

NURSING

The undergraduate program in nursing leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The major builds upon a broad general education foundation in liberal arts, basic and applied sciences, and behavioral and social sciences. The program prepares professional nurses who can function in a variety of settings. The program is approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing and has full accreditation by CCNE. Graduates qualify to sit for the NCLEX-RN examination in the state of their choice after graduation. The school has an active Student Nurses' Association. Membership in the Epsilon Psi Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International, the Honor Society of Nursing, is available to qualified students who demonstrate outstanding academic and leadership abilities. The Army ROTC has designated RU as a partner in Nursing Education. RU alumni are practicing nursing in a variety of health care positions throughout the world.

ADMISSION

Two applications are required.

1. Application for, and admission to, the university must be made first. (See reverse side for further instructions)

2. Application for admission to the upper division major in the School of Nursing should then be made to:

School of Nursing, Radford University
P.O. Box 6964
Radford, VA 24142
(540)831-7700
<http://nurs-web.asp.radford.edu>

The program in nursing is demanding both academically and physically. Students admitted to the upper division must meet the ethical and technical standards of professional nursing. Health insurance, health records, criminal background checks, and urine drug testing are required. Due to the rigorous program, upper division students are discouraged from working outside of school for more than 10 hours per week.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Application for admission to the upper division may be made when students have only one science course left to complete and will be within six hours of completing core curriculum requirements prior to entering the upper division major. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale and have completed all nursing prerequisites with a grade of "C" or better to be considered for admission. Students who entered Radford University as

full-time freshman with a declared pre-nursing major and have earned a cumulative G.P.A of 3.5 on a minimum of 24 semester hours of credit at Radford University and have no honor code violations will receive a priority admission status at the end of the second semester of enrollment, contingent upon maintaining a 3.2 G.P.A. and completing coursework according to the School of Nursing Guidelines. This is done automatically and offer letter are mailed to these students during the summer before their sophomore year.

The RU School of Nursing admits approximately 130 students per year in a staggered procedure. This means we admit approximately 80 students in Fall to the Radford Campus of the School of Nursing and approximately 50 students in Spring to our Roanoke site (the Higher Education Center). Applications for Fall admission must be received in the School of Nursing Office by **November 15**. Applications for Spring admission must be received in the School of Nursing Office by **August 1**. Admission to the upper division on both campuses is competitive.

Sample Curriculum

Freshman Year

Semester 1		Semester 2	
CORE 101	3	CORE 102	3
*CHEM 120	4	BIOL 105	4
PSYC 121	3	Humanities	3
Fine Arts	3	Mathematical Sciences	3
*SOCY 110	3	Global Perspectives	3

Sophomore Year

Semester 1		Semester 2	
CORE 201	3	CORE 202	3
*PSYC 230	3	*BIOL 334	4
*BIOL 322	6	*STAT 200	3
*FDSN 214	3	*NURS 321	3
		Humanities, Fine Arts or	3
		Foreign Languages	

Junior Year

Level I		Level II	
NURS 340	3	NURS 360	3
NURS 342	3	NURS 363	2
NURS 343	4	NURS 364	6
NURS 352	5	NURS 366	5

Senior Year

Level III		Level IV	
NURS 443	5	NURS 451	5
NURS 444	5	NURS 453	4
NURS 448	5	NURS 454	4

*Nursing Prerequisites

NURSING MAJOR

Required

Pre-nursing

NURS 321 Pathophysiology

Level I

NURS 340 Health Assessment

NURS 342 Foundations of Community Based Nursing

NURS 343 Nursing Therapeutics

NURS 352 Mental Health Nursing

Level II

NURS 360 Pharmacology

NURS 362 Nursing Research

NURS 364 Nursing of the Adult I

NURS 366 Nursing of the Childbearing Family

Level III

NURS 443 Nursing of Children

NURS 444 Gerontological Nursing

NURS 448 Nursing of the Adult II

Level IV

NURS 451 Community Health Nursing

NURS 453 Leadership in Nursing

NURS 454 Clinical Nursing Practicum

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The graduate of the baccalaureate program of the Radford University School of Nursing:

1. Applies the nursing process in partnership with the client to promote, protect, and restore the client's holistic health.
2. Implements the Standards of Nursing Practice.
3. Utilizes knowledge and skills in health care and information technologies.
4. Utilizes critical thinking, research findings, and the Standards of Nursing Practice through involvement with health care issues.
5. Demonstrates caring through theory and evidence based nursing interventions.
6. Implements effective written, oral, and non-verbal communication skills.

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7. Applies ethical decision making processes in meeting health care needs.
8. Collaborates with clients and other health professionals to provide culturally sensitive nursing care.
9. Demonstrates a commitment to life long learning and professional development.
10. Exhibits leadership qualities commensurate with entry-level professional nursing practice.
11. Promotes legislation and policy consistent with the advancement of nursing care and health care on a regional, state, national, and global level.

Core Curriculum Requirements for Upper Division: Please consult the current Radford University Undergraduate Catalog for clarification of courses in the sample curriculum. Undergraduate catalog is available on the Internet: <http://www.radford.edu/Catalog/index.html>

THE UNIVERSITY

Radford University is committed to individualized instruction within medium size classes, maintenance of high academic standards and excellence in teaching and advising students. Radford faculty are also engaged in scholarly and professional activities.

ADMISSIONS

Office of Admissions (540) 831-5038 (Fax)
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Radford, VA 24142 **E-mail:**
admissions@radford.edu
(540) 831-5371 **Toll Free 1-800-890-4265**

FINANCIAL AID

Office of Financial Aid <http://finaid.asp.edu>
P. O. Box 6905 **E-mail: finaid@radford.edu**
Radford, VA 24142

WALDRON COLLEGE OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES ADVISING CENTER

(540) 831-7699 **E-Mail: wchs-adv@radford.edu**