

VCU School of Nursing

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TRADITIONAL BS PROGRAM - SOPHOMORE ENTRY

Are you a college student seeking a career in nursing? Our Traditional BS Program provides a basic nursing education to students seeking their first degree. Building on a strong liberal arts background, the Traditional BS program combines intense classroom study with clinical experience at the VCU Health System and other local health care facilities.

This three-year program develops the nursing knowledge and skills needed for professional practice. After earning a BS in nursing, graduates can take the NCLEX-RN examination for RN licensure. Students are accepted into the Traditional BS Program as sophomores.

Prerequisites:

• UNIV 111-112 or equivalent	3 credits
• General or Introduction to Sociology	3 credits
• General or Introduction to Psychology	3 credits
• College Math or Statistics	3 credits
• BIOL 101	4 credits
• Second Lab Science*	4 credits
• Anatomy**	4 credits
• Nutrition	3 credits

* Must be 100-level or higher Biology, Chemistry, or Physics. If Chemistry was not successfully completed in high school, one of the courses must be college Chemistry.

** If Anatomy is combined with Physiology in a two-semester sequence, both parts must be completed prior to admission.

A sample curriculum includes:

Sophomore year, fall semester

• NURS 261 Health Assessment for Nursing Practice	3 credits
• PHIS 206 Human Physiology	4 credits
• PSYC 304 Life Span Developmental psychology	3 credits
• PHIL 201 Critical Thinking	3 credits
• Lower Level Electives	3 credits

Sophomore year, spring semester

• BIOL 209 Medical Microbiology	4 credits
• NURS 201 Concepts of Nursing	3 credits
• NURS 202 Technologies of Nursing Practice	4 credits
• Lower Level Elective	3 credits

Junior year, fall semester

• NURS 325 Nursing of Adults I	6 credits
• NURS 355 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	5 credits
• NURS 365 Nursing Science I	3 credits
• NURS 371 Principles of Research in Nursing Practice	2 credit

Junior year, spring semester

• NURS 335 Nursing of Women I	6 credits
• NURS 345 Nursing of Children	6 credits
• NURS 366 Nursing Science II	3 credits

Senior year, fall semester	
• NURS 425 Nursing of Adults II	6 credits
• NURS 477 Leadership and Management in Health Care	4 credits
• NURS 486 Nursing Leadership	2 credits
• Upper Level Elective	3 credits
Senior year, spring semester	
• NURS 415 Community Health Nursing	5 credits
• NURS 471 Evidence-based Practice in Nursing	2 credits
• NURS 496 Senior Synthesis	5 credits
• Upper Level Elective	3 credits

Applying to the program

Students are admitted in the fall semester. The application deadline is January 15. SAT or ACT scores are required for admission. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to attend [**one of our weekly information sessions**](#), which are held every Friday that the University is open, to learn more about our programs and applying to the School of Nursing. Please refer to the [**Application Instructions**](#) on the School of Nursing website for details regarding admission and entry requirements. For more information, please call 800-828-9451 (toll free) or 828-5171 (Richmond) or email vcu_nurse@vcu.edu.

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