

BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

College of Nursing



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Nursing is a significant occupation for men and women. Brigham Young University is proud of its contribution in educating professional nurses.

The Brigham Young University College of Nursing, fully approved by the Utah State Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing, offers a baccalaureate program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. All students completing the Bachelor of Science program are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) necessary to become a registered nurse.

At the completion of the baccalaureate program, graduates may seek employment opportunities in hospitals, doctor's offices, community agencies, home health, and world health agencies. Graduates function as integral colleagues of various health care teams. The nursing program gives students a broad array of learning experiences in helping to prepare them for the complex "professional nurse" role.

The baccalaureate nursing curriculum is designed for the full-time student. (See the Curriculum Guides on page 4.) Students carry as many as 14-16 credits most semesters. The six semesters of nursing courses include **up to 20 hours of clinical experience each week** in addition to course work. Because of the rigors of this study plan, students should not expect to work more than 10-12 hours a week during their program. Once admitted students will be required to read yearly the Nursing Student Handbook found on the Nursing website. Students will be responsible for the information therein. The Handbook is updated every summer term.

Students working part time or having family or other outside responsibilities are encouraged to complete more of the required general education courses prior to applying for acceptance into the nursing program. Currently, Nursing students spend about 30 hours weekly in course preparation. You may need to go a Spring or Summer term in order to finish general education requirements.

Individual students need to determine the most appropriate plan for their circumstances. As much of the general education or University Core courses should be taken prior to or during the semester in which they are listed in the curriculum so that theory from these courses can be applied to nursing courses. The courses on the Curriculum Guides which are marked with an asterisk (*) are requirements into the program. All classes will be used to compute GPA. **All the Prerequisite courses must be completed successfully in order to begin the Nursing program.**

All nursing courses--prerequisite, supporting, and nursing--must be completed with a grade of at least a "C". A "C-" is not satisfactory progress. Students may repeat one prerequisite course one time without penalty. The average pre-nursing GPA of students who are accepted is 3.8. The range of GPAs of those accepted is usually 4.0 – 3.7.

The theory class and skills laboratory for nursing classes are taught on the Provo campus with clinical facilities located in Utah and Salt Lake counties and in other parts of the state. **Students may be assigned to various agencies along the Wasatch Front and must be able to supply their own transportation.**

Students are accepted for Fall and Winter semesters. To be accepted into the baccalaureate nursing program students must:

- 1) Be admitted as a student at Brigham Young University. Write to the Admissions Office, A-153 ASB, for applications **at least six months** prior to expected admittance to BYU. Or, students can apply for admission to the University by applying on the BYU website at www.byu.edu. Admission to BYU does not guarantee acceptance into the nursing program.
- 2) Complete the pre-nursing courses (Nurs 180, NDFS 100, PDBio 220, Chem 285 and either SFL 210 or Psych 220). As many GE courses as can be taken should also be completed before applying for acceptance.
- 3) Apply for acceptance into the nursing program by talking to the College of Nursing Advisement Center (551 SWKT, 801-422-4173) during the following times: (all dates subject to change)

To start Nursing:

Fall
Winter

Ask about application:

February
August

Submit Midterms by:

(Midterms not required)
October (Midterms required*)

***Midterm grades for all BYU classes which are in progress Fall semester at BYU must be submitted right after your midterm in October in order for the Winter application to be reviewed. If you are attending a different school or are taking class(es) through Independent Study, then your classes have to be completed and on your transcript by the application time. See College of Nursing website for specific dates.**

Application information is available on the College of Nursing website for more information.
<http://nursing.byu.edu>.

- 4) Submit all required documents by the deadline specified on the application.
- 5) Review the enclosed baccalaureate program flow chart for information regarding pre-nursing requirements. **If you have questions, please contact the Advisement Center.**
- 6) Applications must be filled out by the applicant himself/herself, whether home or abroad.

Acceptance into the baccalaureate nursing program is based on a number of criteria including, but not limited to, academic performance, and ACT/SAT or TOEFL score. **Other criteria include written communication skills; community, church, and school service/leadership experience; and two recommendations.** Applicants are expected to finish all pre-nursing courses with a C grade or better prior to enrolling in the first clinical nursing class. (Students may have only one repeat of one class without penalty.) Acceptance to the nursing program is competitive and restricted to a limited number of openings yearly. Not all students who meet course completion requirements may be accepted into the program.

Students re-applying need to resubmit the informational sheets online and all sheets from the application that require a signature online. See the Nursing Advisor for additional information.

Missionary Policy: If you intend to serve a mission, we strongly encourage you to apply after your missionary service. We no longer will be deferring acceptance for the program. You must either start the program the semester you were admitted or reapply for a different semester.

Upon acceptance to the program, students are required to maintain current CPR certification throughout the Nursing program. In addition, students must complete a criminal background check, drug screen, and keep their immunizations up to date. Information will be given in an acceptance packet regarding immunizations, CPR, background check, drug screens and other materials. Students with a history of a misdemeanor or felony involving moral turpitude may not be eligible for continuance in the program or licensure upon completing the program.

Students with English as a second language must take the TOEFL and get an over-all score of at least a 93 (internet-based) with at least 24 sub-scores in both reading and listening. Students must also successfully complete a medical terminology class (either Nurs 102 or Latin 123). After the TOEFL has been completed with the minimum score needed and the medical terminology class is completed or currently enrolled, then the student will need to take the OPI/IELTS package exams. OPI is a speaking exam and IELTS is a writing exam. Talk to the Nursing Advisement Center about more details for the OPI/IELTS exam package.

Students transferring into the College of Nursing will also follow the same course sequence as other students. Transfer courses from other colleges which are equivalent in content and credit will be reviewed for acceptance. **Transfer students should be aware that they must have a transfer GPA of at least a 3.6-3.7 and that BYU may limit admission of transfer students with more than 80 semester credits of transfer work. In addition to transferring classes, you will need to also transfer the ACT or SAT scores. Contact the Admissions Office for more information on transferring.**

Plan to attend the BYU New Student Orientation (NSO) meeting with the College of Nursing when you arrive at BYU. When you apply for admission to the University, indicate your interest in the nursing program. Participate in all of NSO, one of the sessions will be with the College of Nursing. You may access the BYU Catalog on-line at <http://catalog.byu.edu/>. The catalog gives a description of the nursing program. It also contains information about admission to BYU, housing, fees, scholarships administered through the University, and other helpful information.

Scholarships administered through the College of Nursing are awarded to students who have been accepted to the Nursing program and who have completed two or more Nursing semesters at BYU. To be considered for a College of Nursing Scholarship, continuing students must be accepted to the Nursing program, have gone at least two semesters in the program and complete the university scholarship application by the deadline—usually February 1st—each year for Fall and Winter awards. The deadline for spring and summer awards is also February 1st. Scholarship information and applications are available on the BYU web page at the following website: <https://financialaid.byu.edu/section/scholarships>. Nursing scholarship information can be found on our nursing web page. Please contact the College of Nursing Advisement Center front office for more information.

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**BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF NURSING
BACCALAUREATE CURRICULUM GUIDE**

<u>First Semester</u> *Nurs 180 (Preview to Nursing) 1 *SFL 210 or Psych 220 (both Hum. Dev.) 3 *NDFS 100 (Nutrition) 3 Recommended University Core: First Year Writing Physical Science (<u>Chem 101</u> ***) Religion Total: 13-16 Credits	<u>Second Semester</u> *Chemistry 285 (Bio/Organic Chem) 4 *PDBio 220 (Anatomy) 3 Recommended or Possible University Core: Religion Civilization American Heritage Arts/Letters @Psych 111 Intro to Psych 3 (completed before Nurs 461) Total: 13-16 credits
* Indicates prerequisite courses. University Core may be taken in any order. Nurs 180 and development elective can be taken either semester.	
<u>Spring/Summer</u> Complete 6-9 hours of University Core: Arts/ letters, American Heritage, Civilization, Religion if needed. See Advisor.	
<u>Third Semester</u> @PDBio 305 Physiology 4 @MMBio 221 Micro 3 @MMBio 222 Lab 1 Nurs 294 Health Assessment and Promotion 3 University GE 3 Rel 2 15-16	<u>Fourth Semester</u> @Stats 121 3 Nurs 296 Introduction to Community and Public Health Nursing 1 Nurs 295 Nurs Fundamentals 3 Nurs 291 Nurs Care Older Adults 2.5 Nurs 292 CI Prac Nurs Older Adult 1.5 Nurs 293 Communication for Nurs .5 @PDBIO 365 Pathophysiology 4 15.5
Spring internships may be available for international students. You may need to go a Spring/Summer to complete more University Core	
<u>Fifth Semester</u> Rel. 2 Nurs 320 Scholarly Inquiry in Nursing 3 Nurs 300 Pharmacology 3 Nurs 341 Nursing Care of Adults With Illness 3 Nurs 342 CI Prac Acute/Chronic Illness 3.5 Nurs 343 Lab/sim Acute/Chronic Illness 1 15.5	<u>Sixth Semester</u> Nurs 351 Nurs Care of Women & Newborns 2 Nurs 352 CI Prac Women & Newborn 1.5 Nurs 361 Nurs Care Children & Fam 2 Nurs 362 CI Prac Children & Fam 2 Nurs 339 Ethics in Nursing 2 Nurs 363 Lab/Sim Women & Child .5 *Nurs 403 Didactic P&G Health 3 Rel 2 15 <u>Winter only</u> Nurs 390R Culture Prep I .5 <u>Spring</u> *Nurs 404 CI Prac P&G Health 3.5 Nurs 390R Culture PrepII 2.5
<u>Seventh Semester</u> Nurs 461 Psych/Mental Hlth Nursing 2.5 Nurs 462 CI Prac Psych/Mental Hlth Nurs 1.5 Nurs 471 Adults in Crisis 3 Nurs 472 CI Prac Adults in Crisis 2.5 Nurs 473 Lab/sim Adults in Crisis 1 Rel 2 Arts or letters elective or other GE 3 15.5	<u>Eighth Semester</u> Rel 2 Nurs 390R NCLEX Prep (optional) 1.5 Nurs 390R Career Strategies II (optional) 1 Nurs 491 Nurs Capstone 2 Nurs 492 CI Prac Nurs Capstone 5.5 12

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NOTE: If Math ACT score is lower than 23, check with the Nursing Advisor.

Chem 101 may be needed prior to Chemistry 285 if you have not had two years of high school chemistry or passed Chemistry Placement Test.

***Chem 101 is the first choice NOT 105, although any class can be taken. Again, we highly recommend Chem 101.

Physical Science Elective→ See GE explanation on the Web for elective options. <http://catalog.byu.edu/about-byu/university-core>

Civilization2 courses **may** also fill 1 Arts Elective requirement or 1 Letters Elective requirement. See GE explanation on the Web

@ indicates a Nursing Supporting Class which is to be taken during the semester listed or before that semester.

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Prerequisite Requirements

All pre-nursing courses must be completed with a “C” or better prior to beginning nursing classes (A “C-” is not satisfactory progress). (Student may have only one repeat of one prerequisite class.) These preparatory classes are indicated below with an asterisk (*). (Transfer students must have an overall transfer GPA of at least 3.5-3.6 in order to be eligible for admissions to BYU.)

1. Students must complete the following prerequisite classes prior to beginning Nursing classes:
*Chem 285 (may need Chem 101 first) *PDBio 220 *NDFS 100
*Nurs 180 *Human Development Elective (SFL 210 or Psych 220)
Plus GE/Religion credit to equal 28 semester hours total
2. All students applying will need to submit the documentations asked for in the application.
3. ESL students have additional requirements. Please see above or the Nursing Advisement Center for information.

Application

Applicants need to look online (nursing.byu.edu) for the application under the “Future Students” Tab.

Applications are available in February and July. The application must be filled out by the applicant himself/herself, whether home or abroad. The following information must be included at the time of submission. Applications with missing information will **not** be considered.

- A. Completed application form (online)
- B. A signed “Essential Abilities” form (online)
- C. A complete transcript – required only for transfer students (See Advisor). We use an OVERALL GPA for applications.
- D. Response to an essay question (Sign up online in the application)
- E. List of school, community, and church leadership/service for the past five years (submit online)
- F. ACT/SAT or TOEFL score (online)
- G. Two recommendations – (online – an email will be sent with a link to your recommenders)
- H. Proof of admission to BYU – if not a current student
- I. Any other documents included in the application (For example: Midterm grade sheets)

ACCEPTANCE DATA

Winter 2003 – Winter 2015

Below is data from the past few application periods. It is important for all applicants to view the trends as they apply to the Brigham Young University College of Nursing. New nursing students are accepted each fall and winter semester.

The College of Nursing usually accepts 48 students each application period. In the future, if the college receives additional funding, the college may be able to accept and support up to 64 students each semester.

In addition to grades, writing, service and recommendations, the college may consider applicants on other criteria including outstanding classes. See the nursing advisor for clarification.

Average accepted ACT is around 27-28 usually.

	Number of Re-applicants	Number of Applicants	Number of Qualified Applicants	Number of Students Accepted	Range of Applicant GPA	Avg. Accepted GPA	Range of Accepted GPA	Avg. Accepted Total Points
Fall 2015	11	153	144	50*	2.77-4.00	3.90	3.77-4.00	35.1
Winter 2015	16	89	74	45*	2.77-4.00	3.77	3.50-4.00	30.2
Fall 2014	12	132	118	48*	3.10-4.00	3.90	3.76-4.00	33.9
Winter 2014	22	86	77	48*	2.48-4.00	3.74	3.51-4.00	29.4
Fall 2013	16	125	121	50*	2.58-4.00	3.68	3.56-4.00	26.5
Winter 2013	34	115	108	64	2.96-3.99	3.76	3.62-3.99	29.7
Fall 2012	12	134	129	64	3.08-4.00	3.86	3.69-4.00	32.2
Winter 2012	11	128	117	64	3.03-4.00	3.79	3.63-4.00	30.3
Fall 2011	13	122	119	64	3.14-4.00	3.87	3.68-4.00	32.21
Winter 2011	13	76	75	64	3.35-2.69	3.71	3.35-3.98	28.19
Fall 2010	9	131	127	64	3.01-4.00	3.91	3.80-4.00	33.84
Winter 2010	33	126	122	64	3.12-3.99	3.88	3.77-3.99	32.34
Fall 2009	31	137	136	64	3.22-4.00	3.93	3.81-4.00	34.4
Winter 2009	54	157	148	64	2.925-4.0	3.858	3.730-4.0	36.6
Fall 2008 – Old	17	27	26	17	3.260-4.0	3.800	3.607-4.0	34.4
Fall 2008 – New	35	131	131	49	2.920-4.0	3.910	3.790-4.0	37.9
Sp 2008 – Old	29	81	77	24	3.189-4.0	3.896	3.587-4.0	37.3
Sp 2008 – New	8	54	54	24	3.333-4.0	3.946	3.834-4.0	38.5
Winter 2008	38	76	74	24	2.892-4.0	3.873	3.760-4.0	35.8
Fall 2007 – Old	18	118	115	48	2.952-4.0	3.912	3.808-4.0	36
Fall 2007 – New	2	62	60	16	3.060-4.0	3.969	3.820-4.0	37.8
Winter 2007	39	104	100	64	3.036-4.0	3.891	3.611-4.0	43.95
Fall 2006	17	122	117	64	3.119-4.0	3.856	3.596-4.0	43.25
Winter 2006	23	93	90	64	2.648-4.0	3.756	3.387-4.0	41.719
Fall 2005	28	123	117	64	2.759-4.0	3.817	3.444-4.0	42.360
Winter 2005	45	114	113	48	2.980-4.0	3.854	3.574-4.0	42.677
Fall 2004	34	119	119	48	3.060-4.0	3.828	3.389-4.0	41.885
Winter 2004	45	117	114	64	2.860-4.0	3.747	3.519-4.0	40.840
Fall 2003	13	109	109	64	3.193-4.0	3.790	3.370-4.0	40.883
Winter 2003	23	84	81	59	1.979-4.0	3.610	3.160-4.0	36.119

*This is just the number of newly accepted, not the number starting the program. The number starting is higher due to returning missionaries.