

Nursing

Nursing is assessing, diagnosing, and treating actual or potential health problems and the planning, implementation, and evaluation of nursing care.

Professional nurses are committed to the overall goal of health promotion and the care and nurturing of people who are ill. Nurses also help people to achieve and maintain a healthy state, meet their basic needs, adapt to changes in their health status, recover from illness, and die with dignity.

Nursing offers a career with both personal and financial rewards. Many men and women are drawn to nursing because it is a caring profession—one that combines human compassion with the sophisticated technologies of modern health care. In addition to bridging advanced science and the art of caring, the nursing profession offers its practitioners a variety of employment and career opportunities.

Pursuing Nursing at Ohio State

Students interested in majoring in nursing should have a strong math and science background. Students are encouraged to enroll in course work in math, biology, chemistry, physics, physiology, and anatomy (if available). The primary criteria for admission to The Ohio State University are the applicant's performance in a high school college preparatory program as indicated by class rank and/or grade-point average and performance on either the ACT or SAT.

Students who come to Ohio State to study nursing that have a minimum ACT composite score of 25 or a combined SAT Critical Reading and Math scores of 1150 will be enrolled to the pre-nursing program. Those students not eligible to enroll in pre-nursing may enroll in the Health Professions Exploration Program. To learn more, visit exploration.osu.edu.

Upon admission to Ohio State, students must apply to the nursing major by February 1 of the year that autumn quarter entry is desired. The nursing major application is available online, from October 1 to February 1, on the College of Nursing web site.

Admission to the nursing major is competitive and selective. To be considered for admission to the major, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- graduation from an accredited high school or equivalent
- completion of all prerequisite college-level courses with a minimum of 45 quarter credit hours by the end of spring quarter of the year of intended enrollment in nursing
- a grade of C- or better in all prerequisite courses

- a minimum cumulative point-hour ratio of at least 3.0 (on a basis of 4.00 = A) on all collegiate academic courses (Most successful applicants have a cumulative point-hour ratio above 3.60)

Nursing Requirements

Prerequisites

- Human Anatomy
- Biology
- Chemistry (two courses)
- English
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Other course work (10 quarter hours)

Students complete the following course work requirements, which provide a broad educational base:

- 10 credit hours of writing and related skills
- 9-10 credit hours of quantitative and logical skills
- 20 credit hours of natural sciences
- 10 credit hours of social sciences
- 10 credit hours of history
- 10 credit hours of arts and humanities
- 16 credit hours of breadth and supportive courses
- 4-5 credit hours of electives

There are 96 required credit hours of nursing course work designed to allow students to obtain knowledge needed for care of patients of all ages and diverse cultures. The study of professional nursing includes classroom and laboratory instruction on the art and science of nursing and supervised clinical instruction in a variety of hospital and community settings.

The baccalaureate degree in nursing requires a minimum of 186 credit hours and can be completed in four academic years. The first year of study includes preprofessional course work that is prerequisite to applying for the major.

Co-Curricular Opportunities

Nursing students may participate in several College of Nursing organizations such as Buckeye Student Nurses, Chi Eta Phi, Torch Club, and Sigma Theta Tau International, as well as all other extracurricular organizations and groups at Ohio State. Pre-nursing students who live in Park Hall as part of the Nursing Learning Community program will also benefit from increased

For more information, check these web sites:

College of Nursing: nursing.osu.edu
Sigma Theta Tau: nursing.osu.edu/sigma
Ohio State: www.osu.edu

Admissions: undergrad.osu.edu
Multicultural Center: multiculturalcenter.osu.edu
First Year Experience Program: fye.osu.edu

Curriculum Sample

This is a sample list of classes a student will take to pursue the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Since university students need more than specific education in a narrow field, they also will take classes to complete the General Education Curriculum (GEC). The GEC will allow students to develop the fundamental skills essential to collegiate success across major programs. Course work options satisfying the GEC often come from a variety of academic areas of study allowing students to tailor their GEC toward their interests. Note: This sample represents one of several possible paths to a degree in Nursing. Consult the college web site, nursing.osu.edu, for additional curricular information.

Freshman Year	
English composition	5
General Biology	5
General Chemistry	10
General Psychology	5
Human Anatomy	5
Introductory Sociology	5
GEC (data analysis)	5
GEC (mathematics)	5
Nursing Survey	1
Total hours	46

Sophomore Year	
Foundations of Nursing	18
Integrated Sciences for Nursing	15
Introduction to Scientific Inquiry	3
Human Development	3
Human Nutrition	5
Microbiology	5
Total hours	49

Junior Year	
Nursing Care of Childbearing Families	5
Nursing Care of Children and their Families	5
Nursing Care of Adults	8
Nursing Care of Older Adults	8
Cultural Competence	3
GEC (arts and humanities)	5
GEC (history)	5
GEC (second writing course)	5
GEC (social science or arts and humanities)	5
Total hours	49

Senior Year	
High Acuity Nursing	8
Community Nursing	6
Mental Health Nursing	6
Leadership in Clinical Nursing Practice	8
GEC (history)	5
GEC (arts and humanities)	5
Electives	4
Total hours	42

interaction with faculty and academic advisors. Current nursing students who wish to work with prospective students can apply to be a College of Nursing Ambassador.

Honors & Scholars Programs

The College of Nursing Honors Program is designed to challenge select students by offering opportunities to study an area of interest in greater depth and to enhance leadership skills. Features of the Honors Program include seminars, a mentored relationship with a nursing faculty member, and the completion of a senior honors thesis. Students must be accepted into the College of Nursing Honors Program upon admission into the major and complete a thesis to graduate with distinction.

Career Prospects in Nursing

Registered Nurses (RNs) provide many types of health care services and they provide these services in a variety of settings. Some of the settings, in addition to hospitals, include public and private health promotion centers; hospices; outpatient clinics; homes; community health centers; sub-acute and rehabilitation centers; long-term care centers; and clinics for special populations, such as the elderly, poor, and underserved.

In addition, some RNs manage their own clinics or other types of health-related businesses. Nurses with advanced degrees can be nurse practitioners, nurse midwives, administrators, researchers, political consultants, members of federal and state regulatory bodies, educators, and health care advisors to government and private businesses.

Beginning salaries for B.S.N. graduates in central Ohio range from \$40,000 to \$48,000 per year. Salary ranges vary depending upon the region of the country.

About Ohio State

The Ohio State University is recognized throughout the nation and the world for its innovative programs, exceptional faculty, and cutting edge facilities. In fact, Ohio State is consistently ranked among the country's best public institutions for overall academic reputation. Because Ohio State is a major teaching and research university, our students receive excellent preparation for entry into top graduate/professional programs and the job market.

Offering over 170 majors and more than 12,000 courses, Ohio State allows students to tailor their education to their interests through double majors, minors, and personalized study programs.

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