

# III. NURSING

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## The Program

### Remember:

1. You are personally responsible to plan your program to meet all graduation requirements.
2. To graduate you must complete all major and QuEST requirements with a minimum of 123 total credit hours. (a typical nursing plan is 127 credits)
3. To continue at Messiah, you will need to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 1.80 (0–23 credits), 1.90 (24–56 credits), and 2.00 (57 credits or above).

To enter the clinical nursing courses, you will need to achieve a prerequisite earned GPA of 2.70. The achievement of a “C” or higher is required of every student in all pre-requisite courses for the major completed at Messiah University.

4. Only 1 pre-requisite course may be repeated for an earned grade < “C”. Only one “C” is allowed in a pre-requisite science course: CHEM 103, BIOL 185, BIOL 186, BIOL 189, BIOL 265. If you earn a second grade of “C” or lower in a science course, one of those courses must be repeated for a higher grade to continue in the nursing program. If you earn a C or lower in the repeated course, you will be dismissed from the nursing major.
5. To progress in the nursing major you must maintain a cumulative earned GPA of 3.00.
6. Successful criminal history background checks must be completed for entry into the nursing clinical courses.
7. You must undergo a physical examination, with annual follow-ups, that are documented on required health forms.
8. You must undergo a drug screening prior to clinical courses.
9. The last 30 credits preceding the conferring of the degree must be earned at Messiah University with a minimum of 12 credits in the major.

## Guidelines for Mathematical Sciences Courses

Statistics is required for nursing majors and meets the QuEST requirement for Mathematical Sciences.

### Students with Advanced Placement credit:

Requirements for courses in mathematical sciences can be met through Advanced Placement exam credit. Students who have taken AP exams in calculus, computer science, or statistics can learn [here](#) how credit is awarded for your scores.

## 8-semester plan Nursing (B.S.N)

Course #	Course name	Credits	Course #	Course name	Credits
<b>First Year – Fall</b>			<b>First Year - Spring</b>		
IDFY 101	First Year Seminar*	3	COMM 105	Oral Communications*	3
CHEM 103	Chemical Science*	4	Varies	2 <sup>nd</sup> level language*	3
BIOL 185	Human Anatomy & Physiology I*	4	IDCR 151	Created & Called for Community*	3
PSYC 101 <u>or</u> SOAN 101 <u>or</u> HDFS 101	Intro to Psychology * <u>or</u> Principles of Sociology * <u>or</u> Foundations of Marriage and Family * (one of these only)	3	BIOL 189	Genetics for Health Professions	3
Varies	1 <sup>st</sup> level language*	3	BIOL 186	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
			WELL 1xx	Wellness course*	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17</b>
<b>Sophomore –Fall</b>			<b>Sophomore – Spring</b>		
Varies	Lang/Cross Cultural/Non Western*	3	Varies	Art, Music, Theatre or Dance*	3
BIOL 265	Microbiology	4	NURS 303	Pathophysiology	3
BIBL 20x	Bible*	3	NURS 211	Foundations of Nursing Practice	3
PSYC 209	Life Span Development	3	NURS 210	Health Assessment	3
NURS 203	Historical & Conceptual Basis for Nursing	3	NUTR 222	Principles of Nutrition	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15</b>
<b>Junior – Fall</b>			<b>Junior – Spring</b>		
ENGL XXX	Literature+	3	STAT 269	Introductory Statistics*	3
HIST XXX	US or European History *	3	NURS 312	Nursing Care of Adults & Older Adults II	4
NURS 304	Pharmacology	3	NURS 313	Nursing Care of Infants, Children, and Adolescents	4
NURS 311	Nursing Care of Adults & Older Adults I	4	NURS 305	Nursing Research I	2
NURS 310	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family	4	PHIL/RELI xxx	Philosophy/Religion+	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>
<b>Senior – Fall</b>			<b>Senior – Spring</b>		
varies	Worldviews/Pluralism/Ethics*	3	NURS 413	Leadership in Nursing	3
NURS 410	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	4	NURS 414	Population and Global Health	4
NURS 411	Nursing Care of the Critically Ill	4	NURS 492	Senior Nursing Capstone	6
NURS 405	Nursing Research II	2			
THEO xxx	Christian Beliefs*	3			
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>13</b>

\*QuEST requirement