

Official Program Outline



HERZING
— UNIVERSITY —

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING – LPN AND PARAMEDIC OPTION

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This BSN program prepares the licensed practical nurse (LPN), Paramedic, or Military Medic to practice as a nurse generalist member of the healthcare team in a variety of settings. The program focuses on patient-centered care, teamwork, and collaboration, evidence-based practice, safety, quality improvement, and informatics. The program emphasizes the use of innovative technologies and preparation for assuming leadership roles.

Students will receive a minimum of 24.00 semester credit hours of block credit from their LPN or Paramedic license.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

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

1. Prioritize patient-centered care using clinical judgment and the nursing process.
2. Collaborate with patients, families and team members to provide safe and culturally competent care.
3. Integrate evidence-based practice within diverse clinical settings to deliver optimal care.
4. Minimize risk of harm to patients and providers through both systems effectiveness and individual performance.
5. Use informational technology to communicate, mitigate error, support decision making, and manage patient care.
6. Evaluate quality improvement processes to enhance patient outcomes.
7. Integrate professionalism and advanced leadership skills within the interdisciplinary healthcare environment.
8. Analyze national and global policies, legislative concepts, and economics to address population outcomes.

POTENTIAL OCCUPATIONAL TITLES

Potential occupational titles for this program include, but are not limited to, registered nurse.

PROGRAM CONTENT

A minimum of 120.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation.

THIRD PARTY TESTING

Assessment and remediation are critical components of nursing education. Students in the nursing program may be required to take third-party, standardized exams in an electronic format throughout the curriculum. These standardized tests are valid and reliable predictors of success on the NCLEX examination and provide valuable feedback concerning student strengths and weaknesses. Student learning outcome data identifies content areas that require remediation, allowing faculty to personalize student support and intervention. Courses that utilize third-party exams will incorporate the points earned on the test as a percentage of the final grade earned for the course as specified in the course syllabus.

BSN Nursing Curriculum Milestone Exams and Progression Policy

The purpose of the nursing progression milestone exams and policy is to ensure preparation of the student for the NCLEX exam. This process validates knowledge acquisition and application through standardized, third-party exams. Students will be required to complete three progression milestone exams at key points in the curriculum as well as an exit exam during the final semester.

Milestone exam#1 is administered after completing NSG 125

Milestone exam #2 is administered after completing NSG 221, NSG 222, and NSG 223.

Progression Milestone Exam #3 is a Pharmacology exam and will be administered during the semester prior to NSG 426 and NSG425. If below the benchmark score on the first attempt a plan for remediation will be developed in collaboration with the faculty/program chair/NCLEX coach. A second attempt will be provided.

If the benchmark score on the first attempt is not attained, a plan for remediation will be developed in collaboration with the faculty/program chair/NCLEX coach and a second attempt will be provided. If the student is below the benchmark score on the second attempt, the student cannot enroll in the next semester clinical nursing courses. The student will be enrolled in any outstanding general education courses as well as a nursing remediation course to provide remediation of content. At the end of the 8-week remediation course, students will be provided a final attempt to demonstrate competency.

RN Exit Exam

The exit exam will cover content from all nursing courses, is reflective of NCLEX readiness and is administered in the final semester. Students who are unable to reach the benchmark score on the exit exam will be required to complete the remediation plan as indicated and will retake the exit exam. Students will receive ongoing remediation, practice, and individualized coaching in preparation to retake the exit exam. The student must achieve the benchmark score on the exit exam prior to graduation.

REQUIRED COURSES IN NURSING

55.00 semester credit hours are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
NSG 120	Nursing Pathophysiology	SC 166, SC 186, SC 246	3.00
NSG 125	Transition to Professional Nursing	SC 166, SC 186, SC 246	6.00
NSG 221	Mental Health Nursing	NSG 120, NSG 125	4.00
NSG 222	Family Nursing	NSG 123 or NSG 125	6.00
NSG 223	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	NSG 123 or NSG125, NSG 221	6.00
NSG 321	Leadership and Management	None	3.00
NSG 323	Public Health and Global Based Nursing	None	5.00
NSG 324	Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing	MA 320	3.00
NSG 421	Nursing Informatics	None	3.00
NSG 422	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	NSG 223	5.00
NSG 423	Policy, Trends, & Ethics in Nursing	None	3.00
NSG 425	BSN Practicum	NSG 422/NSG 426	5.00
NSG 426	Review of Integrated Concepts	NSG 422/NSG 425	3.00

REQUIRED COURSES IN GENERAL EDUCATION

Students enrolled in the BSN program must complete a minimum of 41.00 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). The Herzing University General Education offerings are listed below. Refer to the General Education section of the catalog for additional information on general education requirement.

12.00 Semester Credit Hours in Communications

- EN 104 – English Composition I
- EN 111 – Information Literacy
- EN 116 – Speech
- EN 304 – English Composition II

14.00 Semester Credit Hours in Science

- SC 146 – Anatomy and Physiology I

- SC 246 – Anatomy and Physiology II
- SC 166 – Microbiology
- SC 186 – Chemistry

6.00 Semester Credit Hours in Humanities (must include 3 semester credit hours of cultural diversity)

- HU 140 – Cultural Diversity
- HU 340 – Humanities and Contemporary Popular Culture

6.00 Semester Credit Hours in Mathematics (see Nursing Program Support Courses below for course requirements)

- MA 109 – College Algebra
- MA 320 – Statistics

3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Social or Behavioral Science

- PS 101 – Psychology

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. Science courses being transferred in from other institutions must meet the nursing program science requirements.

SPECIAL GENERAL EDUCATION GRADING REQUIREMENTS

The following general education courses must be completed with a grade of “C” (70%) or better for a student to continue in the nursing program.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
SC 166	General Microbiology	None	3.00
MA 109	College Algebra	None	3.00
MA 320	Statistics	None	3.00

The following science courses must be completed with a grade of “B” (80%) or better. Only two attempts are permitted for each course and a student who fails to successfully complete in the maximum attempts is subject to dismissal from the nursing program.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisites/Corequisites	Semester Credit Hours
SC 146	Anatomy and Physiology I	None	4.00
SC 246	Anatomy and Physiology II	SC 146	4.00

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

Distribution of Contact Hours by Course					
Course or Category	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Total Contact Hours	Credits
NSG 120	45.00			45.00	3.00

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Course or Category	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Total Contact Hours	Credits
NSG 125	60.00	30.00	45.00	135.00	6.00
NSG 221	45.00		45.00	90.00	4.00
NSG 222	60.00		90.00	150.00	6.00
NSG 223	60.00		90.00	150.00	6.00
NSG 321	45.00			45.00	3.00
NSG 323	60.00		45.00	105.00	5.00
NSG 324	45.00			45.00	3.00
NSG 421	45.00			45.00	3.00
NSG 422	45.00	30.00	45.00	120.00	5.00
NSG 423	45.00			45.00	3.00
NSG 425	30.00		135.00	165.00	5.00
NSG 426	45.00			45.00	3.00
MA 109	45.00			45.00	3.00
MA 320	45.00			45.00	3.00
PS 101	45.00			45.00	3.00
SC 146	45.00	30.00		75.00	4.00
SC 246	45.00	30.00		75.00	4.00
SC 166	30.00	30.00		60.00	3.00
SC 186	30.00	30.00		60.00	3.00
Communication	180.00			180.00	12.00
Humanities	90.00			90.00	6.00
Block Credit for License					24.00
Totals	1185.00	180.00	540.00	1860.00	120.00