guarantee a candidate acceptance into the Nursing major. Students are selected competitively based on academic metrics; criteria may also include experiences and attributes. The Standard Option nursing major is completed in five (5) semesters.

*Pre-nursing courses (determine pre-nursing GPA): CHEM 106/106L or 112/112L; MICR 231/231L; BIOL 221/221L, 325/325L; PSYC 101; NUTR 315; HDFS 210; one of the following: SOC 100, 150, or 240 or ANTH 210.