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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. It offers four degree programs: the bachelor of science in nursing (B.S.N.), the master of nursing (M.N.), the doctor of nursing practice (D.N.P.), and the doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) 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 B.S.N. Program—Students are admitted to the nursing major at the sophomore level, after completing prerequisite courses. Prerequisite courses are listed below. Admission to the major is competitive. The program is a full-time, day school curriculum.

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

Prerequisite Course Requirements—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 2009:

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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.

Application Process

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

1. Complete and submit a School of Nursing Application, available online at www.nursing.umn.edu.

2. In addition, applicants who have never been enrolled at any campus or in any college at the University of Minnesota must also submit an undergraduate application, which is available through the Office of Admissions at http://admissions.tc.umn.edu/apply

   OR

   b. current or former University of Minnesota students must also submit an Application for Change of College, available at [http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/forms.html](http://onestop.umn.edu/onestop/forms.html).

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.

Physical Assessment and Immunizations—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.

**Criminal Background Study**—Students who have been admitted must complete a criminal background study (Vulnerable Adult Act, Minnesota Statute 144.057).

**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 bachelor of science in nursing prepares students to become 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).

The School of Nursing at the University of Minnesota is improving nursing care through nursing education, research, and community service. The school is proud to offer its students opportunities to learn from internationally renowned faculty who emphasize inquiry, critical thinking and analysis, clinical excellence, and leadership. Throughout their education, undergraduate and graduate students have the opportunity to collaborate with faculty on research projects as well as serve the vibrant communities that surround them. Nursing courses at both the Twin Cities and Rochester campuses include advanced use of the Internet, interactive television, and other technology-enhanced delivery methods.

As a part of one of the nation’s most extensive interdisciplinary academic health centers, the University of Minnesota’s School of Nursing is located in the heart of two of the most progressive health care communities. The school prepares nurses to take the best of its ability by providing them with the technical and human-interaction skills necessary to integrate our cutting-edge research into practice. The School of Nursing offers a variety of education programs in addition to the B.S.N., including the master of nursing (M.N.), doctor of nursing practice (D.N.P.), and Ph.D. For information about these programs, please visit the School of Nursing Web site, www.nursing.umn.edu.

**Honors**

Beginning in fall 2008, the University Honors Program (UHP) will offer rigorous and interdisciplinary curricula along with other honors experiences designed for highly qualified and motivated students. Honors courses, available only to honors students, offer small class sizes, close interaction with world-class faculty, and an engaging learning atmosphere.

The University Honors Program serves honors students in all colleges. See the University Honors Program section at the front of this catalog for more information, or visit the University Honors Program Web site at www.honors.umn.edu.

Students admitted before fall 2008 will continue to follow the honors requirements outlined at the time they entered their college honors program. All students admitted to honors as of fall 2008 will follow the requirements of the new University Honors Program. Students admitted to a college honors program before fall 2008 and who change colleges must apply to the UHP if they want to participate in Honors. If admitted, they will be held to the new UHP requirements. See the University Honors Program section of this catalog for further instructions on how to apply.

**Graduation Requirements**

Prospective graduates must submit an Application for Undergraduate Degree to the One Stop Student Services Center by the specified deadline.

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 students have completed all program requirements and have been awarded their degree. 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 and the Office of Student and Career Advancement Services. Advisers help students with academic concerns as well as with decisions concerning nursing careers and graduate study.

The School of Nursing Office of Student and Career Advancement 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).

**National Student Nurses’ Association (NSNA), University of Minnesota Chapter**—With a membership of approximately 50,000 nationwide, the NSNA mentors the professional development of future nurses and facilitates their entrance into the profession by providing educational resources, leadership opportunities, and career guidance.

**Alpha Tau Delta**—Alpha Tau Delta, a professional nursing fraternity, was founded in 1921 on the campus of the University of California, 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 had a chapter at the University of Minnesota since Zeta Chapter was installed in 1934, making it 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 cosponsors 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 based on academic achievement 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, and
• support to the School of Nursing’s mission of research, education, and service.

Directory

Administrative Offices

Office of the Dean
5-140 Weaver-Densford Hall
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612-624-5959
www.nursing.umn.edu

Office of Academic Programs
5-140 Weaver-Densford Hall
308 Harvard Street S.E., Minneapolis
612-624-7111

Development Office
5-140 Weaver-Densford Hall
308 Harvard Street S.E., Minneapolis
612-624-2490

Human Resources
612-624-0105

Outreach and Public Engagement Office
5-160 Weaver-Densford Hall
308 Harvard Street S.E., Minneapolis
612-625-1365

Office of Student and Career Advancement Services
5-160 Weaver-Densford Hall
308 Harvard Street S.E., Minneapolis
612-625-7980

Offices of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving
612-624-0103

Registration
612-625-7980
School of Nursing

Degree Program

Nursing B.S.N.

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- Required credits to graduate with this degree: 120.
- Required credits within the major: 80 to 106.

The four-year B.S.N. program consists of one year of prerequisite courses and a three-year nursing sequence. Students are admitted to the three-year sequence once a year for the upcoming fall semester, after completing the prerequisites. The program has a full-time, day school curriculum.

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Admission Requirements

Students must complete 7 courses before admission to the program. A GPA above 2.00 is preferred for the following:

- 2.80 for students already admitted to the degree-granting college.
- 2.80 for students transferring from another University of Minnesota college.
- 2.80 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.

Prerequisite Courses

Students must maintain at least a 2.80 GPA in the pre-nursing required courses, with at least 4 of the prerequisite courses taken for a grade of A-F. In addition to the courses listed below, the freshman writing requirement must also be completed.

- BIOL 1009—General Biology, BIOL SCI/L (4 cr)
- FSCN 1112—Principles of Nutrition, ENVT (3 cr)
- PSY 1001—Introduction to Psychology, SSCI (4 cr)
- or PSTL 1281—General Psychology, SSCI (4 cr)
- CHEM 1011—Introductory Chemistry: Lecture and Lab, PHYS SCI/L (4 cr)
- or CHEM 1021—Chemical Principles I, ENV T, PHYS SCI/L (4 cr)
- VBS 2032—General Microbiology With Laboratory (4 cr)
- or MICB 3301—Bi ology of Microorganisms (5 cr)
- or BIOL 2032—General Microbiology with Laboratory (4 cr)
- or FSCN 1021—Introductory Microbiology, BIOL SCI/L (4 cr)
- NURS 2001—Human Growth and Development: A Life Span Approach, SSCI (3 cr)
- or Take both of the following:
- or NURS 3690—Life Span, Growth, and Development I (2 cr)
- and NURS 3691 — Life Span, Growth, and Development II (1 cr)

Program Requirements

Human Anatomy and Physiology

ANAT 3001 — Human Anatomy (3 cr)
- or Anat and Phys I—Rochester Community and Technical College
- or PHSL 3051—Human Physiology (4 cr)
- or Anat and Phys II—Rochester Community and Technical College

Major Courses

Sophomore Year

- LAMP 4177—Pathology for Allied Health Students (3 cr)
- NURS 3702—Foundations of Professional Nursing (3 cr)
- NURS 3704—Nursing Fundamentals I: Assessment and Intervention (5 cr)
- NURS 3706—Therapeutic Communication (3 cr)
- NURS 4104—Ethical Sensitivity and Reasoning in Health Care, C/PE (2 cr)
- PHAR 3800—Pharmacotherapy for the Health Professions (3 cr)

Junior Year

- NURS 4201—Nursing Care of Adults (6 cr)
- NURS 4203—Nursing Fundamentals II: Assessment and Intervention (4 cr)
- NURS 4302—Population-based Public Health Nursing (5 cr)
- NURS 4320—Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing (5 cr)
- NURS 4326—Nursing Care of Older Adults (3 cr)
- NURS 3115—Health Informatics: Clinical and Public Health (2 cr)
- NURS 4205W—Nursing Theory and Research, WI (3 cr)
- or NURS 4205V—Honors: Nursing Theory and Research, WI, H (3 cr)
- NURS 3710—Statistics for Clinical Practice and Research, MATH (3 cr)
- or OMS 2550—Business Statistics: Data Sources, Presentation, and Analysis (4 cr)
- or STAT 3011—Introduction to Statistical Analysis, MATH (4 cr)
- or EPSY 3264—Basic and Applied Statistics, MATH (3 cr)

Senior Year

- NURS 4402—Taking Ethical Action in Health Care, C/PE (1 cr)
- NURS 4403—Nursing Care of Childbearing Families (4 cr)
- NURS 4500W—Nursing Leadership and Health Care Systems, WI (4 cr)
- NURS 4502—Clinical Immersion (6 cr)
- NURS 4504—Professional Issues (2 cr)
- NURS 4408—Nursing Care of Infants, Children, and Adolescents (4 cr)
- NURS 4324—Transcultural Nursing and Global Health, CD, IP (3 cr)
- or NURS 5040H—Seeking Solutions to Global Health Issues, IP, H (3 cr)

Program Sub-Plans

A sub-plan is not required for this program.

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 Rochester campus prerequisites differ slightly due to course availability at the Rochester Community and Technical College. Contact the School of Nursing for specific information.

For the most up-to-date listing of program requirements, visit the ONLINE CATALOG at www.catalogs.umn.edu/programs.htm.