



This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade ¹	Major GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (16-17 Credit Hours)							
	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
!	CHEM 102 Fundamental Chemistry II ³	4	C		CC-SCI	1 yr. high-school chemistry, or CHEM 101 or 111 or equiv.	
!	BIOL 243 & 243L Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	C		PR		
!	NURS 112 Intro. to Nursing as a Profession	2	C		MR		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University (or elective) or MATH 111/111i ⁴ (if required per placement test) or Carolina Core Requirement ⁵	3-4	C		PR/CC		
Semester Two (18 Credit Hours)							
	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF	C or better in ENGL 101	
	NURS 208 Introduction to Nursing Informatics	2	C		MR		
	STAT 112 Statistics and the Media or CSCE 101 Introduction to and Programming Concepts using AI tools or CSCE 102 Web Design and Development using AI tools	3	C		CC-ARP		
	PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology	3	C		CC-GSS		
!	BIOL 244 & 244L Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	C		PR	BIOL 243	
	SOCY 101 Introductory Sociology	3	C		PR		
Semester Three (16-17 Credit Hours)							
!	BIOL 250 & 250L Microbiology	4	C		CR	College-level biology & chemistry	
	PSYC 420 Survey of Developmental Psychology	3	C		CR	PSYC 101 or EDPY 335	
!	NURS 216 Biophysical Pathology	3	C		MR	CHEM 102 & BIOL 243 & 244	
	STAT 205 Elem. Stat. for the Bio. & Life Sci. ⁶	3	C		CC-ARP	C or better in MATH 111 or higher or placement through the MAP	
	Foreign language ⁷ or other Carolina Core Req. ⁵	3-4	C		CC-GFL		
Application for Nursing Upper Division must be submitted by the deadline.							
Semester Four (12-15 Credit Hours)							
	NURS 220 Clinical Nutrition ⁸	3	C		MR	NURS 216	
	Foreign language ⁷ or other Carolina Core Req. ⁵	3	C		CC-GFL		
	BIOL 206 Genetics and Society	3	C		CC-SCI		
	PHIL 213 Communicating Moral Issues	3	C		CC-CMS CC-VSR		
	Carolina Core Req. ⁵ (only if needed to meet CC)	0-3	C		CC		
Semester Five (16 Credit Hours)							
	NURS 311 Introduction to Health Assessment	3	C		MR	C or better in NURS 220; Coreqs: NURS 312, 313, 314 & 324	
	NURS 312 Foundations of Nursing Practice	5	C		MR	C or better in NURS 220; Coreqs: NURS 311, 313, 314 & 324	
	NURS 313 Nursing Care of the Older Adult	3	C		MR	C or better in NURS 220; Coreq: C or better in 311, 312, 314 & 324	
	NURS 314 Clinical Reasoning in Nursing Practice	2	C		MR	C or better in NURS 220; Coreqs: NURS 311, 312, 313 & 324	
	NURS 324 Chemical Therapeutics	3	C		MR	C or better in NURS 220; Coreqs: NURS 311, 312, 313, & 314	
Semester Six (15 Credit Hours)							
	NURS 400 Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3	C		MR CC-INT	C or better in NURS 314	
	NURS 412 Acute Care Nursing of Adults I	5	C		MR	C or better in NURS 311, 312, 313, 314, & 324; Coreq: NURS 400, 413, & 426	
	NURS 413 Intradisciplinary Comm. & Skills Dev.	2	C		MR	C or better in NURS 311, 312, 313, 314, & 324; Coreq: NURS 412 & 426	
	NURS 426 Concepts of Pediatric & Reprod. Health	5	C		MR	C or better in NURS 311, 312, 313, 314, & 324; Coreq: NURS 412 & 413	
Semester Seven (14 Credit Hours)							
	NURS 411 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	4	C		MR	C or better in NURS 412, 413 & 426 Coreq: NURS 422, 427 & 431	
	NURS 422 Acute Care Nursing of Adults II	5	C		MR	C or better in NURS 412, 413 & 426; Coreq: NURS 411, 427 & 431	
	NURS 427 Intradisciplinary Coord. & Skills Mgmt.	1	C		MR	C or better in NURS 412, 413 & 426	
	NURS 431 Population Health Nursing	4	C		MR	C or better in NURS 412, 413, & 426; Coreq: C or better in NURS 411, 422 & 427	

Semester Eight (12 Credit Hours)							
	NURS 428 Nursing Leadership & Management	4	C		MR	C or better in NURS 411, 422, 427 & 431; Coreq: NURS 435	
	NURS 435 Senior Nursing Capstone Practicum	8	C		MR	C or better in NURS 411, 422, 427 & 431; Coreq: NURS 428	

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	67	19-22	31-34	3.000

- Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 3.000 cumulative institutional GPA. One below C grade is allowed in a required science or nursing (NURS) course to remain eligible for the major. However, students must earn a minimum grade of C in all required courses for the BSN program in order to continue with the curriculum and graduate.
- Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
- CHEM 102 is a pre-requisite course for nursing courses; CHEM 111, CHEM 111L, CHEM 112, and CHEM 112L (all must be taken) may substitute for CHEM 102.
- Students who do not place into the required ARP courses must complete the necessary prerequisites before continuing with the required Carolina Core ARP courses.
- The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
- Students may substitute STAT 201 or STAT 206 for STAT 205.
- Students in the College of Nursing are required to 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.
- NURS 220 must be completed with a C or better grade prior to starting upper division coursework.

Program Notes:

- Students must have a "C" or better grade in all critical courses and a cumulative 3.000 or higher progression and institutional GPA in order to be eligible to apply to Upper Division.
- Acceptance into the University with a pre-nursing (lower-division) classification does not guarantee progression into the upper-division nursing major. Students enrolled in pre-nursing (lower division) must meet minimum upper division admission standards set forth by the College of Nursing (see Bulletin listing). Once minimum criteria are met, all qualified applicants are placed into an applicant group and are evaluated, using the same criteria, for a total evaluation metric. Based on the number of available seats and available clinical sites, students are admitted based on results of the total evaluation metrics.
- Prerequisite BSN science courses must be completed within 7 years of starting upper division coursework, or 8 years if continuous fall/spring higher education enrollment.
- Once a student has begun upper division coursework, they must complete the BSN degree within 5 years.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic [bulletin](#).
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the [Carolina Core](#) page on the University website.

Codes:			
CC	Carolina Core	CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	CC-VSR	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	CR	College Requirement
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	MR	Major Requirement
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	PR	Program Requirement
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences		

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.