



**BACHELOR of SCIENCE in NURSING (#586)**

School of Nursing

College of Health and Human Services

Western Kentucky University

The suggested program of study shown below should be used in consultation with your advisor(s). Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives selected. **Admission to the major required to register for all 300 and 400 nursing classes. All upper-division nursing courses must be taken in sequence to meet NURS course prerequisite requirements.**

**Success Markers**

**SAMPLE - 4 year plan**

<b>FIRST YEAR</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
<i>Meet regularly with your ACE pre-nursing advisor</i>	ENG 100 Intro to College Writing (F-W1)	3	HIST 101 World History I or HIST 102 World History II (F-SB)	3
<i>Take advantage of free tutoring for Math and Science</i>	BIOL 131 Human Anatomy & Physiology (E-NS, SL)	4	BIOL 231 Advanced Human Anatomy & Physiology	4
	MATH 116 College Algebra (F-QR)	3	NURS 102 Intro to Professional Nursing	3
	Arts and Humanities (E-AH)	3	ENG 200 Intro to Literature (F-AH)	3
	*COMM 145 Fundamentals of Public Speaking & Communication (F-OC)	3		
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>13</b>

<b>SECOND YEAR</b>	<b>Fall Semester</b>		<b>Spring Semester</b>	
<i>Visit the nursing program FAQ page</i>	World Language (if needed) or Elective	3	PSY/PSYS 220 Developmental Psychology (E-SB)	3
<i>Apply to the nursing program at the end of your third semester</i>	Connections Social and Cultural (K-SC)	3	ENG 300 Writing in the Disciplines (F-W2)	3
<i>Volunteer for health care related activities</i>	BIOL 207/208 General Microbiology and Laboratory	4	Connections -Local to Global (K-LG)	3
	General Elective	2	CHEM 109 Chemistry for the Health Sciences (E-NS)	4
	Statistics (MATH 183 or ECON 206 or SWRK 344 or SOCL 300 or PH 383 or PSY/PSYS 301)	3	Connections Systems HMD 211 Human Nutrition (K-SY)	3
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>

**World Language Proficiency:** All students entering in Fall 2014 or later must demonstrate proficiency in a world language at the Novice High level before completing 60 credit hours. Novice high is the ability to communicate in writing and speaking on familiar topics in simple sentences. To meet this requirement, students may take college language courses or take a proficiency test. For more information go to [www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/](http://www.wku.edu/modernlanguages/placement/).

THIRD YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
<b>Admission to the major required to register for all 300 and 400 nursing classes.</b>	NURS 324 Pathophysiology for Nursing	3	NURS 329 Concepts in Pharmacology I	2
	NURS 335 Health Assessment	3	NURS 337 Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	3
	NURS 336 Health Assessment lab	1	NURS 341 Medical Surgical Nursing I	3
	NURS 333 Fundamentals of Nursing	3	NURS 342 Medical Surgical Nursing I Clinical	3
<b>NOTE: All clinical and lab courses require 3 or more contact hours per week for every one credit hour</b>	NURS 334 Fundamentals Clinical	2	NURS 343 Mental Health Nursing	3
			NURS 344 Mental Health Nursing Clinical	1
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>15</b>

FOURTH YEAR	Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
<i>Apply for Graduation</i>	NURS 429 Concepts in Pharmacology II	2		
	NURS 413 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	3	NURS 403 Leadership, Mgmt, Prof Issues	4
	NURS 432 Medical Surgical Nursing II	3	NURS 421 High Acuity Nursing	3
	NURS 433 Medical Surgical Nursing II Clinical	3	NURS 422 Senior Practicum	4
	NURS 444 Maternal Child Nursing	4	NURS 448 Community Health Nursing	3
	NURS 445 Maternal Child Nursing Clinical	2	NURS 449 Community Health Nursing Clinical	2
	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>16</b>

**Total Credit Hours: 120**

**Colonnade Program:** All students entering in fall 2014 or later must complete 39 hours in 13 specific Colonnade areas. Colonnade areas are listed in parentheses marked in blue after the corresponding classes. Some areas may have specific course requirements while others can be chosen from selected lists of options. For more details and to see lists of options, go to

[http://www.wku.edu/colonnade/documents/approved\\_colonnade\\_courses\\_website.pdf](http://www.wku.edu/colonnade/documents/approved_colonnade_courses_website.pdf).

**Required Pre-Requisites, Colonnade, and General Elective and/or World Language = 62 hours.**

**Hours in the Major =60; 42 credit hours of nursing theory, 18 credit hours of nursing clinical.**

**750+ hours of clinical experience.**

\* Denotes prerequisite courses before program admission

\*\*Note: all general education courses and nursing prerequisites must be completed prior to entry into the major at the Junior level. All sciences must be completed with a grade of C or above. A two course Anatomy and Physiology sequence must have been completed no more than 5 years prior to application and must have been completed at the same institution. Additional testing, fees and deadlines apply. Talk with a pre-nursing advisor for details concerning application.

**For more Information:**

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Course Descriptions:

<http://www.wku.edu/undergraduatecatalog/>

**Website:** <http://www.wku.edu/nursing/>