

Nursing ABSN (B.S.)

Degree Type

Bachelor's

Accelerated B.S. in Nursing (ABSN)

Students enrolled in the Nursing ABSN program receive a [Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing](#). The ABSN program [54-57 credits] is for students who have previously earned a bachelor's degree in another field, do not have a RN license, and have successfully completed the prerequisite and support courses listed below. The program provides a foundation for a nursing career, which includes roles in acute care, community based care environments, and for [graduate education](#) in advanced practice. Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN [exam](#).

Second degree students possessing an undergraduate bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in the United States are exempt from all of the Russell Sage College general education requirements. An official transcript indicating the degree earned with the graduation date (degree conferral date) listed is required.

ABSN Course Plan

The ABSN program is a 16-month degree program. Four terms of full-time study:

- Term 1: 12 credits *or 15 credits including SOC 350 if needed
- Term 2: 16 credits
- Term 3: 14 credits
- Term 4: 12 credits

Fall start: fall, spring, summer, and fall

Spring start: spring, summer, fall, and spring

Pre-requisite Courses

- Completion of all of the prerequisite classes listed below is required prior to enrolling in the Nursing classes (NSG).

Item #	Title	Credits
BIO 201	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIO 202	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIO 208	Microbiology	4
	CHM or PHY course with Lab	4
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
	PSY Lifespan Development (PSY 202 or PSY 208)	3-4
SCI 120	Nutrition Science	3

Support Courses

Complete all of the following:

Item #	Title	Credits
	Sociology course	3
SOC 350	Research for the Professions	3

Nursing Coursework

- Students must earn a course grade of C+ or higher (2.300) in all Nursing courses (NSG)
- Complete *all* of the following:

Item #	Title	Credits
NSG 201	Theoretical Basis of Nursing	3
NSG 207	Health Assessment and Promotional Strategies	4
NSG 212	Nursing Concepts I	5
NSG 323	Nursing Concepts II	6
NSG 325	Family Community Health Nursing I	3
NSG 326	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	4
NSG 333	Nursing Concepts III	6
NSG 345	Nursing Pharmacology	3
NSG 355	Reproduction and Sexuality	4
NSG 405	Leadership/Management in Nursing	2
NSG 409	Prof. Role:Challenges and Issues	2
NSG 425	Family and Community Health II	4
NSG 450	Transitions in Professional Practice	8

Academic Standards

Students are required to attain and maintain a Nursing major GPA of 3.000 or higher. In order for a student to enroll in Nursing department courses (NSG), a Nursing major GPA of 3.000 is required. If a Nursing major GPA of 3.000 is not achieved, the student will be placed on probation and may not progress in the Nursing sequence. The student will be provided a single semester to increase their Nursing GPA to the required 3.000 by either repeating a Nursing Course and/or required prerequisites. If the required Nursing GPA of 3.000 is achieved, the student will be allowed to progress in the Nursing sequence and come off probation. After one semester, if the cumulative Nursing GPA of 3.000 is not achieved, the student will be dismissed from the Nursing program.

Students are responsible for reviewing the academic standards for nursing as outlined in the College Catalog and the [Nursing Department Student Handbook](#). The first time a student's nursing major GPA falls below 3.000 or earns a course grade of less than C+ (2.300) in any NSG course, the student's academic standing will be reviewed by the Nursing Academic Standards committee and the Chair of the Nursing Department. Following this review, at the end of the academic semester the student will be placed on probation and will not be allowed to progress in the nursing program. Students may not appeal probation. The student will be permitted to retake only one NSG course (including NSG courses with a W grade). See the [Repeat Course Policy](#) for the institutional limit.

Recommendations from the committee will be given to the student to improve the student's academic standing within the program. The student must adhere to the recommendations. If the student has previously repeated a nursing course, the student will be dismissed from the program.

Note: students may only be on probation once while in the nursing program and may only repeat one nursing course.

Program of Study

The following is the sequence of courses for the the **BS in Nursing ABSN** program. Prior completion of the pre-requisite courses, BIO 201, BIO 202, BIO 208, CHM 103, PSY 101, PSY 202, and SCI 120, is required.

Term 1: 12 credits or 15 credits**

NSG 201 Theoretical Basis of Nursing (3cr)
NSG 207, NSG 207L, NSG 207R Health Assess Prom Strategies(4cr)
NSG 212, NSG 212L, NSG 212R Nursing Concepts I (5cr)
SOC 350 Research for the Professions (3cr)**

Term 2: 16 credits

NSG 323, NSG 323L, NSG 323R Nursing Concepts II (6cr)
NSG 325, NSG 325L Family & Comm Health I (3cr)
NSG 326, NSG 326L Psych Mental Hlth Nursing (4cr)
NSG 345 Nursing Pharmacology (3cr)

Term 3: 14 credits

NSG 333, NSG 333L Nursing Concepts III (6cr)
NSG 355, NSG 355L Reproduction & Sexuality (4cr)
NSG 425, NSG 425L Family & Comm Health II (4cr)

Term 4: 12 credits

NSG 405 Leadership & Management (2cr)
NSG 409 Professional Role (2cr)
NSG 450, NSG 450L Transitions to Prof Practice (8cr)

****Completion of SOC 350 is required for students who have not completed an approved equivalent social research transfer course.**

Degree Completion Notes

- Total credits required for a bachelor's degree (minimum): 120 credits
- All of the Nursing courses (NSG) must be completed at Sage
- Completion of 60 liberal arts and sciences credits
- Cumulative GPA required for graduation (minimum): 2.000
- Major GPA required for graduation (minimum): 3.000

Total Credits

85-86