

# Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Post-Baccalaureate)

The Post-Baccalaureate Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) major is delivered in an accelerated format for students already possessing a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field. The Post-Baccalaureate BSN Nursing major is designed as a 50 credit major taken over 15 months that is built on the student's existing degree. This program is designed for adult learners who are pursuing a career change to nursing. The program starts a new cohort each summer.

Code	Title	Credits
NURS 310	Skills I: Health Assessment& Fundamentals of Nursing Practice <sup>1</sup>	4
NURS 305	Practicum I: Fundamentals of Nursing Practice <sup>1</sup>	1
NURS 325	Pathophysiology	3
NURS 326	Pharmacology for Nursing <sup>1</sup>	2
NURS 350	Adult Nursing I <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 311	Skills II: Adult Nursing <sup>1</sup>	2
NURS 306	Practicum II: Adult Nursing <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 351	Adult Nursing II <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 331	Mental Health Nursing <sup>1</sup>	2
NURS 307	Practicum III: Mental Health Nursing <sup>1</sup>	1
NURS 433	Pediatric Nursing <sup>1</sup>	2
NURS 437	Maternity Nursing <sup>1</sup>	2
NURS 438	Practicum IV: Pediatric Nursing <sup>1</sup>	1
NURS 439	Practicum V: Maternity Nursing <sup>1</sup>	1
NURS 405	Nursing Ethics <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 440	Population-Based Nursing <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 446	Practicum VI: Population-Based Nursing <sup>1</sup>	2
NURS 450	Leadership Development <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 447	Practicum VII: Capstone <sup>1</sup>	3
NURS 460	Skills III: Nursing Synthesis <sup>1</sup>	3
PSYC 335	Introduction to Statistics	3
<b>Total credits</b>		<b>50</b>

<sup>1</sup> Course must be taken for credit at Bethel.

**Note: Course fees are subject to change.**

# Post-Baccalaureate Nursing Admission Requirements

## Eligibility

Bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field from an accredited college or university.

## Admission Criteria

The following are minimum threshold requirements to be considered for admission into the Post-Baccalaureate nursing program. Space is limited, however, and not all qualified applicants are guaranteed admission.

- Achieve a final cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 from your undergraduate degree institution.
- Achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 in the required prerequisite courses.
- Earn a C or better for all required prerequisite course.
- Give evidence of personality, character, and emotional stability consistent with the mission of the nursing department and the role and responsibility of the professional nurse.
- An interview or additional materials may be required upon the request of the Admissions Committee.

*Students who have not achieved the minimum GPA, grade standards, or other assessment criteria may still apply to be considered for provisional acceptance. Admission is not guaranteed. See Admission Categories (p.47)*

## Prerequisite Courses

Prerequisite courses must be earned at a regionally accredited (or internationally recognized as equivalent) institution. At least 4 of the 6 prerequisite courses must be completed at the time of application. Three of the completed courses must be science courses. Applicants with all prerequisite courses completed at the time of application will be more competitive. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the start of the program.

There is not a requirement for how recently a prerequisite course was completed, however, students will be held accountable for the content. The nursing curriculum builds upon the prerequisite courses and requirements. Applicants may want to consider retaking one or more prerequisite courses, especially the science courses, to refresh knowledge and comprehension.

## Science Prerequisites:

- Anatomy (4 credits - including a lab)
- General Chemistry (4 credits - including a lab)
- Physiology (4 credits - including a lab)
- Microbiology (4 credits - including a lab)

## Health and Psychology Prerequisites:

- Lifespan/Developmental Psychology (2-3 credits)
- Nutrition (3 credits)

## Additional Program Requirements

These requirements need to be met before the start of the program.

- As is customary in academic health programs, a physical examination by your healthcare provider that demonstrates a level of personal health consistent with safe nursing practice is required.
- Provide documentation of current immunizations as required by clinical agencies prior to beginning the program.
- Provide documentation of successful completion of a Certified Nursing Assistant/Nursing Assistant Registered Program prior to beginning the program.
- Provide documentation of recent American Heart Association's BLS Provider certification/recertification, within the 6 months prior to beginning the program.
- Provide evidence of current health insurance prior to beginning the program.
- Students must furnish their own transportation to and from clinical sites, some of which may not be conveniently reached by public transportation. Courses in the nursing program require students to spend substantial time in off-campus clinical settings, such as hospitals, clinics, and public health agencies.
- Complete a background check, including fingerprinting. Minnesota state law requires that healthcare facilities complete background checks on all employees (and students). If an employee (or student) has been convicted of certain crimes, he/she may not be allowed to work in such facilities. All prospective students need to be aware of this law because a student convicted of these crimes may be unable to complete the clinical requirements of the nursing program and, consequently, may not be able to graduate from the program or be eligible to practice as a registered nurse. Any questions should be addressed to:

Minnesota Department of Human Services  
Division of Licensing, Background Study  
Unit444 Lafayette Road Saint Paul, MN 55155-3842

or

The Minnesota Board of Nursing  
2829 University Ave. Suite 200  
Minneapolis, MN 55414

## Course Descriptions

### **NURS 305 • Practicum I: Fundamentals of Nursing Practice 1 Credit.**

Provision of holistic care for individuals in various health/illness states. Utilize beginning critical thinking skills to implement the nursing process in healthcare settings.

*Corequisites: NURS 310, NURS 325 \$345 (\$195 Nursing Central Resource Fee, \$15 ATI Assessment Fee, \$65 Clinical Site Placement Fee, \$40 Malpractice Fee, \$30 Criminal Background Check Fee) Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

### **NURS 306 • Practicum II: Adult Nursing 3 Credits.**

Provision of holistic care for adults and older adults in various health/illness states. Application of critical thinking skills and evidence to the implementation of the nursing process in healthcare settings.

*Prerequisites: NURS 305, NURS 310, NURS 325 Corequisites: NURS 311, NURS 326, NURS 350 Clinical Fee \$65 Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

### **NURS 307 • Practicum III: Mental Health Nursing 1 Credit.**

Provision of holistic care for individuals with mental health needs. Application of critical thinking skills and evidence to the implementation of the nursing process in mental health settings.

*Prerequisites: NURS 305, NURS 310, NURS 325 Corequisites: NURS 331, NURS 351 Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

### **NURS 310 • Skills I: Health Assessment & Fundamentals of Nursing Practice 4 Credits.**

Development of beginning nursing skills to promote health and manage illness, within the context of the nursing process. This course is a laboratory course.

*Corequisites: NURS 305, NURS 325 \$410 (\$140 Lab Fee, \$250 ATI Resource Fee, \$20 Online Test Fee) Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

### **NURS 311 • Skills II: Adult Nursing 2 Credits.**

Development of nursing skills to promote health and manage illness for adults and older adults, within the context of the nursing process. This course is a laboratory course.

*Prerequisites: NURS 305, NURS 310, NURS 325 Corequisites: NURS 306, NURS 350, NURS 326 \$185 (\$140 Nursing Lab and Equipment Fee, \$25 ATI Assessment Fee, and \$20 Online Testing Fee) Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

### **NURS 325 • Pathophysiology 3 Credits.**

Examination of the physiologic basis for manifestations of altered structure and function. Exploration of differences in physiologic responses to health and illness in diverse populations across the lifespan from a nursing perspective.

*Corequisites: NURS 310, NURS 305 Online Testing Fee \$20 Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

### **NURS 326 • Pharmacology for Nursing 2 Credits.**

Exploration of the principles of pharmacotherapy to promote health and manage illness from a patient-centered perspective for diverse populations across the lifespan.

*Prerequisites: NURS 305, NURS 310, NURS 325 Corequisites: NURS 306, NURS 311, NURS 350 Online Testing Fee \$20 Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

### **NURS 350 • Adult Nursing I 3 Credits.**

Examination of the nursing care related to adults and older adults experiencing selected acute, chronic, and/or potential health issues. Application of theoretical frameworks and evidence-based practice considerations to holistic nursing care.

*Prerequisites: NURS 305, NURS 310, NURS 325 Corequisites: NURS 306, NURS 311, NURS*

326 \$365 (\$345 Nursing ATI Resource Fee Lab Fee and \$20 Online Testing Fee) *Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

**NURS 351 • Adult Nursing II 3 Credits.**

Examination of the nursing care of adults and older adults experiencing selected acute, chronic, and/or potential health issues. Application of theoretical frameworks and evidence-based practice considerations to holistic nursing care. This course is a continuation of NURS 350.

*Prerequisites: NURS 305, NURS 310, NURS 325 Corequisites: NURS 307, NURS 331 \$45 (\$25 ATI Assessment Fee and \$20 Online Testing Fee) Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

**NURS 331 • Mental Health Nursing 2 Credits.**

Overview of mental health issues of individuals throughout the lifespan, in the context of families and communities.

*Prerequisites: NURS 305, NURS 310, NURS 325 Corequisites: NURS 307, NURS 351 ATI Assessment Fee \$25; Online Testing Fee \$20 Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

**NURS 405 • Nursing Ethics 3 Credits.**

Application of ethical inquiry to current ethical issues in healthcare settings with a focus on the role of the nurse.

*Prerequisites: NURS 306, NURS 307, NURS 311, NURS 326, NURS 331, NURS 350, NURS 351 Corequisites: NURS 433, NURS 437, NURS 438, NURS 439 Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

**NURS 433 • Pediatric Nursing 2 Credits.**

Examination of the nursing care of pediatric patients and families. Application of theoretical frameworks and evidence-based practice considerations to holistic nursing care.

*Prerequisites: NURS 306, NURS 307, NURS 311, NURS 326, NURS 331, NURS 350, NURS 351 Corequisites: NURS 405, NURS 437, NURS 438, NURS 439 \$390 (\$345 ATI Resource Fee, \$25 ATI Assessment Fee, and \$20 Online Testing Fee) Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

**NURS 437 • Maternity Nursing 2 Credits.**

Examination of the nursing care of maternity patients and families. Application of theoretical frameworks and evidence-based practice considerations to holistic nursing care.

*Prerequisites: NURS 306, NURS 307, NURS 311, NURS 326, NURS 331, NURS 350, NURS 351 Corequisites: NURS 405, NURS 433, NURS 438, NURS 439 \$45 (\$25 ATI Assessment Fee, \$20 Online Testing Fee) Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

**NURS 438 • Practicum IV: Pediatric Nursing 1 Credit.**

Provision of holistic care for pediatric patients and families. Application of critical thinking skills and evidence to the implementation of the nursing process in pediatric settings.

*Prerequisites: NURS 306, NURS 307, NURS 311, NURS 326, NURS 331, NURS 350, NURS 351 Corequisites: NURS 405, NURS 433, NURS 437, NURS 439 \$117 (\$40 Lab and Equipment Fee, \$40 Malpractice Fee, \$17 ATI Assessment Fee, \$20 Online Testing Fee) Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

**NURS 439 • Practicum V: Maternity Nursing 1 Credit.**

Provision of holistic care for maternity patients and families. Application of critical thinking skills and evidence to the implementation of the nursing process in maternity settings.

*Prerequisites: NURS 306, NURS 307, NURS 311, NURS 326, NURS 331, NURS 350, NURS 351 Corequisites: NURS 405, NURS 433, NURS 437, NURS 438 \$110 (\$65 Clinical Site Placement Fee, \$25 ATI Assessment Fee, \$20 Online Testing Fee) Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

**NURS 440 • Population-Based Nursing 3 Credits.**

Exploration of population-focused nursing care with an emphasis on diverse and underserved populations. Includes epidemiological consideration.

*Prerequisites: NURS 306, NURS 307, NURS 311, NURS 326, NURS 331, NURS 350, NURS 351 Corequisites: NURS 446 ATI Assessment Fee \$25; Online Testing Fee \$20 Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

**NURS 446 • Practicum VI: Population-Based Nursing 2 Credits.**

Provision of population-based nursing care with an emphasis on diverse and underserved populations. Application of public health competencies and theories in population-based settings.

*Prerequisites: NURS 306, NURS 307, NURS 311, NURS 326, NURS 331, NURS 350, NURS 351 Corequisites: NURS 440 Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

**NURS 447 • Practicum VII: Capstone 3 Credits.**

Provision of comprehensive nursing care to patients with complex health needs. Synthesis of critical thinking, leadership skills, evidence, and professional standards to manage care and improve health outcomes.

*Prerequisites: NURS 405, NURS 433, NURS 437, NURS 438, NURS 439, NURS 440, NURS 446 Corequisites: NURS 450, NURS 460 \$145 (\$65 Clinical Site Placement Fee and \$80 Malpractice Fee) Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

**NURS 450 • Leadership Development 3 Credits.**

Application of the leadership role in preparation to enter the professional nursing workforce. Integration of critical thinking, evidence, leadership and management principles, and professional standards in professional practice.

*Prerequisites: NURS 405, NURS 433, NURS 437, NURS 438, NURS 439, NURS 440, NURS 446, PSYC 335 Corequisites: NURS 447, NURS 460 ATI Assessment Fee \$25; Online Testing Fee \$20 Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*

**NURS 460 • Skills III: Nursing Synthesis 3 Credits.**

A focus on the transition from the student role to the role of the professional nurse. Synthesis of critical thinking, leadership skills, evidence, and professional standards to manage care in complex clinical situations. This course is a laboratory course.

*Prerequisites: NURS 405, NURS 433, NURS 437, NURS 438, NURS 439, NURS 440, NURS 446 Corequisites: NURS 447, NURS 450 \$460 (\$140 Lab and Equipment Fee, \$250 ATI Resource Fee, \$50 ATI Assessment Fee, and \$20 Online Testing Fee) Special Notes: This course is offered for students in the Post-Baccalaureate Nursing program.*