South Dakota State University

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Major: Nursing
Standard and Online Option
2026-2027 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 (1 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
SGR #5	Mathematics (1 of 1; 3 cr total)		3		
CHEM 106/L	Chemistry Survey & Lab	p. MATH 101 or higher	4-5		
or CHEM 108/L	Organic and Biochemistry & Lab	p. CHEM 106 or CHEM 112			
or CHEM 112/L	General Chemistry I & Lab	MATH 114 co-requisite			
or CHEM 114/L (SGR #6)	General Chemistry II & Lab (1 of 2; 6 cr total)	p. CHEM 112 and a MATH course			
NURS 119	First Year Seminar		2		
PSYC 101	General Psychology		3		
		Total Credit Hours	15-16		

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 (1 of 1; 3 cr total)		3		
SOC 100, 150, 240 or ANTH 210 (SGR #3)	Intro to Sociology, Social Problems, Rural Sociology or Cultural Anthropology (1 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
SGR #3	Social Sciences; must fulfill civics requirement (2 of 2; 6 cr total)		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 (SGR #6)	General Microbiology & Lab (2 of 2; 6 cr total)	p. CHEM 106/L or CHEM 112/L	4		
SGR #1	Written Communication (2 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities (1 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
		Total Credit Hours	17		

Information Subject to Change. This is not a contract.

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

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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		
SGR #4	Arts and Humanities (2 of 2; 6 cr total)		3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

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		
Elective			3		
		Total Credit Hours	16		

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		
Elective			4-5		
		Total Credit Hours	13-14		

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. The Online Option is available only every Spring semester to students living in South Dakota. 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 and Online Option nursing major is completed in five (5) semesters.