



BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN) PROGRAM

University Profile

The University of Saint Francis was founded in 1890 and has a rich heritage of offering quality education. Rooted in the Catholic and Franciscan traditions of Faith and Reason, the University of Saint Francis engages a diverse community in learning, leadership and service. Personal attention to students is what makes a USF education so meaningful and enriching to its approximately 2,100 students. The campus has 108 acres of rolling lawns and trees with 19 buildings and four residence halls that surround beautiful Mirror Lake.

Department of Nursing

Mission

Rooted in Franciscan values, the Nursing faculty prepare a diverse community of students for professional nursing, lifelong learning, service, and leadership.

Program Overview

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program prepares graduates for entry level practice as nurse generalists to practice professional nursing with individual clients, families, groups, and communities across the lifespan in a variety of settings. Guided by the Franciscan values, students are assisted to value service, lifelong learning and caring behaviors as the foundation for professional nursing. In addition to basic nursing roles, students practice in structured and unstructured settings, fulfill leadership roles, and evaluate and apply research to improve client outcomes. Knowledge from humanities, social and behavioral sciences, and life and physical sciences are synthesized with nursing theory and practice. The curriculum provides an academic background which serves as the basis for graduate education and continued personal and professional growth. After completing the degree, graduates are eligible for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

Admission Requirements

A point system is used to evaluate applications of qualified candidates in order to accept applicants into the program as either pre-nursing or nursing majors. The point system used by the Nursing Program Admissions Committee will be provided to applicants upon request.

Traditional Students (up to age 24)

- Graduate from an accredited high school.
- Have a 2.7 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Earn a Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) re-centered score of 1000 or above or an American College Test (ACT) composite score of 21 or above.
- Have successfully completed ("C" or better) one year of high school algebra, biology and chemistry.
- Have completed TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills).

Adult Students (25 years and older)

- Graduate from an accredited high school.
- Have a 2.7 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Students who did not graduate from high school must have completed the General Education Development (GED) tests with a combined total battery GED score of 2500 with no sub-test score below 500.
- Have Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Test (ACT) scores from high school that would be equivalent to the current requirement of 1000 SAT or 21 ACT.
- Have successfully completed ("C" or better) one year of high school algebra, biology and chemistry.
- Have completed TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills).

Transfer Students

- Meet university entrance requirements for transfer students.
- Have a minimum transfer cumulative GPA of 2.7.

- Have successfully completed ("C" or better) one year of high school or one semester of college level algebra, chemistry and biology.
- Have completed TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills).
- Only nursing courses with a grade of "B-" or better can be considered for transfer credit.
- A minimum of 32 credit hours in nursing must be taken at the University of Saint Francis to be awarded a bachelor degree in nursing from the University of Saint Francis.

Entry into the clinical sequence is based on availability of enrollment openings for the course. When necessary to form a waiting list for clinical courses the following criteria are used for prioritizing students to begin the clinical sequence:

- GPA (GPA earned at the University of Saint Francis).
- Date prerequisite courses completed.
- Date of entry into the nursing program.
- Number of credit hours completed toward the degree, including transfer credits.
- Grades in non-nursing courses, especially science and math courses.

Once admitted to the nursing major, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.7, achieve a "B-" or better in all nursing courses and earn a grade of "C" or better in all required non-nursing courses.

Major Coursework

Following is a listing of general education and nursing courses required for the BSN. Changes may be made in the curriculum as necessary.

General Education Courses:

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Human Anatomy and Physiology I
Human Anatomy and Physiology II

College Algebra
Introductory Statistics
English Composition I
English Literature directed course
Techniques of Speech
Physical Fitness
Religious Studies directed course
Theology directed course
General Psychology
History directed course
Sociology directed course
Human Growth and Development
Microbiology
Nutrition
Pathophysiology
8-9 directed credit hours within general education outcomes
Philosophical Ethics Elective
History directed course
Directed elective

Nursing Courses:

Introduction to Holistic Health and Nursing
Health Assessment
Basic Nursing
Evidence-Based Nursing
Medial Surgical Nursing I
Pharmacology in Health Care
Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing
Nursing Care of Children and Adolescents
Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family
Nursing Care of Adults II
Nursing Care of Adults III
Community Health Nursing
Nursing Leadership
Nursing Care of Adults IV
Nursing Synthesis
Baccalaureate Nursing Seminar I, II, III, IV
V, and VI

Faculty

Students will find highly skilled and respected nursing faculty who are dedicated to teaching and learning and provide personalized attention. On enrollment each student is assigned a nursing faculty advisor to assist the student in course planning and program completion.

Facilities

The Nursing Department is located in the spacious Doermer Family Center for Health Science Education. A computer lab for health science students and a Nursing Resource Center offer excellent learning resources. The School of Health Sciences Simulation Lab provides simulated experiences to facilitate the mastery of healthcare skills using adult, pediatric and

infant human patient simulators. Learners provide healthcare during simulated clinical experiences. Live feed and video playback of experiences are available in the Debriefing Room. A new library in Pope John Paul II Center provides a comprehensive, health sciences collection, as well as access to multiple computers.

Math Competency Program

A math competency program provides student assessment of math calculation knowledge and skills, and consistent testing practices in pre-licensure programs.

Clinical Requirements

In order to participate in clinical experiences, clinical requirements as set by the Department of Nursing and clinical agencies must be met including, but not limited to, criminal background checks and drug testing.

External Assessment Program

The Department of Nursing uses a system of external assessment and remediation for pre-licensure students. All pre-licensure students purchase a designated testing package upon enrollment in the first nursing course. The primary purpose is to help prepare students for NCLEX-RN success. Testing results are also used to evaluate course outcomes.

Pre-licensure students are required to complete designated tests including content mastery assessments at specified points in the curriculum. Additionally, a nationally-normed comprehensive examination designed to predict success on the NCLEX-RN will be administered during the final clinical nursing course. Students must achieve a designated satisfactory score on the comprehensive examination in order to meet course requirements.

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program is accredited by the Indiana State Board of Nursing and Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Career Connections

The BSN degree offers students the educational mobility to pursue a Master of Science in Nursing degree. USF offers a Family Nurse Practitioner track.

Currently, students who obtain their BSN degree at USF are eligible to receive discounted tuition for the MSN program.

How do I apply for admission?

1. Request an application for admission from the Office of Admissions or apply online.
2. Send the completed application along with the required non-refundable application fee of \$20 to the Office of Admissions.
3. Have an official copy of your high school transcript showing class rank and ACT or SAT results sent to the Admissions Office. Transcripts are considered official only when they are sent directly from the school and have a school seal or signature of a school official.
4. If you did not finish high school, have your high school transcript sent in addition to your GED test score results.
5. If you have attended post-secondary institutions, submit an official transcript from each institution attended. Transcripts are considered official only when they are sent directly from the institution and have the seal or signature of an official.
6. If you have been in military service, submit a copy of your DD214 military discharge form.
7. Schedule TEAS (\$30 testing fee).

Financial Aid

Financial aid is available in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, and work study. More than 95 percent of undergraduate students receive financial assistance; most receive more than one type of aid. Early Estimator packages are available for dependent students during the fall at www.sf.edu/financialaid. All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Priority deadline is no later than March 10.

How do I find out more?

Call the Office of Admissions at 260-399-8000 or 800-729-4732, or visit our website at www.sf.edu.

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