



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.

COLLEGE 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.

COLLEGE 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.

TECHNICAL STANDARDS POLICY

Xavier University College of Nursing is committed to diversity and to attracting and educating students who will make the population of healthcare professionals' representative of the national population. We provide confidential and specialized disability support and are committed to excellence in accessibility; we encourage students with disabilities to disclose and seek accommodations. The technical standards must be met with or without accommodation. Students who, after review of the technical standards determine that they require an accommodation to fully engage in the program, should contact the Xavier University Office of Accessibility and Disability Resources to confidentially discuss their accommodation needs. Given the clinical nature of the program, additional time may be needed to implement accommodations. Accommodations are never retroactive; therefore, timely requests are essential and encouraged.

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, initial COVID-19, 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 and complete the following prerequisite courses with a cumulative grade point average of 2.75 or higher and a grade of "C" or higher in Biology 140, 141, 142, 143 and NURS 130 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.

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 <https://www.xavier.edu/nursing/>

XAVIER INQUIRE, VISIT, APPLY <https://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 ⁵	3	Second Language II ⁵	3
SOCI 101 Intro to Soc. OR SOCW 167 Survey of SW ²	3	ENGL 101 Composition or ENGL 115 Rhetoric 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
PHIL 100 Ethics as Intro. to Philosophy ²	3	NURS 130 Ways of Knowing ²	3
Total	16	Total	16

Sophomore Year (Fall)	Cr.	Sophomore Year (Spring)	Cr.
CHEM 150 Physiological Chemistry ¹	3	Engl/Clas/Span/Fren 205 Lit. & Moral Imagination	3
CHEM 151 Physiological Chemistry Lab ¹	1	BIOL 200 Microbiology ¹	3
NURS 364 Pathophysiology	3	BIOL 201 Microbiology Lab ¹	1
NURS 266 Pharmacology	3	Historical Perspectives Elective	3
NURS 226 Nursing Communication and Assessment	3	NURS 232 Nursing Fundamentals	3
NURS 227 Nursing Communication and Assessment Practicum	1	NURS 233 Nursing Fundamentals Practicum	3
Total	14	Total	16

Junior Year (Fall)	Cr.	Junior Year (Spring)	Cr.
Theological Perspectives Elective ³	3	PSYC 277 – Psychological Disorders	3
Math Perspectives: MATH 116 or 156 (Statistics)	3	NURS 370 Nursing Research (Prerequisite: statistics) ⁶	3
NURS 362 Adults in Transitions I	3	NURS 382 Health Transitions in Children and Families	3
NURS 363 Adults in Transitions I Practicum	3	NURS 381 Health Transitions in Child/Families Practicum	1
NURS 384 Childbearing Health Transitions	3	NURS 366 Adults in Transitions II	3
NURS 383 Childbearing Health Transitions Practicum	1	NURS 367 Adults in Transitions II Practicum	3
Total	16	Total	16

Senior Year (Fall)	Cr.	Senior Year (Spring)	Cr.
Humanities Elective ⁴	3	<i>ERS Flag must be fulfilled</i>	
NURS 452 Mental Health Nursing	3	NURS 472 Care of the Complex Client	4
NURS 451 Mental Health Nursing Practicum	1	NURS 473 Care of Complex Client Practicum	4
NURS 470 Community/Public Health Nursing	3	NURS 498 Senior Seminar	3
NURS 471 Community/Public Health Nursing Practicum	2	Creative Perspectives Elective	3
PHIL 200 - Philosophical Perspectives	3	Nursing Elective	3
Total	15	Total	17

⁵ Total semester hours: 126/129

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:

Solidarity and Kinship (Soci 101 or Socw 167 fulfills), **E/RS**, Oral Communication (Nurs 130), Quantitative Reasoning (Chem 150/51), and Writing (Nurs 370).

Nursing students may be able to fulfill the 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.

The following (2) Criteria must be met to proceed to sophomore level:

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

(2) A Pre-requisite GPA of 2.75 with no grade lower than a "C" in Biology 140, 141, 142, 143 and Nursing 130 are required.

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

² These courses must be taken in either fall or spring of freshman year.

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

⁴ Humanities 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.

⁵ University language requirements is as follows: Students are required to reach the intermediate level of language (201 level). Incoming students take a language placement test based on language completed in high school. Students who test at the 101 level OR students who test higher on placement tests but choose to pursue a new language will be required to complete three semesters of the language: 101 + 102 + 201. Thus, total credits for the BSN will be 129 vs 126.

⁶ Nursing Research N370 can be completed in fall or spring of junior year if statistics is satisfied.

ADDITIONAL NURSING OPPORTUNITIES AT XAVIER UNIVERSITY

ABSN Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN)

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. <https://www.xavier.edu/college-of-nursing/graduate/midas/index>

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:

Opportunities for study include: education, family nurse practitioner and forensics

<https://online.xavier.edu/online-programs/msn-masters-nursing/>

MSN Dual Degree: MSN/MS with a major in Criminal Justice

<https://online.xavier.edu/online-programs/msn-masters-criminal-justice/>

Post-Master's Certificate: Family Nurse Practitioner and Nursing Education

DOCTORATE

DNP: Doctor of Nursing Practice in Population Health Leadership: <https://online.xavier.edu/online-programs/nursing-dnp/>