

Nursing

Degree Type

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Admission Requirements

Procedure for Admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program

General Entry into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program

Admission into the BSN degree program is a two step process:

- Students interested in pursuing the BSN degree are eligible for general entry to the Bachelor Science in Nursing Program by meeting requirements for entry into South University.
- Students must meet all prerequisite requirements to be considered for admission to the professional phase of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Admission to the Professional Phase of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

The criteria used to determine admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program include:

- Completion of the application for admission.
- Completion of 90 quarter hours (QH) of science and general education courses as required for admission to BSN degree program with a grade of C or better. Science courses are not accepted for transfer if they are older than 7 years at the time of application to South University.
- A cumulative GPA (CGPA) of 2.75 or better on a 4.0 scale in the nursing pre-requisite courses. *Note: South University, Columbia requires a 3.0 or better.*
- A GPA of 2.75 or better in the following science courses: BIO1011 Anatomy and Physiology I and BIO1012 Anatomy and Physiology I Lab; BIO1013 Anatomy and Physiology II and BIO1014 Anatomy and Physiology II Lab; BIO2070 Microbiology and BIO2073 Microbiology Laboratory; CHM1010 General Chemistry; BIO2015 Human Pathophysiology. *Note: South University, Columbia requires a 3.0 or better.*
- A grade of "C" or better in all general education courses.
- Entrance test results (HESI or TEAS test).
- A completed, approved Level I and Level II background check.
- Completed application for admission to the BSN degree program form.
- Official transcripts from every college or university attended, including courses taken at South University.
- Meet the Core Performance Standards and essential functions related to the profession of nursing as described in this catalog.
- Completion of prerequisites courses at South University will be considered in the ranking process.

Provisional admission may be granted if the student is completing prerequisites in the term before matriculation into the nursing program. On the day of matriculation into the nursing, the student must meet the admission criteria as outlined above. Failure to meet requirements of admission will result in rescinding the provisional admission status.

Acceptance into the Professional Phase of the Bachelor of Science Nursing

Upon acceptance into the Nursing Program, the student must submit:

- A nonrefundable one -time Acceptance Fee to the business office for enrollment into the BSN program. This fee will be applied to the student's first quarter tuition payment. Students enrolling in the RN to BSN program are not required to pay the registration/acceptance fee.
- Completed current physical examination record with required immunizations, titers, lab results, and tuberculosis assessment.
- Urine drug screen
- Evidence of health insurance

Pre-Licensure (BSN) Laptop Computer Requirement

Laptop computers are required for use in testing. All students are required to have a laptop computer with Internet access that meets university specifications.

Comprehensive Background Check

Please see the [General Admissions Policies](#) section [here](#).

Acceptance into a South University educational program, or it's completion, does not imply or guarantee that a student will be able to obtain licensure or certification.

The Nursing Program Director may be required to submit written documentation regarding the student status to boards of nursing and clinical agencies as early as receipt of the student's CONPH application. Students may be required to obtain additional background checks as requested by clinical agencies or boards of nursing.

For additional admissions information please see the admissions section [here](#).

Program Overview and Outcomes

Offered at Austin, Columbia, High Point, Montgomery, Orlando, Richmond, Savannah, Tampa, Virginia Beach, and West Palm Beach.

The BSN degree program is designed to provide students with a solid educational foundation that prepares individuals for entry into the nursing profession. The BSN graduate will be able to incorporate the concepts of caring, communication, critical thinking, professionalism, and holism to provide care for individuals, families and communities. The comprehensive theoretical and clinical practice components aim to allow South University BSN graduates to make a smooth transition into professional nursing practice. Graduates of the South University Bachelor of Science in Nursing program are encouraged to continue the educational process and are prepared for the challenges of graduate study.

The BSN degree program is designed for the non-registered nurse student. Students may complete prerequisite courses in as few as six quarters and then apply for admission to the nursing program, which is taught over seven quarters. The program allows highly motivated full-time students to complete the program of study in nursing in a concentrated period of time. After successful completion of the nursing program, the graduate must pass the National Council Licensure Examination Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN) in order to obtain licensure and begin practice as a registered nurse. *

**South University does not guarantee third-party certification/licensure. Outside agencies control the requirements for taking and passing certification/licensing exams and are subject to change without notice to South University.*

Program Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the program, student will:

1. Synthesize current scientific research, theories, and concepts from nursing and other disciplines in the practice of professional nursing practice.
2. Collaborates directly with other healthcare professionals using various resources and technologies in various aspects of the advanced nursing leadership role.
3. Apply critical thinking skills in establishing priorities, delegating responsibility, formulating decisions, and maintaining accountability in the practice of professional nursing through the application of nursing standards.
4. Demonstrate proficiency using the nursing process and systematic inquiry to deliver evidenced based, comprehensive, and holistic nursing care which promotes health and quality of life for diverse populations.
5. Demonstrate professionalism using ethical and legal standards of practice in the decision-making process to assist with the development of quality improvement in the healthcare setting(s).

Bachelor of Science in Nursing: 180 Credits

Area I General Education Requirements: 68 Credits

Professional Development

Course Code	Title	Credits
UVC1000	Strategies for Success	4.0

Basic Communications

Course Code	Title	Credits
ENG1100	Composition I	4.0
ENG1200	Composition II	4.0

Choose one additional course from the list below:

Course Code	Title	Credits
COM2006	Interpersonal Communication	4.0
SPC1026	Public Speaking	4.0

Mathematics and Statistics

Course Code	Title	Credits
MAT1001	College Algebra I	4.0
MAT1005	College Algebra II	4.0
MAT2058	Statistics	4.0

Natural Sciences

Course Code	Title	Credits
	BIO1011 and BIO1012	6
BIO1011	Anatomy and Physiology I	4.0
BIO1012	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	2.0
	BIO1013 and BIO1014	6
BIO1013	Anatomy and Physiology II	4.0
BIO1014	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	2.0

Arts and Humanities

Course Code	Title	Credits
HUM1200	Introduction to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	4.0

Choose three additional courses from the list below:

Course Code	Title	Credits
ENG1300	Composition III	4.0
ENG2002	World Literature I: From the Ancient World to the Middle Ages	4.0
ENG2003	World Literature II: From Enlightenment to Modernity	4.0
ENG2011	Introduction to American Literature: 1865 to present	4.0
HIS1101	U.S. History I: Colonial to 1865	4.0
HIS1102	U.S. History II: 1865 to Present	4.0
HUM1001	History of Art through the Middle Ages	4.0
HUM1002	History of Art from the Middle Ages to Modern Times	4.0
HUM2101	World Civilization I: Prehistory to 1500 C.E.	4.0
HUM2102	World Civilization II: 1500 to Present	4.0
PHI2301	Introduction to Philosophy	4.0
REL1001	World Religions	4.0

Social and Behavioral Sciences

Course Code	Title	Credits
PSY1001	General Psychology	4.0
PSY2022	Human Growth and Development	4.0
SOC1001	Introduction to Sociology	4.0

Note(s):

**[PSY2022](#) is required by CCNE for all BSN students. Per the Department of Behavioral Sciences, the course meets the South University General Education requirements for Social and Behavioral Sciences for Nursing students ONLY.*

Area II Foundation Requirements: 22 Credits

Course Code	Title	Credits
AHS1001	Medical Terminology	4.0
BIO2015	Human Pathophysiology	4.0
	BIO2070 and BIO2071 or BIO2073	6
BIO2070	Microbiology	4.0
BIO2071	Microbiology Lab	2.0
BIO2073	Microbiology Laboratory	2.0
CHM1010	General Chemistry	4.0
NTR2050	Nutrition	4.0

Area III Major Requirements: 90 Credits

Core

Course Code	Title	Credits
NSG3001	Introduction to the Profession of Nursing	4.0
NSG3008	Principles of Assessment Lab	3.0
NSG3009	Principles of Assessment	3.0
NSG3022	Pharmacotherapeutics I	3.0
NSG3023	Fundamentals of Nursing	3.0
NSG3024	Fundamentals of Nursing Skills Lab	4.0
NSG3027	Fundamentals of Nursing Practice	2.0
NSG3032	Pharmacotherapeutics II	3.0
NSG3036	Introduction to Nursing Research	3.0
NSG3037	Caring for Adults I	4.0
NSG3038_P	Caring for Adults I-Practice	4.0
NSG3045	Caring for Adults II - Practice	3.0
NSG3046	Caring for Adults II	3.0
NSG3047	Caring for Women and Neonates	3.0
NSG3048_P	Caring for Women and Neonates-Practice	4.0
NSG3068	Caring for Diverse & Vulnerable Populations I	3.0
NSG4052	Caring for Adults III	2.0
NSG4053_P	Caring for Adults III - Practice	3.0
NSG4056	Caring for Children	3.0
NSG4057_P	Caring for Children - Practice	4.0
NSG4058	Caring for Persons with Psychiatric/Mental Health Problems	3.0
NSG4059_P	Caring for Persons with Psychiatric/Mental Health Problems - Practice	4.0
NSG4060	Caring for Adults IV	2.0
NSG4061_P	Caring for Adults IV - Practice	3.0
NSG4069_P	Caring for Diverse and Vulnerable Populations II	2.0
NSG4070	Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing	2.0
NSG4071	Transition into Professional Nursing	6.0
NSG4073	Transition into Professional Nursing Preceptorship	4.0

Application Process and Deadline

The College of Nursing and Public Health admits one or two classes of students per year to each campus-based BSN programs. Application packets and deadlines are available on each campus. Fully completed application materials (including evidence of completion of all prerequisite courses) are due by the posted deadline, usually the first day of the quarter before admission (ex., first day of summer quarter for fall quarter program start). Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Math Proficiency Examinations

Students will be tested at various intervals integrated throughout the nursing program to assess math proficiency as a method to promote safe medication administration practices. Students are required to pass math examinations each quarter in order to participate in clinical practice courses and to remain in the nursing program. Students are encouraged to prepare for the math competency test using their textbook, the ATI dosage calculation programs, standardized testing resources or a South University tutor prior to the first day of each quarter.

Quarter	Course
1	NSG3008/NSG3011
2	NSG3024
3	NSG3034/NSG3037
4	NSG3044/NSG3046
5	NSG4052
6	NSG4060
7	NSG4071

Assessment through Standardized Tests

Achievement Examinations and NCLEX-RN Preparation

The South University Nursing Faculty is committed to assisting students to achieve success on the National Council Licensing Examination-Registered Nurse (NCLEX-RN). Successful completion of this examination is required for entry into the practice of professional nursing. In addition to faculty prepared examinations, nursing students take a series of achievement examinations throughout the various courses in the nursing program to prepare for taking the NCLEX-RN. The examinations are used to measure student nursing knowledge, acquired nursing skills and competencies. Students failing to achieve the national average on any achievement test must provide evidence of remediation to their faculty advisors.

South University provides students with ample educational resources including library resources, CDs, DVDs, computer software programs, and access to a variety of nursing education websites such as [atitesting.com](#). Students are required to attend NCLEX-RN review courses during the final quarter of the program.

Standardized Testing Policy

The following standardized testing policy describes the use of the standardized testing products such as the Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) A2 and the Assessment Technologies Inc. (ATI) Comprehensive Assessment and Review Program (CARP) as a component of admission, progression, and graduation in nursing

program at South University. This policy has been developed to establish guidelines to prepare students for the NCLEX-RN licensure examination and to identify at-risk students. All students have the opportunity for review and remediation to enhance their success in the program and on NCLEX-RN after graduation.

1. Admission

The Health Education Systems Incorporated (HESI) A2 or ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is a requirement of the admission process.

The HESI and TEAS exams are used to determine academic preparedness of pre-licensure nursing students in Reading, Math, Science, and English and Language Usage.

Students must achieve a passing score of at least 75 on each section of the HESI exam. Students must achieve a "Proficient" level to be considered for admission to the nursing program. Applicants are limited to testing twice within a 12-month period with a minimum of 60 days between testing dates for the HESI exam and a minimum of 30 days between testing dates for the TEAS test.

Total Credits

180
