

BYU

College of Nursing

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Nursing is a significant occupation for men and women. Brigham Young University is proud of its contribution in educating professional nurses.

The Brigham Young University College of Nursing, fully approved by the Utah State Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, offers a baccalaureate program leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. All students completing the Bachelor of Science program are eligible to sit for the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX) necessary to become a registered nurse.

At the completion of the baccalaureate program, graduates may seek employment opportunities in hospitals, doctor's offices, community agencies, home health, world health agencies, etc. Graduates function as integral colleagues of various health care teams. The nursing program gives students a broad array of learning experiences in helping to prepare them for the complex "professional nurse" role.

The baccalaureate nursing curriculum is designed for the full-time student. (See the Curriculum Guides on page 4 & 5.) Students carry as many as 14-16 credits most semesters. The six semesters of nursing courses include **up to 24 hours of clinical experience each week** in addition to course work. Because of the rigors of this study plan, students should **not expect to work more than 10-12 hours a week during their program.** Once admitted students will be required to read yearly the Nursing Student Handbook found on the Nursing website. Students will be responsible for the information therein. The Handbook is updated every August. Also, in addition to tuition students will be responsible for about \$600/semester in books/fees. At the start of the program, students will also be responsible for purchasing their uniforms and equipment which, depending on quality, may cost up to \$1000.

Students working part time or having family or other outside responsibilities are encouraged to complete more of the required general education courses prior to applying for acceptance into the nursing program. Currently, Nursing students spend about 30 hours weekly in course preparation. You may need to go a Spring or Summer term in order to finish general education requirements.

Individual students need to consult with the Nursing Advisement Center (NAC) to determine the most appropriate plan for their circumstances. As much of the general education or University Core courses should be taken prior to or during the semester in which they are listed in the curriculum so that theory from these courses can be applied to nursing courses. The courses on the Curriculum Guides which are marked with an asterisk (*) are requirements into the program. All classes will be used to compute GPA. **All the Prerequisite courses must be completed successfully prior to application deadline in order to begin the Nursing program.**

*All nursing courses--prerequisite, supporting, and nursing--must be completed with a grade of at least a "C". A "C-" is not satisfactory progress. Students may repeat courses, however multiple repeats may reflect poorly in the application. The statistics of students who are accepted are found on the last page of this packet.

The theory class and skills/simulation laboratory for nursing classes are taught on the Provo campus with clinical facilities located in Utah and Salt Lake counties and in other parts of the state. **Students may be assigned to various agencies along the Wasatch Front and must be able to supply their own transportation.** Students are not expected to find their own clinical sites nor pay for clinical. We also have one Spring term study abroad at locations around the world.

Students are accepted for Fall and Winter semesters. To be accepted into the baccalaureate nursing program students must:

- 1) Be admitted as a student at Brigham Young University. Students can apply for admission to the University by applying on the BYU website at www.byu.edu. Admission to BYU does not guarantee acceptance into the nursing program.
- 2) Complete the pre-nursing courses. **For Fall 2026 & Winter 2027 application:** NDFS 100, SFL 210 or Psych 220, CELL 220 or CELL 210 and Chem 285. **For Fall 2027 and beyond:** MMBio 221, CELL 220 or CELL 210, Chem 285 and CELL 305. As many GE courses as can be taken should also be completed before applying for acceptance. Although not a nursing pre-requisite, BYU does require Wrtg 150 be taken as a Freshman, as such it is expected to be completed before starting the nursing program. If it not taken, a hold will be placed on the account and you will be unable to register for classes. Grades must be posted on the BYU transcript for all pre-requisite courses by the application deadline. No mid-term grades will be accepted. In order to be eligible to apply to the College of Nursing, a student must have at least 25 total credit hours (including pre-requisites), no more than 60 BYU graded credit hours (minus challenge exam credits). Contact the NAC if you'd like to petition credits.
- 3) Apply for acceptance into the nursing program by talking to the College of Nursing Advisement Center (501 KMBL, 801-422-4173) during the following times: (all dates subject to change)

To start Nursing:

Fall

Winter

Ask about application:

March

July

If you are attending a different school or are taking class(es) through Independent Study, then your classes have to be completed and on your transcript by the application deadline. See College of Nursing website for specific dates.

Application information is available on the College of Nursing website for more information.

<http://nursing.byu.edu/>.

- 4) Submit **all required documents by the deadlines** specified on the application.
- 5) Review the enclosed baccalaureate program flow chart for information regarding pre-nursing requirements. **If you have questions, please contact the Nursing Advisement Center (NAC).**
- 6) Applications must be filled out by the applicant himself/herself, whether home or abroad.

Acceptance into the baccalaureate nursing program is based on a number of criteria including, but not limited to, academic performance, and ACT/SAT or TOEFL score. **Other criteria include written communication skills; resume (includes community service); healthcare experience; interview; and two recommendations.** Applicants are expected to finish all pre-requisite courses prior to the application with a C grade or better. Acceptance to the nursing program is competitive and restricted to a limited number of openings yearly. Not all students who meet course completion and admission requirements may be accepted into the program. **All instructions listed in the application itself must be followed or the application will not be considered.**

Missionary Policy: If you intend to serve a mission, we strongly encourage you to apply after your missionary service. We do not defer acceptance to the program. You must either start the program the semester you were admitted or reapply for a different semester.

Upon acceptance to the program, students are required to attend all orientations, complete admission requirements (emailed to student upon admission) and maintain current CPR certification and immunizations throughout the Nursing program. In addition, students must complete a criminal background check and drug screen. Information will be given in an acceptance packet regarding 1st semester orientations, immunizations, CPR, background check, drug screens and other materials. Students with a history of a misdemeanor or felony involving moral turpitude may not be eligible for continuance in the program or licensure upon completing the program.

Students with English as a second language must take the TOEFL and get an over-all score of Have a TOEFL over-all score of a minimum of 5 with at least a 4.5 in one skill area and a minimum of 5 in the three other skill areas. After the TOEFL has been completed with the minimum score needed, then the student will need to take the OPI/IELTS package exams. OPI is a speaking exam and IELTS is a writing exam. Talk to the Nursing Advisement Center (NAC) about more details for the OPI/IELTS exam package and scholarship opportunities for this exam.

Students transferring into BYU and the College of Nursing will also follow the same course sequence as other students. Transfer courses from other colleges which are equivalent in content and credit will be reviewed for acceptance. **Transfer students should be aware that BYU may limit admission of transfer students with more than 80 semester credits of transfer work. In addition to transferring classes, you will need to also transfer the ACT or SAT scores. Contact the Admissions Office for more information on transferring.**

When you apply for admission to the University, indicate your interest in the nursing program. Participate in all of New Student Orientation, one of the sessions will be with the College of Nursing. You may access the BYU Catalog on-line at <http://catalog.byu.edu/>. The catalog gives a description of the nursing program. It also contains information about admission to BYU, housing, fees, scholarships administered through the University, and other helpful information.

Scholarships administered through the College of Nursing are awarded to students who have been accepted to the Nursing program and who have completed one or more Nursing semesters at BYU. To be considered for a College of Nursing Scholarship, continuing students must be accepted to the Nursing program, have gone at least one semester in the program and complete the university scholarship application (with FASFA) as well as the Nursing scholarship application by the deadline—usually February 1st—each year for Fall and Winter awards. The deadline for spring and summer awards is also February 1st. Scholarship information and applications are available on the BYU web page at the following website: <https://financialaid.byu.edu/section/scholarships>. Nursing scholarship information can be found on our nursing web page. Please contact the College of Nursing Advisement Center (NAC) front office for more information.

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The pool of applicants is competitive. While we do our best to provide advice, our guidance is simply advice and will not guarantee admission to the program.

****This document is subject to change at any time.**

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Baccalaureate Curriculum Guide: Students Accepted to Nursing Program Fall 2026 and Winter 2027

First Semester *SFL 210 OR Psych 220 (Hum. Dev. Elec.) 3 *NDFS 100 (Nutrition) 3 UNIV 101 (must be taken 1st semester at BYU) 2 Recommended University Core: First Year Writing (can be taken 2 nd semester) 3 Physical Science (Chem 101***) 3 Religion 2 Total: 13-16 credits	Second Semester *Chemistry 285 (Bio/Organic Chem) 4 *CELL 220 or CELL 210 (Anatomy) 3-4 Recommended or Possible University Core: First Year Writing or Other GE 3 Religion 2 Student Development 2 Total: 14-16 credits
* Indicates prerequisite courses. University Core may be taken in any order.	
<u>Spring/Summer</u> Complete 6-9 hours of University Core: (GE) Civilization, American Heritage, Art/Letter, Religion if needed. See Advisor. **NOTE: See Nursing Advisor for individual cohort maps during transition.	
Third Semester @CELL 305 Physiology 4 @MMBio 221 Micro 3 @MMBio 222 Lab 1 Nurs 294 Health Assessment and Promotion 2 Nurs 290 Think Like a Nurse: Learning Clinical Judgment 1.5 Nurs 288 Nursing Skills I 1 Nurs 296 Introduction to Population Health Nursing 2 14.5 credits	Fourth Semester @Stats 121 3 Rel 2 Nurs 295 Fundamentals in Nursing 2 Nurs 292 CI Prac Fundamentals in Nursing 1.5 Nurs 298 Nursing Skills II 1 Nurs 301 Applied Pathophysiology in Nursing 3 Nurs 300 Applied Pharmacology in Nursing 3 15.5 credits
Spring internships may be available for international students. You may need to go a Spring/Summer to complete more University Core	
Fifth Semester Rel. 2 Nurs 320 Scientific Inquiry for Evidence-Based Practice & Informatics 3 Nurs 361 Nursing Care of the Families: Children 2 Nurs 362 CI Prac. Nurs Care of the Families: Children 1 Nurs 341 Nursing Care of Adults with Acute and Chronic Illness 3 Nurs 342 CI Prac Nurs. Care for Acute/Chronic Illness 2.5 Nurs 348 Nursing Skills III 1 14.5 credits	Sixth Semester Nurs 351 Nursing Care of the Family: Women Across Lifespan 2 Nurs 352 CI Pr Nursing Care of the Family: Women Across Lifespan 2 Nurs 378 Nursing Skills IV 1 Nurs 371 Nursing Care of the Family – Older Adult 2 Nurs 372 CI Prac Chronic Disease Mgmt Across Lifespan 2 **Nurs 403 Global & Pop. Health Nursing or GE 3 Rel 2 14 credits **Nurs 403 to be taken in Winter only <u>Spring</u> *Nurs 404 CI Prac Global & Population Health Nursing 6 credits
Seventh Semester Nurs 461 Psych & Mental Hlth Nursing 2 Nurs 462 CI Prac for Psych & Mental Hlth Nurs 1.5 Nurs 471 Nursing Care of Adults in Crisis 3 Nurs 472 CI Prac Adults in Crisis 2.5 Nurs 478 Nursing Skills V .5 Rel 2 **GE or Nurs 403 Global & Pop. Health Nursing 3 14.5 credits	Eighth Semester Rel 2 Nurs 390R Indep. Study in Prac. of Nurs. (NCLEX Prep-optional) 2-3 Nurs 390R Indep. Study in Prac. of Nurs. (Career Strategies II-optional) 1 Nurs 449 Ethics in Nursing & Healthcare – Adv. Wrtg GE 3 Nurs 491 Nursing Capstone 2 Nurs 492 CI Prac for Nurs Capstone 5 15-16 credits

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Baccalaureate Curriculum Guide: Students Accepted to Nursing Program FALL 2027 or Later

<u>First Semester</u> *CELL 220 (Anatomy) 4 ***Chem 101 3 Recommended or Possible University Core: UNIV 101 2 First Year Writing or Other GE 3 Total: 12 credits	<u>Second Semester</u> *Chemistry 285 (Bio/Organic Chem) 4 *CELL 305 (Physiology) 4 Recommended or Possible University Core: General Education Requirement 3 Religion 2 Total: 13 credits
* Indicates prerequisite courses. University Core may be taken in any order.	
<u>Spring/Summer</u> Complete 6-9 credit hours. See Advisor. *MMBIO 221 3 Religion 2 ** MMBIO 222 is HIGHLY recommended. 1 Total: 6 credits	
<u>Third Semester</u> SFL 210 (Social Science GE) 3 Stat 121 or other GE 3 @NDFS 100 3 Religion 2 GE 3 14 credits	**NOTE: Program requirements are subject to change during curriculum transition. Students must meet with a Nursing Academic Advisor to receive an individualized cohort map based on their assigned cohort.

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Prerequisite Requirements

All pre-nursing courses must be completed with a “C” or better prior to the application. This applies to nursing classes and nursing supporting classes as well. A “C-” is not satisfactory progress. For repeats BYU does not drop the lower grade but averages the two. These preparatory classes are indicated below with an asterisk (*). (Transfer students must have their nursing related classes evaluated by the Nursing Advisement Center (NAC) and work with BYU Enrollment Services for admissions to BYU.)

1. Students must complete the following prerequisite classes prior to beginning Nursing classes:

For Fall 2026 and Winter 2027:

- *Chem 285 (may need Chem 101 first)
- *CELL 220 (or CELL 210)
- *NDFS 100
- *Human Development Elective (SFL 210 **OR** Psych 220)

For Fall 2027 and Beyond:

- *MMBio 221 (while not a pre-requisite it is STRONGLY recommended you also take MMBio 222-lab)
- *CELL 220 or CELL 210
- *CELL 305
- *Chem 285 (may need Chem 101 first)

Plus GE/Religion credit to equal a total of at least 25-28 credits

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2. All students applying will need to submit the documentations asked for in the application.
3. ESL students have additional requirements. Please see above or the Nursing Advisement Center (NAC) for information.

Application

Applicants need to look online (nursing.byu.edu) for the application under the “Students” Tab. Applications are available in April and August. The application must be filled out by the applicant himself/herself, whether home or abroad. The following information must be included at the time of submission. Applications with missing information or password protected information will **not** be considered.

- A. Completed application form (online)
- B. A complete transcript – required only for transfer students (See Advisor)
- D. Response to short answer essay questions
- E. Complete a legal questionnaire
- F. Healthcare experience list
- G. Video interview
- H. ACT/SAT or TOEFL score (online) – check with NAC
- I. Two recommendations – (online – an email will be sent with a link to your recommenders)
- J. Resume – (online) a specific template is to be used and is found in the application which includes community service
- K. Proof of admission to BYU – if not a current student
- L. Any other documents included in the application (For example: assessments)

ACCEPTANCE DATA

Winter 2006 – Winter 2026

Below is data from the past few application periods. It is important for all applicants to view the trends as they apply to the Brigham Young University College of Nursing. New nursing students are accepted each fall and winter semester. The College of Nursing usually starts a group of 64 students each application period. The number accepted depends on a number of factors including but not limited to: the number of returning missionaries into the program, clinical site availability, and attrition rates. Average accepted ACT is usually around 27-28.

	Number of Re-applicants	Number of Applicants	Number of Qualified Applicants	Number of Students Accepted	Range of Applicant Total GPA	Avg. Accepted Total GPA	Range of Accepted Total GPA
Winter 2026	79	153	151	72	2.75-4.00	3.84	3.48-4.00
Fall 2025	39	177	173	69	2.95-4.00	3.83	3.40-4.00
Winter 2025	63	144	137	66	2.95-4.00	3.81	3.26-4.00
Fall 2024	48	180	177	66	2.48-4.00	3.81	3.36-4.00
Winter 2024	67	148	144	66	2.78-4.00	3.77	3.30-4.00
Fall 2023	40	182	177	60	2.78-4.00	3.85	3.52-4.00
Winter 2023	85	147	142	60	2.97-4.00	3.91	3.20-4.00
Fall 2022	50	195	191	65	2.72-4.00	3.80	3.03-4.00
Winter 2022	92	186	183	66	2.70-4.00	3.71	3.33-4.00
Fall 2021	34	223	207	65	2.87-4.00	3.85	3.34-4.00
Winter 2021	52	151	154	64	2.40-4.00	3.83	3.46-4.00
Fall 2020	12	175	159	66	2.69-4.00	3.89	3.34-4.00
Winter 2020	32	85	83	64	2.85-4.00	3.75	3.14-4.00
Fall 2019	8	153	134	74	2.81-4.00	3.84	3.50-4.00
Winter 2019	21	96	79	64	2.67-4.00	3.74	3.35-4.00
Fall 2018	24	161	131	64	2.64-4.00	3.87	3.72-4.00
Winter 2018	32	122	103	64	2.89-4.00	3.88	3.71-4.00
Fall 2017	27	155	136	54*	2.74-4.00	3.90	3.76-4.00
Winter 2017	41	124	116	50*	2.96-4.00	3.83	3.68-4.00
Fall 2016	15	160	145	50*	3.02-4.00	3.91	3.77-4.00
Winter 2016	37	149	136	60*	2.94-4.00	3.85	3.69-4.00
Fall 2015	11	153	144	50*	2.77-4.00	3.90	3.77-4.00
Winter 2015	16	89	74	45*	2.77-4.00	3.77	3.50-4.00
Fall 2014	12	132	118	48*	3.10-4.00	3.90	3.76-4.00
Winter 2014	22	86	77	48*	2.48-4.00	3.74	3.51-4.00
Fall 2013	16	125	121	50*	2.58-4.00	3.68	3.56-4.00
Winter 2013	34	115	108	64	2.96-3.99	3.76	3.62-3.99
Fall 2012	12	134	129	64	3.08-4.00	3.86	3.69-4.00
Winter 2012	11	128	117	64	3.03-4.00	3.79	3.63-4.00
Fall 2011	13	122	119	64	3.14-4.00	3.87	3.68-4.00
Winter 2011	13	76	75	64	3.35-2.69	3.71	3.35-3.98
Fall 2010	9	131	127	64	3.01-4.00	3.91	3.80-4.00
Winter 2010	33	126	122	64	3.12-3.99	3.88	3.77-3.99
Fall 2009	31	137	136	64	3.22-4.00	3.93	3.81-4.00
Winter 2009	54	157	148	64	2.925-4.0	3.858	3.730-4.0
Fall 2008 – Old	17	27	26	17	3.260-4.0	3.800	3.607-4.0
Fall 2008 – New	35	131	131	49	2.920-4.0	3.910	3.790-4.0
Sp 2008 – Old	29	81	77	24	3.189-4.0	3.896	3.587-4.0
Sp 2008 – New	8	54	54	24	3.333-4.0	3.946	3.834-4.0
Winter 2008	38	76	74	24	2.892-4.0	3.873	3.760-4.0
Fall 2007 – Old	18	118	115	48	2.952-4.0	3.912	3.808-4.0
Fall 2007 – New	2	62	60	16	3.060-4.0	3.969	3.820-4.0
Winter 2007	39	104	100	64	3.036-4.0	3.891	3.611-4.0
Fall 2006	17	122	117	64	3.119-4.0	3.856	3.596-4.0
Winter 2006	23	93	90	64	2.648-4.0	3.756	3.387-4.0

*This is just the number of newly accepted, not the number starting the program. The number starting is sometimes higher due to returning missionaries.