

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (NRG)

The Nursing Program is strongly aligned with Concordia's faith foundation because of the shared recognition that service to others encompasses not only an individuals' physical needs, but also their spiritual and emotional needs. The faith tradition of the University and the Nursing Program upholds the meaningfulness of service to others, respect for the inherent worth and dignity of all persons, and concern for the needs of humankind. Concordia University recognizes the essential contribution of the profession of Nursing and is committed to excellence to expand and further fulfill its mission. Graduates of Concordia's BSN program, through their vocational development in healthcare, will serve as nurse leaders in promoting high-quality, safe client care in diverse settings, based on faith in God's love for all people and the desire to serve others as an expression of God's love.

Admission Requirements:

Concordia University Chicago offers a Direct Entry Program Students who enroll as first semester freshmen and demonstrate scholarly and a continued vocation to nursing will be entered into the pre-professional component.

To enter the pre-professional phase of the BSN program (semesters 1-4): Any student enrolled in Concordia University Chicago may be enrolled in the pre-professional phase of the BSN program. A student must be registered as a nursing major and enrollment in the pre-professional phase does not assure admission into the professional component. To enroll in any nursing course (NRG) in the pre-professional phase of the BSN program, a student must successfully complete the following courses with a grade of C or better; BIO 2500, BIO 2700, and PSY 2100 and, demonstrate a desire to continue to the professional phase with the completion of the following:

- Provide verification of required immunizations and/or titers and skin tests. Clinical sites may require additional proof regarding communicable disease and the student's immune status.
- Provide a medical history and physical exam performed by a qualified healthcare professional.
- Provide current Healthcare Provider BLS CPR certification.
- Submit to a background check by a contracted licensed company selected by the Division of Nursing. An unsuitable background check will result in dismissal or denial of admission into the professional component.
- Submit to a drug screen performed by a contracted licensed company selected by the Division of Nursing. Failure to submit to a drug screening or a positive drug screen will result in dismissal or denial of admission to the professional component.
- Meet essential mental and physical qualifications set forth by the Division of Nursing Disability Statement.

To enter the professional phase of the BSN program (semesters 5-8): The student must apply for admission to the professional component by submitting a complete and accurate nursing professional program application which will be reviewed by the nursing admissions committee in the **spring semester** of each academic year. Specific application dates will be posted on the Concordia University Chicago Nursing web page at the beginning of each spring semester. **Enrollment is limited and the admission process is selective and competitive.** Students, who have

been enrolled for two traditional semesters, excluding summer, will receive priority for admission placement. When the number of qualified applicants exceeds the number of students which can be accommodated in the clinical courses, students are admitted according to GPA ranking.

All applicants, regardless of their entry status, must meet the following qualifications and apply during the semester prior to enrollment in the professional component:

- Achieve a minimum of a **2.75 cumulative grade point average in Concordia University courses.**
- ATI TEAS score of **68%.**
- Students must earn a grade of C or higher in any nursing prerequisite course and all nursing courses within the pre-professional component.
- Students must meet all legal, moral and legislative standards required for licensure to practice as a registered nurse.
- Students dismissed from another nursing program will not be accepted into the Division of Nursing.
- Application Process: To apply to the professional component, the student must submit/agree to:
 - Complete an accurate nursing professional program application to include a medical history and physical exam performed by a qualified healthcare professional.
 - Provide verification of updated immunizations and or titers, skin tests, CPR certification, background check, and drug screening as necessary.
 - Meet essential mental and physical qualifications set forth by the Division of Nursing Disability Statement.

Transfer Student Admission to the BSN program:

1. The student must apply for admission by submitting a complete and accurate nursing professional program application, which will be reviewed by the nursing admissions committee in the spring semester of each academic year.
2. Letters of recommendation from the Dean/Director of the prior Nursing program are required. Letters should be addressed to the Director of Nursing.
3. If the student is transferring from another Nursing program, a minimum grade of C is expected for all nursing courses.
4. A maximum of four (4) courses are permitted to be transferred (Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, Health Assessment and Promotion, and Foundations of Nursing). Since courses titles differ among programs, course syllabi are required to establish congruency with the CUC BSN program. It is up to the discretion of the Director of Nursing to determine the validity of all nursing courses. Pre-requisite courses, which are not taught in the Division of Nursing, should be evaluated by the Chair of the department in which the course is taught.

In order to keep programs and coursework relevant and current, Concordia University Chicago has implemented a "6-Year Rule," which allows a student to utilize completed prerequisite course credits towards subsequent coursework for up to six years after a course is successfully completed. Courses falling outside of the 6-year timeframe must be repeated. If the expired course no longer exists in the program's current curriculum, the student must take the designated replacement course to satisfy the prerequisite requirement.

Transfer credits from courses taken externally are subject to the same rules based on the date the credits were posted to a student's transcript and when approved by the office of the Registrar.

*Additional information on BSN Nursing program requirements can be found in the BSN Student Nurse Handbook or by contacting the Director of the Nursing Program.

Program Requirements for Nursing

A Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or greater is required for admission to the professional phase of the nursing program. A grade of C or better is required for all the following Nursing prerequisite courses:

Code	Title	Hours
NRG-2100	Foundations of Nursing Practice	4
NRG-2120	Foundations of Nursing Practice Clinical and Simulated Learning	1
NRG-2340	Health Assessment and Promotion	3
NRG-2341	Health Assessment and Promotion Practice Lab	1
NRG-2350	Pathophysiology	3
NRG-3100	Care of the Acutely Ill Adult	4
NRG-3120	Acutely Ill Adult Clinical and Simulated Learning	2
NRG-3150	Pharmacology and Therapeutics in Nursing Practice	3
NRG-3155	Nutrition for the Clinical Professional	2
NRG-3300	Family Centered Nursing: Care of the Child and Family	3
NRG-3320	Family Centered Nursing: Care of the Child and Family Clinical and Simulated Learning	2
NRG-3350	Scientific Inquiry for Evidence Based Practice	2
NRG-3400	Psychiatric Wellness	3
NRG-3420	Psychiatric Wellness Clinical and Simulated Learning	1
NRG-4100	Family Centered Nursing: Care of the Woman and the Childbearing Family	3
NRG-4120	Family Centered Nursing: Care of Woman and the Childbearing Family Clinical and Simulated Learning	2
NRG-4150	Case Analysis Across the Lifespan I	2
NRG-4200	Care of the Chronically Ill Adult	4
NRG-4220	Care of the Chronically Ill Adult Clinical and Simulated Learning	2
NRG-4300	Community Wellness	3
NRG-4320	Community Wellness Clinical and Simulated Learning	1
NRG-4350	Leadership in Complex Healthcare Systems	2
NRG-4400	Research Based Capstone	1
NRG-4420	Research Based Residency and Simulated Learning	3
NRG-4450	Case Analysis Across the Lifespan II	2
NRG-4910	Special Topics: Nursing	1

Additional Prerequisite Courses Required for Major

Code	Title	Hours
A Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or greater is required for admission to the professional phase of the nursing program. A grade of C- or better is required for all the following Nursing prerequisite courses:		
BIO-2500	Fundamentals of Microbiology (With Lab)	4
BIO-2700	Anatomy and Physiology for Clinical Practice I	4
BIO-2800	Anatomy and Physiology for Clinical Practice II	4
CHE-2200	Fundamentals of Chemistry (With Lab)	4
PSY-2100	Developmental Psychology: Life Span	3
PSY-2310	Statistics for the Behavioral Science	3
or MAT-2000	Statistics	

The total hours for the program is 120 credits. This includes general education, electives and major requirements above.

University Requirement

Code	Title	Hours
COL-1995	Vocation and College Success	1

Theology University Requirements (6 hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Biblical Studies Course (Select One)		
THY-1100	The Bible (B)	3
THY-2010	Introduction to the Old Testament (B)	3
THY-3105	Introduction to the New Testament (B)	3
Christian Doctrine Course (Select One)		
THY-1210	Introduction to Christianity (S)	3
THY-2500	Martin Luther's Small and Large Catechisms (S)	3

General Education Requirements Communication (9 Hours)

Code	Title	Hours
ENG-1100	English Composition	3
ENG-2000	Writing About Literature	3

The above two courses must pass with a C or higher per IAI requirements.

COM-1100	Speech Communication	3
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Humanities and Fine Arts (9 Hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Select one course from the following list		
<i>Humanities</i>		
ASL-1100	American Sign Language I	
ASL-1200	American Sign Language II	
ENG-2200	Non-Western Literature	
ENG-2220	U.S. Latina/o Literature(s)	
ENG-2300	Greek & Roman Mythology	

ENG-2400	African American Literature
ENG-2500	Classical World Literature
ENG-2600	Modern World Literature
GER-1000	German for Reading I
GER-1100	German for Reading II
GRE-2000	Greek I
GRE-2100	Greek II
HEB-2000	Hebrew I
HEB-2100	Hebrew II
HIS-1110	Survey of Early Modern Europe, 1350-1815
HIS-1120	Survey of Modern Europe Since 1815
HIS-1200	History of the American People to 1877
HIS-1250	History of the American People since 1877
HIS-1415	Survey of World History to 1500
HIS-1425	Survey of the World Since 1500
HIS-2300	U.S. Women's History
HIS-2500	African American History
HIS-2600	Hispanic and Latino American History
HIS-2700	Ancient Greek and Roman Civilizations
HIS-2800	A History of Illinois
LAT-1000	Latin I
LAT-1100	Latin II
PHI-2010	Primer in Philosophy
PHI-2210	Introduction to Logic
SPA-1111	Elementary Spanish I
SPA-1112	Elementary Spanish II
SPA-2113	Intermediate Spanish I
SPA-2114	Intermediate Spanish II

Fine Arts

Select one course from the following list 3

ART-1210	Two-Dimensional Basic Studio
ART-1310	Three-Dimensional Basic Studio
ART-2050	Western Art: Pre-History through Renaissance
ART-2150	Western Art: Post Renaissance through Contemporary
ART-2200	Non-Western Art
COM-2200	Introduction to Film Studies
COM-2600	World Perspectives Through Documentary
MUS-1503	Exploration of Music
MUS-2203	Survey of Western Music
MUS-2243	Music of World Cultures
MUS-2253	History of Jazz
THR-1100	Introduction to Theater

Humanities and Fine Arts

Select one course from the following list 3

ART-1100	Introduction to the Visual Arts
ART-1210	Two-Dimensional Basic Studio
ART-1310	Three-Dimensional Basic Studio
ART-2050	Western Art: Pre-History through Renaissance
ART-2150	Western Art: Post Renaissance through Contemporary

ART-2200	Non-Western Art
ASL-1100	American Sign Language I
ASL-1200	American Sign Language II
COM-2200	Introduction to Film Studies
COM-2600	World Perspectives Through Documentary
ENG-2200	Non-Western Literature
ENG-2220	U.S. Latina/o Literature(s)
ENG-2300	Greek & Roman Mythology
ENG-2400	African American Literature
ENG-2500	Classical World Literature
ENG-2600	Modern World Literature
GER-1000	German for Reading I
GER-1100	German for Reading II
GRE-2000	Greek I
GRE-2100	Greek II
HEB-2000	Hebrew I
HEB-2100	Hebrew II
HIS-1110	Survey of Early Modern Europe, 1350-1815
HIS-1120	Survey of Modern Europe Since 1815
HIS-1200	History of the American People to 1877
HIS-1250	History of the American People since 1877
HIS-1415	Survey of World History to 1500
HIS-2300	U.S. Women's History
HIS-2500	African American History
HIS-2600	Hispanic and Latino American History
HIS-2700	Ancient Greek and Roman Civilizations
HIS-2800	A History of Illinois
HUM-1995	Arts and Ideas
IDS-1050	Intro to American Cultural Studies
LAT-1000	Latin I
LAT-1100	Latin II
PHI-2010	Primer in Philosophy
PHI-2110	Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion
PHI-2210	Introduction to Logic
MUS-1503	Exploration of Music
MUS-2203	Survey of Western Music
MUS-2243	Music of World Cultures
MUS-2253	History of Jazz
SPA-1111	Elementary Spanish I
SPA-1112	Elementary Spanish II
SPA-2113	Intermediate Spanish I
SPA-2114	Intermediate Spanish II
THR-1100	Introduction to Theater

Social/Behavioral Science (9 Hours)

Code	Title	Hours
Select three courses with different prefixes from the following: 9		
ATH-2020	Introduction to Cultural Anthropology	
ECO-2101	Principles of Macroeconomics	
GEO-1100	Geography of North America	
GEO-1200	World Geography: Culture Patterns	
GEO-1300	The Developing World	

IDS-1100	Introduction to Global Cultural Studies
IDS-1200	Engaging Diversity: U.S. Perspectives
POS-1100	American Government and Politics
POS-2300	International Relations
POS-2350	Introduction to Comparative Politics
PSY-1000	General Psychology
PSY-1502	The Mind and the Brain
PSY-2125	Child and Adolescent Psychology
PSY-2151	Social Psychology
SOC-2010	Introduction to Sociology
SOC-2040	Race, Ethnicity, and Racism in the U.S.
SOC-4620	Social Inequality: Class, Status and Power

Physical and Life Sciences (8 Hours) One class taken must include a lab.

Code	Title	Hours
Physical Science Required Course		
CHE-2200	Fundamentals of Chemistry (With Lab)	4
Life Science Required Course		
BIO-2500	Fundamentals of Microbiology (With Lab)	4

Mathematics (3 Hours)

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Select one of the following :¹</i>		3
MAT-1550	Finite Mathematics	
MAT-1805	College Algebra	
MAT-1820	Pre-Calculus	
MAT-2000	Statistics	
MAT-2100	Discrete Mathematics	
MAT-2400	Calculus for Business and Life Sciences	
MAT-2500	Calculus I	
MAT-2600	Calculus II	
MAT-3100	Calculus III	

¹ Or any MAT above MAT-2500 Finite Mathematics

Graduation Requirements

Students in the College of Health, Science and Technology or The College of Theology, Arts and Humanities must meet all University requirements found in the Academic Information section of this catalog. Specific requirements for these Colleges include the following:

- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 for all coursework completed at CUC
- A minimum GPA of 2.00 for all courses taken in the major at CUC
- A minimum grade of C for all courses taken in a major at CUC
- Payments of all tuition and fees due to Concordia University Chicago. All holds must be removed to receive transcripts and diploma.
- All Nursing courses must be taken for a grade and not for a grade of Pass/Fail.