

Name: _____ NU ID# _____

University of Nebraska Medical Center

College of Nursing

Commerce Court 1230 O St., Suite 131, 472-3567

The College of Nursing is a division of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, with programs in Lincoln, Omaha, Kearney and Scottsbluff. The College of Nursing prepares you for a challenging nursing career and a lifetime of opportunity. Though health care is changing its form, its function remains the same, caring for patients and families. With your bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree, you can choose to work in community or acute care settings, HMOs, nursing centers, community clinics, hospitals or long-term care facilities.

Approximately one-half of the courses required for your BSN are nursing courses; the other half are referred to as “non-nursing” courses. The following is a list of non-nursing requirements that must be completed before you start taking nursing courses:

*Proof of math competency	English composition (I &II)
Sociology	Psychology
Human Growth and Development	Chemistry
Anatomy and Physiology (I & II)	Microbiology
Nutrition	Statistics
Ethics	Humanity elective
Political Science and Social Organization elective	Family and Human Behavior elective
Culture, Race, Ethnicity, or Gender elective 5-9 hours of free electives	Additional required elective

* This requirement can be met by one of the following, by earning: 1) a 22 or higher on the Math section of the ACT or SAT equivalent; 2) an acceptable score on the ASSET or Compass; 3) a score on the UNL math placement test that qualifies you to register for college algebra, or 4) a grade of “C” or higher in the class that qualifies you to register for college algebra.

While you are completing these courses at UNL, you will be a Pre-Nursing major with your college listed as General Studies. You will be advised by the College of Nursing adviser, even as a pre-nursing student. The pre-nursing adviser will help you with course selection, when to apply to the College of Nursing and other concerns you may have. If you have questions, you may contact the pre-nursing adviser, by telephone (402/472-3657) or by writing to Commerce Court, 1230 O St. Suite 131, BOX 880220, Lincoln, NE 68588-0220.

A list of specific courses at UNL that meet these requirements is available from your pre-nursing adviser.

The following is a sample schedule for the first two years as a pre-nursing major:

Sample Schedule

1st Semester (fall):

Biology
English Composition I
Sociology, introduction
Human Growth & Development

2nd Semester (spring):

Microbiology
English Composition II
Psychology, introduction

Culture, Race, Ethnicity or Gender
Elective

Summer

(between 1st and 2nd year if possible):

Statistics
Chemistry

3rd Semester (fall):

Anatomy & Physiology I
Ethics
Humanity Elective
Nutrition
(Note: apply to the College of Nursing)

4th Semester (spring)

Anatomy & Physiology II
Family & Human Behavior
elective
Political Science & Social Organization
elective
Additional Required elective

This sample schedule assumes that the proof of math competency has been met.

Q & A (Questions and Answers)

Can I get my nursing degree in Lincoln?

Yes! While the College of Nursing program is administered by the University of Nebraska Medical Center, all of the courses you will need to complete the BSN degree can be completed in Lincoln.

Where do the Lincoln nursing courses take place?

The nursing classrooms and offices in Lincoln are located in the Commerce Court Building, located in downtown Lincoln, 1230 O St. Classes are held on the third floor and lower level within the building. The College of Nursing Lincoln Division utilizes a variety of community agencies for clinical experiences. Cooperating community agencies include Bryan-LGH Medical Centers, Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department, Lincoln Regional Mental Health Center, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital, St. Elizabeth Regional Medical Center, Tabitha Health Care Services, and the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

How long is the BSN program?

The nursing portion of the degree takes 2.5 years. Therefore, the length of the degree depends on how much time you want to spend completing the non-nursing courses. Many students take a full two years to finish their non-nursing courses. For them, the BSN becomes a 4.5 year degree.

Does the program have a waiting list to begin the nursing courses?

No. Many nursing programs admit students on a first-come-first-served basis. UNMC College of Nursing students are admitted by a selective admissions process. Students are admitted twice a year, so you could begin your nursing courses in August or January.

What is the Admissions Committee looking for?

Students are offered a position in a nursing class after an evaluation of their application file. Since admission is competitive, it is in your best interest to ensure that you have: attained the highest cumulative GPA possible, secured two positive references that are familiar with you as an academic student or can attest to your character, completed a personal interview with a faculty committee, and are close to completing all of your non-nursing course requirements.

When should I apply to the College of Nursing?

That depends on how many semesters you want to take to complete your non-nursing courses. Since applications are accepted twice a year, it is important to plan ahead. If you contact your pre-nursing adviser

each semester before registration begins, he/she will help you with your course selection and the application process.