

REQUIRED COURSES IN THE NURSING MAJOR

The University of Iowa College of Nursing
R.N.-B.S.N. Progression Program

96:190 DIMENSIONS OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING, 3 s.h.

This course focuses on the multiple dimensions of the nursing discipline and the identification, exploration, and analysis of selected contemporary issues and trends in nursing. The course serves as a mechanism for the critical analysis of previous educational experiences, integration of those experiences into present learning goals, and promotes resocialization into professional nursing roles. The content emphasizes 1) professional roles and responsibilities, 2) the health care environment including historical, legal, ethical, political, and economic aspects, and 3) the importance of nursing science, theory, and research to nursing practice. Offered summer sessions. **This course can be taken prior to admission to the College of Nursing, assuming space is available.**

96:191 HEALTH ASSESSMENT, 4 s.h.

The first clinical nursing course focuses on health assessment of the adult. Students demonstrate selected assessment skills, compile a health history, conduct a physical exam, and develop nursing diagnoses for selected clients. Offered summer sessions.

Prerequisites: Admission to the College of Nursing and CPR Certification.

Note: Theory component is primarily on-line. Lab experience includes peer assessment practice. Labs are scheduled in regional support centers around the state, based on enrollment and student locations. Typically there are three 4-hour lab practice times on Wednesdays mornings as well as a final proficiency testing time near the end of the summer session.

96:153 COMMUNITY & PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING THEORY, 3 s.h.

This course focuses on the role of nursing in the relationship between community conditions and the health of the public. Emphasis is placed on the principles of public health combined with nursing knowledge and skills to address the health needs of individuals, families, communities and populations. Offered fall semesters.

Prerequisites: 96:190, 96:191, and R.N. Licensure in Iowa.

To be taken prior to or with 96:154 Community & Public Health Nursing Practicum

96:154 COMMUNITY & PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING PRACTICUM, 3 s.h.

This course provides opportunities for students to apply the principles of public health combined with nursing knowledge and skills to address the health needs of communities and populations. Offered fall semesters.

Prerequisites: 96:190, 96:191, and R.N. Licensure in Iowa

Prerequisite or Corequisite: 96:153

96:143 RESEARCH FOR NURSING PRACTICE, 3 s.h.

This course is an introduction to the concepts and process of research in nursing. The emphasis of the course is on critique of published research and application to nursing practice. Offered fall semesters.

This course may be taken prior to admission to the College of Nursing, assuming prerequisites have been met and space is available.

Prerequisites: approved statistics course and 96:190 or consent of instructor

96:194 LEADERSHIP & CARE MANAGEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE, 3 s.h.

This course explores concepts related to nursing leadership and management in a dynamic practice environment. Focus will be placed on the context in which nurses practice and on leadership and management principles necessary to function effectively in a changing health care system. Strategies for managing the quality and cost of health care, as well as research utilization, are emphasized to promote effective practice. Offered spring semesters.

Prerequisites: 96:153/192 and 96:154/193, 96:143/197
To be taken prior to or with 96:195

96:195 PRACTICUM FOR LEADERSHIP AND CARE MANAGEMENT IN PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE, 3 s.h.

This practicum provides an opportunity for students to apply the concepts of leadership, management, and evidence based practice in a variety of settings. Students will develop an individualized plan of study for this experience. Offered spring semesters.

Prerequisites: 96:153/192 and 96:154/193, 96:143/197, and current CPR Certification
Prerequisite or Corequisite: 96:194

96:196 SPECIAL STUDIES IN NURSING, 3 s.h.

This course focuses on the identification, exploration, and analyses of selected contemporary issues confronting the professional nurse, the practice of nursing, the regulation of health care systems and available resources. Emphasis will be on the use of critical thinking in the analyses of fundamental problems and issues involved in the professional development in nursing. The interface among course content, individual experience and goals for professional practice will be achieved through selected study and application opportunities. Offered spring semesters.

Prerequisites: 96:153/192

NURSING ELECTIVES, 5 s.h.

In addition to the required major courses listed above, RN-BSN students must select a minimum of 5 sh of nursing elective credit, offered in a variety of flexible formats.

Guided Independent Study:

96:118 Pathophysiology, 96:119 Neurological & Behavioral Pathology, 96:108 Basic Aspects of Aging, 96:112 Human Sexuality Diversity & Society, 96:150 Independent Study

Semester-Based Web Courses

96:116 Introduction to Human Genetics, 96:137 Nursing Care of the Patient in Pain, 96:147 End of Life Care for Adults, Older Adults & Families, 96:187 Legal Issues, 96:168/169 Nonprofit Organizational Effectiveness I/II

Weekend or 8-week Web Courses:

96:179 Selected Topics in Nursing (recent topics include Aging & the Media, Geriatric Oncology, International Nursing)

Go to <http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/ccp/> for current offerings via Saturday & Evening, ICN, World Wide Web, and Guided Independent Study

Sample Progression Plan for Registered Nurses

Summer	Fall	Spring
96:190 3 s.h. (Dimensions of Prof Nsg)	96:153 3 s.h. (Comm & Public Hlth Nsg Theory)	96:194 3 s.h. (Ldrship & Care Mngmt)
96:191 4 s.h. (Health Assessment)	96:154 3 s.h. (Comm & Public Hlth Nsg Practicum)	96:195 3 s.h. (Practicum Ldrship & Care Mgmt)
7 s.h.	96:143 3 s.h. (Research for Nursing Practice)	96:196 3 s.h. (Special Studies in Nsg)
	9 s.h.	9 s.h.
	If not completed previously, Nursing Electives (5 s.h. required) may be taken with the nursing major to fill out the schedule.	

The Iowa Articulation Plan for Nursing Education: RN to Baccalaureate

The College of Nursing participates as a receiving institution in the Iowa Statewide Articulation Plan for Nursing Education: RN to Baccalaureate.

Note: The BSN is awarded upon completion of 128 semester hours and all degree requirements: supporting courses, general education requirements, electives, and nursing major courses.