

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, BSN

Nursing-RN

The nursing-RN program of study requires 32 s.h. of credit. Students must hold a valid nursing license (RN) and an Associate Degree in Nursing or Diploma in Nursing. They must maintain a grade-point average (GPA) of at least 2.00 to earn the BSN.

The program is designed to offer registered nurses the opportunity to build on their nursing knowledge and experience by earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Students take courses that focus on professionalism and patient safety, research, improvement of health systems, leadership, professional engagement, and community and public health.

Students may transfer coursework completed at other colleges and universities to satisfy the prerequisites, general education requirements, and electives for admission to the College of Nursing (see "Admission to the Nursing-RN Program" under Admission [p.] in this section of the catalog). Once a student is admitted to the program, the student has the option of completing the required 32 s.h. in three, four, or five semesters.

The program is delivered online, with limited face-to-face meetings for the community health practicum experience and leadership project. Students must complete a practicum experience or an immersion experience in Eswatini, Africa, and may be required to drive up to 100 miles to a regional practicum setting.

The College of Nursing participates as a receiving institution in the Iowa Statewide Articulation Plan for Nursing Education: RN to Baccalaureate.

The nursing-RN program requires the following College of Nursing coursework.

Courses Required for the Major

Course #	Title	Hours
NURS:3111	Caring for Vulnerable Populations	3
NURS:3160	Professional Role I: Professionalism and Patient Safety	3
NURS:3460	Professional Role II: Research	3
NURS:3518	Pathology	3
NURS:3650	Community and Public Health Nursing	3
NURS:3655	Community and Public Health Nursing Practicum	2
NURS:3660	Professional Role III: Improving Health Systems	3
NURS:3734	Introduction to Human Genetics	3
NURS:4160	Professional Role IV: Leadership and Professional Engagement	5
NURS:4170	Baccalaureate Seminar	1

Nursing electives	3
Total Hours	32

See RN-BSN Plans of Study on the College of Nursing website for semester-by-semester views of required coursework for full-time (three semesters) and part-time (four or five semesters) study for fall and spring entry.

Honors in Nursing

The College of Nursing Honors Program provides seminars and independent study experience for qualified students. In order to pursue honors studies in nursing, students must maintain a University of Iowa GPA and a nursing major GPA of at least 3.50.

The honors program in nursing enables students to explore subject matter based on individual interests, needs, and goals. It provides opportunities for self-initiative, research experience, scholarly writing, intellectual and personal development, and it challenges students to grow and excel. Students who fulfill the requirements of the program graduate with honors in nursing.

Nursing-RN/3+1 Agreements

Agreements With Area Community Colleges in Iowa

The nursing-RN program at the College of Nursing has RN to BSN 3+1 agreements with area community colleges in Iowa for qualifying nursing graduates to seamlessly transfer to the UI College of Nursing to finish their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree in one year. Under the 3+1 structure, nursing students stay in their three-year program at a community college and then complete the BSN degree in one year (three semesters).

The nursing-RN program at the College of Nursing provides access to baccalaureate education for nurses throughout the state. The 3+1 partnership provides enhanced opportunities for unparalleled leadership experience while allowing students to continue working in their communities as they complete their degree.

See RN to BSN 3+1 on the College of Nursing website for the agreements with multiple higher education institutions around the state of Iowa.

Combined Programs

Nursing-RN/DNP

Students in the RN subprogram of the BSN who are interested in earning a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree with an adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, family nurse practitioner, health systems, or pediatric nurse practitioner-primary care subprogram may apply to the combined program offered by the College of Nursing. For information about the DNP degree, see the Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP in the catalog.

See RN-BSN Plans of Study on the College of Nursing website for semester-by-semester views of required coursework for Undergraduate to Graduate (U2G) Nursing-RN/DNP study for fall and spring entry.