

The University of Iowa College of Nursing
RN-BSN Progression Program

Program Overview

P H A S E O N E	Supporting Study Choices		
	Students take a total of three courses and choose from at least two categories in addition to coursework completed in the basic program.		
	Biophysical Sciences:	Social Sciences:	Business/Management:
	<u>Examples:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chemistry • Biology • Pathology • Genetics • Pharmacology • Exercise Science • Epidemiology • Advanced Anatomy • Advanced Physiology • College Physics 	<u>Examples:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psychology (not intro, e.g. Abnormal Psych) • Sociology (not intro) • Gerontology • Aging Studies • Ethnic & Cultural Studies • Women's Studies • Family Studies • Education • Counseling • Political Science • Philosophy/Religion 	<u>Examples:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Computer Applications • Economics • Management • Accounting • Finance • Information Management • Entrepreneurship • Hospital/Health Admin • Computer Science
	Rhetoric (Composition I, II & Speech)	Statistics	Cultural Anthropology
GER/General Elective	GER/General Elective	General Electives (as needed)	

GERs: Students select courses from the following areas: one from Humanities or Fine Arts and one from Foreign Civilization & Culture or Cultural Diversity and must also take a cultural anthropology course. Some students may need Intermediate Algebra and 4-8 sh of Foreign Language if not completed in HS.

Basic computer literacy (word processing skills, email, access to the Internet) is a prerequisite expectation for all students admitted to the College of Nursing.

P H A S E O N E	Nursing Major Requirements		
	Students are strongly encouraged to plan for completion of the major in a calendar year after completion of all other degree requirements. Students who need to extend requirements beyond the calendar year can be accommodated by several 2-year plans of study. Face to-face learning experiences during the nursing major year are limited and will occur whenever possible on a Wednesday.		
	Summer	Fall	Spring
	Health Assessment 4 sh *Dimensions of Prof Nsg 3 sh	Comm & Public Health Nsg Theory 3 sh Comm & Public Hlth Practicum 3 sh *Research 3 sh **Nursing Elective(s) 5 sh	Leadership/Care Mngmnt 3 sh Ldrshp/Mngmt Practicum 3 sh Special Studies in Nsg 3 sh

*These courses and nursing electives may be taken prior to admission to the College of Nursing.

** Students choose from electives offered by the College of Nursing. May include 96:150 Independent Study or Honors courses.

Admission and Scholarship Requirements

To be considered for admission to the RN-BSN Program, students must present a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.5. Progression through the program requires a minimum grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) in all required courses in the nursing major (96:190, 96:191, 96:143, 96:153, 96:154, 96:194, 96:195, 96:196) and in nursing electives. Students are encouraged to take advantage of advising resources within the College. Services such as study skills workshops may also be offered by local community colleges.

Flexible Study Options

The College of Nursing partners with the University of Iowa's Center for Credit Programs to deliver courses to students at a distance. Information about course availability, registration, and links to a number of student support areas are all available through [ISIS](http://isis.uiowa.edu) <http://isis.uiowa.edu> and on the [Center for Credit Programs website](http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/ccp) at <http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/ccp>

Considerable detail about how distance education courses "work" at the UI is available at http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/ccp/stuserv/my_course.htm

Web-Based Courses. Semester-length courses offered in web-based formats. Online courses are offered via ICON (Iowa Courses Online) at <http://icon.uiowa.edu>. *Courses Frequently Chosen: Nursing Electives (Examples: 96:116, 96:137, 96:147, 96:187), General Electives*

Guided Independent Study (GIS). Self-paced, flexible format. All required course materials are available from course websites. Students need not be admitted to the university to enroll. The online GIS catalog lists a wide variety of courses, including history, literature, statistics, aging studies, women's studies, business, psychology. Contact the Guided Independent Study office at 1-800-272-6430 for information about specific courses and registration or visit them online.

Courses Frequently Chosen: Nursing Electives (96:108, 96:112, 96:118, 96:119) GERs, Supporting Courses, and General Electives

Saturday & Evening Program (S&E). U of I courses offered one or two evenings a week. A few courses meet on Saturdays. Courses in the S&E schedule are offered on campus in Iowa City, typically meeting one evening/week during the fall/spring semesters, two evenings/week during the summer. Students need not be admitted to the university to enroll. Summer schedules often include week-long workshops such as the Summer School for Helping Professionals. For additional information, contact the Center for Credit Programs at 1-800-272-6430.

Courses Frequently Available: statistics, chemistry, education, social work, counseling, intro business, GERs and General Electives

Iowa Communications Network (ICN). Statewide system for fiber optic communication. Students meet in specially equipped classrooms for video and audio interaction among all participating sites

ElluminateLive! and Adobe Connect: Web-based conferencing systems for synchronous online learning. When faculty incorporate these technologies into a course, students will receive detailed information about how to access the conferencing websites from their personal computers.

Courses Frequently using ICN and web-conferencing software:: Supporting Courses, General Electives

Terminology

General Education Requirement. (GER) Graduation requirements of one course each (at least 3 sh) in general areas of Cultural Anthropology, Humanities or Fine Arts, Foreign Civilization and Culture or Cultural Diversity. The foreign language requirement is satisfied by two years of the same foreign language in high school. If not satisfied by exemption or high school level courses, the foreign language requirement must be completed prior to graduation. Transfer students who graduated from high school prior to 1991 are exempt from the foreign language requirement for the BSN.

General Electives. Elective courses may include any college-level course taken for credit. Hours needed will vary widely. Students can choose from S&E, ICN, GIS schedules, as well as daytime and transfer courses.