South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Major: Nursing
Accelerated Option
2025-2026 Sample 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. For official program requirements, please refer to the Undergraduate Catalog.

SYSTEM GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

SGR Goal 1 Written Communication

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #1	Written Communication		3		
SGR #1	Written Communication	p. ENGL 101	3		
		Total Credit Hours	6		

SGR Goal 2 Oral Communication

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #2	Oral Communication		3		
		Total Credit Hours	3		

SGR Goal 3 Social Sciences

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #3	Social Sciences; must fulfill civics requirement		3		
SOC 100, 150, 240 or ANTH 210	Intro to Sociology, Social Problems, Rural Sociology or Cultural Anthropology		3		
		Total Credit Hours	6		

SGR Goal 4 Arts and Humanities (2 disciplines)

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities		3		
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		Total Credit Hours	6		

SGR Goal 5 Mathematics

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
SGR #5	Mathematics		3		
		Total Credit Hours	3		

SGR Goal 6 Natural Sciences

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
CHEM 106/L	Chemistry Survey & Lab	p. MATH 101 or higher	4		
or CHEM 108/L	Organic and Biochemistry & Lab	p. CHEM 106 or CHEM 112	5		
or CHEM 112/L	General Chemistry I & Lab	MATH 114 co-requisite	4		
or CHEM 114/L	General Chemistry II & Lab	p. CHEM 112 and a MATH course	4		
MICR 231/L	General Microbiology & Lab	p. CHEM 106/L or CHEM 112/L	4		
		Total Credit Hours	8-9		

COLLEGE OF NURSING REQUIREMENTS

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
BIOL 221/L	Human Anatomy & Lab	Recommended: 30cr completed; or 30cr in process & "B" in CHEM 106, & 3.0 GPA	4		
BIOL 325/L	Physiology & Lab	p. (BIOL 151 or BIOL 153 or BIOL 221) + (CHEM 106 or CHEM 112)	4		
NURS 119	First Year Seminar		2		
NUTR 315	Human Nutrition	p. CHEM 106/L or CHEM 112/L	3		
PSYC 101	General Psychology		3		
HDFS 210	Lifespan Development		3		
		Total Credit Hours	19		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

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

NURSING MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Semester 1

Requires admission to the nursing major.

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
NURS 228	Assessment of Individuals & Populations Across the Lifespan	Co-requisite NURS 225	4		
NURS 246	Professional & Population Health Nursing I		2		
NURS 225	Clinical Application I	Co-requisite NURS 228	3		
NURS 323	Pathophysiology	p. BIOL 325/L	3		
		Total Credit Hours	12		

Semester 2

Requires completion of Semester 1 nursing major courses; must be enrolled in Semester 2 nursing major.

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
NURS 338	Client Centered Care I		4		
NURS 346	Professional & Population Health Nursing II		2		
NURS 353	Clinical Judgment I	Co-requisite NURS 365	2		
NURS 351	Pharmacology for Nursing Practice I		2		
NURS 365	Clinical Application II	Co-requisite NURS 353	3		
		Total Credit Hours	13		

Semester 3

Requires completion of Semester 2 nursing major courses; must be enrolled in Semester 3 nursing major.

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
NURS 348	Client Centered Care II		4		
NURS 373	Clinical Judgment II	Co-requisite NURS 375	2		
NURS 361	Research, Quality, and Safety in Nursing		3		
NURS 375	Clinical Application III	Co-requisite NURS 373	4		
		Total Credit Hours	13		

Semester 4

Requires completion of Semester 3 nursing major courses; must be enrolled in Semester 4 nursing major.

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
NURS 448	Client Centered Care III		4		
NURS 446	Professional & Population Health Nursing III		2		
NURS 453	Clinical Judgment III	Co-requisite NURS 425	2		
NURS 451	Pharmacology for Nursing Practice II		1		
NURS 425	Clinical Application IV	Co-requisite NURS 453	4		
		Total Credit Hours	13		

Semester 5

Requires completion of Semester 4 nursing major courses; must be enrolled in Semester 5 nursing major.

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
NURS 482	Transition to Professional Nursing		3		
NURS 473	Clinical Judgment IV	Co-requisite NURS 495	2		
NURS 495	Practicum (Capstone)		4		
		Total Credit Hours	9		

ELECTIVES

Prefix + Number	Course Title	Prerequisites/Comments	Credits	Semester	Grade
		Total Credit Hours	8-9		

COMMENTS/NOTES

The program is completed in 12 months and begins once a year (August) in Sioux Falls and once a year (January) in Rapid City.

To be considered for admissions, students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.700 or higher. The College of Nursing also requires a grade of "C" or higher in all coursework applied toward graduation. Completion of all prerequisite coursework, SGRs, and elective courses, as needed, to equal 120 credits upon completion of the program. Students may apply while prerequisite coursework is in progress as long as courses are completed before starting Semester 1 of the nursing program if selected for admission. Meeting minimum qualifications does not guarantee acceptance into the nursing major. Students are selected competitively based on experiences, attributes, and metrics.