

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).
4. To enter the clinical nursing courses, you will need to achieve a prerequisite earned GPA of 2.70 and a minimum grade of “C” in specified prerequisite courses. 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.
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 College 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 |
|--|--|-----------|----------------------------|---|-----------|
| First Year – Fall | | | First Year - Spring | | |
| IDFY 101 | First Year Seminar* | 3 | COMM 105 | Oral Communications* | 3 |
| CHEM 103 | Chemical Science* | 4 | Varies | 2 nd 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 st level language* | 3 | BIOL 186 | Human Anatomy & Physiology II | 4 |
| | | | WELL 1xx | Wellness course* | 1 |
| TOTAL | | 17 | TOTAL | | 17 |
| Sophomore –Fall | | | Sophomore – Spring | | |
| 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 |
| TOTAL | | 16 | TOTAL | | 15 |
| Junior – Fall | | | Junior – Spring | | |
| 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 | 4 | NURS 305 | Nursing Research I | 2 |
| NURS 310 | Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family | 4 | PHIL/RELI xxx | Philosophy/Religion+ | 3 |
| TOTAL | | 17 | TOTAL | | 16 |
| Senior – Fall | | | Senior – Spring | | |
| varies | Worldviews/Pluralism/Ethics* | 3 | NURS 495 | Senior Practicum—International <u>or</u> Local | 3 |
| NURS 410 | Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing | 4 | NURS 413 | Leadership in Nursing | 3 |
| NURS 411 | Nursing Care of the Critically Ill | 4 | NURS 412 | Community Health Nursing | 4 |
| NURS 405 | Nursing Research II | 2 | NURS 496 | Senior Seminar | 3 |
| THEO xxx | Christian Beliefs* | 3 | | | |
| TOTAL | | 16 | TOTAL | | 13 |

*QuEST requirement