

Bachelor of Science in Nursing, B.S.N.

Nursing-RN

The nursing-RN program of study requires 32 s.h. of credit. Students must hold a valid Iowa nursing license (RN) and an Associate Degree in Nursing or Diploma in Nursing. They must earn a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 to earn the degree.

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 semesters, four semesters, or in 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 in Iowa or an emersion 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

Code	Title	Hours
NURS:3110	Healthcare Finance	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-B.S.N. 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.

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 g.p.a. and a nursing major g.p.a. 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 challenges students to grow and excel. Students who fulfill the requirements of the program graduate with honors in nursing.

Combined Programs

Nursing-RN/D.N.P. (Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner or Adult Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner or Health Systems or Pediatric Nurse Practitioner—Primary Care Subprograms)

Students who are interested in earning a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree with an adult gerontology acute care nurse practitioner, adult gerontology primary care 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 D.N.P. degree, see the Doctor of Nursing Practice, D.N.P. in the Catalog.