

Nursing

MAJOR @ VITERBO UNIVERSITY



Overview

Nursing is a stimulating and rewarding career that combines scientific knowledge with the art of compassion and caring. A degree in nursing affords the opportunity to explore multiple career paths that promote health and wellness, support families in crises, and advocate for the well-being of humankind.

Why Viterbo Nursing?

With our roots deep in the Franciscan tradition of health care service, we set high standards for our students and graduate highly competent nurses. The program features:

- clinical experiences in all nursing specialties and is capped with an intensive senior synthesis practicum.
- opportunities to practice real life clinical decision making in a simulation environment.
- an elective study abroad program providing valuable nursing experiences in other cultural settings such as Belize, Puerto Rico, and Japan.
- numerous, strong clinical partnerships that support student learning.

Career Options

The nursing profession will remain in high demand. Numerous career opportunities await well-prepared professional nurses:

- education
- health care management
- military nursing
- public health nursing
- research
- staff nursing

What does it take to become a nurse?

The personal characteristics for success as a professional nurse include:

- an eagerness to learn.
- a sense of accountability and integrity.
- determination and perseverance.
- the willingness to adapt to a variety of situations.
- a respect for human diversity.
- a genuine caring attitude.

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The following requirements must be met for acceptance into the nursing major:

- composite ACT score of 20
- high school rank in the 55th percentile or higher; applicants with no high school rank must have a high school grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- completion of one year of high school chemistry, or equivalent, with a grade of C or better
- completion of two years of high school algebra, or equivalent, with a grade of C or better

At Viterbo, the professional nursing sequence of courses begins at the sophomore level. Students wishing to enter the professional program must complete the required prerequisites, have a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or better, obtain any state approved CNA certification, and submit a formal application for admission by April 1 prior to the fall semester of desired entry into the sophomore level nursing classes. Preference for admission is given to the most qualified students in the applicant pool.

Direct admission into the Professional Nursing Sequence will be available for a select number of highly qualified students entering as first year students. Criteria for selection and continuing eligibility can be obtained at www.viterbo.edu/bsn.

Four-Year Schedule

Credits	Freshman—Semester I	Credits	Freshman—Semester II
3	ENGL 103* Composition and Argument	3	ENGL 104 Composition and Literature
4	BIOL 104* Anatomy and Physiology I	4	BIOL 114* Anatomy and Physiology II
3	PSYC 100* Effective Behavior/171 General Psych.	3	SOCL 125* Introduction to Sociology
3	VUSM 100	4	CHEM 106* Chemistry for Health Sciences
2	Fine Arts Appreciation	3	Philosophy/Religious Studies
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Credits	Sophomore—Semester I	Credits	Sophomore—Semester II
4	BIOL 296 Microbiology for Health Professionals	3	NURS 240 Professional Communication
3	NURS 230 Health Assessment	3	NURS 349 Pharmacology
3	PSYC 220 Lifespan Developmental Psychology	3	NURS 221 Gerontology
3	NURS 342 Pathophysiology		Successful completion of Nursing Math Test
3	NURS 290 Professional Nursing Concepts	3	History
		3	VUSM 200
		2	Fine Arts
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Credits	Junior—Semester I	Credits	Junior—Semester II
4	NURS 322 Maternal Newborn	4	NURS 372 Adult Health: Concepts
5	NURS 332 Child Health	4	NURS 382 Adult Health: Clinical Applications
3	MATH 130 Statistics	2	NURS 365 Nursing Research
3	NUTR 340 Human Nutrition	3	PSYC 340 Behavior Disorders
3	Philosophy/Religious Studies	3	VUSM 300
18		16	
Credits	Senior—Semester I	Credits	Senior—Semester II
4	NURS 422 Adult Health	5	NURS 452 Public Health
4	NURS 432 Psychiatric/Mental Health	2	NURS 461 Prof. Nursing Perspectives
3	Literature	4	NURS 482 Prof. Nursing: Clinical Synthesis
3	VUSM 400	3	Philosophy/Religious Studies
2	NURS 460 Professional Nursing Leadership		
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This is an unofficial course outline. For complete degree requirements, refer to the course catalog.