

School of Nursing

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The undergraduate program provides an opportunity to combine a general education with professional preparation in nursing. The program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the Connecticut State Board of Nurse Examiners.

The curriculum requires four academic years. Upon successful completion of the program, students receive the Bachelor of Science degree and are eligible for examination for licensure as registered nurses.

Preclinical Requirements. In addition to pre-entrance University requirements, students admitted to the School of Nursing must present evidence of the following prior to clinical experiences: tetanus immunization within the past ten years; one poliomyelitis booster following initial immunization; physical examination; tuberculin test (with chest x-ray for positive reactors); rubella, rubeola, hepatitis B titers (with vaccine if titer is negative); and varicella titer and any other requirements of affiliating agencies.

It is mandatory that all students carry comprehensive health insurance when they are involved in practice in clinical areas.

A current certificate in cardio pulmonary resuscitation (professional level: covering infant, child, adult, and two-person) is a prerequisite for entry into the clinical courses and must be kept current until graduation.

Students who fail to provide written documentation that they have met the above stated health requirements will *not* be allowed in the clinical areas. A criminal background check may be required prior to placement in a clinical assignment. In certain circumstances evidence of a criminal record may prevent a student from fulfilling clinical requirements and/or requirements for professional licensure.

Faculty reserve the right to recommend a student's withdrawal from the program for reasons of health.

Transportation. Students must furnish their own transportation and cover cost of travel and parking to the clinical agencies.

Books, Uniforms and Professional Equipment. Students are expected to cover the cost of books, uniforms, and the professional equipment required before beginning the clinical experiences. All undergraduate students pay a fee of \$10.00 per semester for the last five semesters. This fee is assessed upon enrolling in NURS 221, 219, 239, 279, and 289 and represents laboratory supplies and consumables. In addition, all undergraduate students enrolling in NURS 219 (first clinical course) are assessed a one-time fee of \$75.00. Students receive medical-surgical supplies which are utilized in simulation lab learning exercises.

Licensure. Under the provisions of N 19a-14(a) of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 86-365, the Department of Public Health and Addiction Services of the State of Connecticut may deny licensure to applicants who have been convicted of a felony or are addicted to drugs or alcohol. Copies of this law are available in the School of Nursing Academic Advisory Center. Students are responsible for being aware of what the licensure requirements are in the State in which they intend to apply for a license.

Admission Requirements. See Admission to the University. Student applications for admission to the School of Nursing are accepted only for the Fall semester. Qualified students are admitted directly to the School of Nursing as freshmen. See Freshmen Admission. Admission is competitive and applicants should have credentials placing them in the upper range of their high school graduation class. Freshman, transfer, and petition students must have completed a high school (or college) course in chemistry, physics, and algebra for admission consideration.

Transfer students should see Transfer Admission. Such students should have made substantial progress toward completing the freshman 100-level requirements, particularly those courses that are an indication of their academic ability in math and science. Number of credits earned, grade point average in all courses taken, and space availability will be key considerations in the admissions decision.

Students not admitted into the School of Nursing at the time of entry to the University may apply for admission through the School of Nursing School Change procedures. Such students should submit a completed School Change Petition form as well as a statement as to why they desire the School change to the School of Nursing, Academic Advising Office, Storrs Hall, Room 109. Change of School petitions are due by February 1st of the academic year for Fall acceptance consideration. Decisions will be based on several criteria including the applicant's academic record, courses taken and space availability. School Change applicants are normally expected to have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 as well as a math/science GPA that is equal or higher to be competitive.

Students taking non-degree course work through the Center for Continuing Studies in a non-matriculated fashion may petition for a change of classification to a degree-seeking matriculated status. See Center for Continuing Studies, Non-Degree Study.

Curricula in Nursing

I. University General Education Requirements

The University has adopted General Education requirements, which must be satisfied as part of every bachelor's degree program. These requirements are listed in the "Academic Regulations" section of this *Catalog*.

II. School Requirements

Nursing students must complete the following courses (38 credits). Students should note that some of these courses may also fulfill University General Education requirements.

BIOL 107; CHEM 122; HDFS 190; MATH 102Q or 103Q; MCB 200 or 218; PHIL 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, or 106; PNB 264 and 265; PSYC 132; SOCI 107; STAT 100Q or 110Q

Writing in the Major. All students in the School of Nursing are required to pass NURS 213W.

Information Literacy. All students in the School of Nursing fulfill this area of competency by the successful completion of NURS 213W, 270, 218 or 219, and 289.

Computer Technology Competency. The following courses are used to fulfill this area of competency:

NURS 250; NURS 270; NURS 219, or 239, or 259, or 269, or 279, or 289

III. Baccalaureate Student

Nursing students must complete the following nursing courses (79 credits):

NURS 110, 111, 112, 200, 201, 212, 213W, 218, 219, 221, 225, 232, 235, 239, 250, 252, 259, 262, 263, 269, 270, 272, 273, 279, 289

IV. Additional Requirements

To be eligible to enroll in NURS 219 (first clinical course) in the fall semester, students must have completed the following coursework by the end of the preceding spring semester:

CHEM 122; BIOL 107; PSYC 132; SOCI 107; PNB 264 and 265; MCB 200 or 218; ENGL 110 or 111; HDFS 190; one course in Philosophy (101-106); MATH 102Q, 103Q or higher; STAT 100QC or 110QC; NURS 110, 111, 112, 200, 201, 221.

V. Program Requirements: Registered Nurses

Registered nurses who graduated from an approved associate degree or diploma program in nursing after June, 1986, who enroll in the School of Nursing and earned a C or higher in all nursing courses, may earn 30 transfer credits in nursing under the Connecticut Articulation Model for Nurse Educational Mobility.

Registered nurses must complete the following nursing courses: NURS 213W, 270, 289, 350, 352, 354, 358, 370, and 15 credits of electives

Scholastic Standing Requirement. In the following courses: BIOL 107; CHEM 122; MCB 200/218; PNB 264, 265; MATH 102, 103, or 107; STAT 110Q or 100Q; PSYC 132; SOCI 107; HDFS 190; PHIL 101-106; NURS 110, 111, 112, 200, 201, 221 a student in the School of Nursing must have a grade of C or better. Students admitted to the School of Nursing must have a minimum GPA of 2.5 at the end of the semester in which they have completed 26 calculable credits of graded coursework at the University of Connecticut. In order to progress in the 200-level nursing courses, students must complete all prerequisite courses with a grade of C or better. In order to progress, a cumulative GPA of 2.7 is required prior to enrollment in NURS 212, 218, or 219. Students lacking a 2.7 total grade point average at this point in the program will be dismissed from the School of Nursing.

Students must earn a C (2.0) or better in all nursing courses (those with NURS designation) in order to earn credit toward graduation. No student may take a course in the nursing curriculum without having completed prerequisite courses with a grade of C or higher. No courses required for graduation as a nursing major may be taken more than twice before achieving a passing grade. Students may be dismissed if there is more than one semester in which they earn a semester grade point average below 2.5 in required nursing courses. A cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above in all required nursing courses is required for graduation.

Bachelor's Degree Requirements. Upon the recommendation of the faculty the degree of Bachelor of Science is awarded by vote of the Board of Trustees to students who have met the following requirements: (1) earned a total of 127 degree credits, (2) earned at least a 2.5 grade point average for all calculable course work, (3) met all the requirements of the School of Nursing and University General Education Requirements. (See Scholastic Standing Requirement.)

School of Nursing Website

<http://www.nursing.uconn.edu/>