

Professional Nursing (AS)

64 Credits

The Normandale Nursing Department educates students to become entry-level professional nurses. The nursing curriculum is a concept-based, spiraled curriculum that is designed to present and reinforce the knowledge necessary for successful and safe nursing practice.

Graduates are prepared to write the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-RN), and upon success may begin practice as registered nurses. As part of the program's commitment to equity, holistic admission practices are utilized in granting program admission. Supervised clinical experiences are provided in various settings including but not limited to rehabilitation, long-term care, and acute care. Acute care experiences vary but may include units such as mental health, orthopedics, medical-surgical, pediatrics, and obstetrics.

Graduates are eligible to articulate to baccalaureate nursing programs in the Minnesota State system as part of the Minnesota State Nursing Articulation Agreement. Students may opt to complete the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum while completing the nursing program which prepares them to seamlessly transfer to Minnesota State Mankato to complete their BSN with only the upper division nursing courses remaining.

Reasonable accommodations may be available for individuals with disabilities. Information is available in the Office for Students with Disabilities at 952-358-8625.

Normandale's nursing program is approved by the Minnesota Board of Nursing and accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Rd NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326. Contact at 404-975-5000 or online at ACENursing.org

Required General Education Courses - 30 Credits

All courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher

Program Prerequisites

The four (4) following courses (or their transfer equivalents) must be complete or in-progress at the time of application. Applicants must earn an average 2.75 or higher GPA in the four prerequisite courses below.

ENG 1101	College Writing	4 cr
CHEM 1050	Foundations of Organic and Biochemistry	3 cr
BIOL 2041	Human Anatomy	4 cr
PSYC 1050	Introduction to Human Development	3 cr

Notes:

- *CHEM 1050 Foundations of Organic and Biochemistry requires students complete CHEM 1020 Introductory Chemistry or complete the Chemistry Self-Assessment to demonstrate prerequisite chemistry knowledge for CHEM 1050. For more information and to access the assessment, visit www.normandale.edu/chemistry.*
- *CHEM 1061 Principles of Chemistry 1 may be substituted for CHEM 1050 Foundations of Organic and Biochemistry.*
- *PSYC 2210 Developmental Psychology: Lifespan may be substituted for PSYC 1050 Introduction to Human Development.*

Additional General Education Requirements

These general education requirements may be taken before admission, or as scheduled in the four-semester Nursing sequence shown below.

BIOL 2042	Human Physiology	4 cr
BIOL 2044	Introductory Microbiology	3 cr
COMM 1131	Intercultural Communication	3 cr
PHIL 1180	Biomedical Ethics	3 cr

Note: BIOL 2043 Microbiology may be substituted for BIOL 2044.

Complete one of the following two courses:

ANTH 1899	Medical Anthropology: Health, Illness, and Healing Across Cultures	3 cr
SOC 1104	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr

Nursing Courses - 34 Credits

- All courses must be completed with a grade of C or higher.
- Students already holding LPN licensure are required to take 30 nursing credits.

Semester 1 Nursing Courses - Students who are not Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN):

NURS 1000	Role of the Professional Nurse	2 cr
NURS 1051	Foundations of Health Assessment	3 cr
BIOL 2042	Human Physiology	4 cr
BIOL 2044	Introductory Microbiology	3 cr

Semester 1 Nursing Courses - Nursing students with unencumbered Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) license:

NURS 1020	Transition to the Role of the Professional Nurse	1 cr
BIOL 2042	Human Physiology	4 cr
BIOL 2044	Introductory Microbiology	3 cr

LPN students receive 4 advanced standing credits and take NURS 1020 Transition to the Role of Professional Nurse (1 cr.) in place of NURS 1000 and NURS 1051.

Semester 2 Nursing Courses - All Students:

NURS 1101	Health Promotion	5 cr
NURS 1151	Parent Child Nursing	3 cr
PHIL 1180	Biomedical Ethics	3 cr
COMM 1131	Intercultural Communication	3 cr

Semester 3 Nursing Courses - All Students:

NURS 2000	Chronic and Palliative Care	4 cr
NURS 2010	Chronic and Palliative Care Experiential	4 cr
NURS 2050	Pharmacology and the Role of the Professional Nurse	2 cr
ANTH 1899	Medical Anthropology: Health, Illness, and Healing Across Cultures	3 cr
	Or	
SOC 1104	Introduction to Sociology	3 cr

Semester 4 Nursing Courses - All Students:

NURS 2100	Acute and Complex Care	4 cr
NURS 2110	Acute and Complex Care Experiential	4 cr
NURS 2200	Synthesis Theory and Experiential	3 cr

Note: Upon successful completion of Semester 4, students will be eligible for the Associate of Science (AS) Nursing degree and to write the National Council Licensing Exam (NCLEX-RN).

Other Degree Requirements

- Earn a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 for college-level coursework (courses numbered 1000 and above) completed at Normandale.

- Earn a minimum of 15 college-level credits at Normandale.
- Coursework in this degree program satisfies a portion of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC). Please see MnTC Degree Audit Report.

Admission Requirements

- For information about application requirements and the admissions process, including deadlines, visit www.normandale.edu/nursing

Professional Licensure / Certification Disclosure

The AS in Nursing prepares students to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for registered nurse licensure.

Effective July 1, 2020 the U.S. Department of Education regulation 34 CFR 668.43 (a) (5) (v)) which requires our Associate Degree Program in Nursing to provide a **list of states categorized by whether our curriculum:**

- meets state educational requirements for professional licensure or certification;
- does not meet state educational requirements for professional licensure or certification;
- or where we have not made a determination of whether the curriculum meets educational requirements.

For additional information about states' requirements, please visit **NursingLicensure.org**

If you have questions, please contact
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