Nursing (Pre-Licensure), Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BS)

Program Description

Utah Tech University's Pre-licensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree prepares the graduate to practice as a generalist registered nurse for clients while collaborating as a member of the healthcare team in a variety of settings. The BSN program prepares students to provide evidence-based, holistic, safe, quality care for culturally and spiritually diverse individuals, families, communities and populations. Program emphasis includes clinical nursing practice, hands-on experiences across the continuum of care, health promotion and maintenance, the use of innovative technologies and preparation for assuming leadership roles as a registered nurse.

Licensure

After successful completion of the Pre-Licensure BSN Program, students are eligible to take the NCLEX-RN® exam and apply for licensure through the State Board of Nursing.

Professional Licensure/Certification (PLC) Requirements

The curriculum for programs at Utah Tech University leading to professional licensure are designed to prepare students for Utah licensure and certification requirements. Admission into programs for professions requiring licensure and certification does not guarantee that students will obtain a license or certificate. Licensure and certification requirements are set by agencies that are not controlled by or affiliated with the University, and licensure and certification requirements can change at any time.

Licensure boards in each state establish requirements for licensure and certification for their respective state. States vary by which professions are required to be licensed and how licensure functions, and such requirements may change at any time. The terms related to licensure and certification, among others, also vary by state as well.

Students and prospective students are strongly encouraged to contact the state licensure entity in the state where they intend to work to review all licensure and certification requirements imposed by the student's state(s) of choice. The University cannot provide verification of a student's ability to meet licensure or certification requirements unrelated to its educational programming. Some states require individuals to complete additional requirements that are unrelated to educational prerequisites. For more information, visit the State Authorization and Professional Licensure (https://academics.utahtech.edu/state-authorization/) web page and select the program, or speak to the director of the program.

Utah Tech University shall not be held liable if a student is unable to qualify for licensure or certification in any jurisdiction.

This disclosure is made pursuant to 34 CFR §668.43(a)(5)(v)(C).

Accreditation

The Utah Board of Nursing (BON) has approved Utah Tech's Nursing Programs as required. The Nursing Programs are fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

ACEN

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Program Curriculum

120 credits

Utah Tech General Education Requirements

All Utah Tech General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to Utah Tech's minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

General Education Core Requirements (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)

Code	Title	Hours
English		3-7
Mathematics		3-5
American Institutions		3-6
Life Sciences		3-10
Physical Sciences		3-5
Fine Arts		3
Literature/Humanities		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3

Program Prerequisites

A grade of C or higher in each pre-requisite and general education course is required. However, the cumulative GPA for all pre-requisite courses is 3.0 or higher.

The following courses must be completed **prior to beginning** the BSN program.

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 1200	Human Biology (LS) (strongly recommended))	3-4
or BIOL 1010	General Biology (LS)	
or BIOL 1610	Principles of Biology I (LS)	
BIOL 2320	Human Anatomy [1]	3
BIOL 2420	Human Physiology [1]	3
CHEM 1150	Integrated Chemistry for Health Sciences (PS) [1]	4
or CHEM 1110	Elementary General/Organic Chemistry (PS)	
ENGL 1010	Introduction to Writing (EN)	3
or ENGL 1010D	Introduction to Writing (EN)	
ENGL 2010	Interm Writing Selected Topics: (EN)	3
or ENGL 2100	Technical Writing (ALCS)	
FSHD 1020	Sci Foundations of Nutrition (LS)	3
FSHD 1500	Human Development Lifespan (SS, GC)	3
or PSY 1100	Human Development Through Lifespan (SS, GC)	
NURS 3900	Pathophysiology	3

[1]   Students that take science courses (BIOL 2320, 2420, CHEM 1110, 1150) at Utah Tech must be enrolled in the lab (BIOL 2325, 2425, CHEM 1115, 1155) at the same time as the course. Chemistry Note: If the student plans on advancing to a higher level nursing program, they should complete CHEM 1110. In addition, some graduate programs require two sections of chemistry; therefore, it would be best for the student to take CHEM 1110 and CHEM 1120. Consult a nursing academic advisor for more information.

[2]   Students must submit proof of current or previous CNA certification or an LPN license. Completion of NURS 1005/1007 will qualify students to take the certification examination as a nursing assistant.

Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 3005	Foundations of Clinical Nursing Care I	1
NURS 3050	Pharmacology	3
NURS 3210	Health Assessment	2
NURS 3215	Health Assessment Lab	1

NURS 3320	Care of Patients Across the Lifespan I	6
NURS 3321	Care of Patients Across the Lifespan I Clinical (ALCS)	1.5
NURS 3323	Care of the Patients Across the Lifespan I Simulation	0.5
NURS 3505	Foundations of Clinical Nursing Care II	1
NURS 3650	Evidence Based Practice and Research Methods	3
NURS 3710	Foundations of Professional Nursing	2
NURS 3820	Care of Patients Across the Lifespan II	6
NURS 3821	Care of Patients Across the Lifespan II Clinical (ALCS)	2.5
NURS 3823	Care of Patients Across the Lifespan II Simulation	0.5
NURS 4010	Care of Patients Across the Lifespan III	6
NURS 4011	Care of Patients Across the Lifespan III Clinical (ALCS)	2.5
NURS 4013	Care of Patients Across the Lifespan III Simulation	0.5
NURS 4300	Community/Global Health Nursing	4
NURS 4301	Community/Global Health Nursing Clinical (ALCS)	2
NURS 4500	Contemporary Nursing	3
NURS 4700	Leadership and Management of Care Capstone	4
NURS 4701	Leadership and Management Capstone Clinical (ALCS)	2.5
NURS 4703	Leadership and Management of Care Capstone Simulation	0.5
NURS 4750	Concept Synthesis	5

Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 120 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 40 upper-division credits (3000 and above).
3. Compete at least 30 upper-division credits at Utah Tech for institutional residency.
4. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher.
5. Grade C or higher in each Program Requirement course.

Graduation Plan

1st Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
BIOL 1200, 1010, or 1610 **and** 1615	3-5	ENGL 2010	3
ENGL 1010	3	BIOL 2320 & BIOL 2325	5
FSHD 1500 or PSY 1100	3	General Education (Fine Arts) (catalog.utahtech.edu/ programs/generaleducation/ #gerequirementstext)	3
First Year Recommended Elective	2	General Education (Mathematics) (catalog.utahtech.edu/ programs/generaleducation/ #gerequirementstext)	4
Elective (MATH 0980 or MATH 1010 if needed)	3	Elective	1
	14-16		**16**

2nd Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
BIOL 2420 & BIOL 2425	4	FSHD 1020	3
Elective (CNA - NURS 1005/1007) Highly recommended if certification as a CNA still needs to be obtained.	4	NURS 3900 or BIOL 4400	3

	Hours		Hours
CHEM 1150 & CHEM 1155	5	General Education (Literature/Humanities) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
Elective	2	General Education (American Institutions) (catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext)	3
		Elective	3
	15		**15**

3rd Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
NURS 3005	1	NURS 3505	1
NURS 3050	3	NURS 3650	3
NURS 3210	2	NURS 3710	2
NURS 3215	1	NURS 3820	6
NURS 3320	6	NURS 3821	2.5
NURS 3321	1.5	NURS 3823	0.5
NURS 3323	0.5		
	15		**15**

4th Year

Fall Semester	Hours	Spring Semester	Hours
NURS 4010	6	NURS 4500	3
NURS 4011	2.5	NURS 4700	4
NURS 4013	0.5	NURS 4701	2.5
NURS 4300	4	NURS 4703	0.5
NURS 4301	2	NURS 4750	5
	15		**15**

Total Hours 120-122

BS Nursing Program Learning Outcomes

At the successful conclusion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Person-Centered Care: Distinguish an individual's diverse history to facilitate holistic quality care.
2. Clinical Judgment: Demonstrate best practice to delivering care.
3. Communication: Plan therapeutic interactions with patients and inter-professional team members.
4. Compassionate Care: Facilitate caring interactions while acknowledging vulnerabilities.
5. Professionalism: Practice a sustainable nursing identity reflecting nursing's characteristics and