

Nursing (B.S.)

Degree Type

Bachelor's

Students enrolled in the BS in Nursing basic program receive a bachelor of science degree with a major in nursing. The basic nursing major is 85-86 credits and is for students who do not have a RN license. The program provides a foundation for a nursing career, which includes roles in acute care and community based care environments and for graduate education in advanced practice. Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN [exam](#).

- Students must complete all of the 100 and 200-level support courses and have 57 or more completed credits prior to beginning NSG 207 and NSG 212
- **Current Russell Sage College students:** admission to the Nursing program as a current student declaring Nursing as a new major requires a nursing major GPA of 3.000 in the prerequisite and support coursework. Contact the Office of Academic Advising (academicadvising@sage.edu) for more information on the major change process for nursing.

Accelerated B.S. in Nursing (ABSN)

The [Accelerated B.S. in Nursing degree](#) (ABSN) is for students who have previously earned a bachelor's degree in another field and who have successfully completed the prerequisite and support courses listed below. 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 RSC general education requirements. An official transcript indicating the degree earned with graduation date or the degree conferral date listed is required. The ABSN program is a 16-month degree program (54-57 credits). The ABSN course plan begins in the fall and is four terms of full-time study. Degree completion is awarded at the end of the second fall term.

Pre-requisite Courses

Note: to be eligible to enroll in NSG 200 level coursework, 1. completion of the prerequisite courses is required, 2. a nursing major GPA of 3.000 or higher is required, and 3. completion of 60 total credits.

- Complete *all* of the following:

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
	SOC course	3
SOC 350	Research for the Professions	3

Nursing Coursework

- Students must receive a grade of C+ or higher (2.300) in all NSG courses.
- 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 GPA of 3.000 is required. If a Nursing 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.

Suggested Program of Study

The following is a *suggested* course sequence for the Nursing major. Many of the courses in year 1 and year 2 may be completed in a different term within the first two years.

Year 1 - Fall: 16 credits

CHM 103 & CHM 103L Intro to Gen Chem (4cr)
PSY 101 Intro to Psychology (3cr)
RSC 101 Thriving at Sage (3cr)
Sociology course (3cr)
WRT 101 Writing In Community (3cr)

Year 1 - Spring: 16 credits

BIO 201 & BIO 201L (4cr)
SCI 120 Nutrition Science (3cr)
WRT 201 Researching in Community (3cr)
General Education Course (3cr)
General Elective (3cr)

Year 2 - Fall: 16-17 credits

BIO 202 & BIO 202L A&P I (4cr)
PSY 202 (3cr) *or* PSY 208 Dev. Science (4cr)
RSC 201 *or* General Education course (3cr)
General Education Course (3cr)
General Elective (3cr)

Year 2 - Spring: 16 credits

BIO 208 & BIO 208L Microbiology (4cr)
SOC 350 Research for the Professions (3cr)
RSC 201 *or* General Education course (3cr)
General Education course (3cr)
General Elective (3cr)

Year 3 - Fall: 12 credits

**Nursing major GPA of 3.000 or higher is required for NSG 207 & NSG 212.*

NSG 201 Theoretical Basis of Nursing (3cr)
NSG 207, NSG 207L, NSG 207R Health Assess Promo Strag. (4cr)
NSG 212, NSG 212L, NSG 212R Nursing Concepts I (5cr)

Year 3 - Spring: 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)

Year 4 - Fall: 17 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)
RSC 301 General Education course (3cr)

Year 4 - Spring: 12 credits **

NSG 405 Leadership & Mgt in Nursing (2cr)

NSG 409 Professional Role (2cr)

NSG 450, NSG 450L Transitions to Prof Practice (8cr)

**Due to the clinical hours requirement in NSG 450, completing 12 credits *maximum* in the last term of study is strongly recommended.

Nursing Coursework Sequence - SPRING Start Term

Term 1 - Spring: 12 credits

**Nursing major GPA of 3.000 or higher is required for NSG 207 & NSG 212.*

NSG 201 Theoretical Basis of Nursing (3cr)

NSG 207, NSG 207L, NSG 207R Health Assess Promo Strategies (4cr)

NSG 212, NSG 212L, NSG 212R Nursing Concepts I (5cr)

& SOC 350 Research for the Professions (3cr) **if needed*

Term 2 - Fall: 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 - Spring: 17 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)

RSC 301 General Education course (3cr)

Term 4 - Fall: 12 credits **

NSG 405 Leadership & Mgt in Nursing (2cr)

NSG 409 Professional Role (2cr)

NSG 450, NSG 450L Transitions to Prof Practice (8cr)

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Degree Completion Notes

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

Total Credits

85-86