

NURSING-R.N., B.S.N.

Degree Requirements (120 hours)

Program of Study

Requirements	Credit Hours
1. Carolina Core	32-44
2. College Requirements	7
3. Program Requirements	38-50
4. Major Requirements	28

Founding Documents Requirement

All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade in the subject areas of History, Political Science, or African American Studies that covers the founding documents including the United State Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Emancipation Proclamation and one or more documents that are foundational to the African American Freedom struggle, and a minimum of five essays from the Federalist papers. This course may count as a requirement in any part of the program of study including the Carolina Core, the major, minor or cognate, or as a general elective. Courses that meet this requirement are listed here (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/founding-document-courses/>).

1. Carolina Core Requirements (32-44 hours)

CMW – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written (6 hours)

- ENGL 101
- ENGL 102

ARP – Analytical Reasoning and Problem Solving (6 hours)

- STAT 112
- STAT 205

Note: May substitute for STAT 201 for STAT 205.

SCI – Scientific Literacy (8 hours)

- BIOL 243¹
- BIOL 243L¹
- BIOL 244¹
- BIOL 244L¹

¹ Pre-requisite course for nursing courses.

GFL – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language (0-6 hours)

Demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language by achieving a score of two or higher on the Foreign Language Placement Test or by completing one Foreign Language through 110 or 121.

- CC-GFL courses (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

GHS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Historical Thinking (3 hours)

- any CC-GHS course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

GSS – Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Social Sciences (3 hours)

- PSYC 101

AIU – Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding (3 hours)

- any CC-AIU course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

CMS – Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component¹ (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-CMS course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

INF – Information Literacy¹ (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-INF course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

VSR – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility¹ (0-3 hours)

- any overlay or stand-alone CC-VSR course (<https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/undergraduate/carolina-core-courses/>)

¹ **Carolina Core Stand Alone or Overlay Eligible Requirements** – Overlay-approved courses offer students the option of meeting two Carolina Core components in a single course. A maximum of two overlays is allowed. The total Carolina Core credit hours must add up to a minimum of 31 hours. Some programs may have a higher number of minimum Carolina Core hours due to specified requirements.

2. College Requirements (7 hours)

Must be passed with a grade of C or higher.

Course	Title	Credits
BIOL 250	Microbiology	3
BIOL 250L	Microbiology Laboratory	1
PSYC 420	Survey of Developmental Psychology	3
Total Credit Hours		7

3. Program Requirements (38-50 hours)

Supporting Course (3 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
SOCY 101	Introductory Sociology	3
Total Credit Hours		3

Licensure Exam Credit (up to 38 hours)

After admission to the RN-BSN program and completion of all BSN degree requirements: Students awarded an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) from an accredited (ACEN, formerly NLNAC) program or Students with a Diploma in Nursing from an accredited (ACEN, formerly NLNAC) program will be awarded up to 38 credits towards meeting educational

competencies for their degree (RN Licensure). Number of credits awarded will be determined after careful review of the student transcript and program of study requirements (RN Licensure). Additional coursework may be needed to satisfy outstanding credits not met by ADN or Diploma degree. Education competency credits are held and will be awarded upon successful completion of all BSN degree requirements.

Electives (0-12 hours)

As needed to meet minimum 120 hours required for graduation. More than 12 hours may be required depending upon credit given for Licensure Exam.

4. Major Requirements (28 hours)

A minimum grade of C is required in all major courses.

Major Courses (28 hours)

Course	Title	Credits
Upper Division Courses ¹		
NURS 250	Nursing Science in Professional Practice	3
NURS 309	Nursing Health Assessment	3
NURS 313	Nursing Care of the Older Adult	3
NURS 318	Application of Pathophysiology and Pharmacology in Nursing	3
NURS 400	Evidence-based Nursing Practice	3
NURS 420	Emerging Issues in Health Care	3
NURS 428	Nursing Leadership and Management	4
NURS 431	Population Health Nursing	3-4
NURS 434	Community-Based Clinical Practicum for RNs	3
Total Credit Hours		28-29

¹ Courses are offered in 7-week blocks in an online format

USC Residency Requirements for BSN Graduation

The last 25% of a student's degree must be completed in residence (meaning through USC Columbia coursework or other USC campus), and at least half of the hours in the student's major and minor courses (if applicable) must be taken at the University, i.e. 122 credits = 31 hours. Advanced placement exam credits or transfer credits do not meet this requirement. Students must meet these requirements to be eligible for BSN graduation.