

NURSING (BSN)

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Major: Nursing

Program Code: 3611

About This Major . . .

The four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program was developed to prepare a professional nurse generalist for practice in a variety of healthcare settings. The program integrates nursing theory, practice, and science with a broad liberal arts education. Graduates of the program enter the nursing profession with the knowledge and skill necessary to provide high-quality nursing care. The program also provides the foundation for graduate study in nursing. The BSN program utilizes a holistic admissions process that includes completion of all prerequisite courses and evaluation of GPA and Kaplan Nursing School Entrance exam score. Applicants who meet the qualifications are invited to interview for possible acceptance into the program. More information about the admission process can be found on the Department of Health Sciences website (<https://www.coloradomesa.edu/health-sciences/index.html>). The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, master's degree program in nursing, and Doctor of Nursing Practice program at CMU are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<https://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE>).

For more information on what you can do with this major, visit Career Services' [What to Do with a Major?](#) resource.

All CMU baccalaureate graduates are expected to demonstrate proficiency in specialized knowledge/applied learning, quantitative fluency, communication fluency, critical thinking, personal and social responsibility, and information literacy. In addition to these campus-wide student learning outcomes, graduates of this major will be able to:

- Construct a practice-based performance/project drawing on knowledge, skills, and attitudes specific to the discipline of nursing. (Specialized Knowledge)
- Employ quantitative reasoning in making judgments and reaching conclusions. (Quantitative Fluency)
- Make and defend assertions about a nursing practice topic in a well-organized evidence-based document or presentation. (Communication Fluency)
- Demonstrate critical thinking behaviors as a basis for practice. (Critical Thinking)
- Utilize information from relevant sources to improve health among diverse populations. (Information Literacy)
- Engage in ethical reasoning to provide optimal nursing care. (Personal and Social Responsibility)

Requirements

Each section below contains details about the requirements for this program. Select a header to expand the information/requirements for that particular section of the program's requirements.

To print or save an overview of this program's information, including the program description, learning outcomes, requirements, suggested course sequencing (if applicable), and advising and graduation information, scroll to the bottom of the left-hand navigation menu and select "Print Options." This will give you the options to either "Send Page to Printer" or "Download PDF of This Page." The "Download PDF of This Page" option

prepares a much more concise presentation of all program information. The PDF is also printable and may be preferable due to its brevity.

Institutional Degree Requirements

The following institutional degree requirements apply to all CMU baccalaureate degrees. Specific programs may have different requirements that must be met in addition to institutional requirements.

- 120 semester hours minimum.
- Students must complete a minimum of 30 of the last 60 hours of credit at CMU, with at least 15 semester hours in major discipline courses numbered 300 or higher.
- 40 upper-division credits (an alternative credit limit applies to the Bachelor of Applied Science degree).
- 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in all CMU coursework.
- A course may only be used to fulfill one requirement for each degree/certificate.
- No more than six semester hours of independent study courses can be used toward the degree.
- Non-traditional credit, such as advanced placement, credit by examination, credit for prior learning, cooperative education and internships, cannot exceed 30 semester credit hours for a baccalaureate degree. A maximum of 15 of the 30 credits may be for cooperative education, internships, and practica.
- Pre-collegiate courses (usually numbered below 100) cannot be used for graduation.
- Capstone exit assessment/projects (e.g., Major Field Achievement Test) requirements are identified under Program-Specific Degree Requirements.
- The Catalog Year determines which program sheet and degree requirements a student must fulfill in order to graduate. Visit with your advisor or academic department to determine which catalog year and program requirements you should follow.
- See "Requirements for Undergraduate Degrees and Certificates" in the catalog for a complete list of graduation requirements.

Essential Learning Requirements

(31 semester hours)

See the current catalog for a list of courses that fulfill the requirements below. If a course is an Essential Learning option and a requirement for your major, you must use it to fulfill the major requirement and make a different selection for the Essential Learning requirement.

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
English ¹		
ENGL 111	English Composition I-GTCO1	3
ENGL 112	English Composition II-GTCO2	3
Mathematics ¹		
MATH 113	College Algebra-GTMA1 ²	3
History		
Select one History course		3
Humanities		
Select one Humanities course		3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		
PSYC 150	General Psychology-GTSS3	3

PSYC 233	Human Growth and Development-GTSS3	3
Fine Arts		
Select one Fine Arts course		3
Natural Sciences		
Select one Natural Sciences course		3
BIOL 250	Introduction to Microbiology-GTSC1	3
BIOL 250L	Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory-GTSC1	1
Total Semester Credit Hours		31

¹ Must receive a grade of "C" or better and must be completed by the time the student has 60 semester hours.

² This is a 4 semester credit hour course. 3 credits apply to the Essential Learning requirement and 1 credit applies to Electives.

Other Lower Division Requirements

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
Wellness Requirement		
KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1
Select one Activity course		1
Essential Learning Capstone ¹		
ESSL 290	Maverick Milestone	3
ESSL 200	Essential Speech	1

¹ Essential Learning Capstone must be taken after completion of the Essential Learning English and Mathematics requirements, and when a student has earned between 45 and 75 hours.

Foundation Courses

(15-16 semester hours, must pass all courses with a grade of "C" or higher)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
BIOL 209	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	3
BIOL 209L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	1
BIOL 210	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	3
BIOL 210L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	1
BIOL 241	Pathophysiology	4
STAT 200	Probability and Statistics-GTMA1	3-4
or STAT 215	Statistics for Social and Behavioral Sciences	
Total Semester Credit Hours		15-16

Program Specific Degree Requirements

(64 semester hours, must pass all courses with a grade of "C" or higher and maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA or higher in coursework in this area.)

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
NURS 350	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 350L	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan Laboratory	1

NURS 353	Foundation of Nursing Practice	4
NURS 353L	Foundations of Nursing Practice Laboratory	3
NURS 370	Pharmacology for Nurses I	3
NURS 372	Professional Development I: Nursing Theory, Roles and Ethics	2
NURS 373	Acute and Chronic Illness I	4
NURS 373L	Acute and Chronic Illness I Clinical	4
NURS 388	Mental Health Nursing	3
NURS 388L	Mental Health Nursing Clinical	2
NURS 394	Nursing Research: An Evidence-Based Practice	2
NURS 457	Obstetrical Nursing	2
NURS 458	Pediatric Nursing	2
NURS 459L	Obstetrical and Pediatric Nursing Clinical	3
NURS 472	Professional Development II: Health Informatics	2
NURS 473	Acute and Chronic Illness II	4
NURS 473L	Acute and Chronic Illness II Clinical	3
NURS 482	Professional Development III: The Professional Nurse	2
NURS 487	Community and Population Nursing	3
NURS 487L	Community and Population Nursing Clinical	2
NURS 490	Nursing Leadership and Management	3
NURS 490L	Nursing Leadership and Management Clinical	1
NURS 492	Pharmacology for Nurses II	2
Complete one of the following Capstone Clinical options:		4
NURS 493L	Senior Capstone Clinical	
NURS 493A & NURS 493B	Senior Capstone Clinical I and Senior Capstone Clinical II ¹	
Total Semester Credit Hours		64

¹ Students who are currently passing their courses and will be completing the BSN program in the spring semester may be eligible to take **NURS 493A** in December & **NURS 493B** in January between the fall and spring semester. These course offerings are the same course as NURS 493L. The number of community clinical sites and faculty availability over December (NURS 493A) and January (NURS 493B) determine space availability in these special course sections.

General Electives

All college level courses appearing on your final transcript, not listed above that will bring your total semester hours to 120 hours. 3-4 semester hours

Code	Title	Semester Credit Hours
MATH 113	College Algebra-GTMA1	1
Select additional elective(s)		2-3
Total Semester Credit Hours		3-4

Suggested Course Plan

		Semester Credit Hours
First Year		
Fall Semester		
ENGL 111	English Composition I-GTCO1	3
PSYC 150	General Psychology-GTSS3	3
KINE 100	Health and Wellness	1
Essential Learning - History		3
Essential Learning - Natural Science		3
Semester Credit Hours		13
Spring Semester		
ENGL 112	English Composition II-GTCO2	3
PSYC 233	Human Growth and Development-GTSS3	3
Essential Learning - Humanities		3
KINA Activity		1
BIOL 209 & 209L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	4
Semester Credit Hours		14
Second Year		
Fall Semester		
BIOL 250 & 250L	Introduction to Microbiology-GTSC1 and Introduction to Microbiology Laboratory-GTSC1	4
Essential Learning - Fine Arts		3
MATH 113	College Algebra-GTMA1	4
General Elective (2-3 credit hours as needed)		3
Semester Credit Hours		14
Spring Semester		
BIOL 210 & 210L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	4
BIOL 241	Pathophysiology	4
ESSL 290	Maverick Milestone	3
ESSL 200	Essential Speech	1
STAT 200 or STAT 215	Probability and Statistics-GTMA1 or Statistics for Social and Behavioral Sciences	3-4
Semester Credit Hours		15-16
Third Year		
Fall Semester		
NURS 350 & 350L	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan and Health Assessment Across the Lifespan Laboratory	4
NURS 353 & 353L	Foundation of Nursing Practice and Foundations of Nursing Practice Laboratory	7
NURS 370	Pharmacology for Nurses I	3
NURS 372	Professional Development I: Nursing Theory, Roles and Ethics	2
Semester Credit Hours		16
Spring Semester		
NURS 373 & 373L	Acute and Chronic Illness I and Acute and Chronic Illness I Clinical	8
NURS 388 & 388L	Mental Health Nursing and Mental Health Nursing Clinical	5
NURS 394	Nursing Research: An Evidence-Based Practice	2
Semester Credit Hours		15
Fourth Year		
Fall Semester		
NURS 457	Obstetrical Nursing	2
NURS 458	Pediatric Nursing	2
NURS 459L	Obstetrical and Pediatric Nursing Clinical	3
NURS 472	Professional Development II: Health Informatics	2
NURS 473 & 473L	Acute and Chronic Illness II and Acute and Chronic Illness II Clinical	7
Semester Credit Hours		16

Spring Semester

NURS 482	Professional Development III: The Professional Nurse	2
NURS 487 & 487L	Community and Population Nursing and Community and Population Nursing Clinical	5
NURS 490 & 490L	Nursing Leadership and Management and Nursing Leadership and Management Clinical	4
NURS 492	Pharmacology for Nurses II	2
NURS 493L	Senior Capstone Clinical	4
Semester Credit Hours		17
Total Semester Credit Hours		120-121

Advising and Graduation Advising Process and DegreeWorks

Documentation on the pages related to this program is intended for informational purposes to help determine what courses and associated requirements are needed to earn a degree. The suggested course sequencing outlines how students could finish degree requirements. Some courses are critical to complete in specific semesters, while others may be moved around. Meeting with an academic advisor is essential in planning courses and altering the suggested course sequencing. It is ultimately the student's responsibility to understand and fulfill the requirements for their intended degree(s).

DegreeWorks is an online degree audit tool available in MAVzone. It is the official record used by the Registrar's Office to evaluate progress towards a degree and determine eligibility for graduation. Students are responsible for reviewing their DegreeWorks audit on a regular basis and should discuss questions or concerns with their advisor or academic department head. Discrepancies in requirements should be reported to the Registrar's Office.

Graduation Process

Students must complete the following in the first two months of the semester prior to completing their degree requirements:

- Review their DegreeWorks audit and create a plan that outlines how unmet requirements will be met in the final semester.
- Meet with their advisor and modify their plan as needed. The advisor must approve the final plan.
- Submit the "Intent to Graduate" form to the Registrar's Office to officially declare the intended graduation date and commencement ceremony plans.
- Register for all needed courses and complete all requirements for each degree sought.

Submission deadlines and commencement details can be found at <http://www.coloradomesa.edu/registrar/graduation.html>.

If a student's petition for graduation is denied, it will be their responsibility to consult the Registrar's Office regarding next steps.