

# NURSING FOR RNS: POST LICENSURE & MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING: COMMUNITY HEALTH (B.S.N. TO M.S.N.) - ONLINE

**Important:** This degree plan is effective for those starting this degree program in fall 2025 through summer 2026. This degree plan will remain in effect for students who do not break enrollment or who do not change degree programs, concentrations, or cognates.

## General Education/Foundational Skills Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Communication &amp; Information Literacy <sup>1</sup></b>		
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
	Communications Elective	3
	Information Literacy Elective	3
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<b>Technological Solutions &amp; Quantitative Reasoning <sup>1</sup></b>		
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
Math Elective	MATH 114 or higher	3
<b>Critical Thinking <sup>1</sup></b>		
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview <sup>2</sup>	4
	Critical Thinking Elective	3
<b>Civic &amp; Global Engagement <sup>1</sup></b>		
	Cultural Studies Elective	3
<b>Social &amp; Scientific Inquiry <sup>1</sup></b>		
	Natural Science Elective	3
	Social Science Elective	3
<b>Christianity &amp; Contexts <sup>1</sup></b>		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey <sup>2</sup>	4
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>39-42</b>

<sup>1</sup> Refer to the list of approved general education electives before enrolling in foundational skill requirements

<sup>2</sup> Students transferring in 45 or more UG credit hours will have the requirement of RLGN 104 waived; Students transferring in 60 or more UG credit hours will also have the requirement of THEO 104 waived

## Major Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>BSN for RN's - Post-Licensure Major Foundational Courses</b>		
BIOL 204	Microbiology for Health Professionals <sup>1,2</sup>	4
BIOL 213	Human Anatomy and Physiology I <sup>1,2,3</sup>	3
BIOL 214	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab <sup>1,2,3</sup>	1
BIOL 215	Human Anatomy and Physiology II <sup>1,2,3</sup>	3

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 216	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab <sup>1,2,3</sup>	1
CHEM 108	Chemistry for Health Science Professionals <sup>1,2</sup>	4
MATH 202	Professional Statistics <sup>1,2</sup>	3
PHIL 380	Biomedical Ethics <sup>1,2</sup>	3
PSYC 101	General Psychology <sup>1,2</sup>	3
PSYC 210	Developmental Psychology <sup>1,2</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>28</b>

<sup>1</sup> Courses may also fulfill select General Education Requirements. Please refer to the list of approved general education electives at general education requirements

<sup>2</sup> Minimum grade of "C" required

<sup>3</sup> Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Credit will be given for BIOL 213, BIOL 214, BIOL 215, BIOL 216 for RN students with a current and active Nursing License

Code	Title	Hours
<b>BSN for RN's - Post-Licensure Major Core</b>		
NURS 105	Medical Terminology <sup>1</sup>	1
NURS 211	Post-Licensure Health Assessment <sup>2</sup>	3
NURS 215	Post-licensure Pathophysiology <sup>2</sup>	3
NURS 220	Advanced Nursing Communication <sup>3</sup>	3
NURS 221	Fundamentals in Nursing <sup>1</sup>	4
NURS 301	Strategies for Adult Health Care I <sup>1</sup>	5
NURS 302	Strategies for Adult Health Care II <sup>1</sup>	5
NURS 305	Pharmacology <sup>1</sup>	2
NURS 306	Pharmacology II <sup>1</sup>	2
NURS 325	Nursing Concepts	3
NURS 352	Caring for the Childbearing Family I <sup>1</sup>	4
NURS 353	Caring for the Childbearing Family II <sup>1</sup>	4
NURS 440	Post-licensure Strategies for Community Health Care	4
NURS 460	Advanced Strategies for Adult Health Care <sup>1</sup>	4
NURS 489	Leadership in Nursing	3
NURS 491	Nursing Management	3
NURS 492	Advanced Concepts of Nursing Practice <sup>4</sup>	3
NURS 500	Research <sup>4,5</sup>	3
NURS 503	Managing Population Health <sup>4,6</sup>	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>62</b>

<sup>1</sup> These courses will be satisfied automatically for RNs

<sup>2</sup> Minimum grade of "C" required

<sup>3</sup> NURS 220 requires a background check as a course assignment and must be taken as the first Nursing course to help set a foundation for the remaining Nursing coursework

<sup>4</sup> Students must complete NURS 500 and NURS 503 prior to NURS 492

<sup>5</sup> If this course is not successfully completed (B- or better), the student will need to take NURS 226 as a prerequisite prior to repeating NURS 500

<sup>6</sup> If this course is not successfully completed (B- or better), the student will need to take NURS 446 as a prerequisite prior to repeating NURS 503

Code	Title	Hours
<b>BSN for RN's - Post-Licensure Free Electives <sup>1</sup></b>		
Choose 0-4 credit hours of Free Electives		0-4
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>0-4</b>

<sup>1</sup> NURS 316 or NURS 415 is strongly recommended

Code	Title	Hours
<b>MSN - Community Health Concentration</b>		
NURS 501	Health Policy and Ethics	3
NURS 502	Nursing Theory and Advanced Practice	3
NURS 521	Nursing Issues, Informatics and Technology	3
NURS 523	Financial and Resource Management for Nurse Leaders	3
NURS 527	School of Nursing MSN Practicum Gate	0
NURS 631	Community Health Practicum I Health Policy Leadership <sup>1,2</sup>	3
NURS 632	Community Health Practicum II <sup>1,2</sup>	3
NURS 633	Community Health Practicum III <sup>1,2</sup>	3
HLTH 501	Biostatistics	3
HLTH 503	Principles of Epidemiology	3
HLTH 505	Principles of Environmental Health	3
Elective <sup>3</sup>		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>33</b>

<sup>1</sup> NURS 631, NURS 632, and NURS 633 involve practicum hours (200 practicum hours). Students must obtain a preceptor site contract along with an MSN or doctorally prepared preceptor.

<sup>2</sup> Students must also complete all pre-practicum requirements prior to enrollment in any practicum course

<sup>3</sup> Choose any 500-600 level course

*All applicable prerequisites must be met*

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete 153 hours
- 120 credit hours must be 100-400 level courses (NURS 500 & NURS 503 included)
- 3.0 overall GPA required for **undergraduate** degree
- 3.0 overall GPA required for **graduate** degree
- 30 credit hours of undergraduate courses must be upper-level (300-400 level)
- Grade of "C" minimum required for all **undergraduate** courses in the major
- Grade of "B-" or higher required for all **graduate** courses, including NURS 500 and NURS 503
- 50% of Graduate Concentration taken through Liberty University
- 46% of the undergraduate courses in majors must be taken through Liberty University
- 30 Credit hours of undergraduate courses must be taken through Liberty University
- Nursing courses taken through Liberty University which are more than **5 years** old may not be applied towards this degree. Students are required to repeat the course if it has exceeded the age limit
- Degree must be completed within 5 years

- Submission of Degree Completion Application must be completed within the last semester of a student's anticipated graduation date

## Course Sequence

Course	Title	Hours
<b>First Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
BIBL 104	Survey of Old and New Testament	4
ENGL 101	Composition and Rhetoric	3
UNIV 104	Instructional Technology for Successful Online Learning	0-3
Communications Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
NURS 220	Advanced Nursing Communication <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13-16</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
CHEM 108	Chemistry for Health Science Professionals <sup>3</sup>	4
Information Literacy Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
Math Elective (MATH 202 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>1</sup>		3
Social Science Elective (PSYC 101 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>1</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Second Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
Natural Science Elective (BIOL 204 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>1</sup>		3
NURS 215	Post-licensure Pathophysiology <sup>3</sup>	3
NURS 500	Research <sup>4</sup>	3
NURS 211	Post-Licensure Health Assessment <sup>3</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
RLGN 104	Christian Life and Biblical Worldview	4
THEO 104	Introduction to Theology Survey	4
NURS 503	Managing Population Health <sup>5</sup>	3
NURS 325	Nursing Concepts	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>14</b>
<b>Third Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
Information Literacy Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
NURS 440	Post-licensure Strategies for Community Health Care	4
NURS 489	Leadership in Nursing	3
NURS 491	Nursing Management	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>13</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
PSYC 210	Developmental Psychology	3
Critical Thinking Elective (PHIL 380 <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>1</sup>		3
Cultural Studies Elective <sup>1</sup>		3
NURS 492	Advanced Concepts of Nursing Practice	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>12</b>
<b>Fourth Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
HLTH 501	Biostatistics	3
NURS 501	Health Policy and Ethics	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Second Semester</b>		
HLTH 503	Principles of Epidemiology	3
NURS 521	Nursing Issues, Informatics and Technology	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Fifth Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
NURS 502	Nursing Theory and Advanced Practice	3
NURS 631	Community Health Practicum I Health Policy Leadership	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Second Semester</b>		
NURS 523	Financial and Resource Management for Nurse Leaders	3
NURS 632	Community Health Practicum II	3
Elective <sup>6</sup>		3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>9</b>
<b>Sixth Year</b>		
<b>First Semester</b>		
HLTH 505	Principles of Environmental Health	3
NURS 633	Community Health Practicum III	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>110-113</b>

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<sup>3</sup> Minimum grade of "C" is required

<sup>4</sup> If this course is not successfully completed (B- or better), the student will need to take NURS 226 as a prerequisite prior to repeating NURS 500

<sup>5</sup> If this course is not successfully completed (B- or better), the student will need to take NURS 446 as a prerequisite prior to repeating NURS 503

<sup>6</sup> Choose any 500-600 level course