

INNOVATIVE NURSING PROGRAM

The Innovative Nursing program is for individuals who already have a baccalaureate degree in another discipline. All credits from the first baccalaureate degree are accepted as part of this program. Students, therefore, do not have to complete General Education requirements. This rigorous program is completed in three academic semesters of full-time study: fall semester, spring semester and fall semester. Upon completion of the program, graduates receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree and are eligible to write the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) NCLEX examination for registered nurses (RNs).



The program is an intense version of the nursing courses offered in the regular four-year baccalaureate program. Students have comparable learning experiences in the classroom and the clinical settings. Students are expected to read extensively for background information. Time commitment to the program can include up to five full days per week of classes and/or clinical work depending on the semester. The intensive learning experiences require a tremendous commitment on the part of the students. It is not recommended that students work while classes are in session.

Students are accepted into the program based on academic performance and faculty interviews. This is a competitive program and only a limited number are accepted annually to the program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited institution.
- Minimum grade point average of 2.75 upon completion of the first baccalaureate degree, with preference for 3.0 or higher.
- Interview with Nursing faculty.
- Successful completion of the following college-level courses with a minimum grade of "C": Human Anatomy and Physiology (equivalent of BIOL 312 and BIOL 313), statistics at college level, principles/elements course in chemistry with a lab.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

FALL SEMESTER

NURS 320	Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NURS 435	Pathophysiological Processes	4
NURS 455	Fundamentals of Nursing	8
TOTAL		15 Sem Hrs

SPRING SEMESTER

NUTR 310	Nutrition	3
NURS 461	Mat/Newborn/Family Centered Nursing	4
NURS 464	Pediatric and Family Nursing	4
NURS 467	Adult Health Nursing I	7
TOTAL		18 Sem Hrs

SPRING SEMESTER

NUTR 310	Nutrition	3
NURS 461	Mat/Newborn/Family Centered Nursing	4
NURS 464	Pediatric and Family Nursing	4
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FALL SEMESTER

NURS 400	Nursing Leadership	3
NURS 415	Understanding Nursing Research	3
NURS 468	Mental Health Nursing	4
NURS 471	Community Health Nursing	4
NURS 474	Adult Health Nursing II	4
TOTAL		18 Sem Hrs

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 51

PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

- Maintenance of 2.75 grade point average
- "C" or higher in all nursing courses
- Completion of all health and safety requirements

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of all nursing and related courses
- Minimum 2.75 grade point average.