

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing

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## Admission Requirements

Students interested in pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Nursing should declare this as their major. Minimum requirements to be considered for admission to the program are:

1. a declared major in Nursing;
2. completion of all Core IMPACTS courses as it pertains to the Nursing curriculum;
3. a 3.0 Nursing GPA using the highest grade earned in courses in Writing, STEM, and Field of Study Courses;
4. a grade of C or better in all Writing, STEM and Field of Study courses, including lab sections; and
5. a minimum of 75 on each of the five tested areas of the HESI exam (Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary, Math, and Anatomy).

## Program Outcomes

Upon completion of the baccalaureate nursing program in the College of Nursing and Health Sciences at Valdosta State University, the graduate will be able to:

### Program Outcome 1: Knowledge for Nursing Practice

Integrate and apply established and evolving nursing knowledge, informed by the liberal arts, natural sciences, social sciences, and other disciplines to support clinical judgment, drive innovation, and distinguish professional nursing practice in diverse healthcare settings.

### Program Outcome 2: Person-Centered Care

Provide holistic, compassionate, and individualized care that respects the unique needs, values, and preferences of individuals across the lifespan while delivering care that is just, developmentally appropriate, and evidence-based, while effectively coordinating with families and other support systems within complex and diverse contexts.

### Program Outcome 3: Population Health

Engage in collaborative, evidence-informed strategies to promote and improve equitable health outcomes across diverse populations to contribute to population health initiatives that span prevention to disease management by partnering with communities, public health organizations, healthcare systems, and other interdisciplinary stakeholders.

### Program Outcome 4: Scholarship for the Nursing Discipline

Engage in the generation, synthesis, translation, and application of nursing knowledge to enhance health outcomes and transform healthcare delivery to contribute to the advancement of the nursing discipline through inquiry, evidence-based practice, and the dissemination of knowledge to diverse audiences.

### Program Outcome 5: Quality and Safety

Apply established and emerging principles of safety and improvement science to enhance the quality of care and reduce harm while demonstrating accountability for both system effectiveness and individual performance, promoting a culture of safety and continuous quality improvement in diverse healthcare settings.

### Program Outcome 6: Interprofessional Partnerships

Engage in intentional collaboration with healthcare professionals, patients, families, communities, and other stakeholders to optimize care delivery, enhance the healthcare experience, and improve health outcomes through effective teamwork and communication.

### Program Outcome 7: Systems-Based Practice

Demonstrate the ability to respond to and lead within complex healthcare systems by coordinating resources efficiently and advocating for safe, high-quality, and equitable care for diverse populations across various healthcare settings.

### Program Outcome 8: Informatics and Healthcare Technologies

Effectively use information and communication technologies, along with informatics processes, to support clinical decision-making, enhance care delivery, and improve health outcomes while applying best practices and professional standards to manage data, promote safety, and ensure high-quality, efficient, and evidence-based healthcare.

### Program Outcome 9: Professionalism

Cultivate a sustainable professional nursing identity characterized by accountability, ethical practice, and a collaborative disposition by demonstrating the values and characteristics of nursing through behavior, communication, and commitment to lifelong learning and professional growth.

**Program Outcome 10: Personal, Professional, and Leadership Development**

Engage in self-reflection and activities that promote personal health, resilience, and well-being, while fostering lifelong learning and actively develop nursing expertise and demonstrate leadership through the application of acquired knowledge and skills in diverse healthcare settings.

**Prelicensure Accelerated BSN Admission Criteria (ABSN)**

1. All criteria under Pre-Licensure Traditional BSN Admission Criteria must be met for admission to the ABSN program.
2. Applicants to the ABSN program must have completed a bachelor's degree in another area
3. Special criteria for military or healthcare professionals includes applicants with any of the following criteria and meeting all requirements under Pre-Licensure Traditional BSN Admission Criteria:
  - a. Military/Medical Experience
    - served as a military medic (e.g., Army medic, Navy corpsman, Air Force flight medic)

OR

- Honorable discharge or current military service (active, reserve, or guard).
- b. Healthcare Work Experience
  - At least 2 years of certified/licensed healthcare experience (for example, but not limited to, Respiratory Therapist, Radiology Technician, EMT, paramedic, LPN) within most recent 5 years.

**Requirements for the B.S.N. Degree**

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Core IMPACTS (See VSU Core Curriculum)</b>		<b>42</b>
Nursing students must take the science requirements noted for Area 2.b in Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences		
<b>Core Field of Study</b>		
BIOL 2251K	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2252K	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL 2260K	Foundations in Microbiology	4
NURS 2700	Pathophysiology	3
MATH 1401	Elementary Statistics <sup>1</sup>	0-3
PSYC 2103	Introduction to Human Development	3

<sup>1</sup> Students are strongly encouraged to take MATH 1401 in area 2.b of Technology, Mathematics, and Sciences

**Senior College Curriculum**

	Semester one Hours	Semester two Hours	Junior
NURS 3102		3 NURS 3201	3
NURS 3103		4 NURS 3202	5
NURS 3111		8 NURS 3203	7
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>
	Semester one Hours	Semester two Hours	Senior
NURS 4114		7 NURS 4201	4
NURS 4124		8 NURS 4202	3
		NURS 4224	8
		<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

Total Hours: 60

**Total Hours required for the degree: 120 Semester Hours**