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? Students complete all of the same course and clinical requirements as required for the traditional BSN Program – they only do it at a faster pace and without as many breaks!

What to Expect if I Am Accepted Classes are held full time and do not follow the traditional academic calendar. Several breaks are scheduled throughout the year and are limited to 2-4 days. Students can expect to attend class five days per week, typically eight hours per day. Clinical practicum schedules vary and students should expect to have some clinical experiences on weekends and/or evenings in Asheville and the surrounding region. Students should expect to travel to more distant sites for clinical experiences in Community Health, Maternal-Child, and Psychiatric Nursing.

Curriculum

- 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 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
- NSG 325 Nursing Ethics and Health Policy
- 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
- 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

ABSN Program Admission Requirements

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

- Approved bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution that satisfies the WCU liberal studies waiver requirements
- General acceptance to WCU
- Minimum cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0
- Completion of three of the five sciences before the application deadline
- Completion of all course prerequisites before entry into the program
- TEAS Exam – may be taken once per application cycle
- Completed ABSN application complete with resume and cover letter
- Interview, if selected

Applicants must complete the following ABSN Program prerequisites or approved equivalents:

1. CHM 132 General Chemistry w/lab
2. CHM 13 Organic/Biochemistry w/lab
3. ENVH 260/261 Etiology of Infectious Disease (Microbiology w/lab)
4. BIO 291 Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab
5. BIO 292 Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab
6. PSY 150 General Psychology
7. ND 338 Normal & Therapeutic Nutrition
8. NSG 101 Introduction to Nursing
9. NSG 346 Nursing Pathophysiology

For complete admission details, including TEAS testing information, the application and deadlines, please visit the ABSN Admission Requirements website at wcu.edu/27681.asp.