

UNCG School of Nursing

Basic Pre-Licensure BSN

Degree Information

2022 – 2023

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program is designed to be completed in four academic years, plus one summer session. The course requirements in the BSN program are rigorous. For students to be competitive when applying to the upper division, they must be able to perform well academically while completing 14-16 semester hours each semester. Factors that may present special challenges to students include long distance commuting, family obligations, or financial need requiring more than 10-15 hours of work a week. If such factors apply to you, work with your academic advisor to formulate a plan of study that fits your personal situation.

The degree consists of four components: Minerva's Academic Curriculum (MAC), Nursing Cognate Requirements (pre-requisites for the upper division major), upper division major courses, and electives for meeting degree requirements. Students must earn a total of 120 semester hours to complete their bachelor's degree.

Minerva's Academic Curriculum (MAC): provides students with the foundational knowledge, skills, and values necessary to be critical and creative thinkers, ethical decision-makers, effective communicators, and collaborative and engaged global citizens. Students must complete 33-34 semester hours to meet the following competencies:

- MAC Foundations (ex. FYE 101, HHS 150, REL 113)
- MAC Written Communication (ex. ENG 101: Exploring Writing in College Contexts)
- MAC Oral Communication (ex. CST 105: Introduction to Communication Studies)
- MAC Quantitative Reasoning (STA 108, required for applying to nursing major)
- MAC Health & Wellness (NTR 213, required for applying to nursing major)
- MAC Critical Thinking/Humanities & Fine Arts (PHI 121 or 220, required for applying to nursing major)
- MAC Critical Thinking/Social & Behavioral Sciences (PSY 121 required for applying to nursing major)
- MAC Critical Thinking/Natural Sciences (BIO 111/111L: Principles of Biology)
- MAC Global Engagement & Intercultural Learning (ex. ATY 100, meets a nursing cognate)
- MAC Diversity & Equity through Social & Behavioral OR Humanities & Fine Arts (ex. ADS 210, WGS 250)
- MAC Data Analysis & Interpretation through Natural Sciences (CHE 103: General Descriptive Chemistry I)

Take notice!!! Courses used to meet the MAC categories also fulfill several of the requirements to apply to the nursing major. It is important for students to work with their academic advisors to ensure they are on track and taking courses to apply to the Upper Division nursing program, but also taking courses to meet the MAC requirements for graduation.

Nursing Cognate Requirements

Listed below are the nursing pre-requisites for the Upper Division. Students must complete the following courses before entering the Upper Division.

Course	Minimum Grade Required	Prerequisites to take upper-level BIO and CHE courses
**BIO 271/271L (Anatomy) or KIN 291/291L	C or better	BIO 111 +lab (with grade of C- or better)
**BIO 277/277L (Physiology) or KIN 292/292L	C or better	BIO 111 +lab (with grade of C- or better)
**BIO 280/280L (Microbiology)	C or better	BIO 271 or 277 required to take BIO 280 *
HDF 111 (Lifespan Development)	C or better	–
PSY 121 (General Psychology)	C or better	–
CHE 104 (Chemistry II)	C or better	CHE 103 (Chemistry I)
CHE 110 (lab)	–	–
SOC 101 or ATY 100 (Sociology or Anthropology)	C or better	–
NTR 213 (Nutrition)	C or better	–
PHI 121 or PHI 220 (Ethics)	C or better	–
STA 108 (Statistics)	C or better	–

*Please note, students **MUST TAKE** at least Anatomy or Physiology (BIO 271/271L or BIO 277/277L) through the Biology Department to be prepared for Microbiology. If students are taking the KIN291/291L or the KIN 292/292L options, make sure at least one of the biology (BIO) options is completed, or you will not be eligible to take Microbiology.

****If transferring in science coursework,** you must have a meeting with a nursing school advisor to make sure your courses will meet the specific prerequisites of the BSN Program**

UPPER DIVISION NURSING REQUIREMENTS

Students must be formally admitted to the upper division to take these courses (see page 3 for information about application for the upper division). NUR 210 and 220/220L will be taught in the summer immediately preceding the 300-level nursing courses, to students who have been admitted to the upper division major.

ELECTIVE HOURS

Students sometimes need to take elective hours prior to graduation. The number of electives needed varies based on your course selection and any transfer courses you might have. You must earn at least 120 hours to graduate. We highly recommend that you calculate your hours prior to entering the Upper Division to see if you will need any electives.

Applications for the Upper Division Major

Students must be formally admitted to the School of Nursing, which is an upper division major. Admission to UNCG does not guarantee admission to the upper division major. Applications are available each year on the School of Nursing website from December 1 through February 1. Transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended must be submitted by February 1st, as these grades and GPA are also taken into consideration during the admissions process. Students are notified of the School's decision regarding acceptance in early to mid-March. Students may not enroll in required nursing courses without being admitted to the School.

Minimum Criteria for Admission to the upper division major, printed in the UNCG Bulletin, include:

1. Overall grade point average of 3.0 or higher.
2. A grade of "C" or better in the following courses: BIO 271/271L or KIN 291/291L; BIO 277/277L or KIN 292/292L; BIO 280/280L; CHE 104; STA 108; HDF 111; PSY 121; NTR 213; PHI 121 or PHI 220; and SOC 101 or ATY 100.
3. No more than two of the above prerequisite courses may be repeated to earn the minimum grade or better. Prerequisite courses may be repeated only one time.
4. Scores for the ATI TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills) must be submitted electronically by the application deadline, February 1st. Information regarding the ATI TEAS test is available on our website.
5. Matriculation into the upper division is contingent upon receipt of a satisfactory evaluation signed by the student's physician of the applicant's physical and emotional health to provide nursing care. Forms will be sent to the students who are admitted to the upper division.

Due to the competitive nature of this program, successful applicants typically present much higher credentials for admission.

Priority Admissions

Priority in admission (subject to space availability) will be granted to students who meet the following criteria:

1. Enter UNCG as a new, first time freshman on a 4-year plan of study.
2. Earn and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.50 by the end of the third semester.
3. Complete all but one of the following required science courses:

CHE 104	General Descriptive Chemistry II
BIO 271/271L	Human Anatomy (or KIN 291/291L Clinical Human Anatomy)
BIO 277/277L	Human Physiology (or KIN 292/292L Clinical Human Physiology)
BIO 280/280L	Fundamentals of Microbiology

and at least one of the following pre-requisite courses:

NTR 213	Introductory Nutrition
STA 108	Elementary Introduction to Probability and Statistics
PHI 121	Contemporary Moral Problems or PHI 220 Medical Ethics or RCO 203

by the end of the third semester, with a 3.0 (B) or better in each course completed. Courses must be completed at UNCG. These courses may not be repeated.
4. Complete three (3) semesters at UNCG (minimum of 45 semester hours). All the courses above, **must be completed** by the end of the spring semester, to matriculate into the nursing program that summer.
5. Overall score of 78% or above on the ATI TEAS. Two scores accepted.
6. Meet all other admission requirements for the upper-division nursing major.

Campus Resources

- **Career and Professional Development (CPD):** provides career testing and counseling, resume services, job fairs, and many other career related services that are free to all UNCG students. Located in EUC, Room 1 (first floor), 336.334.5454, <https://cpd.uncg.edu/>
- **The Counseling Center:** provides individual counseling, group therapy, crisis intervention, psychiatric services, consultation, and outreach activities. Located on the 2nd floor of the Gove Student Health Center. 336.334.5874.
- **The Leonard J. Kaplan Center for Wellness:** Recreation & Wellness has evolved into a place where you can reflect deeper, play harder, grow stronger, explore farther, accomplish more, and enjoy life. Focus areas for personal wellness include, but are not limited to, alcohol and substance use prevention, sexual health, nutrition and body image, mental health, and sexual and relationship violence prevention. 336.334.5924, <https://recwell.uncg.edu/wellness/>
- **Anna M. Gove Student Health Center:** provides comprehensive health services. 336.334.5340, <http://www.uncg.edu/shs/>
- **Office of Accessibility Resources & Services:** provides direct assistance to students with disabilities to promote academic success and access to all programs and services; assess and evaluate needs of students with disabilities in order to develop appropriate programs; work cooperatively with all units of the University community to maintain an accessible climate; increase the involvement of persons with disabilities in all aspects of campus life; and provide opportunities for the University community to be aware of the physical and academic needs of persons with disabilities. Located in EUC, Suite 215, 336.334.5440, <https://oars.uncg.edu/>
- **Writing (336.334.3125) and Speaking (252.538.3407) Centers:** free assistance with writing projects and speaking skills. Located in Moore Humanities and Research Administration Building, room 3211.
- **Students First Office (SFO):** provides academic advising, first-year initiatives, and programs to aid undergraduate success. Students interested in looking at other majors on campus should schedule an appointment to meet with an advisor in SFO. Located in Room 101 Forney Student Success Commons, 336.334.5730, <https://studentsfirst.uncg.edu/>
- **Academic Achievement Center** provides a variety of programs including:
 - **Tutoring and Academic Skills Programs:** Free tutoring for all students in many lower-level courses, study skills assessments, and academic workshops. Located in the Forney Student Success Commons, 336.334.3878, email at aac@uncg.edu or visit their website: <https://success.uncg.edu/departments/aac/>
 - **Student Support Services (SSS):** program designed to maximize academic performance for students who are first-generation, from modest income backgrounds, or who have a documented disability registered with OARS and who demonstrate an academic need for services: sss@uncg.edu
 - **Supplemental Instruction Program (SIP)** for selected courses, same location and contact info as AAC