

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing

### Ranking

Largest most progressive BSN program in North Carolina. Graduates consistently rank among the top on the NCLEX-RN in passage rates.

### Academic Standards

Eligibility for the nursing major is dependent upon at least a C in each of the specified math, biology and chemistry courses and a minimum overall grade point average of 2.75. Admission is competitive and usually requires above 3.0 overall GPA. Admission is based upon the BSN Admission Ranking Formula in addition to the successful completion of a pre-admission entrance exam. More information about the pre-admission entrance exam is included in the College of Nursing undergraduate application instructions. Instructions can also be found on the ECU College of Nursing website.

### Career Possibilities

Opportunities open to RNs are numerous. Although a large percent of new graduates go to work in the traditional hospital setting, the fields of nursing – which include community health, school health, occupational health, mental health, education, research, clinical specialty, doctor's office and clinical nursing – are growing rapidly.

### Application for Major

One hundred and thirty (130) students are admitted to the major each semester. Applications must be filed in the College of Nursing by February 1 for fall and September 1 for spring. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

### Financial Assistance

Financial assistance is available through

- scholarships awarded by the university
- university work-study and self- help programs
- federal loans
- private scholarships
- Forgivable Education Loans for Service

Information on ECU Office of Student Financial Aid is available at [www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/financial/](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/financial/).

Information on College of Nursing scholarships is available at [www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/financial\\_aid.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/financial_aid.cfm)

### Fees

Information and a schedule of current tuition and fees are available from the ECU Cashier's Office at [www.ecu.edu/cashier/tufee.cfm](http://www.ecu.edu/cashier/tufee.cfm). There will be additional costs for professional liability insurance, books, criminal background checks, drug screening, supplies and clinical/practicum courses.

### The University

The university is the third largest in the University of North Carolina (UNC), which consists of the state's sixteen degree-granting public institutions. ECU is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral degrees and is designated as an academic health center by the Association of American Health Centers. Governed by its own Board of Trustees, which is responsible to the UNC Board of Governors, ECU offers 75 departmental certificates, 102 baccalaureate degree programs, 77 master's degree programs, two specialist degree programs, four first professional programs and 16 doctoral programs in our professional colleges, the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Dental Medicine and the Brody School of Medicine. It confers more than 5,800 degrees annually and it has approximately 140,000 alumni.

### Special Notes

- All students enter the university as General College students with an intended major of nursing. Upon admission to the clinical courses, students may declare the major.
- Any student who receives a degree from East Carolina University must complete, in regular class attendance at East Carolina University, a minimum of 30 semester hours and at least one-half of the total hours in the major discipline.
- The required resident study does not need to be accomplished in consecutive semesters. One-half of the minimum semester hours in the student's program must be earned at a regionally accredited senior college.
- Transfer nursing credit is possible from other nationally accredited nursing programs. One must be eligible to return to one's nursing program to be considered for admission.
- Criminal background checks and drug screenings are required prior to enrolling in nursing courses.

### For More Information

For more information regarding application deadlines and undergraduate admission requirements, contact Undergraduate Admissions, East Carolina University, 106 Whichard Building, Greenville, NC 27858-4353. Telephone: 252.328.6640. E-mail: [admis@ecu.edu](mailto:admis@ecu.edu)

Applicants for the nursing program are encouraged to read the performance standards at: [www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/customcf/downloads/handbooks/UG\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/customcf/downloads/handbooks/UG_Handbook.pdf)

For more information regarding the BSN option, please contact Ms. Erin Rogers, Executive Director of Undergraduate Student Services, College of Nursing, East Carolina University, Greenville, NC 27858-4353. Telephone: 252.744.6477. Fax: 252.744.6391. Email: [ecunursestudentsvc@ecu.edu](mailto:ecunursestudentsvc@ecu.edu)

Registered nurses interested in the RN to BSN option should contact the RN/BSN director at 252.744.6470. Email: [RNBSN@ecu.edu](mailto:RNBSN@ecu.edu)

Students with a non-nursing bachelor's degree interested in the Accelerated Second-Degree BSN option should contact the ABSN academic advisor at 252.744.6477. Email: [ecunursestudentsvc@ecu.edu](mailto:ecunursestudentsvc@ecu.edu)

## The College of Nursing

A collegiate program of nursing was established at East Carolina University in 1960. The BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, Telephone: 202.887.6791, and approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

The purpose of the program is to educate students to become professional nurses and to assume leadership roles in a variety of settings. The American Nurses Association and many other organizations recognize the baccalaureate degree as the requirement for entry into professional nursing. This professional program is built upon liberal arts and the natural and behavioral sciences. General College requirements are offered in the first two years with the nursing concentration in the junior and senior years. The program stresses the learning of concepts and principles, as well as the use of the nursing process in caring for individuals, families and groups.

Clinical experiences are available in a variety of health care agencies including medical centers, hospitals, health departments, nursing and retirement homes and in mental health centers. Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical sites. Vidant Health Systems is the major teaching facility for ECU College of Nursing, ECU College of Allied Health Sciences and the Brody School of Medicine at ECU. These resources provide students with opportunities for applying their knowledge to all ages and many cultural groups.

Upon completion of the program, the graduate

- Integrates knowledge from nursing, social and natural sciences and humanities to provide professional nursing care across the health care continuum.
- Demonstrates competency as a care provider, communicator, advocate, collaborator, coordinator, manager, educator, consumer of research, leader, information manager, innovator, and change agent.
- Demonstrates pursuit and application of knowledge, respect for diversity, application of principles of critical reasoning, and informed moral and ethical decision-making.
- Applies strategies to manage issues of professional nursing practice in a diverse and global health care environment.
- Engages in caring nurse-client/patient relationships using effective therapeutic nursing interventions, evidence-based practice, communication and critical reasoning to optimize client/patient and population outcomes.
- Functions in professional nursing roles as a member of inter- and intra- professional teams.

The College of Nursing has an active Student Nurses Association and chapters of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing, the American Assembly for Men in Nursing, Multicultural Student Nurses Association, Nurses Christian Fellowship and Holistic Health Organization (H2O).

## Curriculum Plan – Bachelor of Science in Nursing (effective fall 2017/2018 academic calendar)

### Freshman Year

#### **Fall Semester**

CHEM 1120 – Introduction to Chemistry for the Allied Health Sciences	3
ENGL 1100 – Composition I (WI)	3
PSYC 1000 – Introductory Psychology	3
SOCI 2110 – Introduction to Sociology	3
Fine Arts Elective*	3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

#### **Spring Semester**

CHEM 1130 –Organic & Biochemistry for the Allied Health Sciences	4
MATH 1065 – College Algebra	3
KINE 1000 – Lifetime Physical Activity & Fitness (formerly EXSS 1000)	1
HLTH 1000 – Health in Modern Society	2
PHIL 1175 – Ethics (may also take PHIL 2274, 2275)	3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>13</b>

### Sophomore Year

#### **Fall Semester**

BIOL 2140/2141 – Human Anatomy & Physiology with Lab	3/1
ENGL 2201 – Writing About the Disciplines (WI)	3
PSYC 3206 – Developmental Psychology	3
MATH 2228 – Statistics (may also take MATH 2283, PSYC 2101 or BIOS 1500)	3
Free Elective or Global Diversity Elective	3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

#### **Spring Semester**

BIOL 2110/2111 – Fundamentals of Microbiology with Lab	3/1
BIOL 2150/2151 – Human Anatomy & Physiology with Lab	3/1
Humanities or Fine Arts Elective (a WI section of a literature course recommended <sup>^</sup> )	3
NUTR 2105 – Nutrition Science	3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>14</b>

**The first two years are prerequisite courses that must be completed prior to admission.**

Prerequisites are listed in **recommended** sequence. Some courses may be moved from one semester to another as long as the prerequisites listed in the Catalog for those courses are met. Check the Undergraduate Catalog. Also, check Banner for course availability which may vary from semester to semester.

\*A 3 credit hour Fine Arts Elective is required for graduation from ECU.

<sup>^</sup>12 hours of WI credits are required for graduation from ECU. This includes ENGL 1100, ENGL 2201, and two more WI courses. One of the required 3 hours will be completed once declared a BSN student. Students need to take an additional 3 sh WI course during their prerequisite courses in order to fulfill this requirement.

### Junior Year (may begin in fall or spring)

#### **Semester I**

NURS 3020/3021 – Health Assessment (theory/lab)	3
NURS 3200 – Introduction to Professional Nursing (theory)	2
NURS 3210/3211 – Nurse as Care Provider (theory/clinical)	6
NURS 3270/3271 – Clinical Nursing Foundations I (theory/lab)	2
NURS 3280 – Concepts of Pathophysiology for Nursing (theory)	3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>16</b>

#### **Semester II**

NURS 3380 – Pharmacotherapeutics (theory)	3
NURS 3330/3331 – Nursing Care of Families During the Childbearing Phase (theory/clinical)	4
NURS 3340/3341 – Nursing Care of Children (theory/clinical)	4
NURS 3370/3371 – Clinical Nursing Foundations II (theory/lab)	4
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>15</b>

#### **Summer Semester (taken after either Semester I or II)**

NURS 3520 – Trends and Issues in Professional Nursing (theory) (WI)	3
NURS 3550 – Health of the Older Adult (theory)	2
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>5</b>

### Senior Year

#### **Semester III**

NURS 4010/4011 – Nursing Care of Clients w/ Alt. in Mental Health (theory/clinical)	5
NURS 4020/4021 – Nursing Care of Adults (theory/clinical)	6
NURS 4140 – Nursing Research (theory)	3
NURS 4150 – Nursing Leadership (theory)	3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>17</b>

#### **Semester IV**

NURS 4210/4211 – Nursing Care of Populations & Community (theory/clinical) (DD)	6
NURS 4500 – Theory Capstone (theory)	5
NURS 4511 – Clinical Capstone (seminar/clinical)	3
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>	<b>14</b>

**BSN Total Minimum Hours Required 125**

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