



What is Nursing?

Nursing is a professional career that offers unmatched personal rewards – helping people to live healthier lives and assisting in such life-changing times as the birth of a child, a health crisis, or rehabilitation. Nurses can work in a variety of health care areas, including ambulatory care, critical care, trauma, home health, mental health, pediatrics, hospice, and long-term care. Nursing requires compassion, dedication, and precision in working with the latest scientific technology.

Graduates of the Lourdes College accredited nursing program are prepared to apply for licensure as registered nurses and take the national licensing examination, NCLEX-RN.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) program at Lourdes College are taught in an atmosphere that nurtures a holistic approach to learning within a caring, supportive faith community.

Career Opportunities in Nursing

A Bachelor of Science in Nursing graduate can have far greater mobility within the profession. Many specialty and leadership opportunities in professional

nursing require a B.S.N. Nurses who graduate with a B.S.N. degree are equipped with leadership, communication, and analytical skills that are not offered in a two-year associate nursing program.

Employment growth in the nursing field is expected to continue at a rapid pace well into the next decade. A baccalaureate prepared nurse will be prepared for additional education opportunities leading to graduate school studies in a number of specialty fields including nurse practitioner, nurse-midwife, nurse anesthetist, clinical nurse specialist, nurse educator and nurse leader.

Salary Trends in Nursing

Salaries for nursing graduates with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree depend upon the job title, duties, and geographical area of employment. The average 2007 salary for professional registered nurses ranged from \$26.92 per hour to \$27.56 per hour.* (Note that salary ranges may vary in different areas of the United States.)

** U.S. Department of Labor Statistics*

How to Major in Nursing at Lourdes College

Students admitted to Lourdes College as a pre-nursing major must complete prerequisite courses. A minimum GPA of 2.5 and a grade of C or better in the natural sciences are required to take the pre-nursing courses of Nursing Skills (NUR 210/211) or CNA Bridge (NUR 213) and Concepts (NUR 212). This is the semester to apply to the major.

Application deadline for the nursing major is determined twice a year, and is available on the Lourdes College webpage and posted in the School of Nursing. Applicants are considered on a competitive basis. Progression within the major is contingent upon maintaining a cumulative and nursing GPA of 2.5 or better and a C- or better in each Nursing course. Contact a nursing advisor for more information.

Requirements for N.A. to B.S.N.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is awarded to students who successfully complete the four-year curriculum, including courses in the nursing major and foundational courses offered by other departments at the college. The nursing program is designed to be completed on a full or part-time basis, with the scheduling of classes during the day and/or evening. Many of the classes are scheduled to meet once a week. A total of 125 credit hours are required for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, with 63 of those hours devoted to the major.

Nursing Assistants may qualify to enroll in NUR 213 C.N.A. Bridge to Professional Nursing and receive 2 prior learning credits upon successful completion of this course. The student who successfully completes this course will be awarded credit and will also meet the program requirement of NUR 210/211 Basic Skills.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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School of Nursing
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Special Clinical Opportunities

Individual attention to students in the classroom, as well as in clinical activities, is the hallmark of the Lourdes program. A Lourdes College nursing major enables you to apply knowledge learned in the classroom in a variety of clinical settings selected and supervised by expert nursing faculty. Faculty-student ratio for clinical experiences is typically one faculty member for six students. In addition, students will also work closely with clinical preceptors who have demonstrated expertise in their specialty area. State-of-the-art technology and modern learning resources are available in The Flasck Nursing Center to compliment classroom and clinical learning experiences.

Highlights of Nursing at Lourdes College

The Lourdes College Bachelor of Science in Nursing curriculum provides a general education with a foundation for life-long learning and post-graduate education in nursing. The coursework is based on a foundation in liberal arts and seven major components: adaptive nursing process, health, professional leadership, client, scholarship/critical thinking, communication, and management. The curriculum is flexible to meet the changing needs of students, the nursing profession, and society.

N.A. (Nurse Aid) to B.S.N.

| Prerequisite Courses | Semester Hours |
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| ENG 101 Basic Composition | 3 |
| ENG 102 Research & Writing..... | 3 |
| PSY 110 General Psychology..... | 3 |
| PSY 210 Developmental Psychology..... | 3 |
| SOC 304 Cultural Diversity or SWK 209 Ethnic & Cultural Diversity..... | 3 |
| BIO/BIL 330 Anatomy & Physiology I..... | 4 |
| BIO/BIL 331 Anatomy & Physiology II..... | 4 |
| BIO/BIL 335 Microbiology | 4 |
| BIO 310 Pathophysiology..... | 3 |
| CHM/CHL 121 Intro to General Chemistry* | 2 |
| CHM/CHL 122 Intro to Organic Chemistry* | 2 |
| CHM/CHL 221 Introduction to BioChemistry* | 2 |
| CHM/CHL 222 Nutritional Chemistry* | 2 |
| * 1/2 semester course | |
| PreNursing Courses | |
| NUR 213 CNA Bridge to Professional Nursing | 1+(2 Prior Learning Credit)** |
| NUR 212 Concepts in Healthcare..... | 3 |
| **Prior learning credit for STNA course or equivalent | |
| General Education Courses | |
| Art or Music | 3 |
| History..... | 3 |
| Philosophy (PHL 101 or PHL103) | 3 |
| Theological Studies (2 Courses) | 6 |
| ENG 200 Introduction to Literature | 3 |
| PHL 310 Bio-Ethics | 3 |
| MTH 212 Statistics | 3 |
| Nursing Major Courses | |
| NUR 301 Biochemical Pharmacology..... | 3 |
| NUR 314/315 Health Assessment | 3 |
| NUR 316/317 Adult Health Nursing I | 6 |
| NUR 318/319 Psychosocial Health Nursing..... | 5 |
| NUR 324/325 Perinatal and Women's Health Nursing | 5 |
| NUR 328/329 Child Centered Nursing | 5 |
| NUR 326/327 Adult Health II..... | 5 |
| NUR 403 Nursing Research | 3 |
| NUR 416/417 Community Centered Nursing..... | 5 |
| NUR 418/419 Adult Health III | 7 |
| NUR 424/425 Leadership Roles & Nursing Management | 5 |
| NUR 426/427 Transitions in Nursing Practice | 5 |

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Ohio Board of Nursing

Note: This sheet is for general information only. For more specific information on this program refer to the Lourdes College catalog at <http://www.lourdes.edu/academics/?s=5&c=119> or contact the college.

Lourdes College, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, operates in a non-discriminatory manner with regard to race, color, age, or national origin. Furthermore, as required by Title IX of the 1972 Education Amendments, Lourdes College does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, sex, age, religion, national origin, ancestry, citizenship, sex, disability, military or veteran status, age, or other legally protected category in its programs, activities, and employment. Lourdes College also provides equal opportunity to qualified disabled persons in accordance with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act. A Catholic College in the Franciscan Tradition.

