

NURSING PRE-LICENSURE TRACKS (TRADITIONAL AND ACCELERATED) / BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

Accelerated Nursing Requirements

Total Credit Hours: 128

Major Credit Hours: 64

Prerequisites: 64

Nursing Courses: 64

The Lewis University Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program offers two different pathways for adults to fast track your Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree:

- First Degree Completion Program – For adults who have a 3.0 GPA and have completed the General Education courses and nursing prerequisite courses.
- Second Degree Career Transition – For adults who have completed a bachelor's in a non-nursing major.

Upon completion of the accelerated nursing track, the graduate will be granted a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree and be eligible to sit for the national examination for licensure (NCLEX) as a registered professional nurse. Prerequisite completion will be determined by the program advisor with each individual evaluation of undergraduate transcripts.

Curriculum Requirements

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing requires the successful completion of the following courses. Progression from one term to the next requires successful completion of all nursing courses from the previous term(s). Admission, progression, curriculum, and graduation policies of the prelicensure track are subject to change in order to comply with the requirements of the current Illinois Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act, Rules for the Administration of Nursing and Advanced Practice Nursing Act, and The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice (American Association of Colleges of Nursing, 2021).

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Semester 1 (12) – (Fall) (Spring)		
1st 8 Weeks		
NURS 20200	Professional Development 1: Foundations ¹	3
NURS 23300	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
2nd 8 Weeks		
NURS 23200	Fundamentals of Safety and Quality in Patient-Centered Care	6
Semester 2 (12) – (Spring) (Summer)		
1st 8 Weeks		
NURS 32600	Pharmacotherapeutics	3
NURS 32900	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan	3

2nd 8 Weeks		
NURS 32500	Adult 1: Beginning	6
Semester 3 (13) – (Summer) (Fall)		
1st 8 Weeks		
NURS 33600	Professional Development 2: Health Care Trends	2
NURS 33800	Childbearing Families	4
2nd 8 Weeks		
NURS 33700	Children, Adolescents, and Families	4
NURS 33500	Evidence Based Practice and Nursing Research ²	3
Semester 4 (12) – (Fall) (Spring)		
1st 8 Weeks		
NURS 42500	Adult 2: Advanced	6
2nd 8 Weeks		
NURS 42600	Professional Development 3: Leadership, Collaboration, and Teamwork	2
NURS 42700	Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing	4
Semester 5 (15) – (Spring) (Summer)		
1st 8 Weeks		
NURS 43500	Adult 3: Critical Care	6
2nd 8 Weeks		
NURS 43600	Community Health Nursing ³	4
NURS 43900	Professional Development 4: Role Transition	5
Total Hours		64

- ¹Note: NURS 20200 Professional Development 1: Foundations fulfills the Globalization requirement.
- ²Note: NURS 33500 Evidence Based Practice and Nursing Research fulfills the Advanced Writing requirement.
- ³Note: NURS 43600 Community Health Nursing fulfills the Civic Engagement requirement.

Registration and Progression

The accelerated student must meet the Nursing program policies related to health record, immunizations, drug and background checks. The accelerated student must earn a grade of "C" or better in all required general education courses before starting nursing core courses. Students earning a grade of "D" or "W" in any accelerated preterm or nursing course will be permitted to repeat the course only one time. The student will be given the option to remain in the accelerated program or matriculate to the 16-week program, only after meeting with the Director. All other Nursing program BSN progression policies apply to the accelerated student. These policies are noted in the BSN Nursing Student Handbook. Students who earn a grade of "F" in any required nursing course at any level will be dismissed from the Nursing program. Students who earn two "D" grades or receive two "W" grades in required nursing courses (two "D" or "W" grades in one course, or one "D" or "W" grade in each of two courses) will be dismissed from the Nursing program. Dismissed students will have the option to appeal their dismissal per the student handbook. Dismissal from the Nursing program does not necessarily result in dismissal from the University.

The advanced writing requirement of the General Education curriculum is satisfied for Nursing majors by successful completion of Evidence Based Practice and Nursing Research (NURS 33500).

The college writing, natural science, ethics, mathematics, social science, and diversity and social justice General Education requirements are fulfilled by the non-nursing support courses.