Department of Nursing

Degree Offered

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Nature of the Program

The BSN program is offered on WVU's Morgantown, Beckley and Potomac State campuses.

The curriculum includes courses in humanities, social sciences, basic sciences and nursing science. These courses are taken in conjunction with nursing clinical courses. Students apply their learning to actual client, family and community situations that warrant nursing intervention. In keeping with the University’s commitment to improving health care for all West Virginians, all health sciences students complete a rural clinical practice as part of the degree requirements. Nursing students complete the rural clinical practice experience during their senior year.

Throughout the academic and clinical experiences, students will focus on the five core competencies that provide the framework for the BSN curriculum, including: critical thinking, nursing interventions, professional role, caring, and communication which are outlined in more detail in our Student Handbook (https://nursing.hsc.wvu.edu/students/resources/student-handbooks).

Our BSN pass rates for first-time test takers on the national licensure exam in 2018 was 100%.

Progression Plans

Depending on when you are admitted to the BSN program, the progression plan you follow in your time at WVU can vary slightly. Please view the different progression plans (p. 3) for more information. The BSN program is six semesters of clinical nursing courses after completion of all pre-requisite courses.

Simulation Experience

We offer the opportunity for students to learn in two state-of-the-art simulation facilities where students practice patient care without fear of jeopardizing patient safety.

Beckley Campus Laptop Requirements

Each nursing student will be required to have a serviceable laptop when starting the nursing program. This laptop will be required for course work and on-site testing in all nursing classes throughout the program. It is the nursing student’s responsibility to maintain the laptop in working order. Not having a working laptop may exclude the student from nursing tests resulting in failure of the nursing program. For additional information on laptop compatibility for school of nursing, please email csheaves@mail.wvu.edu

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Admissions

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS DIRECT ADMISSION INFORMATION

Direct admission to the School of Nursing is based on a combination of cumulative high school GPA and ACT or SAT scores, plus Math SAT or ACT scores. Please be advised direct admit spots are limited and may reach capacity, and therefore additional students will be restricted from entry. To be admitted directly to the program as an incoming freshman, a student must have:

- GPA of 3.8 or higher and an ACT composite score of 26 with Math of 22 or SAT EBRW 1240 and Math with 540
- GPA of 3.6-3.79 and an ACT composite score of 28 with Math of 22 or SAT EBRW 1310 and Math and 540

Students admitted directly to the Nursing program must maintain a 3.0 GPA throughout the nursing program, beginning with the first semester at WVU. If a student’s GPA falls below 3.0, he/she will be placed on probation for one semester. If the student’s GPA remains below 3.0 for a second semester, the student will be dismissed from the nursing program. Directly admitted students must complete all prerequisite freshman courses in the Progression plan with a grade of “C” or better by the end of summer session of the freshman year. If required courses are not completed satisfactorily by that time, the student will be moved to “Pre-Nursing” status and will be required to reapply for admission to the School of Nursing.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS PRE-NURSING ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

Pre-Nursing majors may apply to become nursing majors after one semester of college level work. Admission is based on a combination of cumulative high school GPA and ACT or SAT scores, plus Math SAT or ACT scores.

Students with a high school GPA less than a 3.2 will be admitted to WVU through CLASS.

- GPA of 3.2 or higher and an ACT composite score of 23 and Math of 22 or SAT EBRW 1140 and Math and 540

APPLY TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING (HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS)

Once you have reviewed the qualifications you can begin the application process. Students currently in high school, that have a TASC/GED and students that have not attended a college or university after graduating from high school should select a student type of Freshman on the application. The direction admission program occurs for the fall semester until the freshmen class is filled. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to avoid admission deferment.

Check the status of your WVU Tech application.

Please note: Due to a high volume of qualified applicants, West Virginia University has temporarily closed direct-admission for 2019 first-time freshman to the School of Nursing – Morgantown campus. Eligible candidates will be admitted to the pre-nursing program.

Direct-admissions for 2019 first-time freshman to the WVU School of Nursing Beckley and Keyser campuses are still being accepted.

COLLEGE STUDENTS ADMISSION INFORMATION

High school students not eligible for direct admission and college students from other majors may apply for admission after one semester or more of college course work. Admission consideration in this case is dependent upon:

- Minimum cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on all college work attempted
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale for the pre-requisite courses
- Completion of each of the pre-requisite courses with a grade of “C” or better prior to enrollment
**Prerequisites:** English Composition - ENG 101 (3 cr.), Introduction to Psychology - PSYC 101 (3 cr.), Introduction to Nursing - NSG 100 (2 cr.), College Algebra - MATH 124 or 126 (3 cr.), Chemistry with lab - CHEM 111 or 115 (4 cr.), Chemistry with lab - CHEM 112 or 116 (4 credits), General Biology with lab - BIOL 111 (4 cr.), Anatomy and Physiology - BIOL 230 (4 cr.).

**Note:** Statistics is in the freshman progression plan but is not a pre-requisite for admission to sophomore year. Introduction to Human Development and Nutrition, and Intro to Anthropology are no longer pre-requisites and are taken later in the program. SOCA 105 is a required course, but may be taken after formally entering the nursing program.

Students who fail to take the required prerequisite courses in the freshman year will be ineligible for admission consideration until their sophomore year. Once beginning the nursing program, students must complete six semesters (fall and spring) of clinical coursework beginning with NSG 211 Health Assessment. Please see the progression plans for further information.

**APPLY TO THE SCHOOL OF NURSING (COLLEGE STUDENTS)**

Once you have completed your first semester of classes and reviewed the qualifications, you can begin the application process (https://westvirginia.force.com/TX_SiteLogin?startURL=%2FTargetX_Portal__PB) to apply to the School of Nursing. To begin the process, click Sign Up to enter your first and last name and email address and then SUBMIT. You will then receive an email with a link to set your password to start the application. Select the campus you would like to apply to (Morgantown, Keyser, or Beckley) and click start application.

Choose Internal Application if you are a current WVU student on any of the three campuses or have attended WVU on any of the three campuses. Choose Nursing BSN, Fall 2019 and answer remaining questions. Remember to hit SUBMIT when completed.

Choose HSC Transfer or Second Degree if you are not a current WVU student. Choose Nursing BSN, Fall 2019 and answer remaining questions. Remember to hit SUBMIT when completed.

- The application period for the Fall term opens on December 1 and closes on January 15. All transcripts must be received no later than January 31.
- The application period for the Spring term (Morgantown Only) opens on January 16 and closes on May 15. All transcripts must be received no later than May 31.

Applications are only available during the periods specified.

**NURSING TRANSFER STUDENTS**

College students currently enrolled in a nationally accredited nursing program may request transfer of previously completed nursing courses to WVU School of Nursing BSN program using the steps below.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Space available in class.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 on all college work attempted.
- A minimum GPA of 3.0 on all nursing course work attempted.
- All nursing and pre-requisite non-nursing courses (https://nursing.hsc.wvu.edu/students/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-of-science/application-information/transfer-students) must have been passed with a grade of “C” or higher.
- Statement of good standing from program in which currently enrolled.
- Send syllabi of previously completed nursing courses for review to determine whether courses are transferrable. Syllabi may be sent electronically to nursing@hsc.wvu.edu.

**THREE CAMPUSES. ONE CHOICE. ONE APPLICATION.**

The BSN program is available on three campuses: Morgantown, Beckley, and Potomac State and we've made it easy to apply to the campus of your choice. Simply submit one application per term for the BSN program and your one campus preference. (Submitting multiple applications for the same term to different campuses may cause a processing delay in your application.)

**ACCEPTANCE**

Applicants are notified of admissions decisions via email in April for those starting in the fall semester, and July for those who start in the spring semester.

**ORIENTATION**

Students are required to attend an orientation session prior to the start of fall semester classes. Students will receive additional information through their WVU Portal (https://portal.wvu.edu) account.

**Note:** Any student who has been dismissed from the West Virginia University School of Nursing or any other nursing program will not be readmitted or considered for admission to the program.
General Education Foundations

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

General Education Foundations

F1 - Composition & Rhetoric
ENGL 101 Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric
& ENGL 102 and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research
or ENGL 103 Accelerated Academic Writing

F2A/F2B - Science & Technology

F3 - Math & Quantitative Reasoning

F4 - Society & Connections

F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past

F6 - The Arts & Creativity

F7 - Global Studies & Diversity

F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree)

Total Hours 31-37

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

Curriculum Requirements

A minimum grade of C- is required in all coursework except GEF 5 and GEF 6

GEF Elective Requirements (5 and 6)

ENGL 101 Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric
& ENGL 102 and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research (GEF 1)
MATH 124 Algebra with Applications (GEF 3)
STAT 211 Elementary Statistical Inference
BIOL 111 General Biology
BIOL 230 Human Anatomy and Physiology 1
BIOL 231 Human Anatomy and Physiology 2
BIOL 240 Microbiology
CHEM 111 Survey of Chemistry 1
& 111L and Survey of Chemistry 1 - Laboratory (GEF 2)
CHEM 112 Survey of Chemistry 2
& 112L and Survey of Chemistry 2 - Laboratory
HLSC 104 Nutrition
PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (GEF 4)
PSYC 241 Introduction to Human Development
SOCA 105 Introduction to Anthropology (GEF 7)
NSG 100 Introduction to Nursing
NSG 211 Health Assessment & Communication
NSG 212 Foundations of Nursing Practice
NSG 310 Maternal Infant Nursing & Women's Health Care
NSG 311 Alterations in Adult Health 1
NSG 312 Alterations in Adult Health 2
NSG 320 Child and Adolescent Health
NSG 360 Ethics and Health Policy
NSG 411 Nursing in Complex Community Systems
NSG 412 Leadership in Complex Systems
NSG 450 Alterations in Mental Health
NSG 460 Care of the Critically Ill Patient
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**Suggested Plan of Study**

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**Major Learning Outcomes**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)**

Upon completion of the BSN program, graduates will:
Critical Thinking: Employ scholarly inquiry and evidence-based reasoning and creativity in the process of assessment, interpretation, analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and inference as a basis for professional nursing practice.

Nursing Interventions: Ensure quality care by applying theory, evidence-based clinical judgment and decision-making, and patient care technology in the delivery of safe and skilled nursing therapeutics with individuals, families, communities, and populations across the health-illness continuum.

Professional Role: Demonstrate knowledge, attitudes, professional values, personal qualities and behaviors consistent with the nursing roles of health care designer and coordinator, organization and system leader, and advocate for consumers and the nursing profession.

Caring: Provide empathetic, culturally sensitive, and compassionate care for individuals, families, communities, and populations that upholds moral, legal, and ethical humanistic principles.

Communication: Integrate therapeutic, interpersonal, intraprofessional, interprofessional and informatics communication processes in professional nursing practice.