## DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

The BSN Program is approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing and both the BSN and MSN programs are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

The student who meets the criteria for general admission to Albany State University is enrolled in the core curriculum designated by the University. The student who has declared nursing as a major is admitted to the core each semester. The student is admitted to the professional nursing pro- gram during the fall semester of each year.

## SPECIFIC ADMISSION CRITERIA TO THE GENERIC NURSING PROGRAM

Admission into the Nursing Program, the following are required:

1. Completion of approximately 30 hours of the core curriculum with a minimum grade of “C” in each course and in institutional requirements.

2. A cumulative GPA of 2.75 in core courses.

3. Current enrollment in the last of (or completion of) all required basic science courses including anatomy and physiology, microbiology, and Area D science sequence with a grade of “C” or higher in each course, and no more than one (1) failure in any one of the sciences courses. (Only one failure in science courses is allowed. If the science failure occurred more than 5 years ago, the student has the opportunity to repeat the course one time.)

4. Generic nursing students considered for admission must have Anatomy and Physiology course(s) that are less than 6 years old at the time of potential admission into the nursing program. If the Anatomy and Physiology course(s) is/are older than 6 years, the student must retake the course(s) and pass with a “C” or better. The student can elect to challenge the course(s) by passing a national standardized exam on the content at the national average/percentile.

5. Completion of Standardized Nursing admissions diagnostics test with reading and math scores at the percentile approved by the Nursing Faculty. This exam is scheduled during the spring semester. The exam may also be scheduled once during the summer.

6. A completed health record on file in the Student Health Services indicating that all current health policies in the Department of Nursing have been met.

7. A current CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation/basic cardiac life support (BCLS) card. All students must be certified by the American Heart Association (AHA) in Child and Adult BCLS for health care providers. This certification must be maintained throughout the program (renewed every two years). An outdated CPR certification will prohibit the student from attending clinical practice experiences.

**OPTION:**

Students who do not meet the admission requirements or whose admission has been denied may request an interview (appeal) with the Nursing Admission Committee for a review of his/her entire collegiate academic record. All students should see their advisor prior to completing an application to the Nursing Program. Eligible students who do not meet admission criteria are encouraged to enroll in the Elective Foundations courses: For example, NURS 2112 – Foundations of Professional Nursing or NURS 2121: Foundations of Pathophysiology while working to meet admission requirements. These courses will prepare students for progression in the nursing program once they have met the pre-requisites.

**TRANSFER ADMISSION POLICY**

A. A student transferring into the nursing curriculum from an accredited four-year institution will be required to meet the above admission criteria and will follow the generic curriculum pattern including completion of required courses prior to clinical nursing course entry. Credit for any nursing courses taken will be evaluated on an individual basis.

B. A student transferring from another program with one failure in a nursing course may be considered for admission to upper level nursing, but must obtain a core GPA of 3.0 for 2 semesters in courses recommended by faculty, before admission. The failure will count as the first nursing failure.

C. A student who has failed (D or less) two nursing courses, whether at a two-year institution or at a four-year institution, will be ineligible for admission.

Appeals must be made in writing to the Nursing Admissions Subcommittee and submitted to the Department at the time of admission or after the second failure.

## APPEAL POLICY FOR READMISSION

This policy affects the student whose second failure in a nursing course is in NURS 4345/NURS 4344.

1. Student’s record will be reviewed for progression by the appropriate faculty committee.

2. Student may be allowed to retake the course the next time that it is offered, pending decision by faculty committee.

3. Approval must be supported by the Departmental Chair and Dean of the College.

## RN STUDENT ADMISSION

Specific Admission Criteria to the RN-BSN Nursing Program

The Albany State University Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree program follows the collaborative Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Model for

Registered Nursing Students

1. Nursing credits accepted as advanced standing from prior college credits include the following with a “C” or better:

• Nutrition

• Pharmacology

2. The Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Model is followed for RNs. No validation testing for prior nursing content is required for students who meet the appropriate criteria of the model.

3. During registration of RN students for NURS 4240 (Community Health Nursing) and NURS 4344 (Senior Seminar), the nursing faculty will verify the RN’s original Georgia license and subsequently will sign a form indicating that the license is current. Student must also present a copy of the signed license during the admission process and each subsequent year of nursing education until graduation.

(Criteria of articulation model on file in the Department Chair’s Office or at the Georgia Board of Nursing, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, GA

31217-3858.) Website: <http://www.sos.state.ga.us>

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

**CORE A-F AND ABOVE THE CORE REQUIREMENTS**

Each student must complete the Core Curriculum. The Core consists of 9 hours in Area A (Essential Skills), 5 hours in Area B (Institutional Options), 6 hours in Area C (Humanities/Fine Arts), 10-11 hours in Area D (Science, Mathematics and Technology), 12 hours in Area E (Social Science), 18 hours in Area F (Courses related to program of study), and 6 hours above the Core.

**Area F courses:**

NURS 2120 Human Growth and Development in the Health Professions 3 hours

BIOL 2411/2412 Anatomy and Physiology I and II 8 hours

BIOL 2211 Microbiology 4 hours

NURS 2601 Introduction to Geriatric Nursing 3 hours

**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

Each student must maintain a “C” average in order to progress in the nursing major. The minimum score for obtaining a “C” is 75. A student who fails a nursing course will be allowed to repeat this nursing course one time when it is offered again in the curriculum; however, this failure means that the student will be unable to progress in the nursing program until the same course is satisfactorily completed. A second failure of a nursing course will constitute grounds for dismissal from the nursing program. (An appeal for readmission may be initiated after one year.)

**RE-ENTRY INTO PROGRAM**

All undergraduate nursing students who experience any interruption that results in non-completion of a Nursing Course will be required to successfully complete the appropriate NURS Remediation Course prior to re-entry into the Nursing Program. The course will be listed as NURS 4111 with the appropriate hours for the class needed to re-enter the nursing program. Students who have an interruption in matriculation of any nursing course must have a second criminal background check prior to re-enrollment. All background checks will be submitted before the last day of the university’s registration period for the semester.

Each student is responsible for an approved uniform, selected equipment, health and liability insurance, a criminal background check,, standardized testing (required with most nursing courses), transportation, yearly physical examinations, immunizations, chest X-rays and selected laboratory tests. The curriculum is designed for approximately four years of study. Courses in clinical nursing will begin in the sophomore year and continue through the remainder of the program

Clinical experiences are provided in home/community settings, hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, primary health care centers, community health and social agencies, schools, industries and other selected settings.

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE**

**REQUIREMENTS FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE**

1. Completion of 125 semester hours in the required program of study.

2. A grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 or better.

**Area Credit hours**

**Core Curriculum (60 hours)**

AREA A1 Communication Skills 6

AREA A2 Quantitative Skills 3

AREA B Insitutional Options 5

AREA C Humanities, Fine Arts and Ethics 6

AREA D Natural Science, Math & Tech 11

AREA E Social Sciences 12

AREA F Courses Related to Major 17

COHP 2120 Growth & Development (3 hrs)

BIOL 2211 Microbiology (4 hrs)

BIOL 2411 Anatomy & Physiology I (4 hrs)

BIOL 2412 Anatomy & Physiology II (4 hrs)

BIOL 2601 Introduction to Geriatric Nursing (2 hrs)

**Above The Core (5 hours)**

**Area G: major requirements (60 hours)**

COHP 1232 Pre- Nursing Seminar 2

NURS 2210 Pharmacology 3

NURS 2231 Fundamental Concepts of Professional Nursing 5

NURS 3320 Pathophysiology 3

NURS 2331 Adult Health Nursing I 5

NURS 3510 Health Assessment 3

NURS 3134 Pediatric Nursing 5

NURS 3136 Women’s Health Nursing 5

NURS 3335 Mental Health Nursing 5

NURS 4111 Directed Study/NCLEX Prep 2

NURS 4131 Research 3

NURS 4140 Leadership 2

NURS 4240 Community Health Nursing 5

NURS 4342 Adult Health Nursing II 5

NURS 4345 Senior Comprehensive Nursing 5

Guided elective 2

Additional requirements for RN-MSN students

NURS 3312 Orientation to Concepts of Professional Nursing (RNs) (5 hrs)

NURS 4344 Senior Seminar (RNs) (3 hrs)

**Total required for graduation (125 hours)**

## PROGRAM OF STUDY FOR A BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE

125 semester hours

**Freshman**

**Fall Spring**

ENGL 1101 English Composition I 3 ENGL 1102 English Composition II 3

BIOL 2411 Anatomy & Physiology I 4 BIOL 2412 Anatomy & Physiology II 4

Aread D Science I 4 Area D Science II 4

ASU 1201 Foundations of College Success 2 COHP 2120 Growth & Devel/Hlth Prof 3

COHP 1232 Pre-Nursing Seminar 2 **Total (14 hrs)**

**Total (15hrs) Summer**

**BIOL 2211 Microbiology 4**

**PSYS 1101 General Psychology 3**

**Guided Electives 2**

**Total (9 hrs)**

**Sophomore**

**Fall Spring**

MATh 1111 or 1101 3 \*NURS 2331 Adult Health Nursing I 5

\*NURS 3510 Health Assessment 3 \*NURS 3320 Pathophysiology 3

\*NURS 2231 Fund. Concepts Prof Nsg 5 Area E Course 3

\*NURS 2210 Pharmacology 3 COMM 1100 Fundamentals of Public Speaking 3

PEDH 1

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**Total (15 hrs) Total (15 hrs)**

**Junior Year**

**Fall Spring**

\*NURS 4342 Adult Health Nsg II 5 History Option 3

POLS 1101 Political Science 3 Fine Arts Option 3

MATH 2411 Basic Statistics 3 \*NURS 3136 Women’s Health Nursing 5

\*NURS 4131 Research 3 \*NURS 3134 Pediatric Nursing 5

PEDH/HEDP 1

**Total (15 hrs) Total (16 hrs)**

**Senior Year**

**Fall Spring**

ENGL 2111 World Literature I 3 \*NURS 4240 Community Health Nursing 5

\*NURS 2601 Intro. Geriatric Nursing 2 \*NURS 4345 Senior Comprehensive Nsg 5

\*NURS 3335 Mental Health Nursing 5 \*NURS 4111 Directed Study/NCLEX Prep 2

\*NURS 4140 Leadership 2

HIST 1001 African Diaspora 2

**Total (14 hrs) Total (12 hrs)**

\*Admission Criteria Apply

Elective courses may be taken during the 1st- 4th years.

Elective courses for nursing majors: NURS 3010/4010, NURS 4111, NURS 2600.