Ready for a unique challenge? WCU’s School of Nursing prepares you for a rewarding career in health care. Our graduates pursue a wide variety of specialties, careers and graduate education. Now more than ever, nurses prepared at the baccalaureate and master’s level are in great demand by health care employers. Our faculty are invested in nurturing students as they prepare for their roles as clinicians, educators, researchers, leaders, life-long learners and responsible members of society.

You’ll receive one-on-one attention from our expert faculty who will guide you through your required coursework and clinical experiences, provide you with special opportunities, and connect you with the best professional organizations in the region. Class sizes at WCU are always small, and tuition for both our undergraduate and graduate programs is very competitive.

The School of Nursing is approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.
What Will I Study? During the freshman and sophomore years, students will complete core liberal studies courses in English, math, communications, health and wellness, social sciences, history, fine and performing arts, humanities, and world cultures.

BSN Curriculum During the junior and seniors years, students will complete the BSN Program following a cohort model and begin in either the Spring (January) or Fall (August) semester. Clinical courses are taught at health care agencies throughout Western North Carolina during both years. Traditional BSN program courses are not offered during summer semesters so students are able to participate in intern/externships, travel abroad opportunities, etc.

Junior Year - First Semester (15 hrs)
- NSG 310 – Foundations of Nursing
- NSG 311 – Foundations of Nursing Practicum
- NSG 312 – Nursing Assessment Across the Lifespan
- NSG 313 – Pharmacotherapeutics in Nursing I
- NSG 314 – Nursing Informatics
- NSG 315 – Nursing Ethics and Health Policy

Junior Year – Second Semester (14 hrs)
- NSG 320 – Concepts of Adult Nursing
- NSG 321 – Adult Nursing Practicum
- NSG 322 – Concepts of Geriatric Nursing
- NSG 323 – Pharmacotherapeutics in Nursing II
- NSG 324 – Evidence-Based Nursing Practice

Senior Year – First Semester (16 hrs)
- NSG 410 – Concepts of Adult Nursing II
- NSG 411 – Adult Nursing II Practicum
- NSG 412 – Concepts of Maternal-Child Nursing
- NSG 413 – Maternal-Child Nursing Practicum
- NSG 414 – Advanced Technology & Pharmacotherapeutics

Senior Year – Second Semester (15 hrs)
- NSG 420 – Synthesis of Nursing Concepts
- NSG 421 – Synthesis of Nursing Concepts Practicum
- NSG 422 – Concepts of Community/Mental Health
- NSG 423 – Community/Mental Health Practicum
- NSG 424 – Concepts of Nursing Leadership in Management

Students who earn the baccalaureate in nursing degree will enter a challenging and rewarding professional career with a myriad of opportunities in varied and dynamic work environments. Students at Western Carolina University have opportunities to closely interact with nursing faculty throughout their academic and clinical experiences. The low student-to-faculty ratio in the BSN program allows for personalized advisement while also providing a comprehensive curriculum and educational experiences.

BSN Program Admission Requirements
Admission to the BSN program is highly competitive. A separate application process is required to apply to the major. Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible for admission consideration:

- General acceptance to WCU
- Minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- Anticipated completion of 60 semester hours or more by program matriculation
- Completion of three of the five sciences before the application deadline
- Completion of all course prerequisites before entry into the program
- Verbal SAT Score – 500 minimum; may be taken twice post-high school graduation
- TEAS Exam – may be taken once per application cycle

In addition to satisfying WCU’s liberal studies core course requirements, applicants must also complete the following BSN program prerequisites:

1. CHEM 132 – General Chemistry w/lab
2. CHEM 133 – Organic/Biochemistry w/lab
3. ENVH 260/261 – Etiology of Infectious Disease (Microbiology w/lab)
4. BIOL 291 – Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab
5. BIOL 292 – Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab
6. PSY 150 – General Psychology
7. ND 338 – Normal & Therapeutic Nutrition
8. NSG 101 – Introduction to Professional Nursing
9. NSG 346 – Nursing Pathophysiology

For complete admission details, including TEAS testing information, the application and deadlines, please visit the BSN admission requirements website at wcu.edu/26873.asp.

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