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# School of Nursing

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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 Post-Baccalaureate 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 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. 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 2007:

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Application Deadline—The application deadline for fall 2007 is February 1, 2007. The School of Nursing admits students to the major for fall semester only.

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; 2) Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) score of at least 240 on the computerized version, 95 on the Web version (IBT) or 586 on the paper version or Michigan English Language Assessment battery (MELAB) score of 85 or higher.

Application Process

Applicants must apply to the University of Minnesota School of Nursing in a competitive two-part process.

1. A School of Nursing Application must be completed and submitted to the School of Nursing. It is available online at www.nursing.umn.edu.
2. Applicants who have never been enrolled at any campus or in any college at the University of Minnesota must submit an Undergraduate Application in addition to the School of Nursing Application. The Undergraduate Application is available through the Office of Admissions at http://admission.tc.umn.edu.

OR

Current or former University of Minnesota students must submit a Change of College form in addition to the School of Nursing Application. It is available at http://onestop.umn.edu/forms.

Admission Deposit Fee—Applicants admitted to the School of Nursing must pay a nonrefundable deposit fee to hold their admission place. This fee will be applied against the student’s first semester tuition and fees.

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.

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 Pathogens 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 (612-625-7980) 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. 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.

The School of Nursing Office of Student Services hosts information sessions. Further information is available online at the School of Nursing Web site, www.nursing.umn.edu.

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
Directory

Administrative Offices

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308 Harvard St., Minneapolis
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Development Office
5-139 Weaver-Densford Hall,
308 Harvard St., Minneapolis
612-624-2490

Outreach Office
5-140H Weaver-Densford Hall,
308 Harvard St., Minneapolis
612-626-1817

Office of Student Services
5-160 Weaver-Densford Hall,
308 Harvard St., Minneapolis
612-625-7980

Alumni Relations
612-624-0103

Recruitment
612-625-7980

Registration
612-625-7980
School of Nursing

Degree Program

Nursing B.S.N.

School of Nursing

Requirements for this program are current for Fall 2006.
Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120.
Required credits within the major: 90.
This program requires summer terms.
Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
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).

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 and the other is in Rochester, Minnesota. Both campuses are located in Minnesota’s “Medical Alley,” and provide students clinical experiences at a wide variety of top public and private facilities.

Admission Requirements

Students must complete 16 credits before admission to the program.
A GPA above 2.00 is preferred for the following:
• 2.8 for students already admitted to the degree-granting college.
• 2.8 for students transferring from another University of Minnesota college.
• 2.8 for students transferring from outside the University.

Send an application for B.S.N. to School of Nursing.

For information about University of Minnesota admission requirements, visit the Office of Admissions Web site at http://admissions.tc.umn.edu.

Required Courses for Admission

Prerequisite Courses

Students must maintain at least a 2.80 GPA in the pre-nursing required courses. It is preferred that students take NURS 2001 or NURS 3690-3691.

FSCN 1112 - Principles of Nutrition, ENVT (3.0 cr)
PSY 1001 - Introduction to Psychology, SSCI (4.0 cr)
CHEM 1011 - Introductory Chemistry: Lecture and Laboratory, PHYS SCI/L (4.0 cr)
or CHEM 1021 - Chemical Principles I, ENVT, PHYS SCI/L (4.0 cr)
FSCN 1021 - Introductory Microbiology, BIOL SCI/L (4.0 cr)
or MICB 4001 - Microorganisms and Disease (2.0 cr)
or VBS 2032 - General Microbiology With Laboratory (4.0 cr)

Human Growth and Development

PSTL 2283W - Psychology of Human Development, SSCI, WI (4.0 cr)
or NURS 2001 - Human Growth and Development: A Life Span Approach, SSCI (3.0 cr)
or take both of the following:
NURS 3690 - Life Span, Growth, and Development I (2.0 cr)
NURS 3691 - Life Span, Growth, and Development II (1.0 cr)

Program Requirements

Required Courses

Sophomore Year

INMD 3001 - Human Anatomy (3.0 cr)
LAMP 4177 - Pathology for Allied Health Students (3.0 cr)
NURS 3700 - Human Experience of Health and Illness (2.0 cr)
NURS 3702 - Foundations of Professional Nursing (3.0 cr)
NURS 3704 - Nursing Fundamentals I: Assessment and Intervention (4.0 cr)
NURS 3706 - Therapeutic Communication (3.0 cr)
NURS 4104 - Ethical Sensitivity and Reasoning in Health Care, C/PE (2.0 cr)
PHAR 3800 - Pharmacotherapy for the Health Professions (3.0 cr)
PHSL 3051 - Human Physiology (4.0 cr)

Junior Year

NURS 3710 - Statistics for Clinical Practice and Research, MATH (3.0 cr)
NURS 4201 - Nursing Care of Adults (6.0 cr)
NURS 4203 - Nursing Fundamentals II: Assessment and Intervention (4.0 cr)
NURS 4320 - Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing (5.0 cr)
NURS 4322 - Population-based Public Health Nursing (5.0 cr)
NURS 4326 - Nursing Care of Older Adults (3.0 cr)
NURS 4205W - Nursing Theory and Research, WI (3.0 cr)
or NURS 4205V - Honors: Nursing Theory and Research, WI, H (3.0 cr)
NURS 4324 - Transcultural Nursing and Global Health, CD, IP (3.0 cr)
or NURS 5040H - Seeking Solutions to Global Health Issues, IP, H (3.0 cr)

Senior Year

NURS 4402 - Taking Ethical Action in Health Care, C/PE (1.0 cr)
NURS 4403 - Nursing Care of Childbearing Families (4.0 cr)
NURS 4404 - Applied Nursing Research and Research Utilization (2.0 cr)
NURS 4500W - Nursing Leadership and Health Care Systems, WI (4.0 cr)
NURS 4502 - Clinical Immersion (6.0 cr)
NURS 4504 - Professional Issues (2.0 cr)
Program Sub-plans
A sub-plan is not required for this program.

Honors
This is an honors sub-plan.
Honors students must take NURS 4205V and 5040H as choices within their regular curriculum. In addition, they take NURS 4404H.

Required Courses
Honors Applied Clinical Research
NURS 4404H - Honors: Applied Research and Research Utilization, H (2.0 cr)

Rochester
The nursing major is available at two campus locations, the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities and the University of Minnesota, Rochester. Policies, application materials, and course content are the same at both campuses.

At the University of Minnesota, Rochester, prerequisites differ slightly due to course availability at the Rochester Community and Technical College. Contact the School of Nursing or the University of Minnesota, Rochester for specific information.