

HERZING

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Herzing University offers a comprehensive four-year Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. The curriculum focuses on health promotion, risk reduction, disease prevention, illness, and disease management and includes information about healthcare technologies using evidence-based practice. The liberal arts education core provides a strong foundation for developing clinical judgment and critical thinking skills required in professional nursing.

This BSN program is approved by the state boards of nursing in the states where it is currently offered and prepares students to take the National Council Licensing Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) upon completion of the program. Graduates who successfully pass this national examination will be qualified to practice as registered nurses in the state in which they took the examination and will also be qualified to apply for licensure in all 50 states.

The general education and core nursing courses will build on each other and will be integrated throughout the program. Theoretical instruction is integrated with clinical experience in a variety of healthcare settings in order to provide a broad, holistic, and reality-based understanding of the roles and responsibilities of a professional nurse.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Practice in roles appropriate for the baccalaureate nurse generalist in designing, managing, and coordinating patient care within the context of competent, ethical patient-focused care.
2. Utilize evidence-based practice in providing patient care.
3. Use information and patient care technology to communicate effectively through verbalization and written materials with members of the healthcare team.
4. Review existing or proposed local, state, national, and global policy and legislation, including financial and regulatory, that affect healthcare.
5. Possess knowledge and skills in leadership and management, quality improvement, and patient safety as required to provide high-quality healthcare.
6. Practice with patients, including individuals, families, groups, communities, and populations, across the lifespan and continuum of healthcare environments.
7. Understand and practice health promotion and disease prevention at the individual and population level as necessary to improve population health.
8. Practice professionalism including the inherent values of altruism, autonomy, human dignity, integrity, and social justice.
9. Think critically at a conceptual level and by using mathematical analysis as well as the scientific method; write and speak effectively; use basic computer applications; and understand human behavior in the context of the greater society in a culturally diverse world.

SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

This nursing program is a selective admissions program which means not everyone who applies is accepted. The selection is based on multiple factors, including high school or college grade point average and the score on the applicable nursing admissions test (normally the national Test of Essential Academic Skills [TEAS]). The best-qualified applicants are offered admission into the program.

GENERAL EDUCATION PREREQUISITES

The following general education prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C+" (76%) or better for a student to be continued in the nursing program.

- ♦ Anatomy and Physiology With Lab
- ♦ Microbiology
- ♦ College Algebra and Statistics
- ♦ Chemistry

All other general education courses must be passed with a grade of "D" or better to be continued in the nursing program.

A student who is dropped from the nursing program for failing to achieve the minimum grade specified in the general education courses but who otherwise meets the academic standards of the University may transfer to another Herzing degree program and/or may reapply to the BSN nursing program in a future cycle.

POTENTIAL JOB POSITIONS

Graduates will be eligible to take the National Council Licensing Examination for registered nurses and will be prepared for entry-level positions as a baccalaureate-prepared generalist registered nurse. Utilizing *The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice* as a framework, graduates will be primary providers of direct and indirect care in many different settings, including acute care, chronic care, and public health. In providing care, nurses will also serve as patient advocates and educators. The focus of care may be an individual, a group, or a specific population. Graduates will also be prepared to assume first-line management positions and be prepared to pursue graduate education.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 121.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

REQUIRED COURSES IN NURSING

All courses, 70.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
NB 106	Introduction to Professional Nursing	None	2.00
NB 117	Introduction to Clinical Nursing	NB 106; Corequisite NB 117L	2.00
NB 117L	Introduction to Clinical Nursing Lab	NB 106; Corequisite NB 117	1.00
NB 126	Basic Health Assessment	NB 106; Corequisite NB 126L	1.00
NB 126L	Basic Health Assessment Lab	NB 106; Corequisite NB 126	1.00
NB 135	Pharmacology	NB 117 and NB 117L	3.00
NB 140	Health Assessment and Promotion Across the Lifespan	NB 106; Corequisite NB 140C	2.00
NB 140C	Health Assessment and Promotion Across the Lifespan Clinical	NB 106; Corequisite NB 140	1.00
NB 146	Adult Health I	NB 140 and NB 140C; Corequisites NB 146C and NB 146L	3.00
NB 146C	Adult Health I Clinical	NB 140 and NB 140C; Corequisites NB 146 and NB 146L	2.00
NB 146L	Adult Health I Lab	NB 140 and NB 140C; Corequisites NB 146 and NB 146C	1.00
NB 246	Adult Health II	NB 146, NB 146C and NB 146L; Corequisites NB 246C and NB 246L	3.00
NB 246C	Adult Health II Clinical	NB 146, NB 146C and NB 146L; Corequisites NB 246 and NB 246L	3.00
NB 246L	Adult Health II Lab	NB 146, NB 146L and NB 146C; Corequisites NB 246 and NB 246C	1.00
NB 256	Mental Health Nursing	NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L; Corequisite NB 256C	2.00
NB 256C	Mental Health Nursing Clinical	NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L; Corequisite NB 256	1.00
NB 310	Pathophysiology	SC 145, SC 145L, SC 245 and SC 245L	3.00
NB 330	Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing	NB 106 or NB 305	3.00

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
NB 356	Adult Health III	NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L; Corequisites NB 356C and NB 356L	1.00
NB 356C	Adult Health III Clinical	NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L; Corequisites NB 356 and NB 356L	1.00
NB 356L	Adult Health III Lab	NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L; Corequisites NB 356 and NB 356C	1.00
NB 400	Family Nursing	NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L; Corequisite NB 400C	3.00
NB 400C	Family Nursing Clinical	NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L; Corequisite NB 400	2.00
NB 405	Gerontological Nursing	NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L	2.00
NB 416	Designing and Managing Nursing Care	NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L; Corequisite NB 416C	1.00
NB 416C	Designing and Managing Nursing Care Clinical	NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L; Corequisite NB 416	2.00
NB 420	Nursing Informatics	IS 102, (NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L or NB 305), NB 310, NB 330 and (NB 140 and NB 140C or NB 345)	3.00
NB 431	Evidence-Based Nursing Research and Practice	MA 320, (NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L or NB 305) and NB 330	3.00
NB 440	National and Global Health and Policy Issues	(NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L or NB 305), NB 310, NB 330 and (NB 140 and NB 140C or NB 345)	3.00
NB 450	Nursing Leadership and Management	NB 330 and NB 440	3.00
NB 460	Community Nursing	(NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L or NB 305); Corequisite NB 460C or NB 471	3.00
NB 460C	Community Nursing Clinical	NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L; Corequisite NB 460	2.00
NB 476C	Nursing Preceptorship Clinical	Final course; Corequisite NB 476L	4.00
NB 476L	Nursing Preceptorship Lab	Final course; Corequisite NB 476C	1.00

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIRED COURSES

Students enrolled in this bachelor degree must complete a minimum of 49.00 semester credit hours in general education distributed among the following disciplines. A minimum of 9.00 semester credit hours must be upper level (300- to 400-level courses). Refer to the General Education section of the catalog for Herzing University courses that would satisfy these requirements. *

- 8.00 Semester Credit Hours in Anatomy and Physiology With Lab
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in General Microbiology With Lab
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in General Chemistry With Lab
- 1.00 Semester Credit Hour in Information Literacy
- 6.00 Semester Credit Hours in English Composition or Literature
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Speech
- 4.00 Semester Credit Hours in Computer Applications
- 7.00 Semester Credit Hours in Mathematics (College Algebra and Statistics)
- 2.00 Semester Credit Hours in Natural Science ▲
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Social or Behavioral Science ◆
- 6.00 Semester Credit Hours in Humanities With Critical Thinking ■

3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Cultural Diversity

* Transfer students may transfer courses that are within 1.00 semester credit hour of the courses listed above to meet these discipline requirements. Any resulting deficiency in the total of 49.00 semester credit hours required in general education may be made up with general education electives from any of the listed disciplines.

- ▲ Students must take SC 150 Principles of Nutrition to fulfill this requirement.
- ◆ Students must take PS 101 Psychology to fulfill this requirement.
- Students must take HU 101 Critical Thinking and HU 320 Art History to fulfill this requirement.

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES

2.00 semester credit hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
PD 121	Professional Development I	None	1.00
PD 202	Professional Development II	None	1.00

Distribution of Clock Hours by Course					
Course or Category	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Total Clock Hours	Credits
EN 104 (English Composition or Literature)	45.00			45.0	3.0
EN 106 (Information Literacy)	15.00			15.0	1.0
EN 116 (Speech)	45.00			45.0	3.0
EN 250 (English Composition or Literature)	45.00			45.0	3.0
HU 101 (Humanities)	45.00			45.0	3.0
HU 320 (Humanities)	45.00			45.0	3.0
IS 102 (Computer Applications)	60.00			60.0	4.0
MA 107 (Mathematics)	60.00			60.0	4.0
MA 320 (Mathematics)	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 106	30.00			30.00	2.00
NB 117	30.00			30.00	2.00
NB 117L		30.00		30.00	1.00
NB 126	15.00			15.00	1.00
NB 126L		30.00		30.00	1.00
NB 135	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 140	30.00			30.00	2.00
NB 140C			45.00	45.00	1.00
NB 146	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 146C			90.00	90.00	2.00
NB 146L		30.00		30.00	1.00
NB 246	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 246C			135.00	135.00	3.00
NB 246L		30.00		30.00	1.00
NB 256	30.00			30.00	2.00
NB 256C			45.00	45.00	1.00
NB 310	45.00			45.00	3.00

Distribution of Clock Hours by Course					
Course or Category	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Total Clock Hours	Credits
NB 330	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 356	15.00			15.00	1.00
NB 356C			45.00	45.00	1.00
NB 356L		30.00		30.00	1.00
NB 400	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 400C			90.00	90.00	2.00
NB 405	30.00			30.00	2.00
NB 416	15.00			15.00	1.00
NB 416C			90.00	90.00	2.00
NB 420	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 431	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 440	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 450	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 460	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 460C			90.00	90.00	2.00
NB 476C			180.00	180.00	4.00
NB 476L		30.00		30.00	1.00
PS 101 (Social or Behavioral Science)	45.00			45.00	3.00
SC 145 (Anatomy and Physiology)	45.00			45.00	3.00
SC 145L (Anatomy and Physiology)		30.00		30.00	1.00
SC 165 (Microbiology)	30.00			30.00	2.00
SC 165L (Microbiology)		30.00		30.00	1.00
SC 185 (Chemistry)	30.00			30.00	2.00
SC 185L (Chemistry)		30.00		30.00	1.00
SC 150 (Natural Science)	30.00			30.00	2.00
SC 245 (Anatomy and Physiology)	45.00			45.00	3.00
SC 245L (Anatomy and Physiology)		30.00		30.00	1.00
SS 310 (Cultural Diversity)	45.00			45.00	3.00
Personal/Professional Development	30.00			30.00	2.00
Totals	1,395.00	300.00	810.00	2,505.00	121.00

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.herzing.edu/academics/nursing>