

# NURSING, BSN

## REQUIREMENTS

### UNIVERSITY REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate students must complete both the following Core General Education (Core GenEd) and University Degree and Quality of Work requirements. The requirements below apply to students whose first term at UW-Madison or whose earliest post-high school college attendance at any institution is Summer 2026 or later.

Students whose first term at UW-Madison or whose earliest post-high school college attendance at any institution occurred before Summer 2026 should refer to the archived Guide (<https://guide.wisc.edu/archive/>) for the requirements that apply to them.

### CORE GENERAL EDUCATION (CORE GENED) REQUIREMENTS

**Civics & Perspectives** 3 credits of Civics & Perspectives coursework.

**Communication & Literacy** 6 credits of Communication & Literacy coursework. This requirement may be partially satisfied by a qualifying placement test score. More information: <https://go.wisc.edu/qualifyingenglishplacement> (<https://go.wisc.edu/qualifyingenglishplacement/>)

**Humanities & Arts** 6 credits of Humanities & Arts coursework.

**Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning** 6 credits of Mathematics & Quantitative Reasoning coursework. This requirement may be partially satisfied by a qualifying placement test score. More information: <https://go.wisc.edu/qualifyingmathplacement> (<https://go.wisc.edu/qualifyingmathplacement/>)

**Natural Science & Wellness** Complete both:

- 6 credits of Natural Science & Wellness or Natural Science & Wellness + Laboratory coursework.
- one course must be in Natural Science & Wellness + Laboratory coursework.

**Social & Behavioral Science** 3 credits of Social & Behavioral Science coursework.

**Total Credits** 30 credits.

For more information see the policy (<https://policy.wisc.edu/library/UW-1095/>).

### UNIVERSITY DEGREE AND QUALITY OF WORK REQUIREMENTS

All undergraduate degree recipients must complete the following minimum requirements. Requirements for some programs will exceed these requirements; see program requirements for additional information.

**Total Degree** 120 degree credits.

**Residency** Complete 30 credits in residence. A course is considered "in residence" if it is taken when in undergraduate degree-seeking status and:

- is offered by UW-Madison and completed on the UW-Madison campus or at an approved off-site location, or
- is offered by UW-Madison in an online or distance format, or is completed during participation in a UW-Madison study abroad/study away program.

**Quality of Work** Achieve at least the minimum grade point average specified by the school, college, and/or academic program.

**Math** Demonstrate minimal mathematics competence by:

- placing above MATH 96, or
- successfully completing MATH 96, or
- successfully completing a more advanced mathematics course such as MATH 112, MATH 113, MATH 114, MATH 141, MATH 211, or MATH 221.

**English Language** If required to take the UW-Madison English as a Second Language Assessment Test (MSN-ESLAT), demonstrate minimal English language competence by:

- earning credit for ESL 118, or
- achieving a qualifying MSN-ESLAT placement test score.

**Language** Complete one:

- 2 high school units of a single language other than English, or
- one course with the second semester Language designation.

**Major Declaration** Declare and complete the requirements for at least one major.

### SCHOOL OF NURSING BSN REQUIREMENTS

All BSN students must complete both the BSN General Degree Requirements and Graduation Requirements. To determine which requirements are needed for application eligibility, review the How to Get in section.

### BSN GENERAL DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

**Chemistry** Complete one:

- CHEM 103
- CHEM 108
- CHEM 109

**Microbiology** Complete one:

- MICROBIO 101
- CHEM 343
- NUTR SCI 332

**Anatomy** ANAT&PHY 337

**Physiology** Complete either:

- ANAT&PHY 235
- ANAT&PHY 335

Psychology	PSYCH 202
Social Science	Complete one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>any 3 credit course in SOC with the Social Science designation (<a href="https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/soc">https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/soc</a> (<a href="https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/soc/">https://guide.wisc.edu/courses/soc/</a>))</li> <li>ANTHRO 100</li> <li>ANTHRO 104</li> </ul>
Human Growth and Development	Complete one: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HDFS 262</li> <li>HDFS 263</li> <li>ED PSYCH 320</li> <li>ED PSYCH 321</li> <li>ED PSYCH 331</li> <li>PSYCH 464</li> </ul>
Humanities	6 credits with the Humanities, Literature, or Language designation.
Humanities or Social Science	7 credits with the Humanities, Literature, Language, or Social Science designation.
Communication A	Complete either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>one course with the Communication A designation, or</li> <li>satisfaction of Communication A based on UW Placement Test.</li> </ul>
Communication B	One course with the Communication B designation.
Quantitative Reasoning A	Complete either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>one course with the Quantitative Reasoning A designation, or</li> <li>satisfaction of Quantitative Reasoning A based on UW Placement Test.</li> </ul>
Quantitative Reasoning B	One course with the Quantitative Reasoning B designation.
Ethnic Studies	One course with the Ethnic Studies designation.

## GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Cumulative Credits	A cumulative GPA of 2.5 is required to be eligible for graduation.
Quality of Work	Students must earn a C or better in all required NURSING or CNP coursework.
Residency	30 credits of coursework must be completed in-residence.

## NURSING (TRADITIONAL) MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

A total of 124 credits are required for the Nursing, BSN (Traditional).

### MATH

Code	Title	Credits
MATH 112	College Algebra	3

## NURSING CORE

Code	Title	Credits
NURSING/SOC WORK 105	Health Care Systems: Interdisciplinary Approach	2
NURSING 313	Foundations of Nursing Practice	3
NURSING 314	Essentials of Health Promotion, Prevention, and Wellness in Person-Centered Care	3
NURSING 315	Professionalism in Nursing Practice	2
NURSING 316	Foundations of Nursing Practice: Experiential Learning	4
NURSING 317	Pharmacology Essentials for Nursing Practice	3
NURSING 318	Pathophysiology Essentials for Nursing Practice	3
NURSING 323	Developing Clinical Judgment in Nursing Practice: Health and Illness Concepts	4
NURSING 324	Meeting the Psychosocial Health Needs of Individuals, Families, and Communities	3
NURSING 326	Foundations of Nursing Practice: Experiential Learning II	4
NURSING 430	Perinatal Nursing	2
NURSING 431	Nursing Care of Children & their Families	2
NURSING 432	Population Health Nursing	2
NURSING 433	Nursing Care of the Older Adult	2
NURSING 436	Advanced Experiential Learning I	4
NURSING 438	Informatics and Health Technologies for Nursing Practice	1
NURSING 443	Advancing Clinical Judgment in Nursing Practice: Complex Health and Illness Concepts	4
NURSING 445	Transition to Practice	1
NURSING 446	Advanced Experiential Learning II	4
NURSING 448	Leadership in the Profession of Nursing	2
NURSING 447	Scholarship for Evidence-Based Practice	2

**Total Credits** **57**

## HONORS IN THE MAJOR

First-year Traditional BSN students can apply to the BSN Honors in the Major. Applying to the Nursing Honors in the Major includes completing an essay prompt about how engagement in nursing research would enhance your career. For complete information on how to apply and application details, review the Honors program page. Questions about the application should be directed to Academic Affairs.

### HONORS IN THE MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

Complete the following courses in addition to the major requirements.

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Credits</b>
NURSING 679	Nursing Honors Research Seminar	2
NURSING 681	Senior Honors Thesis	1-2
NURSING 682	Senior Honors Thesis	1-2