Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Penn State Nursing programs, including those at Penn State Harrisburg, prepare you to graduate and immediately enter a clinical setting or continue to graduate education. If you are a veteran nurse returning for a baccalaureate degree, you will be prepared to implement your new skills and knowledge in the workplace or to continue to graduate school. Penn State Nursing offers students exceptional undergraduate and graduate level academic programs, internationally-recognized research, highly regarded faculty, an extensive outreach network, and opportunities for international experience.

The major prepares registered nurses as professional practitioners in health promotion and maintenance, illness care, and rehabilitation, and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

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Curriculum

RN to B.S.

Students must meet all requirements of the clinical institutions that provide preceptors and clinical experiences. These requirements may include CPR certification, professional liability insurance, health examination, drug testing, criminal background check (State and Federal) and child abuse history clearances. Students also are responsible for their own transportation to and from clinical settings and may need the use of a car.

Graduates of this major may qualify for admission to a graduate nursing program.

General Nursing

General Nursing Option (NURS GNURS): This option admits students directly to the major as first year students and at the time of admission only. Nursing students will start and remain at the campus of admission all 4 years. Non-nursing students may not transfer or change major into the 4-year nursing program at University Park, but will be considered through a competitive review process for admission (beginning fall 2013) at the 5 other campuses offering the General Nursing program. Clinical experiences occur at clinical facilities within a 50-mile radius of campus; University Park students will spend 1-2 years at Penn State Hershey Medical Center, which requires students to reside at that location.

Second or Additional Degree Option (NURS SCND): This option admits students, who have successfully completed a bachelor's degree in another discipline, to the major through a review process. All students must have met all general education and prerequisite course requirements. This option is available at Penn State Altoona and Penn State Harrisburg. Clinical experiences occur at facilities surrounding Altoona and Harrisburg.

For Both Options: All transportation and expenses related to clinical are the responsibility of the student. All students must carry professional liability insurance; complete an annual health examination, criminal background and child abuse history clearance; maintain CPR certification and adhere to any additional requirements of the clinical facilities.

Courses

For the B.S. degree in Nursing, a minimum of 120 credits is required.

Scheduling Recommendation by Semester Standing given like (Sem: 1-2)

In addition to General Education requirements (45 credits), this major requires the following:

UNITED STATES CULTURES AND INTERNATIONAL CULTURES: (Included in ELECTIVES, GENERAL EDUCATION course selection, or REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM: (Included in REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR)

ELECTIVES: 3-5 credits

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MAJOR: 91-93 credits [1]

(Includes 21 credits of General Education courses; 3 credits of GHA courses; 9 credits of GN courses; 3 credits of GQ courses; 6 credits of GS courses.)

PRESCRIBED COURSES (76 credits)

Biology (7 credits)

CHEM 100 GS (3); or CHEM 110 GN (3) and CHEM 111 GN (1) (Sem: 1-2)

Biology (7 credits)

STAT 200 GQ (4) or STAT 250 GQ (3) (Sem: 1-4)

Biology (7 credits)

NURS 200 WIS (3), NURS 251 (3), NURS 357 (3), NURS 358 (3), NURS 360 (3), NURS 390 (3), NURS 390 (3) (Sem: 3-4)

Biology (7 credits)

NURS 225 (3), NURS 230 (4), NURS 250 US (2) (Sem: 3-4)

Biology (7 credits)

NURS 301 (4), NURS 305 (3), NURS 306 (3), NURS 310 (3), NURS 320 (3), NURS 350B (4), NURS 420 (4) (Sem: 3-4)

Biology (7 credits)

NURS 417 US (4), NURS 465 (3), NURS 475 (3) (Sem: 7-8)

ADDITIONAL COURSES (9-11 credits)

Chemistry (4 credits)

CHEM 101 GN (3); or CHEM 110 GN (3) and CHEM 111 GN (1) (Sem: 1-4)

Chemistry (4 credits)

SOC 001 GS (3) or SOC 005 GS (3) (Sem: 1-4)

Chemistry (4 credits)

STAT 200 GO (4) or STAT 250 GO (3) (Sem: 1-4)

Supporting Courses and Related Areas (6 credits)

Select 6 credits from courses on school-approved list in consultation with adviser (3 credits of which must be at the 400 level)

[1] A student enrolled in this major must receive a grade of C or better, as specified in Senate Policy 82-44.

[37] Credit by Portfolio Assessment

[38] Due to restricted enrollment, the School of Nursing assigns the semester in which students enroll in these courses and all course prerequisites must be successfully completed.

Undergraduate Admissions Requirements

Minimum high school course requirements for admission to baccalaureate (four-year) degree programs are listed below. Keep in mind that specific programs may have additional requirements or recommendations.

English

Four units, including one unit each in composition and literature, are required.

Social Studies/Art/Humanities

Three units in any combination of social studies, arts, and humanities are required.

World Language

Two units in a single world language other than English are required. However, a student may be admitted with fewer than two units in a world language other than English, but must correct this deficiency by the time s/he earns 60 credits or graduates from Penn State, whichever comes first. This deficiency may be corrected by passing one three- or four-credit college level world language course or by demonstrating proficiency equivalent to two units of high school world language study.

Either a third unit in the same language or an additional unit in a second world language other than English is recommended.

Science

Three units of science are required

Preparation in chemistry and physics is recommended but not required for our Science and Engineering/Engineering Technology programs

Math

Three units of mathematics are required (four are recommended), selected from any combination of algebra, geometry, and trigonometry

Some programs have additional mathematics requirements. Our Business, Engineering/Engineering Technology, and Science programs require one-half unit of trigonometry or higher level math within the required three units

Penn State requires proof of graduation or a GED for admission to four-year degree programs.

*In most high school curricula, one unit = one year.

Visit Undergraduate Admissions: Admissions Requirements for more information (http://goo.gl/eVGAMB)