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General Information

Established in 1909, the University of Minnesota School of Nursing holds the distinction of being the first continuing nursing program on a university campus in the United States. The School of Nursing assumes responsibility for improving nursing care through its programs in nursing education, research, and community service. The School of Nursing offers three programs and one certificate: the bachelor of science in nursing, the master of science with a major in nursing, the nursing post-baccalaureate certificate and the doctor of philosophy with a major in nursing.

The School of Nursing is part of the University’s Academic Health Center, whose mission is to be a leader in the ethical, innovative, and efficient discovery and dissemination of knowledge to enhance the health and well-being of Minnesota, the nation, and the world.

Admission

Admission to the Postbaccalaureate Certificate Program—The School of Nursing offers a graduate-level certificate to those with previous BA/BS degrees in non-nursing areas of study who wish to become nurses. Visit the School of Nursing Web site at www.nursing.umn.edu for more information.

Admission to the BSN Program—Students are admitted to the nursing major once a year in the fall, at the sophomore level, after completing prerequisite courses (see Freshman Nursing Guarantee for information on the early admission program for incoming freshmen). Prerequisite courses are listed below. Admission to the major is competitive.

The nursing major can be completed at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus or the University of Minnesota Rochester campus. Clinical coursework is completed throughout the respective communities.

Prerequisite Courses—The nursing major builds on a foundation of prerequisite courses in the natural and behavioral sciences. The following prerequisites are applicable to students entering the nursing program as sophomores in fall 2005:

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Application Deadline—The application deadline for fall 2005 is February 2, 2004. The School of Nursing admits students to the major for fall semester only.

Freshman Nursing Guarantee—The School of Nursing offers an early admission opportunity to high ability students entering the University as freshmen. This program allows incoming freshmen to be admitted to the nursing major, bypassing the competitive admission process to the major at the sophomore level. For more information visit the School of Nursing Web site at www.nursing.umn.edu.

English Language Requirement—Applicants whose native language is not English, and have lived in the United States for less than eight years as of the first day of fall semester, must submit the following minimum test scores: 1) a Test of Spoken English (TSE) score of 50 or Speaking Proficiency English Assessment Kit (SPEAK) score of 50; 2) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of 586 (computerized format required score of 240) or Michigan English Language Assessment battery (MELAB) score of 85.

Application Procedures—All applicants must complete the School of Nursing B.S.N. application, available at the School of Nursing Office of Student Services, University of Minnesota, 5-160 Weaver-Densford Hall, 308 Harvard Street S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455, or online at www.nursing.umn.edu.

Applicants currently enrolled at the University must also complete an Application for Undergraduate Change of College, available in 200 Fraser Hall or online at www.onestop.umn.edu/formspages/undergrad/change_of_college.html.

Applicants enrolled in other educational institutions must also complete an application for admission available from the Office of Admissions in 224 Williamson Hall, 231 Pillsbury Drive S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455 or online at http://admissions.tc.umn.edu.

Admission Deposit Fee—Applicants admitted to the School of Nursing must pay a non-refundable deposit fee to hold their admission place. This fee will be applied against the student’s first semester tuition and fees. If an applicant wishes to declare a financial hardship regarding the deposit fee, a hardship statement may be submitted with the deposit form.

Orientation

All students enrolled in the School of Nursing must attend the school’s orientation-registration program.

CPR—Students who have been admitted to the School of Nursing are required to have current certification in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, at the health professional level.

The nursing major is available at the Twin Cities and Rochester campuses.
Health—Students who have been admitted to the School of Nursing are required to provide evidence that they have completed a physical assessment examination with appropriate immunizations.

A condition of admission is documentation for required immunizations according to the AHC Policy of Prevention of and Response to the Educational Exposure to Blood Borne Pathogen and Tuberculosis.

Disability Accommodations—For information on disability accommodations, contact Disability Services at http://ds.umn.edu or at 612-626-1333 or 612-624-3316.

Degrees/Majors

The baccalaureate program prepares outstanding graduates who are skilled in delivering nursing care, able to contribute to the evolving science of nursing, and capable of moving into leadership positions where they can positively influence health care for individuals and groups. Graduates of the program are confident of their contributions to the care of clients, identify with nursing as a profession, and are able to articulate the nurse’s role to other disciplines in health care and to the public.

The program is for high-ability, achievement-oriented students and provides a challenging learning environment with innovative approaches to faculty-student relationships and scholarly learning experiences.

Nursing courses include lectures, seminars, laboratories, and clinical practice. Students learn client care in hospitals, clinics, homes, long-term care facilities, and other health care settings. Students provide care to clients with diverse health care problems in real life situations.

Graduate study leading to the M.S. or Ph.D. degree with a major in nursing is available for qualified candidates. For more information, contact the student recruiter, School of Nursing, University of Minnesota, 5-160 Weaver-Densford Hall, 308 Harvard Street S.E., Minneapolis, MN 55455 (612-624-4454) or via e-mail at nurseoss@umn.edu.

Continuing education programs in nursing foster intellectual curiosity and growth. The school offers a calendar of contemporary, challenging, and flexible learning experiences that use a variety of academic, professional, and community resources.

Honors

The School of Nursing honors program provides academic opportunities that challenge students to perform at their highest level.

Honors students experience the excitement of discovery and the rigor of problem solving in an intellectually stimulating environment. In honors seminars, students discuss issues and questions important to health care and to the role that nurses play. Through honors courses and self-directed clinical and field experiences, students gain depth and breadth in the theory and practice of nursing.

Students admitted to the School of Nursing with a strong academic record will be invited to apply to the honors program. Further criteria for admission include leadership potential, critical thinking skills, communication skills, creativity, perseverance, and self-direction. After completing the curricular and honors requirements, students graduate with Latin honors.

Graduation Requirements

Prospective graduates must submit an application for degree to the One Stop Student Services Center, 200 Fraser Hall, by the deadline specified by that office for application.

To participate in the spring baccalaureate graduation ceremony, students must have completed all Nurs-designated courses. Students who have been approved to participate in the graduation ceremony are not automatically guaranteed degree clearance.

Professional Licensure

Examinations for state licensure may be taken after all program requirements have been completed and the degree awarded. Applications for examination are available from the Minnesota Board of Nursing, 2829 University Avenue S.E. #500, Minneapolis, MN 55414 (612-617-2270), or from the state in which the examination will be taken.

Advising

Academic advising for students is provided by their college of enrollment. Students who are admitted to the School of Nursing under pre-nursing status receive their advising from the School of Nursing.

The School of Nursing Office of Student Services hosts monthly information sessions that include a tour of the School of Nursing. Call 612-624-4454.

Nursing students receive academic advising by nursing faculty. Advisers help students with academic concerns as well as with decisions concerning nursing careers and graduate study.
Student Organizations

Nursing College Board (NCB)—NCB is the official student organization within the School of Nursing. The student body elects board representatives. The board promotes unity among nursing students and provides them with an official mode of communication with faculty, administration, and other members of the University community. Board activities include representing students on School committees and planning School events. NCB is part of the Graduate Professional Student Assembly and has representation in the Minnesota Student Association, Nursing Alumni Society, and Council for Health Interdisciplinary Participation (CHIP).

CHIP—CHIP is dedicated to enhancing the educational experience of University health sciences students, encouraging the exchange of ideas, and opening the lines of communication among students in the Academic Health Center.

The CHIP Student Center is in 1-425 Malcolm Moos Health Sciences Tower (612-625-7100).

Alpha Tau Delta—Alpha Tau Delta, a professional nursing fraternity, was founded in 1921 on the campus of the University of California at Berkeley. The Beta Chapter at the University of Minnesota was chartered in 1927. Alpha Tau Delta is dedicated to developing leadership, maintaining high professional educational standards, providing service to the community, and encouraging mutual helpfulness and understanding among students in the profession. Membership is open to all School of Nursing students.

Sigma Theta Tau International—The international honor society of nursing, Sigma Theta Tau, has a chapter at the University of Minnesota. Installed in 1934, Zeta Chapter is one of the oldest chapters in the country. The honor society recognizes superior achievement and leadership qualities, fosters high professional standards, encourages creative work, and strengthens commitment to the ideals and purposes of the profession. Zeta Chapter sponsors an annual research day, provides grants for research, presents annual awards for nursing excellence and leadership, and organizes programs of interest to its members. The membership selects new members from undergraduate and graduate students nominated by the faculty and from professional nurses in the community nominated by members or faculty.

School of Nursing Alumni Society—All School of Nursing graduates are encouraged to become members of the Alumni Society of the School of Nursing. The Society provides

- a link for alumni to the School of Nursing
- opportunities to enhance students’ experiences
- communication among the School’s alumni, faculty, and students about educational trends and developments in nursing
- support to the School of Nursing’s mission of research, education, and service
B.S.N.
The four-year bachelor of science in nursing (B.S.N.) program consists of one year of prerequisite courses and a three-year nursing sequence. Students are admitted to the three-year nursing sequence after completing the prerequisites. The program has a full-time, day school curriculum.

The program prepares students to be professional nurses who think critically and analytically as they encounter today’s complex health care issues and a wide variety of client needs. Graduates are eligible to take the registered nurse (R.N.) licensure examination and be certified as public health nurses. The School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Leadership has been a hallmark of the school since it was founded as the world’s first university-based school of nursing in 1909. Today faculty emphasize clinical competence, leadership skills, critical thinking, and analysis.

Located in one of the nation’s most extensive interdisciplinary academic health centers, at one of the nation’s top three public research universities (University of Florida study), and in the heart of one of the nation’s most progressive health care communities—the school is a synergy of research and practice. Students learn from nationally and world-renowned faculty who draw their clinical skills from research and a rich array of clinical learning experiences.

The School of Nursing has two campuses. One is in the Twin Cities, the other in Rochester, Minnesota. Courses at both campuses include advanced use of the Internet and interactive television and other technology-enhanced delivery methods.

Both campuses are located in Minnesota’s “Medical Alley,” and provide students clinical experiences at a wide variety of top public and private facilities, public and private hospitals, community/public health agencies, hospices, client homes, long-term care facilities, clinics, and childcare centers. Facilities include Fairview-University Hospital on the Twin Cities campus and the famed Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

Required Courses
Students applying to the Twin Cities campus must choose prerequisite courses from the following list. Students applying to the Rochester campus should contact the Office of Student Services for course information at nursesoss@umn.edu):

- Chem 1011 or Chem 1021
- EngC 1011 or EngC 1012 or EngC 1013 or EngC 1014 or Rhet 1101 or GC 1421 and GC 1422
- FScN 1021 or MicB/VPB 2032
- FScN 1112
- Nurs 2001
- Nurs 3690 and Nurs 3691 or GC 2283W
- Psy 1001 or GC 1281

Students entering fall 2003 or later must complete the following courses plus liberal education requirements:

- InMd 3001—Human Anatomy
- LaMP 4177—Pathology
- Nurs 3700—Human Experience of Health and Illness
- Nurs 4104—Ethical Sensitivity and Reasoning in Health Care
- Nurs 3702—Foundations of Professional Nursing
- Nurs 3706—Therapeutic Communication
- Nurs 3704—Nursing Fundamentals I: Assessment and Intervention
- Nurs 4201—Nursing Care of Adults
- Nurs 4203—Nursing Fundamentals II: Assessment and Intervention
- Nurs 3710—Statistics for Clinical Practice and Research
- Nurs 4205W—Nursing Theory and Research
  or Nurs 4205V—Honors Nursing Theory and Research
- Nurs 4320—Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing
- Nurs 4322—Population-based Public Health Nursing
- Nurs 4324—Transcultural Nursing and Global Health or Nurs 5040H—Seeking Solutions to Global Health Issues
- Nurs 4326—Nursing Care of Older Adults
- Nurs 4405—Nursing Care of Infants, Children and Adolescents
- Nurs 4403—Nursing Care of Childbearing Families
- Nurs 4402—Taking Ethical Action in Health Care
- Nurs 4404H—Honors: Applied Research and Research Utilization
- Nurs 4500W—Nursing Leadership and Health Care Systems
- Nurs 4502—Clinical Immersion
- Phar 3800—Pharmacotherapy for the Health Profession
- Phsl 3051—Physiology