

SCHOOL OF NURSING AND HEALTH STUDIES – UNDERGRADUATE NURSING

DEPARTMENT CODE: NUR

The University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies offers courses leading to the degrees of Bachelor of Science in Nursing, Master of Science in Nursing, and Doctor of Philosophy. Baccalaureate education is the primary foundation for professional nursing, as well as for graduate education; students who successfully complete the baccalaureate program are eligible to sit for the licensure examination to practice professional nursing. Graduates of diploma and associate degree programs are admitted as transfer students.

The School of Nursing and Health Studies is committed to academic excellence, the advancement of nursing as a discipline, and service to society. The undergraduate and graduate programs are designed with an emphasis on transcultural nursing. Recognizing that each ethnic community has unique health beliefs and practices and that nursing education has the responsibility for preparing professionals who can adapt nursing to specific health needs. Opportunities are available for students to study and earn course credit in a variety of international settings.

The nursing baccalaureate program is approved by the Florida Board of Nursing and accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, 33 Floor, New York, NY 10006 (212-363-5555 x153). Information concerning tuition, fees, and length of program may be obtained from NLNAC.

FACILITIES:

The School of Nursing and Health Studies is located on the Coral Gables Campus. Library resources for nursing students are at the Otto G. Richter Library on the Coral Gables Campus and the Calder Medical Library on the Medical Center Campus. Clinical experiences are offered in a variety of hospitals and health related agencies in the community.

The Department of Residence Halls provides accommodations for full-time undergraduate students. Freshmen are required to live in University residence halls for two academic semesters unless living with parents in the Miami area.

ACADEMIC POLICIES

ADMISSION:

Admission to the School of Nursing and Health Studies is open to individuals who have demonstrated that they have the intellectual ability and the personal qualifications necessary for the profession of nursing. All applicants must meet the requirements for admission to the University of Miami; requests for admission should be directed to the Office of Admissions. Entrance into the first clinical nursing course is not guaranteed by admission to the University. Registered nurses must be eligible for licensure in the State of Florida.

Transfer students from accredited universities, colleges, or junior colleges may be admitted with advanced standing as space allows provided they have completed courses comparable to those required by the University of Miami. Students who are planning to take a pre-nursing program in a junior college are advised to contact the School of Nursing and Health Studies concerning prerequisites.

The School of Nursing and Health Studies is strongly committed to providing educational opportunities for persons already practicing in the health care field. An RN transition option is offered which allows RN students to earn the BSN Degree by completing three consecutive semesters of full-time coursework or six consecutive semesters of part-time coursework. Academic transcripts are evaluated on an individual basis to determine if the 60 credits of required prerequisites have been successfully completed.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ENROLLMENT INTO CLINICAL COURSES:

To be eligible to enroll in clinical nursing courses, a student must have achieved junior standing with an overall grade point average of no less than 2.5 and earned a grade of 2.0/C or better in the following prerequisite courses or equivalent:

1. One approved chemistry course (lecture and laboratory): suggested courses are CHM 103/105 or CHM 104/106 or CHM 111/113 or CHM 112/114.
2. Two courses in human anatomy and physiology: suggested courses are HSC 210/220.
3. One course in microbiology: suggested course is MIC 320.
4. One statistics course: suggested course is PSY 204.
5. One course in behavioral science: to include PSY 110.
6. One course in College Algebra: suggested course is MTH 101.
7. One course in biology: suggested course is BIL 150/151.
8. One course in nutrition: suggested course is NUR 306.

Students are required to have a health examination prior to enrollment in clinical nursing courses. All students must provide evidence of a current TB screening test, hepatitis B vaccination, MMR vaccination, tetanus vaccination, polio vaccination, and certification in Basic Life Support. Uniforms are required, and a lab fee for each clinical course is payable at registration. Clinical courses require that students must have access to an automobile or other reliable transportation, as transportation to and from clinical agencies is the responsibility of the student. Students must also provide evidence of fingerprinting and background checks. See the School of Nursing and Health Studies Student Handbook for further information on these requirements.

READMISSION:

Students who have not been enrolled at the University of Miami on a continuous basis should request readmission through the Office of Admissions well in advance of the date they intend to register. Nursing students who are admitted must fulfill the requirements that are in effect at the time of their readmission.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMITTED STUDENTS :

Admitted students are required to take mandatory Assessment Technology Institute (ATI) testing during first and last semester of the academic program.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS:

Students are expected to take the initiative in making sure that all requirements are being met in conformity with the prescribed curriculum. To be assured of uninterrupted progression through the program, students must maintain a grade point average of 2.0 or better. Students who achieve less than a C in a required nursing course or who withdraw from a required nursing course may be placed on academic warning or probation. Students may not take a required course more than two times.

Student records are reviewed at the close of each semester, and those students with a cumulative average of less than 2.0 are subject to being placed on academic probation according to the University of Miami Policy on Academic Probation and Dismissal. A grade of C- is not an acceptable passing grade on any nursing course within the undergraduate program of the School of Nursing and Health Studies.

A failed nursing course may be repeated one time. When a clinical nursing course is repeated both theoretical and clinical components must be repeated. When a course must be repeated the progression in the nursing program will be altered in order for prerequisites to be met. Such alteration will in all likelihood lengthen the time required to complete the nursing program. Students will be required to fulfill the requirements that are in effect at the time of the current program.

A maximum of two nursing courses may be repeated.

Failing the same nursing course twice will result in dismissal from the School of Nursing and Health Studies.

Failing more than two nursing courses will result in dismissal from the School of Nursing and Health Studies.

REGISTERED NURSE LICENSURE:

Graduates of the BSN program are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) registered nursing licensure examination after the Dean has certified the candidate. A Social Security number is required to take the NCLEX.

STUDENTS REQUIRING ACADEMIC RESOURCE ASSISTANCE:

It is the policy of the University of Miami School of Nursing and Health Studies to adhere to Standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Any students needing special accommodations to complete a course must submit written documentation of the accommodation requested. Accessibility Resources is the primary office responsible for the coordination of auxiliary aids and services for students with disabilities. Information and/or services are available to prospective and enrolled students, their parents and/or sponsors.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Students interested in obtaining financial aid in the form of student loans and grants should contact the Office of Financial Assistance Services. Limited scholarships are available through the School of Nursing and Health Studies. The qualifications for these scholarships

vary; further information is available from the School of Nursing and Health Studies, Office of Student Services.

On-campus and off-campus work-study opportunities are also available.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

1. STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Students in the School of Nursing and Health Studies are responsible for meeting the degree requirements. It is the student's responsibility to understand fully, and comply with all the provisions of the *Bulletin* and written changes to their program of study. Students are provided assistance by advisors and faculty members. Requests for deviation from the program of study or school requirements are granted only by written approval from the Dean. Students who are in violation of the provisions of this *Bulletin* may be withdrawn unilaterally by appropriate School officials from classes, deleted as Nursing and Health Studies students or have a stop placed upon their future enrollment. The school reserves the right to change academic requirements to include course offerings that ensure students are continually receiving the latest knowledge. Changes are transmitted by written notice in the current year of the School of Nursing and Health Studies Undergraduate Handbook or by the Dean.

The general requirements for graduation from the University of Miami are described in the GENERAL INFORMATION section of the *UM Bulletin*.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree include the completion of at least 56 credits of general education and prerequisite courses and 64 credits of required and elective nursing courses and an overall grade point average of 2.0 or better. Nursing students must earn a grade of 2.0 or better in each of the required prerequisite and nursing courses.

2. SAMPLES OF PROGRAM OF STUDY:

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

SAMPLE PROGRAMS OF STUDY: First two years of program – Example

FRESHMAN YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
ENG 105 English Composition I	3	ENG 107 Writing about Science	3
BIL 150 General Biology	4	HSC 210 Human Anatomy	4
BIL 151 General Biology Laboratory	1	Arts & Humanities Elective	3
CHM 103 Chemistry for Life Sciences I (Lecture)*	3	Arts & Humanities Elective	3
CHM 105 Chemistry for Life Sciences I (Laboratory)*	1	PSY 110 Introduction to Psychology	3
MTH 101 Algebra for College Students	3		16
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SOPHOMORE YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
HSC 220 Systemic Physiology	3	PSY 204 Introductory Biobehavioral Statistics	4
Elective	3	Arts and Humanities Elective	3
Arts & Humanities Elective	3	NUR 306 Principles of Nutrition	2
Behavioral Science	3	MIC 320 Intro Microbiology for Nurses	3
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*Can be taken in Fall of sophomore year.

REQUIRED NURSING COURSEWORK FOR BASIC BSN TRACK

JUNIOR YEAR				
Fall Semester			Spring Semester	
NUR 311 Conceptual Bases of Nursing	2		NUR 307 Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NUR 314 Health Assessment	3		NUR 331 Community Based Nursing Care of Adults and Families I	6
NUR 315 Pathophysiology	3		NUR 334 Community Based Nursing Care of Women and Their Families	5
NUR 317 Growth and Development	2		NUR 335 Older Adults in the Community	2
NUR 322 Community Based Multicultural Nursing Practice	6			
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SENIOR YEAR				
Fall Semester			Spring Semester	
NUR 400 Theories and Evidence Practice	2		NUR 440 A Systems Approach to Population Based Nursing	2
NUR 429 Community Based Nursing Care of Adults and Families II	6		NUR 441 Professional Role Synthesis	7
NUR 430 Community Based Nursing Care of Children and Families	6		NUR 446 Therapeutic Nutrition in Nursing Practice	1
NUR Elective	2		NUR 448 Community Based Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	6
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Required Nursing Coursework for RN-to-BSN Option

SEMESTER 1	
NUR 302 Professional Concepts	2
NUR 314 Health Assessment	3
NUR 316 Application of Professional Concepts	5
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SEMESTER 2	
NUR 402 Issues in Clinical Nursing	2
NUR 300 Introduction to Nursing Theory and Research	3
NUR 420 Community Health Nursing	5
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SEMESTER 3	
NUR 404 Nursing Management and Leadership	3
NUR 426 Professional Nursing Role Synthesis	5
NUR Elective	2
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Accelerated Option BSN Program

SEMESTER 1	
NUR 523 Introduction to Community-Based Nursing Practice	7
Combination of NUR 311, 322,331 will also include some content from NUR 335 (Older Adults in the Community)	3
NUR 314 Health Assessment	3
NUR 315 Pathophysiology	3
NUR 307 Nursing Implications for Pharmacotherapeutics	<u>3</u>
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SEMESTER 2	
NUR 429 Community Based Nursing Care of Adults & Families II	6
NUR 430 Community based Nursing Care of Children & Families	6
NUR 334 Community Based Nursing Care of Women and Their Families	<u>5</u>
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SEMESTER 3	
NUR 441 Professional Role Synthesis	7
NUR 446 Seminar in Clinical Nutrition	1
NUR 448 Community Based Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	6
NUR 300 Introduction to Nursing Theory and Research	<u>3</u>
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Graduate Entry Option BSN Portion

SEMESTER 1	
NUR 523 Introduction to Community-Based Nursing Practice	7
Combination of NUR 311, 322,331 will also include some content from NUR 335 (Older Adults in the Community)	3
NUR 314 Health Assessment	3
NUR 315 Pathophysiology	3
NUR 307 Nursing Implications for Pharmacotherapeutics	<u>3</u>
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SEMESTER 2	
NUR 429 Community Based Nursing Care of Adults & Families II	6
NUR 430 Community based Nursing Care of Children & Families	6
NUR 334 Community Based Nursing Care of Women and Their Families	<u>5</u>
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SEMESTER 3	
NUR 441 Professional Role Synthesis	7
NUR 446 Seminar in Clinical Nutrition	1
NUR 448 Community Based Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	6
NUR 630 Nursing Research	<u>3</u>
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