SCHOOL OF NURSING

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University of Lynchburg Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing Programs offer distinctive curricula fostering a student-centered environment that values diversity, welcomes all faith traditions, and engages students in a global society.

The mission of University of Lynchburg Nursing is to impart an attitude of service, thoughtful inquiry, leadership, scholarship, excellent communication skills, and continuous quality improvement using state of the art technologies, to position students for successful, entry level professional nursing careers and future graduate studies.

University of Lynchburg Nursing incorporates a liberal arts education preparing students to be effective leaders in the civic, professional, and spiritual dimensions of life. A rigorous, evidence based, patient-centered curriculum is enhanced by experiences in a variety of health care settings, collaborating across disciplines to deliver holistic nursing care. Information on health care policies and systems management is incorporated to ensure students receive a broader context of health care to effectively function in the professional nursing environment. Faculty use innovative teaching modalities, state of the art technologies, and informatics to guide students in the delivery of safe, culturally competent nursing care, addressing health promotion and health prevention in individuals, families, communities and populations. Faculty maintain close relationships with students, alumni, staff, and community partners to enhance the nursing curriculum and professional learning experiences.

In support of the Mission of the University of Lynchburg Nursing Program, students will:
1. Make appropriate nursing practice decisions using research and evidence based practice for persons of various ages and health states to promote and improve health care results.
2. Provide safe, patient-centered, culturally competent nursing care across the continuum for individuals, families, communities, and populations to promote health and disease prevention.
3. Communicate effectively with patients, families, colleagues, and professionals from other disciplines.
4. Demonstrate effective, ethical use of information technologies to perform and document safe, quality patient care.
5. Demonstrate excellence in writing skills and research by producing creative scholarship that expands nursing knowledge.
6. Positively influence health care outcomes through interprofessional collaboration to accomplish patient health care goals.
7. Integrate knowledge of health care policies, systems management, and finance using innovative approaches to promote continuous quality improvement in healthcare settings
8. Demonstrate professional behaviors and values to model the core attributes of the nursing profession and pursue practice excellence.

Application and Deadlines: Freshmen, Transfer, and Second Degree Students
1. Freshman students enter University of Lynchburg with an intended program goal of nursing. A separate application to the nursing major must be completed and submitted by April 1 of the freshman spring semester. Applications will be reviewed following completion of spring semester.
2. Transfer students must complete an application to University of Lynchburg by April 1. Applications will be reviewed following receipt of transcripts.
3. Second-degree students who have completed all required nursing prerequisite courses must complete an application to University of Lynchburg by April 1.
4. Students submitting applications after April 1 will be considered on a space available basis.

Application Requirements: Freshmen and Transfer Students
1. Completion of CHEM 127 with a minimum grade of “C”
2. Minimum total score on Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) of 60 percent, with minimum sub-scores of 50 percent in each category. The test must be completed in spring semester, freshman year.
3. Completion of or enrollment in non-science prerequisite courses PSYC 241, STAT 222, and HP 270. All prerequisite courses must be completed prior to starting the nursing program.
4. Completion of or registered for BIOL 222/222L and BIOL 223/223L
5. Minimum QPA of 3.0 in completed prerequisite courses at end of spring semester.
6. Minimum overall QPA of 3.0 at the end of the spring semester

Application Requirements: Second Degree Students
1. Completion of BIOL 222/222L, 223/223L, CHEM 127, STAT 222, HP 270, and PSYC 241 with a minimum grade of “C”
2. Minimum overall QPA of 3.0 in undergraduate courses. (If graduate courses have been taken, the average of the undergraduate and graduate GPA's will be used.)
3. Minimum QPA of 3.0 in completed prerequisite courses.

Application Decisions
1. Once all admission requirements are fulfilled, priority will be determined by the following ranking:
   a. QPA in completed prerequisite courses
   b. Overall QPA
   c. Total score on TEAS
   d. Number of hours completed at University of Lynchburg
2. Freshmen applicants will be notified of admission decisions by June 15 of each year.
3. Students who have preregistered for nursing courses but are not admitted to the major should meet with their advisors to change their schedule for the upcoming year.
4. Second-degree students will be notified of admission by April 1 of each year.
5. Transfer students will be notified of admission by July 15 of each year.

Following review of applications, freshmen and transfer students will be admitted to the nursing major. Nursing classes begin at the sophomore level. In addition, a small group of second-degree or qualified transfer students will be admitted to the nursing program. They will be scheduled for an intensive summer session to complete the sophomore level nursing courses and will begin junior-level nursing courses in the fall semester. Second degree students who complete the intensive summer session via the accelerated nursing program will be allowed to complete the BS in Nursing program in four semesters.

Requirements for Continuing in the Nursing Program
To continue to progress in the nursing major, students must achieve a minimum grade of C in all non-nursing prerequisite courses and a minimum QPA of 3.0 in nursing and non-nursing prerequisite courses. Students must achieve a grade of B- or better in all nursing courses. If a student is not successful in obtaining the required grades in nursing and or non-nursing prerequisites, he or she may repeat the course once if space is available. If a nursing major fails to earn a minimum grade of B- on any two required courses, or the same course twice, the student must withdraw from the nursing major. If a student feels that he/she has not completed a nursing course with a B- or better due to an extenuating circumstance, he or she may file a written appeal documenting these circumstances to the nursing program director.

Specific policies and regulations for nursing majors and clinical practice are published in the course syllabi and/or the nursing student handbook. Policies include having on file or in the Office of Health and Counseling Services a complete list of immunizations, including hepatitis B, as well as drug screening. Prior to admission to the nursing program, a Criminal History Records Check must be completed as required by the Board of Nursing. Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical sites. A non-refundable professional fee, charged upon entry to the pre-nursing courses and at the beginning of the sophomore, junior, and senior years, covers skills lab(including simulation) supplies and standardized testing. There may be additional charges related to equipment or testing; these are listed in the Nursing Student Handbook and on the University of Lynchburg Nursing website. During the sophomore, junior, and senior years, the student will take a variety of tests to prepare for the NCLEX RN exam, which is required to practice. The program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Virginia State Board of Nursing.

The following are the nursing major requirements:

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<th>Prerequisites to the nursing major:</th>
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### Academic Programs

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<td>#PSYC 241</td>
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Nursing major courses:

- ^NRSG 220  Pathophysiology 3
- ^NRSG 225  Nursing Fundamentals 3
- ^NRSG 225L Nursing Fundamentals Lab 1
- ^NRSG 232/232L Health Assessment and Lab 3
- ^NRSG 300/300L Pharmacology and Lab 4
- ^NRSG 335/335L Nursing Care of Childbearing Family and Lab 4
- ^NRSG 336/336L Nursing Care of Children and Families and Lab 4
- ^NRSG 341/341L Medical Surgical Nursing I and Lab 5
- ^NRSG 342/342L Medical Surgical Nursing II and Lab 5
- ^NRSG 402W  Professional Nursing Seminar 2
- ^NRSG 410W  Clinical Management and Research Project 3
- ^NRSG 412W  Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice 2
- ^NRSG 418/418L Community Health and Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing and Lab 5
- ^NRSG 419  Synthesis Practicum 3
- ^NRSG 428/428L Care of Adults with Complex Illnesses and Lab 5

*Total Hours Required* 73

# Minimum grade of C is required for this course.

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