

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

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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

1. Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or better in the first year is required to progress in the program. First year, first semester students who do not meet the requirement are placed on academic trial for one semester. Failure to raise the GPA to 2.5 upon completion of the first year is grounds for discontinuation from the major.
2. Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better for students thereafter is required to progress in the program. Students who do not meet the requirement are placed on academic trial for one semester. Failure to raise the GPA to 2.8 in the next semester is grounds for discontinuation from the major.
3. A "C" or better is required in all nursing prerequisite courses. Exceptions include a C+ requirement in ANPS 019, ANPS 020, and MMG 065. If the standard is not met, the course must be repeated. Progression to the next semester will be affected.
4. A "C+" or better is required in all PRNU nursing courses and NURS 120. If the standard is not met, the course must be repeated. Progression to the next semester will be affected.
5. Receiving a C, D, F, or W in ANPS 019, ANPS 020, MMG 065, PRNU courses, and NURS 120 in the same course twice or in two different courses is grounds for discontinuation. Receiving a C-, D, F, or W in the same prerequisite nursing courses twice or in two different courses is grounds for discontinuation.

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

Master of Science (Clinical Nurse Leader)

Direct Entry Program in Nursing (Pre-Licensure)

Doctor of Nursing Practice (Primary Care: AGNP/FNP, Executive Nurse Leader)

Post Master Doctor of Nursing Practice

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 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 090. Internship. 1-3 Credits.

An on-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

NH 095. Special Topics. 1-18 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 190. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

An on-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

NH 192. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.

A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional classroom/laboratory setting under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

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 197. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.

Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

NH 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.

Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

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. 1-4 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. 1-4 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 290. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

An on-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

NH 292. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.

A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional ?classroom/laboratory setting? under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

NH 295. Advanced Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

NH 297. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.

Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

NH 298. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.

Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

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NURS 095. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Course for specific title.

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, MMG 101 or MLRS 054, MLRS 056 recommended.

NURS 190. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

An on-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

NURS 192. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.

A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional ?classroom/laboratory setting? under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

NURS 196. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

NURS 197. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.

Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

NURS 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.

Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

NURS 244. Applied Patho-Pharmacology. 2 Credits.

Focuses on the integration and application of principles and knowledge gained through the study of pathophysiology and pharmacology. A holistic and lifespan approach, which incorporates theory, research, and information literacy, will be used in examining the care of clients. Prerequisite: Senior standing.

NURS 290. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

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NURS 296. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Courses for specific titles.

NURS 297. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.

Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

NURS 298. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.

Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

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 Alternate Track - VT RN program.

PRNU 090. Internship. 1-3 Credits.

An on-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

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. Pre/co-requisites: One course in Sociology, PSYS 001, ENGS 001.

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/co-requisites: PRNU 111, PRNU 114, ANPS 020, MMG 065, MMG 101 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. Prerequisite: PRNU 114.

PRNU 128. Pharmacology. 0-4 Credits.

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

PRNU 129. Women & Newborn Nurs: Thy&Ptm. 0 or 4 Credits.

Through classroom & practicum experiences, students learn essential nursing interventions for childbearing women, neonates, and 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, NURS 120.

PRNU 132. Child & Adoles Nurs:Thry & Ptm. 0 or 5 Credits.

Through classroom and practicum, students learn essential nursing interventions for children/adolescents/ families experiencing health alterations. Prerequisites: PRNU 128, PRNU 129, NURS 120. Pre/co-requisite: PRNU 131.

PRNU 134. Adlt Hlth Nursing I Thy & Ptm. 0 or 6 Credits.

Through classroom and practicum, students learn essential interventions for adults/elders/families experiencing health alterations. Prerequisites: NURS 120, PRNU 121, PRNU 128. Pre/co-requisite: PRNU 131.

PRNU 190. Internship. 1-18 Credits.

An on-site supervised work experience combined with a structured academic learning plan directed by a faculty member or a faculty-staff team in which a faculty member is the instructor of record, for which academic credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

PRNU 194. Teaching Assistantship. 1-3 Credits.

Undergraduate student service as a teaching assistant, usually in an introductory level course in the discipline, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

PRNU 196. Special Topics. 1-18 Credits.

See Schedule of Courses for specific title. Prerequisites: Senior standing; Majors only.

PRNU 197. Independent Study. 1-18 Credits.

A course which is tailored to fit the interests of a specific student, which occurs outside the traditional ?classroom/laboratory setting? under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion. Prerequisite: Agreement from a faculty sponsor and approval by the Baccalaureate Education Committee.

PRNU 198. Undergraduate Research. 1-18 Credits.

Undergraduate student work on individual or small team research projects under the supervision of a faculty member, for which credit is awarded. Offered at department discretion.

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. Adlt Hlth Nurs II: Thy & Ptm. 0 or 6 Credits.

Through classroom and practicum experiences students learn essential nursing interventions for adults/elders/ families experiencing complex health alterations. Prerequisite: PRNU 134. Pre/co-requisite: PRNU 231.

PRNU 235. Psych/MH Nurs: Thry & Ptm. 0 or 5 Credits.

Through classroom and practicum experience students learn essential nursing interventions for clients with acute and chronic psychiatric disorders. Prerequisite: PSYS 170. Corequisite: PRNU 131.

PRNU 240. Iss & Ldrs Prf Nurs Thr & Ptm. 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. Prerequisite: PRNU 234. Co-requisite: PRNU 241.

PRNU 241. Public Hlth Nurs: Thry & Prctm. 0-6 Credits.

Through classroom and practicum experiences students will learn nursing interventions to promote population health and community partnership. 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. Co-requisites: PRNU 240, PRNU 241.

PRNU 260. Chronic Disease Management. 3 Credits.

Introduces the RN to the multifaceted approach of coordinating care and improving the quality of health for individuals with chronic diseases in the community. Examines programs such as the Blueprint for Health, etc. Prerequisites: PRNU 060, PRNU 111; Nursing Alternative Track major.

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 Alternate Track - VT RN program.

PRNU 264. Public Health Nursing for RN. 3 Credits.

Introduces the RN student to public health nursing concepts. Key elements are examined for their effect on the health of our society. Various issues, influences, and concepts that impact the health of populations are explored. Prerequisites: PRNU 060, PRNU 111; Nursing Alternative Track major.

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.

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