

NURSING CURRICULUM & INFORMATION for A&S Exploratory Students & Families

UC's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) major is a highly competitive, four-year degree program with limited seats that Exploratory students must compete to transition into. The BSN major is offered on the Uptown East (Clifton Medical) Campus. Exploratory students should strongly consider and work with their Exploratory advisor on a parallel plan to become a nurse if this is their true passion.

Transitioning students wishing to enter the BSN major must have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 to be considered for admission. However, students must earn a minimum GPA of 3.0 in the pre-requisite nursing courses listed below to be considered for admission. It is also possible to complete these courses as any major through the College of Arts and Sciences, Blue Ash College, Clermont College or another University and apply to the BSN major. **Note: although the pre-requisite nursing courses GPA of 3.0 is required to be considered for admission, the actual competitive GPA in these courses is typically much higher.**

*The following courses are **required** to be completed by the end of the spring semester to be considered for admission into the BSN major sophomore year. Some courses may be moved from fall to spring semester; these courses are marked with an asterisk (*).*

Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS	COURSE #	COURSE TITLE	CREDIT HOURS
BIOL 2001C	Anatomy and Physiology I (NS)	4	BIOL 2002C	Anatomy and Physiology II (NS)	4
CHEM 1020	Introduction to Chemistry and Biochemistry (NS)	3	BIOL 2031C	Microbiology for Health Professionals	3
CHEM 1020L	Introduction to Chemistry & Biochemistry Laboratory (NS)	1	*ENGL 1001	English Composition (EC) (or 1012)	3
*SOC 1001	Introduction to Sociology (SS)	3	*PSYC 1001	Introduction to Psychology (SS)	3
*CHOOSE ONE FROM BELOW: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PD 1000 Exploring Health Professions • MLTI 1023 "College Success Seminar" OR • READ 1005 "Reading Academic Texts" OR • HFL _____ HFL Courses like "Yoga" OR • _____ Any 2 - 3 credit hour college-level course you can earn an A in! 			Fine Arts or Humanities Elective (FA) or (HU) * _____ (1000/ 2000 Level)		
		13-14 Total			15-16 Total

Admission to the College of Nursing, BSN major sophomore Year

- **Completion of minimum requirements does NOT assure admission.**
- **Students must complete ALL pre-requisite courses by the end of the SPRING semester with a minimum GPA of 3.0 in these courses to be considered for admission. But keep in mind, the average competitive GPA in pre-requisite nursing courses has typically been much higher.**
- **NO grades below a C in any freshman course will be accepted.** Even a C- is not acceptable.
- Repeated grades are averaged, with the exception of Humanities or Fine Arts (HU and FA) courses, in which case the highest grade is used.
- Exploratory students must take and use any 2 cr. hrs. of college-level course(s) by the end of the spring semester of their freshman year to make-up for the 2 cr. hr. "Success in College & Nursing" course first year nursing students in the College of Nursing take. (Exploratory students are prevented from registering for this course.)
- The College of Nursing will present more specific information about the application process to apply to transition into the BSN major during an information session in November.
- To be considered, students should apply during the one-month application period February 1 - 28. The BSN application is an on-line application found at www.nursing.uc.edu during this one-month period of time.
- **Exploratory students will also sign up for a date to go to Procter Hall (Uptown East Campus) to complete an essay and a pre-admissions exam (the HESI-A2) as part of the BSN application process. To purchase an exam review book visit the following link: <https://evolve.elsevier.com/cs/product/9781455703333?role=faculty> . The exam covers anatomy and physiology, critical thinking, reading comprehension and math. Admission decisions are based on GPA (40%), the essay (30%), and the exam (30%).**

We are NOT trying to suggest that you are in any danger of not getting into the nursing program. But we want to encourage you to develop a contingency plan so that whatever comes your way, you will have done some advanced preparation. Regardless of the circumstances, contingency planning (or “Parallel Planning”) is one of the hallmarks of a professional.

Parallel Plan Options

Program Options at the University of Cincinnati to Become a Nurse

1. *Nursing, RN Technology*

While applying to the UC BSN program, you can simultaneously apply to the RN program at Blue Ash. For more information please visit their website [UC-Blue Ash](#) and attend an information session. You will need to RSVP for a specific date and time at [UC Blue Ash Group Advising Sessions](#). Call (513) 745-5753 with questions. After completing your RN you can consider Option #2 below.

2. *RN to BSN*

After earning your RN (see option #1 above & several options below), you can come to the University of Cincinnati and complete the [RN to BSN Completion Program](#). After one year full-time you will have earned a BSN. Attend an information session to learn more; they are offered monthly. The information session has also been recorded and posted on their website.

3. *Accelerated Pathway Program*

Consider choosing a different major and applying to the [Accelerated Pathway Program](#) in the College of Nursing once you have earned your Bachelor’s degree. Information sessions are offered every other month; dates and times are listed on the website. The information session has also been recorded and posted on their website. Check out all of the resources on the [CES website](#) that can help you choose your “best fit” undergraduate major and meet with your exploratory advisor to discuss the possibilities!

Local Options Outside of the University of Cincinnati to Become a Nurse

BSN Programs:

[Christ Hospital School of Nursing](#)
[Northern Kentucky University](#)
[Miami University](#)
[Mount Saint Joseph](#)
[Xavier University](#)
[Wright State University \(Dayton\)](#)
[Thomas More College](#)

Associate (RN) programs:

[Kettering College at Kettering Medical Center \(Dayton\)](#)
[Good Samaritan Hospital](#)
[Cincinnati State](#)
[Galen](#)
[Gateway Community & Technical College](#)



FIND YOUR DIRECTION!

EXPLORE...DISCOVER...DECIDE...DECLARE!