

NURSING (BS)

Program Description

SPU's Nursing major offers a rigorous program of study, with a curriculum that will challenge you to strive for excellence in the classroom and clinical settings.

The program:

- Emphasizes both health promotion and illness care
- Fosters the development of critical thinking, ethical thought and action, judgment, collaboration, and caring
- Integrates the Christian faith with scientific knowledge and clinical expertise
- Works with patients as whole beings, considering their mind, body, spirit, and surrounding environment
- Seeks to graduate people of competence, character, and caring

Entering and Completing the Major

If you are a currently enrolled SPU student, your preparation for entry into the Nursing major begins the first quarter of your freshman year focusing on completion of Nursing program prerequisites and Common Curriculum (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/common-curriculum/>) and Exploratory Curriculum (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/exploratory-curriculum/>) courses. Nursing program prerequisites are typically completed during the first two years. Formal application to the major begins after completing four or more of the prerequisite courses.

- Applicants may complete all coursework at SPU, or may transfer prerequisite, general education, and elective coursework from other institutions.
- SPU students must be in good standing and currently enrolled full time at SPU.
- For current SPU students, the minimum GPA required to apply for admission is 2.85 in the combined prerequisite courses, with all prerequisite grades a "C" (2.0) or higher. A maximum of two total courses may be repeated to achieve the minimum grade of "C" (2.0). A student who must repeat more than two total courses to achieve the minimum grade of "C" (2.0) will be ineligible to apply to the Nursing major.
- Transfer applicants are those who have not been enrolled at SPU in the past four quarters. Transfer applicants must have completed either a Direct Transfer Agreement (DTA) degree or 90 transferable credits by the end of the quarter prior to entry into the nursing program.
 - At the time you submit your application, at least four (4) prerequisite classes must be completed. Prerequisites must include at least two (2) science courses among the four (4) or more prerequisite courses that are required at the time of application.
 - These can include any two of the following: BIO 2129 Human Anatomy and Physiology, BIO 2130 Human Anatomy and Physiology, BIO 3351 General Microbiology, CHM 1310 Survey of General Chemistry, or CHM 1360 Survey of Biological Chemistry.
- Transfer and post-baccalaureate applicants must have a prerequisite GPA of 3.5 or higher in the combined prerequisite courses. A grade

of "C" (2.0) or higher must be earned in each prerequisite course. A maximum of two total courses may be repeated to achieve the minimum grade of "C" (2.0). A student who must repeat more than two total courses to achieve the minimum grade of "C" (2.0) will be ineligible to apply to the Nursing major.

- Transfer and post-baccalaureate applicants will submit an application for the Lydia Green Nursing program and do not need to complete a separate application to the University.
- Full and final acceptance in the program is contingent on successful completion of all nursing program prerequisites and application criteria by the end of Spring quarter for the Autumn/Winter admission cycle.
- Students may review the admission process on the Nursing website. Applications for the nursing major are available during the open application periods on the School of Health Sciences nursing website (<http://spu.edu/academics/school-of-health-sciences/undergraduate-programs/bsn-application-instructions/>).
- Those accepted into the Nursing Program must maintain a minimum C grade (2.0) in all nursing courses to continue in the Nursing Program and maintain high standards of professional performance and behavior.
- You must complete the major or minor requirements in effect in the SPU Undergraduate Catalog for the year of admittance to the major or minor.

Nursing Program Admission Data

Nursing is a highly competitive and selective major with limited enrollment. Below are admission data averaged over the last academic year.

- The SPU nursing program accepted 96% of qualified SPU current student applicants.
- The average GPA of this group admitted to the major was 3.7 (range 2.85–4.0).
- In the same time period 25% of transfer and post-baccalaureate students were accepted.
- The average GPA of those admitted from this group was 3.8 (range 3.5–4.0).

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125 Credits Minimum, Including 80 Upper Division (UD)

Code	Title	Credits
Prerequisite Courses		
BIO 2129	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
BIO 2130	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
BIO 3351	General Microbiology	5
CHM 1310	Survey of General Chemistry	5
CHM 1360	Survey of Biological Chemistry	5
PSY 1180	General Psychology: Individual in Growth	5
PSY 2470	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	5
MAT 1300	Introduction to Statistical Reasoning	5
	or MAT 2360 Introduction to Statistics for the Sciences	
FCS 3340	Human Nutrition	5
Section Credits Required		45
Core Requirements		
NUR 3110	Health and Illness 1: Theory	3

NUR 3111	Health and Illness 1: Practicum	2
NUR 3112	Professional Nursing 1	3
NUR 3113	Health Assessment	2
NUR 3114	Pathophysiology	3
NUR 3116	Pharmacology	3
NUR 3120	Health and Illness 2: Theory	5
NUR 3121	Health and Illness 2: Practicum	4
NUR 3122	Professional Nursing 2	3
NUR 3130	Health and Illness 3: Theory	5
NUR 3131	Health and Illness 3: Practicum	4
NUR 3132	Professional Nursing 3	3
NUR 4140	Health and Illness 4: Theory	5
NUR 4141	Health and Illness 4: Practicum	6
NUR 4142	Professional Nursing 4	3
NUR 4150	Health and Illness 5: Theory	5
NUR 4151	Health and Illness 5: Practicum	4
NUR 4152	Professional Nursing 5	3
NUR 4153	Nursing Leadership in Community Engagement	2
NUR 4162	NCLEX Preparation Course	2
NUR 4896	Transition to Practice Synthesis	5
NUR 4897	Transition to Practice Practicum	5
Section Credits Required		80
Total Credits		125

Suggested Course Sequence for Freshman Entry

Prerequisite Courses

Complete prior to program entry.

Code	Title	Credits
NUR 1000	Introduction to Nursing	1
Inorganic/General Chemistry		
CHM 1310	Survey of General Chemistry (SPU Equivalent) ¹	5
General Psychology		
PSY 1180	General Psychology: Individual in Growth (SPU Equivalent)	5
Organic Biological Chemistry		
CHM 1360	Survey of Biological Chemistry (SPU Equivalent) ¹	5
Life Span Psychology		
PSY 2470	Lifespan Developmental Psychology (SPU Equivalent)	5
Basic Statistics		
Select one of the following: SPU Equivalent		5
MAT 2360	Introduction to Statistics for the Sciences	
MAT 1300	Introduction to Statistical Reasoning	
Human Nutrition		
FCS 3340	Human Nutrition (SPU Equivalent)	5
Anatomy		
BIO 2129	Human Anatomy and Physiology (SPU Equivalent) ¹	5
Physiology		
BIO 2130	Human Anatomy and Physiology (SPU Equivalent) ¹	5

Microbiology		
BIO 3351	General Microbiology (SPU Equivalent) ¹	5

¹ Must include a lab

Common Curriculum

Complete prior to program entry.

Code	Title	Credits
UCOL 1000	University Colloquium	1
WRI 1000	Academic Inquiry and Writing Seminar	5
WRI 1100	Disciplinary Research and Writing Seminar	5
UCOR 2000	The Emergence of the Modern Global Systems	5
UFDN 1000	The Christian Faith	5
UFDN 2000	Christian Scripture	5
or UFDN 3001	Christian Scripture for Transfer Students	
UCOR 3000	Faith, Philosophy, and Science ¹	5
UFDN 3100	Christian Theology ¹	5

¹ May be taken prior to program entry or concurrently with nursing coursework.

Exploratory Curriculum

One course must also fulfill the CUE Requirement (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/cue-requirement/#text>). Note that remaining Ways of Knowing required coursework is satisfied with Nursing program prerequisite courses.

Code	Title	Credits
Ways of Knowing in the Arts (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/exploratory-curriculum/#wktext)		
Ways of Knowing in the Humanities (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/exploratory-curriculum/#wkhtext)		
Ways of Engaging (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/exploratory-curriculum/#wetext)		

Additional Requirements

Foreign Language Competency (<https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/foreign-language-competency/>) must satisfy requirement to earn degree. If you have not satisfied this requirement, complete during first two years.

Course	Title	Credits
Freshman		
Autumn		
NUR 1000	Introduction to Nursing	1
CHM 1310	Survey of General Chemistry	5
UCOL 1000	University Colloquium	1
WRI 1000	Academic Inquiry and Writing Seminar	5
Exploratory		5
		Credits
		17
Winter		
WRI 1100	Disciplinary Research and Writing Seminar	5
CHM 1360	Survey of Biological Chemistry	5

PSY 1180	General Psychology: Individual in Growth	5
Credits		15
Spring		
UFDN 1000	The Christian Faith	5
PSY 2470	Lifespan Developmental Psychology	5
Either Stats Course		5
MAT 1300	Introduction to Statistical Reasoning	
MAT 2360	Introduction to Statistics for the Sciences	
Credits		15
Sophomore		
Autumn		
UFDN 2000	Christian Scripture	5
BIO 2129	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
Exploratory		5
Credits		15
Winter		
UCOR 2000	The Emergence of the Modern Global Systems	5
FCS 3340	Human Nutrition	5
BIO 2130	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
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Credits		15
Spring		
BIO 3351	General Microbiology	5
Core Curriculum		5-10
Exploratory (if needed)		5
Credits		15-20
Total Credits		92-97

Nursing Course Curriculum

Course	Title	Credits
Quarter 1		
NUR 3110	Health and Illness 1: Theory	3
NUR 3111	Health and Illness 1: Practicum	2
NUR 3112	Professional Nursing 1	3
NUR 3113	Health Assessment	2
NUR 3114	Pathophysiology	3
NUR 3122	Professional Nursing 2 (Evidence-Based Practice)	3
Credits		16
Quarter 2		
NUR 3116	Pharmacology	3
NUR 3120	Health and Illness 2: Theory (Focus: Chronic Care concepts)	5
NUR 3121	Health and Illness 2: Practicum	4
UCOR/UFDN		5
Credits		17
Quarter 3		
NUR 3130	Health and Illness 3: Theory (Focus: Reproductive & Mental Health)	5
NUR 3131	Health and Illness 3: Practicum	4
NUR 3132	Professional Nursing 3 (Focus: Health Promotion)	3
UCOR/UFDN		5
Credits		17
Quarter 4		
NUR 4140	Health and Illness 4: Theory (Focus: Acute Care concepts)	5
NUR 4141	Health and Illness 4: Practicum	6
NUR 4142	Professional Nursing 4 (Focus: Leadership)	3
Credits		14
Quarter 5		
NUR 4150	Health and Illness 5: Theory (Focus: Complex Care & Community Based Care Concepts)	5
NUR 4151	Health and Illness 5: Practicum	4
NUR 4152	Professional Nursing 5 (Focus: Healthcare Systems)	3

NUR 4153	Nursing Leadership in Community Engagement	2
Credits		14
Quarter 6		
NUR 4896	Transition to Practice Synthesis	5
NUR 4897	Transition to Practice Practicum	5
NUR 4162	NCLEX Preparation Course	2
Credits		12
Total Credits		90

Notes

- 90 Upper Division NUR credits, 24 clinical credit hours= 720 clinical hours, 3 Credits lab= 80 hours skill practice labs
- W= Writing Course/ 9 credits
- Practicum refers to a course description or designation, and can include Clinical and Lab (referred to as *skill practice* labs in the WAC) hours.

Suggested Course Sequence for Transfer or Post-Baccalaureate Entry

Prerequisite Courses

Complete prior to program entry.

Code	Title	Credits
Anatomy		
BIO 2129	Human Anatomy and Physiology (SPU Equivalent) ¹	5
Physiology		
BIO 2130	Human Anatomy and Physiology (SPU Equivalent) ¹	5
Microbiology		
BIO 3351	General Microbiology (SPU Equivalent) ¹	5
Inorganic/General Chemistry		
CHM 1310	Survey of General Chemistry (SPU Equivalent)	5
Organic Biological Chemistry		
CHM 1360	Survey of Biological Chemistry (SPU Equivalent) ¹	5
General Psychology		
PSY 1180	General Psychology: Individual in Growth (SPU Equivalent)	5
Life Span Psychology		
PSY 2470	Lifespan Developmental Psychology (SPU Equivalent)	5
Human Nutrition		
FCS 3340	Human Nutrition (SPU Equivalent)	5
Basic Statistics		
MAT 2360	Introduction to Statistics for the Sciences	5
or MAT 1300	Introduction to Statistical Reasoning	

Students Transferring with an Approved (DTA) or Entering as a Post-Baccalaureate Student

Utilize SPU's Transfer Equivalency Guide (<http://spu.edu/administration/office-of-the-registrar/transfer-equivalency-guide/>) or contact an undergraduate Transfer Admissions Counselor at transfer@spu.edu or 206.281.2021 for information about specific transfer courses that will fulfill the prerequisite courses needed prior to entry into the Nursing Program.

Common Curriculum

Courses are taken concurrently with nursing coursework.

- UFDN 3001 Christian Scripture for Transfer Students (required for DTA holders and Post-bacc student)
- UFDN 3100 Christian Theology (required for DTA holders- but not Post-baccs)

Students Transferring without an Approved DTA

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General Education and University Requirements

You must satisfy degree requirements prior to graduation, including Foreign Language Competency, CUE and W requirements, and Common and Exploratory Curriculum requirements.

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Common Curriculum

Courses are taken concurrently with nursing coursework.

- UCOR 3000 Faith, Philosophy, and Science or UFDN 3001 Christian Scripture for Transfer Students -or-
- UFDN 3001 Christian Scripture for Transfer Students and UFDN 3100 Christian Theology, based on what's left to fulfill

Nursing Course Curriculum

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Quarter 1		
NUR 3110	Health and Illness 1: Theory	3
NUR 3111	Health and Illness 1: Practicum	2
NUR 3112	Professional Nursing 1	3
NUR 3113	Health Assessment	2
NUR 3114	Pathophysiology	3
NUR 3122	Professional Nursing 2 (Evidence-Based Practice)	3
Credits		16
Quarter 2		
NUR 3116	Pharmacology	3
NUR 3120	Health and Illness 2: Theory (Focus: Chronic Care concepts)	5
NUR 3121	Health and Illness 2: Practicum	4
UCOR/UFDN		5
Credits		17
Quarter 3		
NUR 3130	Health and Illness 3: Theory (Focus: Reproductive & Mental Health)	5
NUR 3131	Health and Illness 3: Practicum	4
NUR 3132	Professional Nursing 3 (Focus: Health Promotion)	3
UCOR/UFDN		5
Credits		17
Quarter 4		
NUR 4140	Health and Illness 4: Theory (Focus: Acute Care concepts)	5
NUR 4141	Health and Illness 4: Practicum	6

NUR 4142	Professional Nursing 4 (Focus: Leadership)	3
Credits		14
Quarter 5		
NUR 4150	Health and Illness 5: Theory (Focus: Complex Care & Community Based Care Concepts)	5
NUR 4151	Health and Illness 5: Practicum	4
NUR 4152	Professional Nursing 5 (Focus: Healthcare Systems)	3
NUR 4153	Nursing Leadership in Community Engagement	2
Credits		14
Quarter 6		
NUR 4896	Transition to Practice Synthesis	5
NUR 4897	Transition to Practice Practicum	5
NUR 4162	NCLEX Preparation Course	2
Credits		12
Total Credits		90

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Suggested Course Sequence for Running Start Students

Prerequisite Courses

Complete prior to program entry.

Code	Title	Credits
NUR 1000	Introduction to Nursing	1
Anatomy		
BIO 2129	Human Anatomy and Physiology (SPU Equivalent)	5 1
Physiology		
BIO 2130	Human Anatomy and Physiology (SPU Equivalent)	5 1
Microbiology		
BIO 3351	General Microbiology (SPU Equivalent) ¹	5
Inorganic/General Chemistry		
CHM 1310	Survey of General Chemistry (SPU Equivalent) ¹	5
Organic Biological Chemistry		
CHM 1360	Survey of Biological Chemistry (SPU Equivalent) ¹	5
General Psychology		
PSY 1180	General Psychology: Individual in Growth (SPU Equivalent)	5
Life Span Psychology		
PSY 2470	Lifespan Developmental Psychology (SPU Equivalent)	5
Human Nutrition		
FCS 3340	Human Nutrition (SPU Equivalent)	5
Basic Statistics		
Select one of the following: SPU Equivalent		5
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UCOR 2000	The Emergence of the Modern Global Systems	5
UFDN 1000	The Christian Faith	5
UFDN 2000	Christian Scripture	5
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UCOR 3000	Faith, Philosophy, and Science ¹	5
UFDN 3100	Christian Theology ¹	5

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Exploratory Curriculum

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of Knowing required coursework is satisfied with Nursing program prerequisite courses.

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	Ways of Knowing in the Arts (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/exploratory-curriculum/#wkatext)	
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	Ways of Engaging (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/exploratory-curriculum/#wetext)	

Additional Requirements

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Course	Title	Credits
Freshman		
Autumn		
UCOL 1000	University Colloquium	1
NUR 1000	Introduction to Nursing	1
Exploratory		5
Prerequisite		5
Foreign Language Competency (https://catalog.spu.edu/undergraduate/degree-requirements/baccalaureate-degree-requirements/foreign-language-competency/)		
Credits		12
Winter		
UFDN 3001	Christian Scripture for Transfer Students	5
Exploratory		5
Prerequisite		5-10
Optional Minor		
Credits		15-20
Spring		
UFDN 3100	Christian Theology	5
Exploratory		5
Prerequisite		5-10
Optional Minor		
Credits		15-20
Total Credits		42-52

Nursing Course Curriculum

Course	Title	Credits
Quarter 1		
NUR 3110	Health and Illness 1: Theory	3
NUR 3111	Health and Illness 1: Practicum	2
NUR 3112	Professional Nursing 1	3
NUR 3113	Health Assessment	2
NUR 3114	Pathophysiology	3
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Quarter 2		
NUR 3116	Pharmacology	3
NUR 3120	Health and Illness 2: Theory (Focus: Chronic Care concepts)	5
NUR 3121	Health and Illness 2: Practicum	4
UCOR/UFDN		5
Credits		17

Quarter 3		
NUR 3130	Health and Illness 3: Theory (Focus: Reproductive & Mental Health)	5
NUR 3131	Health and Illness 3: Practicum	4
NUR 3132	Professional Nursing 3 (Focus: Health Promotion)	3
UCOR/UFDN		5
Credits		17
Quarter 4		
NUR 4140	Health and Illness 4: Theory (Focus: Acute Care concepts)	5
NUR 4141	Health and Illness 4: Practicum	6
NUR 4142	Professional Nursing 4 (Focus: Leadership)	3
Credits		14
Quarter 5		
NUR 4150	Health and Illness 5: Theory (Focus: Complex Care & Community Based Care Concepts)	5
NUR 4151	Health and Illness 5: Practicum	4
NUR 4152	Professional Nursing 5 (Focus: Healthcare Systems)	3
NUR 4153	Nursing Leadership in Community Engagement	2
Credits		14
Quarter 6		
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NUR 4897	Transition to Practice Practicum	5
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Professional Licensure Disclosure

SPU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing meets the educational requirements that will allow you to pursue licensure as a registered nurse in the state of Washington. Each state has different professional licensure requirements. Eligibility for licensure may involve more than degree completion and may include professional examinations, background checks, and fingerprinting. The requirements for licensure can change without notice.

The state professional licensing boards make the ultimate decision as to whether or not an individual will be eligible for licensure based on the rules and regulations in place at the time the individual submits their application for licensure. Find information here (<https://www.ncsbn.org/membership/us-members/contact-bon.page>) about certification/licensure in the state where you intend to practice as a registered nurse.