

NURSING, BSN

Program Description

Professional nursing blends a unique body of knowledge from the sciences, social sciences and humanities with a compassionate heart and a sensitive spirit to provide holistic care to those in need.

The School of Nursing offers two curricular tracks to the bachelor of science degree in nursing; the four-year, pre-licensure program and the two-year, completion program for the registered nurse. The programs provide you with the opportunity to acquire knowledge, values and skills necessary for the practice of professional nursing.

Course requirements provide liberal backgrounds in physical science, social science and humanities. This curriculum provides a solid basis for the variety of roles in nursing practice. The nursing curriculum provides an interdisciplinary major and, therefore, does not require a minor to meet graduation requirements. These nursing programs are approved by the Michigan Board of Nursing and the BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

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Mission Statement

To graduate competent students who are able to safely provide compassionate nursing care utilizing theory and evidence based practice.

Program Learning Outcomes

- **Liberal Education for Baccalaureate Generalist Nursing Practice:** Appraises a solid base in liberal education for nursing practice.
- **Basic Organizational and System Leadership for Quality Care and Patient Safety:** Synthesizes knowledge and skills in leadership, quality improvement, and patient safety to provide quality health care.
- **Scholarship for Evidence-Based Practice:** Evaluates research for potential application for evidence-based practice.
- **Information Management and Application of Patient Care Technology:** Designs knowledge and skills in information management and patient care technology in the delivery of quality patient care.
- **Health Care Policy, Finance, and Regulatory Environments:** Analyzes health care policies, including financial and regulatory, directly and indirectly influencing the nature and functioning of the healthcare system.
- **Inter-professional Communication and Collaboration for Improving Patient Health Outcomes:** Appraises communication and collaboration among health care professionals and patients to deliver high quality and safe patient care.
- **Clinical Prevention and Population Health:** Determines health promotion and disease prevention at the individual and population health levels.
- **Professionalism and Professional Values:** Emulates professionalism and inherent values of altruism, autonomy, human dignity, integrity, and social justice.
- **Baccalaureate Generalist Nursing Practice:** Synthesizes nursing practice with patients, individuals, families, groups, communities,

and populations across the lifespan and across the continuum of healthcare environments and the variations of care, the increased complexity, and the increased use of health care resources inherent in caring for patients.

Bachelor of Science Nursing, Pre-Licensure Program

Pre-Nursing Entrance Requirements:

To qualify as a pre-nursing major, applicants must satisfy University admission requirements described in the admission section of the Catalog.

High school academic subjects include a minimum of one unit of biology, one of chemistry, three of English and two of algebra. Additional science and mathematics courses are highly recommended.

Students complete one year in pre-nursing before making application to the School of Nursing for admission to the nursing major. Admission is based upon:

- a. completing a current application in its entirety by the deadline of each semester,
- b. successful completion of selected pre-nursing courses,
- c. academic achievement,
- d. a negative criminal background report,
- e. ability to meet physical demands of program with or without accommodation
- f. completion of TEAS test with passing score, and
- g. verification of CPR training.

It is recommended that students be able to demonstrate computer literacy – basic word processing, library and Internet searches. Mathematics competency is required prior to the sophomore year. Entrance into nursing requires a grade point average of 2.7 or above in core pre-nursing and nursing courses. A maximum of 28 students will be accepted for each fall and spring semester. Canadian Immigration Service may deny a visa for clinical in Ontario on the basis of a conviction for a crime or for substance abuse.

Required academic courses are separated into three groups:

- a. Nursing support courses – anatomy and physiology, microbiology, applied chemistry, mathematics, psychology, sociology, nutrition, pharmacology, pathopharmacology, pathophysiology, multicultural approach to health care and statistics).
- b. General education requirements (English, humanities and speech).
- c. Nursing courses

Progression Requirements in Nursing:

A grade of C or above is required in all courses. A grade of D in other general education or elective courses is accepted.

Transfer credit will be granted on an individual basis. Only those courses with a grade of C or better are transferable. Credits for Anatomy & Physiology courses and pharmacology are transferable for five years.

Time requirement for program completion is four academic years; however, completion may require more than four years for students who

cannot maintain the high credit load each semester. Progression and readmission policies are detailed in the Nursing Student Handbook.

Students are responsible for transportation to and from clinical agencies, as well as all additional costs incurred by enrollment in the nursing program. Costs, academic and general information are listed in the Nursing Student Handbook and viewable on-line.

Licensure:

Graduates of this program are eligible to write the NCLEX-RN examination administered by the Michigan Board of Nursing for licensure as a registered nurse (R.N.). There may be differences in testing in other states and provincial jurisdictions. The Michigan Board of Nursing may deny a graduate the opportunity to take the licensure examination on the basis of conviction for a crime or substance abuse. The Immigration Service may deny a visa for entry to Ontario on the basis of a conviction for a crime or for substance abuse. Applicants with a history of a conviction or substance abuse should consult with the School of Nursing dean and direct questions to the Michigan Board of Nursing and the Immigration Service prior to considering entry in the program.

Code	Title	Hours
Nursing		
NURS 211	Intro to Professional Nursing	3
NURS 212	Health Appraisal	4
NURS 213	Fundamentals of Nursing	6
NURS 325	Nursing Childbearing Families	5
NURS 326	Nursing of Children & Families	5
NURS 327	Adult Nursing I	8
HLTH 328	Multicultural Appr Health Care	3
NURS 431	Adult Nursing II	8
NURS 432	Nursing of Populations	5
NURS 433	Community Mental Hlth Nursing	5
NURS 434	Nursing Research	3
NURS 435	Management in Nursing	4
NURS 436	Contemporary Issues in Nursing	2
Support Courses		
BIOL 121	Human Anatomy & Physiology I ¹	4
BIOL 122	Human Anatomy & Physiology II ¹	4
BIOL 223	Clinical Microbiology	3
CHEM 108	Applied Chemistry ¹	3
CHEM 110	Applied Organic & Biochemistry	4
HLTH 208	Principles of Human Nutrition	3
HLTH 209	Pharmacology	3
HLTH 232	Pathophysiology	3
HLTH 310	Pathopharmacology	3
MATH 207	Prin of Statistical Methods	3
PSYC 101	Intro to Psychological Science ¹	3
PSYC 155	Lifespan Development ¹	3
SOCY 101	Introduction to Sociology ¹	4
USEM 101	Univ Sem I: Foundation Success	1
General Electives		5-6
Total Hours		110-111

¹ Prerequisite courses for entrance to the program.

General Education: All LSSU bachelor's degree candidates must complete the LSSU General Education Requirements.

A minimum of 125 credits (at the 100 level or higher) must be earned for graduation with a cumulative gpa of 2.00 or higher. A gpa of 2.00 or higher is also required in your Major, as well as in your General Education Requirements.

Bachelor of Science Nursing, Post-Licensure Completion Program, Completion Program for RN Students (Online)

Entrance Requirements:

To qualify for admission to the RN completion program, applicants must satisfy University admission requirements as described in the admission section of the Catalog. (This information is also included in the View book).

For students with college-level achievement, the opportunity will be offered, by means of examination, to obtain course credit or placement into an advanced course.

Applicants must be graduates of state- or provincial-approved associate's degree or diploma nursing programs with a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.7 in all nursing, nursing support and English courses. Nursing support courses include: chemistry, mathematics, anatomy and physiology, microbiology, statistics, nutrition, pharmacology, pathophysiology, computer applications in health sciences, psychology and sociology courses. Credit may be granted for nutrition and pharmacology upon writing the required NLN tests and achieving scores at the 50th percentile or above. NLN tests may be repeated once; students must enroll in the course if not successful on second writing. Credit by departmental exam is also available to students upon request.

Required Admission Credentials:

Submit to Admissions Office: standard LSSU Application for Admission; transcripts from previous nursing school(s) and college(s). Submit to School of Nursing: copy of current Michigan or Ontario professional nursing license and immunization records. All credentials must be on file preceding semester of entry.

Transfer Credits:

Transfer credits may be granted on an individual basis for equivalent general education and support courses. Only those courses with a grade of C or better may be transferred. A maximum of 31 semester hours credit in basic nursing courses may be transferred. Credit for pharmacology courses is acceptable for five years.

The expectation is that completion of this program will take no more than two years.

Progression and readmission policies are detailed in the Nursing Student Handbook.

Students are responsible for transportation to clinical agencies and all additional costs incurred by enrollment in the nursing program. Costs, academic and general information are listed in the Nursing Student Handbook.

The RN completion program is offered on a full or part-time basis online. For further course information contact the main campus School of Nursing at 906-635-2288.

Code	Title	Hours
Nursing		
NURS 325	Nursing Childbearing Families	5
NURS 326	Nursing of Children & Families	5
NURS 327	Adult Nursing I	8
NURS 328	Multi Approach to Health Care	3
NURS 360	Professional Nursing Concepts	4
NURS 363	Individual/Family Assessment	5
NURS 3XX	Nursing 300 Level Elective	3
NURS 431	Adult Nursing II	8
NURS 432	Nursing of Populations	5
NURS 433	Community Mental Hlth Nursing	5
NURS 434	Nursing Research	3
NURS 435	Management in Nursing	4
NURS 437	Nursing Leadership and Issues	3
Health Sciences		
HLTH 208	Principles of Human Nutrition ¹	3
HLTH 209	Pharmacology ¹	3
HLTH 232	Pathophysiology	3
HLTH 235	Healthcare Informatics	2
Other Disciplines		
BIOL 121	Human Anatomy & Physiology I ¹	4
BIOL 122	Human Anatomy & Physiology II ¹	4
BIOL 223	Clinical Microbiology ¹	3
CHEM 108	Applied Chemistry ¹	3
CHEM 110	Applied Organic & Biochemistry	4
MATH 207	Prin of Statistical Methods	3
PSYC 101	Intro to Psychological Science ¹	3
PSYC 155	Lifespan Development ¹	3
SOCY 101	Introduction to Sociology ¹	4
General Electives		
Total Hours		103

¹ Prerequisite courses for entrance to the program.

Credit by departmental exam (or NLN examination, passing at a 50 percentile or higher) is also available to students upon request. For further information, contact the main campus School of Nursing at 906-635-2288.

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