ADULT STUDIES/NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING, SECOND BACHELOR’S DEGREE ACCELERATED TRACK

This track offers the BSN in an intensive 15-month option. It is offered on the Jackson, Germantown, and Hendersonville campuses to students who have already proven academic success and maturity with the completion of a bachelor's degree in another field.

For additional information, including direct contact information to program personnel, check www.uu.edu/academics/colleges/nursing/.

Program Admission

The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university with a minimum 3.0 GPA for the last 60 hours attempted. In addition to University admission requirements, the applicant will:

1. Make special application to the College of Nursing, BSN-Accelerated Track (BSNA).
2. Provide official transcripts of all coursework attempted including those documenting the required prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher; BIO 221-2, (8 hours—must be taken within five years of beginning nursing courses), PSY 213 (3).
3. Meet conditions #4, 5, 8, 9, 10, and 11 stated under College of Nursing, "Admission to the Basic BSN Track."
4. An interview with the applicant may be requested.
   The interview allows the nursing applicant to become acquainted with the College of Nursing and the interview committee the opportunity to evaluate the applicant's potential for nursing education success.
5. See the Basic BSN Track for uniform and insurance requirements.
6. If you are not a U.S. citizen, an international application must be completed and submitted with the BSN application. All international transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited evaluating agency found at the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services’ website: www.naces.org.
7. Applicants from a country where the native language is not English must show proof of English proficiency with scores from TOEFL, IELTS, or iTEP courses. Minimum scores are TOEFL 560 (Internet-based 80), IELTS 6.5, or iTEP 4.4.

Applicants to the BSN Track may be admitted to the Pre-BSNA Track to take prerequisite science and social science courses. See #2 above.

Degree Requirements

I. General Education Requirements: Second Bachelor's Degree students are not required to meet General Education requirements of Union University except as they appear as prerequisites to their new program. See Program Admission 2. for the prerequisites to BSNA.

II. Major Requirements (70 hours): BIO 201 or 211 (4 hours); BIO 300 (3 hours—must be taken within 5 years of starting nursing courses); MAT 114 (3); PSY 219 (3); NUR 302, 306, 307, 309, 310, 318, 330, 408, 409, 418, 419, 421, 423, 425, 430, 440 and 499.

III. Minor Requirements: none

The Cohort Approach and Calendar

The academic calendars for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing–Accelerated Track do not parallel those shown in the Catalogue; the major/cohort is delivered in an accelerated format.

Requirements for Progression in the BSN Track

The student enrolls in the courses in nursing according to the prescribed sequence. At least a C grade in each course (NUR or non-NUR cohort courses) is required for progression in the nursing curriculum. Students who receive a grade of less than C in any course may not continue in the BSNA track: a student must fully withdraw from the program.

Continuation in the program is also contingent upon compliance with ethical and professional standards of conduct. Students who remove school or hospital property without permission will be subject to immediate disciplinary action. Graduation requirements follow the guidelines of Union University.

Readmission to the BSNA Track

Students who are unsuccessful with the accelerated track may re-apply to the BSNA track or apply to enter the Basic BSN Track that moves at the more traditional pace. This decision will be made with guidance from the student’s faculty advisors with consideration as to which track will most likely result in the student's successful completion of a BSN program. The student will be required to make application to the University and must meet all admission requirements of the respective BSN track to be considered for admission. Approval by the Undergraduate Associate Dean and Chairs will be required if space is available. There is no guaranteed readmission.
A student who receives a final grade less than C in two nursing (NUR) courses will not be readmitted to the Nursing Program. Withdrawal from a nursing course does not guarantee readmission. Students readmitted to the program may be asked to audit or repeat courses in which they previously earned a C in consideration of the length of absence or change in curriculum. They may also be required to take a standardized exam and competency assessment to assess retention of previous course knowledge prior to reacceptance. If the student scores below the proficiency level benchmark for that content they may be required to audit that course. Once the audited and repeated courses have been successfully completed, the student can then continue to progress through the curriculum.

A student who receives a grade of D or below must reapply to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences for consideration to be allowed to repeat the course the next time it is offered in the scheduled sequence of courses. Any such course must be repeated with a final grade of C or above in order to progress. Courses may be repeated only once. A student who receives a grade less than C in two nursing courses will not be allowed to progress in the Nursing Program.

Financial Information

Tuition ......................... $630/hour
General Student Fee . . . 30/hour (up to $300/semester)

Course Descriptions in Nursing (NUR)

All descriptions are found in the basic program except for the following tailored for the BSN 15-month Degree Completion Track:

307. Accelerated Foundations for Nursing Practice (5)
Prerequisite: Admission to BSN 15-month Degree Completion Track
Focus on the nursing interventions and skills necessary for nursing practice in the care of individuals of all age groups in diverse settings. Introduction of the nursing process provides a basis for development of decision-making and critical thinking skills in the formation of nursing diagnosis.

309. Skills Practicum (3)
A practical, hands-on experience in nursing skills. Students work with faculty to perform specific clinical skills using scientific principles basic to nursing knowledge and application.

318. Nursing Care of Childbearing Families (5)
Promotive and preventive health care for members of childbearing families along the wellness-illness continuum. Emphasis is placed on the developmental aspect of families and on high-risk families.

408. Pharmacotherapeutics in Nursing I (2)
The biochemical and psychological effects of drugs on the holistic person in a multicultural society. Nursing process with different classifications of drugs is emphasized. Historical, economic, legal and ethical issues are identified.

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421. Nursing Care of Adults in Health and Illness I (6)
Professional nursing practice and further development in its application with adults from multicultural backgrounds along the wellness-illness continuum and emphasis on integration of pathophysiology and psychosocial dynamics with complex illnesses and human response patterns in the acute care setting. Use of critical thinking, decision making, and research will be incorporated into the teaching, caring, and collaborative role of the nurse.

425. Nursing Care of Adults in Health and Illness II (6)
A continuation of NUR 421. There will be additional development of the role of the professional nurse as a health teacher and advocate.

430. Leadership and Management in Nursing (4)
Study of health care organizational structures and the professional nurse’s role as a patient advocate, leader, manager, and change agent. Emphasis is on the application of the theories, principles of leadership, and management in the context of the health care delivery system. Use of the research process is identified as a management tool to test alternative solutions on which to base decision-making.

499. Senior Seminar (1)
Prerequisite: NUR 419.
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For additional information, including direct contact information to program personnel, check www.uu.edu/bsna.

Degree Completion Track

In addition to University admission requirements, the applicant must be 24 years of age or older upon enrollment and meet the following program-specific admission requirements:

1. Make special application to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, BSN 15-month Degree Completion Track.
2. Provide official transcripts of all coursework attempted including those documenting the required prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher.
3. A minimum ACT of 20 or equivalent SAT.
4. Have completed the Adult Studies Core Curriculum (See below).
5. Minimum cumulative 3.0 GPA for last 60 hours attempted.
6. Meet conditions #4, 5, 8, 9, 10, and 11 stated under College of Nursing and Health Sciences "Admission to the Basic BSN Track."
7. An interview with the applicant may be requested. The interview allows the nursing applicant to become acquainted with the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the interview committee the opportunity to evaluate the applicant's potential for nursing education success.
8. See the Basic BSN Track for uniforms and Insurance Requirements.
9. If you are not a U.S. citizen, an international application must be completed and submitted with the BSN application. All international transcripts must be evaluated by an accredited evaluating agency found at the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services’ website: www.naces.org.
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I. Adult Studies Core Curriculum

A. ENG 111 and 112 (6 hours)
B. ENG 201 or 202 and Humanities: Literature, Philosophy, Language, Music, Art, Theatre, Christian Studies (9 hours)
C. Science: BIO 221, 222 (8 hours—must be taken within 5 years of beginning nursing courses)
D. Social Science: HIS 101 or 102; PSY 213 (6 hours)
E. MAT 114 (3 hours)
F. CHR 111 and 112 (6 hours)
G. Upper-Level Electives: 6 hours on the junior/senior level
H. Lower-Level Electives (100–200 level courses) (13–14 hours)
I. Computer Science (2 hours)
J. Major Requirements (70 hours): BIO 201 or 211, 300 (must be taken within 5 years of beginning nursing courses); PSY 219; NUR 302, 306, 307, 309, 310, 318, 330, 408, 409, 418, 419, 421, 423, 425, 430, 440 and 499.
K. Minor Requirements: none
L. Minimum hours for graduation: 129

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