

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Nursing - Concurrent Program (BSN)

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Concurrent Enrollment Option

The concurrent enrollment option presents an opportunity for individuals to obtain a BSN in a timely manner while remaining in their local community completing their AAS/ADN courses. Students who are enrolled in an AAS/ADN program typically take 1-2 ODU RN-BSN courses each semester in addition to their courses. As part of ODU Global, the ODU nursing courses are offered in an on-line program of study.

The concurrent scheduling option is for students who have completed all lower-division departmental and general education courses for the BSN and are enrolled in an RN program at a partner institution. Advisors work with students to develop an individual plan of study to fulfill the requirements. Following graduation from the AAS/ADN program and successful completion of the NCLEX RN licensure exam, the student will be awarded 33 nursing transfer credits toward completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Fall, Spring and Summer enrollment is available.

The Concurrent Enrollment option contributes to the BSN prepared workforce as well as prepares RNs for graduate programs by creating a seamless progression from the AAS to the BSN. Graduates of the baccalaureate program in professional nursing are generalists prepared to care for culturally diverse individuals and groups across the lifespan in a complex global community. Upon completion of the innovative, technology-enhanced program, graduates are knowledgeable about current trends in health care, assume responsibility for their professional growth, and are prepared for graduate study in nursing. The program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing.

The BSN is awarded upon successful completion of the following:

1. The Associate Degree in Nursing program
2. Passing NCLEX
3. Completion of BSN coursework

Admission

Admission to the School of Nursing is a competitive process. Applicants for admission to the baccalaureate program in nursing should apply initially to the Office of Admissions of Old Dominion University to seek admission to the University. Admission to the University does not constitute admission to the School of Nursing.

Applicants for admission to the undergraduate nursing program must complete prerequisite courses with a grade of "C" or better prior to being admitted to the School of Nursing. Transfer students may complete the prerequisite courses at another college or university but are responsible for having a transfer credit evaluation completed by the transfer evaluation unit in the Office of Admissions to determine that transfer courses are equivalent and acceptable to University requirements.

Applicants must complete a School of Nursing Supplemental Application to be considered for admission to the undergraduate nursing program. The School of Nursing Supplemental Application may be obtained directly from the School of Nursing Academic Advising Office or the School of Nursing website: <https://www.odu.edu/nursing> (<https://www.odu.edu/nursing/>)

In summary the applicant must:

1. Apply and be admitted to the University as a degree-seeking undergraduate student.

2. Submit a School of Nursing Supplemental Application directly to the School of Nursing with photocopies of all previous college transcripts attached. Submit all items in the same envelope. Do not mail transcripts in separate envelopes to the School of Nursing.
3. Have a transfer of credit evaluation completed by the transfer evaluation unit in the Office of Admissions.
4. Letter of admission and/or current enrollment in an associate degree program.

Transfer of Nursing Credits

Concurrent and RN-BSN students seeking to transfer NURSING credits from another NLNAC or CCNE accredited BSN program must submit photocopies of all nursing course syllabi for which they desire transfer credit approval. The School of Nursing Admission's Committee and nursing faculty will review the transfer course content for comparability with ODU nursing courses and determine if advanced placement in the BSN curriculum is appropriate.

Because of the dynamic nature of the nursing profession, currency of both nursing content and clinical skills is essential. Patient safety is of critical concern and is compromised when a student has out-of-date knowledge and/or less than competent nursing care skills. Transfer of nursing credits into the BSN curriculum may be affected if there has been a lapse of time greater than one year since previous nursing enrollment or by availability of clinical placements.

Continuance Policies

1. The student must be in good standing / currently enrolled in their ADN program.
2. A grade of C (2.00) or better is required in all nursing courses to continue in the nursing program.
3. An average of 80% or better on objective tests within a nursing course is required to earn a grade of C (2.00). A student who earns an average less than 80% on objective tests for a nursing course is awarded a grade of D or F and will not be considered in good academic standing in the major.
4. A cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or better is required to continue in the nursing program.
5. A nursing student who fails a course at ODU or in their ADN program will be dismissed from the concurrent program at ODU. Upon completion of the ADN, the student will be eligible to resume the post-licensure BSN curriculum.
6. A student who leaves the major and is readmitted may be required to take additional course work prior to or concurrent with readmission.

Note: Policies and procedures are outlined in more detail in the School of Nursing Student Handbook. All students accepted into the nursing major are responsible for familiarizing themselves with this handbook upon entry into the major.

Requirements

The concurrent curriculum is offered in both a full-time and part-time format. As part of ODU Global, courses are offered in an on-line program of study. Most students enroll on a part-time basis. Students may start the major in the fall, spring or summer semester.

Non-nursing courses must be completed with a grade of C (2.00) or better. (A grade of C- will not transfer to Old Dominion University.)

Lower-Division General Education

Written Communication (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#written)	6
Oral Communication (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#oral)	3
Mathematics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#math)	3
Language and Culture (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#language)	0-6

Information Literacy and Research (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#information)	3
Human Behavior (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#behavior)	3
Human Creativity (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#creativity)	3
Interpreting the Past (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#interpret)	3
Literature (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#literature)	3
Philosophy and Ethics (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#philosophy)	3
The Nature of Science (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#nature)	8
Impact of Technology (http://catalog.odu.edu/undergraduate/requirements-undergraduate-degrees/#impact)	3

See the General Education section of this Catalog for specific course numbers in Human Creativity, Philosophy and Ethics, Interpreting the Past, Literature and the possible exemption for foreign languages.

Upper-Division General Education

- Option A. Approved Minor, 12-24 hours; also second degree or second major.
- Option B. Interdisciplinary Minor, 12 hours specified by the department, 3 of which may be in the major area of study.
- Option C. An approved certification program such as teaching licensure
- Option D. Two Upper-Division Courses from outside the School of Nursing and not required by the major (6 hours)

Requirements for Graduation

Requirements for graduation include the following:

- Minimum of 120 credit hours.
- Minimum of 30 credit hours overall and 12 credit hours of upper-level courses in the major program from Old Dominion University.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward the major.
- Minimum overall cumulative grade point average of C (2.00) in all courses taken toward a minor.
- Completion of ENGL 110C, ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C, and the writing intensive (W) course in the major with a grade of C or better. The W course must be taken at Old Dominion University.
- Completion of Senior Assessment.

Nursing Concurrent Major

General Education

Complete lower-division requirements	46-52
Complete upper-division requirements (minimum of 6 credit hours)	3-6

Nursing Concurrent Major

NURS 305	Health Assessment	3
NURS 306	Theoretical Foundation of Professional Nursing Practice	3
NURS 363	Principles of Practice: Research as Foundation for Practice *	3
NURS 401	Introduction to Professional Development for Baccalaureate Nursing Practice **+	4
NURS 402	Role Development for the Baccalaureate Nurse as Educator +	3
NURS 403	Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing Practice ***+	4
NURS 412	Ethics, Law, Economics & Health Policy: Application to Quality Nursing Practice	2

NURS 417	Nursing Informatics	2
NURS 490W	Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 492	Community Health Nursing	3
Select one of the following:		3
NURS 455	Genetics in Nursing	
NURS 456	Global Health Perspectives	
NURS 457	Palliative Care	
NURS 459	Concepts in Primary Care	
HLSC 405	Interprofessional Study Abroad on Global Health	
NURS 398	Clinical Nursing Concepts I (or NURS 380 and NURS 381) ****	17
NURS 498	Clinical Nursing Concepts II (or NURS 382 and NURS 383) *****	16
Total Credit Hours		115-124

- * NURS 363 must be taken in the 1st or 2nd semester of nursing courses.
- ** NURS 401 must be taken in the first semester of nursing courses.
- *** NURS 403 must be taken in the last semester of nursing courses.
- **** Advanced Placement Credits awarded with RN licensure
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- + NURS 401, 402, and 403 must be taken in different semesters.

Degree Program Guide

The Degree Program Guide is a suggested curriculum to complete this degree program in four years. It is just one of several plans that will work and is presented only as broad guidance to students. Each student is strongly encouraged to develop a customized plan in consultation with their academic advisor. Additional information can also be found in Degree Works.

Course	Title	Credit Hours
Freshman		
Fall		
ENGL 110C	English Composition	3
CHEM 105N	Introductory Chemistry	3
CHEM 106N	Introductory Chemistry Laboratory	1
SOC 201S	Introduction to Sociology	3
Human Creativity		3
Credit Hours		13
Spring		
ENGL 211C or ENGL 231C	Writing, Rhetoric, and Research or Writing, Rhetoric, and Research: Special Topics	3
PSYC 203S	Lifespan Development	3
BIOL 150	Introductory Microbiology	3
BIOL 151	Introductory Microbiology Laboratory	1
Interpreting the Past		3
Credit Hours		13
Sophomore		
Fall		
BIOL 240 or BIOL 250	Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology I or Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
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STAT 130M	Elementary Statistics	3
Literature		3
Impact of Technology (Option D 300/400)		3
Elective if needed		2
Credit Hours		15
Spring		
BIOL 241 or BIOL 251	Fundamentals of Anatomy and Physiology II or Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
Philosophy and Ethics (Option D 300/400)		3
Electives if needed		8
Credit Hours		15
Junior		
Fall		
NURS 305	Health Assessment	3
NURS 401	Introduction to Professional Development for Baccalaureate Nursing Practice	4
AAS degree program at partner institution		8-12
Credit Hours		15-19
Spring		
NURS 306	Theoretical Foundation of Professional Nursing Practice	3
NURS 363	Principles of Practice: Research as Foundation for Practice	3
AAS degree program at partner institution		8-12
Credit Hours		14-18
Summer		
NURS 402	Role Development for the Baccalaureate Nurse as Educator	3
NURS 412	Ethics, Law, Economics & Health Policy: Application to Quality Nursing Practice	2
NURS 490W	Nursing Leadership	3
Credit Hours		8
Senior		
Fall		
NURS 417	Nursing Informatics	2
NURS 492	Community Health Nursing	3
AAS degree program at partner institution		8-12
Credit Hours		13-17
Spring		
NURS 403	Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing Practice	4
Nursing Elective		2
AAS degree program at partner institution		8-12
Credit Hours		14-18
Total Credit Hours		120-136