DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

http://www.uvm.edu/~cnhs/nursing/

The Department of Nursing offers an undergraduate educational program to prepare qualified individuals for the practice of professional nursing and a graduate program for advanced nursing practice. The undergraduate program leads to the Bachelor of Science degree and is approved by the Vermont State Board of Nursing and the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. Graduates of the program are eligible to apply for registered nurse licensure.

PROGRESSION POLICY

- Students are expected to maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 2.50 with a grade no lower than C in all required courses (except free electives). If a student’s GPA is below 2.50, the student will be placed “on trial” for one semester. The inability to raise the cumulative GPA to 2.50 during the “on trial” semester is grounds for dismissal.
- Receiving a grade of C- or lower in the same required or nursing course twice, or in two different courses, is grounds for dismissal. General electives do not apply to this policy.

ARTICULATION AGREEMENTS

UVM’s Department of Nursing has articulation agreements with associate degree nursing programs at Castleton State College, Vermont Technical College, and Greenfield Community College. The agreements guarantee students who meet specific criteria admission to a prescribed program of study in the RN-BS program at UVM. Upon successful completion of the RN-BS program and degree requirements, students receive a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in nursing from UVM.

MAJORS

NURSING MAJORS

Nursing B.S.

Nursing (for Registered Nurses) B.S.

GRADUATE

Nursing AMP

Nursing M.S. Clinical Nurse Leader

Direct Entry Program in Nursing (Pre-License)

See the online Graduate Catalogue for more information

Nursing Health Sciences Courses

NH 003. Medical Terminology. 2 Credits.
Terminology related to medical and health sciences. Online. Prerequisite: CNHS students or DNFS majors.

NH 015. Personal Power in Health. 3 Credits.
Explores consumer power in health care. Addresses how an individual can influence personal health as well as health of community.

NH 050. App to Hlth: From Pers to Syst. 1 Credit.
This course introduces students to a range of topics related to their chosen majors and future careers. Pre/co-requisite: First year College of Nursing and Health Sciences students.

NH 095. Special Topics. 1-6 Credits.
Introductory courses on health topics beyond the scope of department or college offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

NH 120. Health Care Ethics. 3 Credits.
A study of ethical principles and applications used to help resolve dilemmas in health care delivery. Introduction to ethical decision-making models used in the practice of modern health care.

NH 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
Intermediate courses or seminars on topics beyond the scope of the normal departmental or college offerings. See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

NH 201. Hlth: Sex, Drugs & Fast Foods. 3 Credits.
All Honors College Juniors within the CNHS will take this course in fulfillment of the Honors College curriculum. The course will be an exploration into the determinants of health.

NH 202. D2: Social Justice and Health. 3 Credits.
Examination of the health impacts of injustice and the role of health professionals, their associations and employers in promoting social justice to improve health. Pre/co-requisites: CNHS Honors College Junior or permission of the Instructor.

NH 251. HC: Honors Project and Seminar. 3 Credits.
All senior Honors College students are required to complete a senior project. This course will facilitate this project for CNHS students.

NH 252. HC: Honors Project and Seminar. 3 Credits.
This course facilitates the completion and second half of the Honors College project. All CNHS Honors College students must enroll in the NH 251-NH 252 sequence.

NH 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

Nursing Courses

NURS 120. Pathophysiology. 3 Credits.
This course is designed to provide the student with a comprehensive foundation in pathophysiology. The phenomena that result in dysfunction in human physiologic response will be examined. Prerequisites: ANPS 019, ANPS 020. (MMG 065 or MLRS 054, MLRS 056 recommended).

NURS 135. Hlth Issues in Dev Countries. 3 Credits.
Discussion of status and practice issues in developing countries including several Black African countries and Peoples’ Republic of China. Historical, sociocultural, religious, political perspectives.
NURS 138. Critical Care Nursing. 6 Credits.
Prepares the experienced registered nurse with the knowledge to competently manage the critically ill adult patient. Focuses on assessment, analysis, and nursing management strategies. Pre/co-requisite: Registered Nurse status.

NURS 195. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

NURS 196. Intermediate Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

NURS 296. Advanced Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.
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Professional Nursing Courses
PRNU 060. Trans to Cntmp Prof Nursing. 3 Credits.
This course bridges students into the RN-BS-MS program. An emphasis is placed on nursing theory, holistic nursing practice, contemporary issues in nursing and ethical decision-making. Prerequisite: Admission to program (NAT majors).

PRNU 095. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.
See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

PRNU 110. Art & Science of Nursing. 3 Credits.
Ways of knowing that contribute to the professional nurse’s understanding of the human experience of health are explored within the context of environment and culture. Prerequisites: Sociology, PSYC 001, ENGS 001, NH 050.

PRNU 111. Research in Nursing. 3 Credits.
Provides an introduction to nursing research and its relationship to nursing theory and practice. Knowledge and skills essential for the critique and utilization of nursing research are presented. Prerequisites: PRNU 110, STAT 111 or STAT 141.

PRNU 113. Health Assessment. 0 or 3 Credits.
Through classroom and laboratory experiences, students learn to holistically assess and differentiate healthy from at-risk or altered findings of clients in a variety of settings. Prerequisites: ANPS 019, NFS 043, HDFS 005, PRNU 110. Pre/corequisites: PRNU 111, PRNU 114, ANPS 020, MMG 065 or MLRS 054, MLRS 056.

PRNU 114. Intro to Clinical Practice. 0 or 3 Credits.
Introduces students to the application of nursing knowledge to address basic human health problems. Course objectives are applied through supervised experiences in selected settings. Pre/co-requisite: PRNU 113.

PRNU 121. Gerontology. 3 Credits.
This course emphasizes the challenges of older adults and methods to minimize the risk of morbidity, functional decline and hospitalization. Prerequisites: PRNU 111, PRNU 113, and PRNU 114.

PRNU 128. Pharmacology. 0-4 Credits.
Examination and application of knowledge of pharmacotherapeutic principles to nursing practice. Prerequisites: PRNU 113, PRNU 114, CHEM 026, ANPS 020. Pre/co-requisite: NURS 120.

PRNU 129. Women & Newborn Nursing. 0 or 4 Credits.
This course focuses on the human experiences of child bearing. Students will have opportunities to care for childbearing women, neonates and their families. Prerequisites: PRNU 113, PRNU 114. Co-requisites: PRNU 128, NURS 120.

PRNU 131. Health Alterations. 3 Credits.
Focus on the human experience of alterations in health for individuals and their families. Content addresses individual and family responses to disease processes from a holistic perspective. Prerequisites: PRNU 121, PRNU 128, PRNU 129, and NURS 120.

PRNU 132. Child & Adolescent Nursing. 0 or 5 Credits.
Through classroom and practicum, students learn to holistically care for children/adolescents experiencing health alterations within the context of family. Prerequisites: PRNU 128, PRNU 129, NURS 120. Pre/co-requisite: PRNU 131.

PRNU 134. Adult Health Nursing I. 0 or 6 Credits.
Through classroom and practicum, students learn to holistically care for adults and elders experiencing health alterations within the context of family. Prerequisites: NURS 120, PRNU 128, PRNU 129. Pre/co-requisite: PRNU 131.

PRNU 196. Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.
Refer to course schedule for specific title. Prerequisite: Majors only; Senior standing.

PRNU 197. Independent Study. 1-3 Credits.
An independent study is an educational experience taken for credit that occurs separate from a group class. The student develops a plan specific to their learning needs and interests and works under the guidance of a faculty member to achieve the predetermined objectives. Prerequisite: Agreement from a faculty sponsor and approval by the Baccalaureate Education Committee.

PRNU 231. Chronic & Palliative Care Nurs. 3 Credits.
Nursing care of clients experiencing complex alterations in health related to the human experience of chronic illness and end of life issues. Prerequisite: PRNU 131.

PRNU 234. Adult Health Nursing II. 0 or 6 Credits.
Through this second course and practicum students learn to holistically care for adults and elders experiencing complex health alterations within the context of family. Prerequisite: PRNU 134. Pre/co-requisite: PRNU 231.

PRNU 235. Psychiatric Mental Hlth Nurs. 0 or 5 Credits.
Focus on clients experiencing altered human response patterns from acute, serious and persistent psychiatric disorders. Pre/co-requisites: PSYC 152, PRNU 131.

PRNU 240. Contemp Iss&Ldrsh Prof Nursng. 0 or 6 Credits.
Focuses on issues in health care as they relate to the leadership and management roles of the professional nurse. Practicum focuses on caring for clients in an identified clinical specialty. Prerequisites: PRNU 132, PRNU 231, PRNU 234, PRNU 235. Co-requisite: PRNU 241.
PRNU 241. D2: Public Health Nursing. 0-6 Credits.
Focus on population health and community partnerships. Students provide care to a defined community and work in collaboration with professionals in a variety of settings. Prerequisites: PRNU 132, PRNU 231, PRNU 234, PRNU 235. Co-requisite: PRNU 240.

PRNU 243. Transition to Prof Practice. 1 Credit.
This seminar is designed to provide practical guidance and strategies for success in the transition from the student role to the professional nursing role. Prerequisites: PRNU 234, PRNU 235. Co-requisites: PRNU 240, PRNU 241.

PRNU 263. Prof Nursing Pract & Soc Justice. 3 Credits.
Course will focus on social justice for individuals, families, and groups recognized as marginalized within our society. Prerequisite: Admission to program (NAT majors).

PRNU 265. Intro Health Care Fin & Policy. 3 Credits.
This survey course provides an overview of US health care organization, structure, policies, and financing, inclusive of selected international comparisons. Prerequisite: Matriculation in the RN to BS program.

PRNU 266. Theories for Nursing Practice. 3 Credits.
This course is a survey and introduction to the theories and concepts that undergird nursing practice, with an emphasis on middle range theories originating both within and outside of nursing, and selected grand theories of nursing. Prerequisites: Current status as a registered nurse and matriculated in the RN to BS program.

PRNU 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-12 Credits.
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