



Program of Study

Degree Requirements (120 hours)

1. **Carolina Core (32-44 hours)**

- a. **CMW** (6 hours)
 - i. ENGL 101 - Critical Reading and Composition
 - ii. ENGL 102 - Rhetoric and Composition
- b. **ARP** (6 hours)
 - i. STAT 110 - Introduction to Statistical Reasoning
 - ii. MATH 122 - Calculus for Business Administration and Social Sciences *or* STAT 201 - Elementary Statistics
- c. **SCI** (8 hours)
 - i. BIOL 243 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I *
 - ii. BIOL 243L - Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory *
 - iii. BIOL 244 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II *
 - iv. BIOL 244L - Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory *

*Pre-requisite course for nursing courses

- d. **GFL** (0-6 hours): Demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language by achieving a score of two or higher on the Foreign Language Placement Test or by completing one foreign language through 110 or 121.
- e. **GHS** (3 hours): any approved CC-GHS course
- f. **GSS** (3 hours)
 - i. PSYC 101 - Introduction to Psychology *or* SOCY 101 - Introductory Sociology*

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- g. **AIU** (3 hours): any approved CC-AIU course

Carolina Core Stand Alone or Overlay Eligible Requirements:

Up to two of these requirements may be met in overlay courses. At least one of these requirements must be satisfied by a course not applied elsewhere in general education. (3-9 Hours)

- h. **CMS** (3 hours): any approved overlay or stand-alone CC-CMS course
- i. **INF** (0-3 hours): any approved overlay or stand-alone CC-INF course
- j. **VSR** (0-3 hours): any approved overlay or stand-alone CC-VSR course

2. **College Requirements (7 hours)**

- a. BIOL 250 - Microbiology*
- b. BIOL 250L - Microbiology Laboratory*
- c. PSYC 420 - Survey of Developmental Psychology *or* SOCY 305 - Sociology of Families*

* Pre-requisite course for nursing courses

3. **Program Requirements (41-53 hours)**

- a. **Licensure Exam Credit** (38 hours): After admission to the RN BSN program and completion of all BSN degree requirements: Students awarded an Associate Degree in Nursing from an accredited (ACEN, formerly NLNAC) program will be awarded up to 38 credits towards meeting educational competencies for their A.D.N. degree (RN Licensure); **OR** Students with an Diploma in Nursing from an accredited (ACEN, formerly NLNAC) program will be awarded up to 25 credits towards meeting educational competencies for their Diploma degree (RN Licensure). This credit is held and will be awarded upon successful completion of all BSN degree requirements.
- b. **Electives** (3-15 hours): as needed to meet minimum 120 hours required for graduation

4. **Major Requirements (28 hours)** – *a minimum grade of C is required in all major courses*
 - a. **Major Courses (28 hours)**
 - i. **Upper Division Courses (28 hours):** Courses are offered in 7-week blocks in an online format.
 1. NURS 250 - Nursing Science in Professional Practice
 2. NURS 309 - Nursing Health Assessment
 3. NURS 313 - Nursing Care of the Older Adult
 4. NURS 318 - Application of Pathophysiology and Pharmacology in Nursing
 5. NURS 400 - Evidence Based Practice
 6. NURS 420 - Emerging Issues in Health Care
 7. NURS 428 - Nursing Leadership and Management
 8. NURS 431 - Family and Community Health Nursing
 9. NURS 434 - Community Health Practicum for RNs

USC Residency requirements for BSN Graduation

The last 25% of a student's degree must be completed in residence (meaning through USC Columbia coursework or other USC campus), and at least half of the hours in the student's major and minor courses (if applicable) must be taken at the University, i.e. 122 credits = 31 hours. Advanced placement exam credits or transfer credits do not meet this requirement. Students must meet these requirements to be eligible for BSN graduation.