



XAVIER UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF NURSING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Xavier University College of Nursing offers a four year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. Following successful completion, graduates are qualified to sit for the registered nurse licensure examination (NCLEX-RN). Upon RN licensure, graduates are eligible to sit for the holistic nurse certification examination (HN).

Nursing faculty with a broad range of education, experience, and specialization teach students in a small class size format enabling them to challenge, support, and get to know their students in a way not otherwise possible. Teaching is enhanced by state-of-the-art clinical simulation laboratories and inter-professional learning opportunities with a population health focus.

BSN CURRICULUM

The foundation of Xavier's success is its commitment to its Jesuit heritage. The core curriculum embodies Xavier's mission and philosophy of education and serves as a valuable foundation for all undergraduate students. The nursing courses build on the core curriculum to foster the development of nurses who are professionally, socially and culturally competent and who embody the Jesuit mission.

SCHOOL OF NURSING MISSION

Following the precepts put forth in the Xavier University's mission statement and Jesuit tradition, the faculty of the College of Nursing affirms its mission to educate undergraduate and graduate students with emphasis on preparing them to be nursing leaders and scholars in the delivery of interprofessional, collaborative, holistic care in a complex, population-based dynamic healthcare environment and diverse socio-political global community. Faculty and students' personal and professional development, their scholarship, leadership and service are directed to enhance the mission of the College of Nursing.

SCHOOL OF NURSING PHILOSOPHY

The faculty believes the mission is grounded in the traditions, values and spirit of the profession that directly benefits patients and populations by seeking social justice and decreasing disparities when caring for the sick, promoting health, preventing illness, engaging in scientific inquiry, and ultimately, enhancing quality of body, mind and spirit of individuals across the life span. Our graduates have mastery over knowledge and skills essential to, holistic, interprofessional, and population health nursing practice while incorporating the Ignatian values and traditions of cura personalis, discernment, magis, mission, service rooted in justice and love, reflection, and solidarity and kinship.

BSN PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Our Xavier graduates while working across various systems, commit themselves to improving health outcomes and safeguarding the health care interests and needs of populations which include individuals, families and communities. Our graduates accomplish these commitments through scholarship, service, leadership, and personal and professional growth.

1. Demonstrate scholarship through critical thinking vital to professional judgement and ethic/moral decision making.
2. Exemplify service by valuing the dignity and worth of each person while providing thoughtful, compassionate and competent professional care to clients in transition.
3. Demonstrate leadership by coordinating, delegating, collaborating and maintaining collegial relationships with other members of the interdisciplinary health care team to promote the health and welfare of clients.
4. Value personal and professional growth through involvement in professional activities and by assuming responsibility for professional competence and continuing education.

PRACTICUM EXPERIENCES

Students are prepared to function in the nation's evolving health care system as they learn to improve population health across the life span with an inter-professional focus.

Students are in practicum placements from 6 to 12 hours per week depending on the semester. A variety of hospitals and community-based health care agencies are utilized for practicum experiences. Xavier maintains agency agreements with more than 30 agencies in the Greater Cincinnati area.

Nursing students incur expenses required for participation in practicum experiences. These include, but are not limited to, liability insurance covered by the University and charged for each practicum course, annual physical examination by a health care provider, Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR) immunization, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis TDAP vaccination and Td booster 10 years post-Tdap, proof of Varicella (chicken pox) immunization/immunity, completed Hepatitis B vaccination series, annual Tuberculosis (TB) screening, proof of current health care coverage and CPR certification for health care providers. Also required are fingerprint and background records check (BCI and FBI). Federally regulated drug testing is required. Additional requirements may be added based on clinical agency agreements.

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS FOR CONTINUATION IN THE BSN PROGRAM

Freshmen directly admitted to and enrolled in the BSN program must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.70 to begin sophomore level nursing courses. A cumulative 2.70 grade point average is required thereafter to remain in good standing in the program.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING ACCREDITATION AND ENDORSEMENTS

Xavier's BSN, Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) and Doctor of Nursing Practice in Population Health Leadership (DNP) programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), the premier accrediting agency for baccalaureate and graduate nursing programs. The College of Nursing programs are endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation. Endorsement entitles BSN and graduate nursing students to take the holistic nursing examination to be certified as holistic nurses.

ADMISSION

Admission to the College of Nursing is competitive. Students apply directly through the Office of Admission. There is no separate application for nursing. However, it is important to indicate nursing as the major on the application and apply by the deadline as indicated on the Undergraduate Admission website.

www.xavier.edu/undergraduate-admission/admission-process/Selective-Admission-Programs.cfm.

NOTE: A past felony or misdemeanor conviction may result in disqualification for the state licensure examination (as outlined in Section 4723.28 of the Ohio Revised Code).

NURSING AT XAVIER www.xavier.edu/nursing **XAVIER INQUIRE, VISIT, APPLY** www.xavier.edu/admission

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE FOR BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)

Freshman Year (Fall)	Cr.	Freshman Year (Spring)	Cr.
BIOL 140 Human Anat. & Physiology I ¹	3	BIOL 142 Human Anat. & Physiology II ¹	3
BIOL 141 Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab ¹	1	BIOL 143 Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab ¹	1
Second Language I	3	Second Language II	3
SOCI 101 Intro to Soc. OR SOCW 167 Survey of SW ²	3	Math Elective (Required for nursing) ²	3
CORE 100 First Yr. Seminar or THEO 111 Theo. Found. ²	3	CORE 100 First Yr. Seminar or THEO 111 Theo. Found. ²	3
CORE 101 First Yr. Co-Curriculum Program I ¹	0	CORE 102 First Yr. Co-Curriculum Program II ¹	0
NURS 130 Ways of Knowing	3	NURS 132 Health and Culture I	3
Total	16	Total	16

Sophomore Year (Fall)	Cr.	Sophomore Year (Spring)	Cr.
CHEM 150 Physiological Chemistry ¹	3	NURS 364 Pathophysiology	3
CHEM 151 Physiological Chemistry Lab ¹	1	BIOL 200 Microbiology ¹	3
ENGL 101 Composition or ENGL 115 Rhetoric	3	BIOL 201 Microbiology Lab ¹	1
PHIL 100 Ethics as Intro. to Philosophy	3	Historical Perspectives Elective	3
NURS 224 Nursing Therapeutics I	4	NURS 230 Nursing Therapeutics II	4
NURS 225 Nursing Therapeutics I Practicum	2	NURS 231 Nursing Therapeutics II Practicum	2
Total	16	Total	16

Junior Year (Fall)	Cr.	Junior Year (Spring)	Cr.
Theological Perspectives Elective ³	3	PHIL 200 - Philosophical Perspectives	3
Engl/Clas/Span/Fren 205 Lit. & Moral Imagination	3	PSYC 277 - Abnormal Psychology	3
Math Perspectives: MATH 116 or 156 (Statistics)	3	NURS 370 Nursing Research (Prereq: statistics)	3
NURS 360 Adult in Transitions	4	NURS 374 Childrearing Families in Transition	2
NURS 361 Adult in Transitions Practicum	4	NURS 375 Childrearing Families in Transition Practicum	2
		NURS 376 Childbearing Families in Transition	2
		NURS 377 Childbearing Families in Transition Practicum	2
Total	17	Total	17

Senior Year (Fall)	Cr.	Senior Year (Spring)	Cr.
Humanities Elective ⁴	3	<i>ERS Flag must be fulfilled</i>	
Nursing Elective	1	NURS 472 Care of the Complex Client	4
NURS 452 Mental Health Nursing	3	NURS 473 Care of Complex Client Practicum	4
NURS 451 Mental Health Nursing Practicum	1	NURS 498 Senior Seminar	3
NURS 470 Community Health Nursing	3	Creative Perspectives Elective	3
NURS 471 Community Health Nursing Practicum	3		
Total	14	Total	14

Total semester hours: 126

Each practicum credit is equal to three (3) clock hours per week.

A minimum of 120 credits hours is required to receive a bachelor degree from Xavier. The BSN requires 126 credit hours.

All students must satisfy 5 flags in addition to the University core curriculum. The 5 flags include: Diversity (Nurs 132 fulfills), **E/RS**, Oral Communication (Nurs 130), Quantitative Reasoning (Chem 150/51), and Writing (Nurs 370). **Nursing students may be able to fulfill the remaining E/RS flag via choice of Theo 300. If not, an additional course is required.**

A minimum grade of "C" is required in all nursing courses and in science, math and social sciences courses.

A cumulative GPA of 2.70 is required to progress to sophomore level and must be maintained throughout the program.

¹ These core courses must be taken in the semester indicated.

² These core courses must be taken in freshman year.

³Nursing students should choose a course that also fulfills the E/RS flag.

⁴Humanities Elective may be satisfied by 1 course from the following: All Classics except 205; ENGL 121+ except 205; FREN 300+, GERM 300+, HIST 200+, PHIL 300+, or THEO 300+.

Note: Humanities Elective may not double-count as an E/RS flag (though may be an E/RS flagged course).

No Theology course may double-count for both Theological Perspectives & Humanities Elective.

ADDITIONAL NURSING OPPORTUNITIES AT XAVIER UNIVERSITY

ABS N Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABS N)

This program is designed for individuals with a bachelor degree in a non-nursing field. Didactic courses are offered on-line with practicum experiences in the Cincinnati area. <http://acceleratednursing.xavier.edu>

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: MIDAS PROGRAM

This program is designed for individuals with a bachelor degree in a non-nursing field. Didactic courses and clinical experiences are in the Cincinnati area. <http://www.xavier.edu/nursing-graduate-programs/MSN-MIDAS-Admission.cfm>

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (MSN) for Registered Nurses

DOCTOR OF NURSING PRACTICE (DNP) in Population Health Leadership

Graduate Nursing at Xavier www.xavier.edu/msn

Xavier Inquire, Visit, Apply www.xavier.edu/admission

Graduate Nursing for Registered Nurses: www.xavier.edu/MSN/Graduate-Nursing-Entry-Points.cfm

Opportunities for study include: administration, Clinical Nurse Leader, education, family nurse practitioner, forensics, general studies, health care law and informatics

RN to MSN for individuals with an associate degree or diploma in nursing

MSN Dual Degrees: MSN/MBA, MSN/MEd, MSN/MSJ

Post-Master's Certificates: Clinical Nurse Leader or Family Nurse Practitioner

DOCTORATE

DNP: Doctor of Nursing Practice in Population Health Leadership: <http://www.xavier.edu/doctor-of-nursing-practice>