

SAMPLE 4-YEAR PLAN: NURSING, TRADITIONAL B.S.N

Northern Kentucky University

This is **one way** a student can complete this program in four years if the student requires no developmental courses.

FIRST YEAR

- Meet with advisor each semester to review progress toward applying to nursing and plan your course selection for the next semester.
- Earn a minimum grade of C or higher (C-, D's and F's not accepted) in all nursing prerequisite courses.
- Earn a GPA of 3.0 or higher to apply to nursing.
- Apply to nursing by January 1st or August 1st.

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
ENG 101 College Writing	3	BIO 209 Human Anatomy and Physiology II ² and BIO 209L Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory ²	4
STA 205 Introduction to Statistical Methods	3	CHE 115 Physiological Chemistry ² and CHE 115L Physiological Chemistry Laboratory ²	4
BIO 208 Human Anatomy and Physiology I ¹ and BIO 208L Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 Laboratory ¹	4	PSY 321 Lifespan Development	3
PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology ¹	3	Gen Ed: Communication; Oral	3
BIO 126 Human Nutrition	3	Gen Ed**	3
TOTAL	16	TOTAL	17*

SECOND YEAR

- Meet with advisor each semester to review progress toward general education requirements and plan for the next semester.
- Learn to use the degree audit function in myNKU.
- Consider study abroad opportunities in nursing.

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
NRS 210L Development of Clinical Nursing Skills (16 weeks)	2	NRS 250 Introduction to Medical Surgical Nursing (16 weeks)	3
NRS 215 Fundamental Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice (16 weeks)	3	NRS 250P Introduction to Medical Surgical Nursing Practicum (16 weeks)	4
NRS 215P Fundamentals of Professional Nursing Practicum (2 nd 7 weeks)	2	NRS 255 Pathopharm Concepts and Principles (16 weeks)	4
NRS 220 Holistic Health Assessment of the Adult (16 weeks)	2	ENG 291 Advanced College Writing	3
NRS 220L Holistic Health Assessment Lab (16 weeks)	1	Gen Ed**	3
NRS 201 Transition to Nursing (16 weeks)	1		
BIO 202 Microbiology for Health Professionals and BIO 202L Microbiology for Health Professionals Laboratory ³ (16 weeks)	4		
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	17*

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THIRD YEAR

- Meet with advisor each semester to review progress toward general education requirements and to plan for the next semester.
- Continue to use the degree audit function in myNKU.

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
NRS 310 Concepts of Community and Public Health Nursing (16 weeks)	3	NRS 350 Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing (16 weeks)	3
NRS 310P Concepts of Community and Public Health Nursing Practicum (7 weeks)	2	NRS 350P Intermediate Medical-Surgical Nursing Practicum (7 weeks)	2
NRS 315 Theories and Concepts of Professional Nursing Practice (16 weeks)	2	NRS 360 Principles of Obstetrics and Newborn Nursing (16 weeks)	3
NRS 320 Principles of Research for Application to Professional Nursing Practice (16 weeks)	2	NRS 360P Principles of Obstetrics and Newborn Nursing Practicum (7 weeks)	2
NRS 330 Principles of Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing (16 weeks)	3	NRS 370 Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues (16 weeks)	3
NRS 330P Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing Practicum (7 weeks)	2	Gen Ed**	3
NRS 339L Clinical Reasoning I (16 weeks)	1		
TOTAL	15	TOTAL	16

FOURTH YEAR

- Meet with advisor each semester to review progress toward general education requirements.
- Apply for graduation in the semester prior to graduation.

Fall Semester	Credits	Spring Semester	Credits
NRS 415 Principles of Pediatric Nursing (16 weeks)	2	NRS 450 Advanced Medical-Surgical Nursing (16 weeks)	3
NRS 415P Pediatric Nursing Practicum (7 weeks)	2	NRS 450P Advanced Medical-Surgical Practicum (1 st 7 weeks)	2
NRS 420 Concepts and Principles of Leadership Management (16 weeks)	3	NRS 465P Transition to the Professional Practice Role (2 nd 7 weeks)	4
NRS 439L Clinical Reasoning II (16 weeks)	1	Gen Ed**	3
NRS 460P Nursing Capstone Project (16 weeks)	3		
HIN 355 Foundations of Health Informatics ³	3		
Gen Ed **	3		
TOTAL	17*	TOTAL	12
TOTAL CREDITS			125

1 Prerequisites to apply to nursing

2 Course needed before student can begin nursing

3 Co-requisite to NRS courses; must be taken at this time or prior

*Students taking more than 16 credit hours incur an additional charge per credit hour.

**Students can select their general education courses in these spots. Please see your advisor to make sure you understand your choices.

Note: Nursing students also incur the following additional fees: laboratory, malpractice, HESI-Evolve Remediation and testing fee. They may also incur a clinical make-up fee for missed clinical classes.