EXPLORING OUR PROGRAM OPTIONS

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The Department of Nursing prepares students through two distinct options: 1) a pre-licensure option and 2) an RN to BSN option for Registered Nurses wishing to complete a bachelor of science degree in nursing.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

1. Nursing Process. The graduate will think critically, substantiated with evidence to provide quality, safe, patient-centered care.
2. Professional Identity. The graduate will develop professional identity through leadership, technology, ethical/legal, and health care policy considerations.
3. Communication. The graduate will demonstrate multiple methods of effective communication and collaboration in a variety of settings.
4. Cultural Sensitivity. The graduate will respect and advocate for diverse patients, families, and populations.
5. Personal Growth. The graduate will demonstrate core values, Christ-centered care, and a commitment to life-long learning.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Pre-licensure Option:
1. Be fully matriculated at BYU-Idaho.
2. Students must have completed one semester as a full-time student prior to the times of application.
3. 3.5 cumulative or core grade point average must be maintained throughout the pre-nursing process.
4. Students must be able to complete degree requirements at or near 120 credits.
5. Completion of pre-application course requisites bolded in the course pre-requisite section below.
6. All students are required to have a physical exam and background check at the time of application. Students are responsible for the costs of these admission requirements.
7. A grade of “B” or higher is required in BIO 264 and BIO 265 (Human Anatomy and Physiology).
8. Score a minimum of 75% on the nursing pre-admission examination. Information on the pre-admission exam can be found at www.byui.edu/nursing

Note 1: Students may apply to the Pre-Licensure BSN option during the semester they are completing remaining program prerequisite courses.
Note 2: Students may repeat a total of one nursing prerequisite course while at BYU-Idaho.
Note 3: Students may apply 2 times to the Nursing Program.
RN to BSN Option
1. Be fully matriculated at BYU-Idaho.
2. Must have evidence of graduation from a Nursing program. Graduation from an accredited Nursing program is recommended.
3. Preference is given to candidates with a current RN license in good standing.
4. Candidates who have not yet licensed at the time of application are encouraged to license at the first opportunity after graduation and must submit the RN licensure to Nursing Outreach prior to any clinical course. Failure to pass the NCLEX-RN examination will result in revocation of admission. In such cases, consideration for readmission requires proof of current RN licensure in good standing and may require petition for re-entry and/or re-application.
5. All candidates are required to have a completed background check. Information on the background check can be found at www.byui.edu/nursing.

Clinical practice experiences are required in the RN to BSN Program. For information regarding clinicals, see www.byui.edu/nursing.

OTHER PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS
1. Once accepted, students are required to submit evidence of American Heart Association “Health Care Provider” CPR certification, up-to-date and complete immunization records, and must undergo drug and alcohol testing. Students are responsible for the costs of these program requirements. These requirements must be kept current throughout the Nursing Program.
2. Flu vaccination is mandatory during the recognized flu season.
3. Provide and assume responsibility and liability for own transportation to and from clinical assignments. Clinical practice experiences are generally located in Southeastern Idaho.
4. Complete and maintain mandatory HIPAA, OSHA, and safety trainings throughout the program.
5. Attend mandatory clinical assignments which may be schedule during the evenings, nights, and/or weekends.
6. Maintain a minimum of “C-” in all other pre-requisite and all major courses.
7. Students requesting an accommodation for disabilities must notify the Department of Nursing and should also contact Disability Services office at http://www.byui.edu/disabilities.
8. Students must provide evidence of current personal health insurance.
9. Malpractice insurance is provided by the University for all Pre-Licensure BSN, RN to BSN students and is predicated upon compliance with Department of Nursing clinical policies.

PROGRAM COSTS
In addition to University tuition, the Pre-Licensure BSN option has the following estimated additional costs. Totals include fees, books, and software:

Pre-Admission: $250.00

Post-Admission:
1st semester: $1,125.00
2nd semester: $700.00
3rd semester: $550.00
4th semester: $500.00

RN to BSN costs are calculated by multiplying the total number of required credits by the current per credit rate of tuition. (The number of required credits varies according to transfer credit evaluation.)

COURSE PREREQUISITES
Courses shown in bold are required for application. All other program pre-requisites must be completed prior to beginning core nursing courses.

See the University Catalog for Foundations Requirements: Bachelor’s of Science Degree

- BIO 264 Anatomy and Physiology I 3
- BIO 264L Anatomy and Physiology Lab 1
- BIO 265 Anatomy and Physiology II 3
- BIO 265L Anatomy and Physiology Lab 1
- CHEM 101 Introductory General Chemistry 3
- CHEM 101L Introductory Chemistry Lab 1
- NURS 105 Introduction to Nursing 2
- PSYCH 111 Psychology 3
- BIO 221 General Microbiology 3
- BIO 222 General Microbiology Lab 1
- NUTR 150 Essentials of Human Nutrition 3
- MATH 221B Biostatistics 3
- BIO 381 Pathophysiology 3

RN TO BSN PREREQUISITES
- BIO 381 Pathophysiology 3 credits
  (BIO 381 is a program requirement.)
- MATH 221B Biostatistics 3 credits
  (MATH 221B is a prerequisite course.)

EXPERIENCE GLOBAL HEALTH
Global Health opportunities are offered when experiences become available. Contact the Department of Nursing (208) 496-4550 for further details.

TRANSFER CREDITS
Student Records and Registration Office makes decisions on articulation and validation of transferred credit(s). Transfer credits older than ten years will not apply to the major without prior approval of the Department Chair.

AP, CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT, OR DUAL CREDIT COURSEWORK COMPLETED WHILE IN HIGH SCHOOL
Refer to University Transfer Evaluation Policies for Concurrent/Dual Enrollment Programs and Advanced Placement (AP).

APPLICATION PROCESS
Application deadlines and requirements are available online at www.byui.edu/nursing.
STUDENTS WITH ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

All Nursing applicants with English as a second language are required to pass the TOEFL Examination with a minimum score of:

- 600 - Written Exam
- 250 - Computer-based
- 100 - Web-based

An interview may also be required. A team of Nursing Faculty will assess the candidate’s ability to communicate in English. Effective and efficient communication with patients, families, physicians, hospital staff, nurses etc., is imperative. One interview session will be conducted each semester prior to the application deadline. Students must present TOEFL score to qualify for an appointment. The recommendation of the Interview Team is required in order for the candidate to be considered for selection.

EVIDENCE OF LEGAL U.S. RESIDENCE

Upon acceptance in the Nursing Program, all students, including international students, are required to submit evidence of legal residence as mandated by the State Board of Nursing. The State Board of Nursing is responsible for granting permission for a nursing graduate to take the NCLEX-RN® and then grant Licensure as a Registered Nurse to those candidates who pass the NCLEX-RN®.

LPN to RN ARTICULATION

LPN Candidates must complete the same prerequisites and academic courses as other students. The Student Records Office will evaluate the students transfer transcript(s) for academic coursework which may be accepted by the University to satisfy Foundation requirements. A required validation process for previous nursing learning and clinical competence is defined by the Idaho State Nursing Articulation Committee (ISNAC). Candidates must have a current unencumbered Idaho LPN license, be admitted to BYU-Idaho, and have a current application for the Nursing Program on file with the Department of Nursing.

PETITIONS FOR EXCEPTION

A petition may be submitted if a student believes extenuating circumstances exist. Petitions will not guarantee waivers, but the Selections Council will review and consider the student’s request. Students will receive notification of the Council’s decision on the petition when admission notifications are sent.

DEFERMENT FROM THE NURSING PROGRAM

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ACCREDITATION

The BYU–Idaho Nursing Program is accredited by:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3343 Peachtree Road NE Suite 850
Atlanta, GA 30326
Tel. 1-404-975-5000
www.nlnac.org

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities
8060 165th Avenue N.E., Suite 100
Redmond, WA 98052-3981
Tel. 1-425-558-4224

And is approved by:
State of Idaho Board of Nursing
PO Box 83720
Boise, ID 83720-0061
Tel. 1-208-334-3110, Ext 34
### BSN (RN to BSN Completion) (400)

**Existing Degree or Diploma in Nursing 46**

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**Program Notes**
- No Double Counting of Major Courses
- Students must maintain a minimum grade of C- in their major courses
- In compliance with the State of Idaho Articulation Agreement, six escrow (vertical) credits will be granted upon completion of Nursing 340 and 400. No additional coursework is required for Nursing 331.
- This program admits only students with RN Licensure.
- Entire Program is offered online only.
- Note: NURS 338 has a pre-requisite course of MATH 221B.

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**Tracks Available:**

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- Spring-Fall: Yes
- Online: Yes

### BSN (Pre-licensure) (402)

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- Winter-Spring: Yes
- Spring-Fall: Yes
Course Descriptions | Credits*  
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**NURS 105 Introduction to Nursing** | (2:2:0:0)  
This course is required for application into the BSN program. It introduces students to the profession of nursing and its historical and social context. The conceptual foundations upon which effective patient care is based are explored. For example, concepts of wellness, illness, prevention, teaching-learning, critical thinking, nursing process, patient advocacy, inter-professional collaboration, evidence-based practice and the use of clinical to develop safe, quality patient care are examined. The structure and function of the changing health care delivery system and its influence on nursing are also explored.  
(Fall, Winter, Spring)  
Prerequisites: NURS 105  
Co-requisites: BIO 295  
Grading Method: Pass/Fail

**NURS 310C Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical** | (3:0:0:9)  
This course introduces the foundations of nursing practice, beginning with evidence-based nursing practice, nursing roles, and basic legal and ethical principles of care. Students use the nursing process as a framework to develop, implement and evaluate care for patients related to concepts of Communication and documentation, Safety and quality, Infection control, Mood, sleep, rest, Comfort/Pain, Oxygenation, Nutrition, Fluid and electrolytes, Elimination, Medication administration, Patient education, Into to Genetics, and Care of the pre- and post-operative patient.  
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

**NURS 316 Professional Seminar (RN-BSN)** | (2:2:0:0)  
This semester course applies the conceptual model to help the student explore differences in ASN and BSN education and practice levels, nursing theorists, and professional responsibilities.  
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

**NURS 320 Physical Assessment (BSN)** | (2:2:0:0)  
This course prepares students to complete a physical, psychosocial, spiritual and cultural assessment for patients throughout the life span. Students differentiate between normal and abnormal findings. Students develop beginning competence in performing a complete physical assessment and health history, using interview, observation, palpation, and auscultation techniques. They also perform specialized assessments, including mental status exams, pain, nutritional, family and cultural assessments, and are able to choose assessment techniques appropriate in specific patient care situations.  
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

**NURS 320C Physical Assessment Clinical (BSN)** | (1:0:0:4)  
Grading Method: Pass/Fail  
Prerequisites: NURS 105  
Co-requisites: BIO 295  
This laboratory and clinical course is the companion clinical course to NURS 320. Students practice assessment processes discussed in the skills lab.  
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

**NURS 322 Adult Health I (BSN)** | (3:3:0:0)  
Prerequisites: NURS 105 and NURS 310 and NURS 310C and NURS 320 and NURS 320C  
Concurrent Requisites: NURS 322C and NURS 323 and NURS 333C  
Adult Health I introduce students to the care of patients with chronic medical-surgical conditions related to cardiac, respiratory, gastrointestinal, urinary, reproductive, musculoskeletal, sensory, and endocrine problems. This course prepares students to develop, implement and evaluate evidence-based care, using the nursing process, for adults with simple to intermediate needs that can be met in acute and long-term care settings or in the home environment. Related health promotion interventions are also addressed. Principles of aging and care of the older adult (geriatrics) will be emphasized.  
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

**NURS 322 Adult Health I and Clinical (BSN)** | (2:0:0:6)  
Grading Method: Pass/Fail  
Prerequisites: NURS 105 and NURS 310 and NURS 310C and NURS 320 and NURS 320C  
Concurrent Requisites: NURS 322 and NURS 323 and NURS 323C  
This laboratory and clinical course provides opportunities for students to develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to care for patients with simple to intermediate chronic medical surgical needs in the simulation laboratory and direct patient care settings.  
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

**NURS 323 Mental Health Nursing (BSN)** | (2:2:0:0)  
Prerequisites: NURS 105 and NURS 310 and NURS 310C and NURS 320 and NURS 320C  
Concurrent Requisites: NURS 323 and NURS 323C  
This course prepares the student to develop competence in providing mental health and/or substance abuse care. Effective communication and development of therapeutic relationships in all settings are emphasized; students use the nursing process to provide safe, effective psychiatric nursing care for patients across the lifespan.  
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

**NURS 323 Mental Health Nursing Clinical (BSN)** | (1:0:0:3)  
Grading Method: Pass/Fail  
Prerequisites: NURS 105 and NURS 310 and NURS 310C and NURS 320 and NURS 320C  
Concurrent Requisites: NURS 323 and NURS 323C  
This laboratory and clinical course provides opportunities for students to develop knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to care for patients with psychiatric/substance abuse issues in the simulation laboratory and direct patient care settings.  
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

**NURS 331 Vertical Escrow Credits (RN-BSN)** | (6:0:0:9)  
*Note: Escrow credit is a method of academic adjustment that allows a block of credit to be granted for previous learning. (See Vertical Credits in catalog). At BYU-Idaho, escrow credit allows lower division credits already earned to be awarded as upper division credits upon successful completion of specified course work. These credits are required for the BSN program. The BSN student successfully completes Nursing 327 and 400, and then applies for the Vertical Credits. Six vertical credits will be awarded. Escrow credits do not qualify for financial aid...*  
(Fall, Winter, Spring)

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(Fall, Winter, Spring)

**NURS 340 Health/Wellness in Aging Adult (RN-BSN)** | (4:3:1:0)  
This semester course describes the role of the nurse in promoting optimum nursing care for health and wellness in the aging adult.  
(Fall, Winter, Spring)
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* Credit Description (Credit Hours : Theory Hours per week : Clinical Hours per week : Guided Instruction Hours per week)
NURS 110 Pregnancy (1:1:0:0)

This course explores the physical and emotional changes that take place during pregnancy and childbirth, prenatal development, and the impact of pregnancy and childbirth experiences on the couple relationship.

(Fall, Winter, Spring)