

NURSING | Bachelor of Science



FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FINAL YEAR



Cultivate

Make the most of your time on campus.

- Review general education requirements
- Review program requirements with your academic advisor
- Consider a minor or certificate
- Consider general Honors
- Attend long-term planning meeting with advisor

- Apply to Departmental Honors

- Purchase class ring
- White Coat Ceremony
- Apply for Honors College research project funding

- Apply to graduate school
- Convocation ceremony
- Share your work at Honors Research Showcase
- Interviews
- Complete a quality improvement change project during Practicum

What are popular minors?

- Psychology
- Spanish studies
- Youth development studies



Engage

with the world and community around you.

- Attend Tiger Prowl
- Attend the Study Abroad Fair
- Discover extracurricular activities
- Participate in career oriented clubs (Student Nurses Association, Men in Nursing, etc.)
- Apply to Study Abroad in Cyprus
- Explore Creative Inquiry (CI) classes for research experience
- Class representatives selection

- Apply to Study Abroad in Cyprus during the first semester
- Attend Study Abroad in Cyprus during the second semester
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- Attend career fairs
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- Seek externship opportunities during the second semester of junior year
- Participate in simulations that include standardized patients and wearable simulators

- Participate in externships
- Sign up for services through the Career Center
- Attend an alumni networking event
- Complete senior practicum hours
- Join Gamma Mu (SIGMA)
- Join the Clemson Nursing Alumni Council
- High level simulations
- Poverty simulation
- Friday Night in the ER simulation
- Opportunity to obtain Pediatric Advance Life Support Certificate
- M4N4 Simulation Day

Potential fields or careers after graduation:

- Advanced practice registered nurse, tracks vary
- Doctor of Nursing Practice
- Health researcher/epidemiologist
- Public health or population health
- Health care administration
- Health or nursing informatics
- Medical school
- Physician assistant
- Allied health careers
- Medical or pharmaceutical sales
- Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)
- Health or nursing education



Prepare

to use the skills you have learned after you leave Clemson.

- Job shadow and consider professional certifications
- Consider required clinical hours
- NURS 1020 - Career exploration, prep and resume development, simulation lab tours
- Meet with Student Accessibility Services about testing accommodations as needed
- Explore resources on campus: Writing Lab, anatomy table, VR studio, Health Sciences Librarian, Makerspace and Career Services
- Create a LinkedIn

- Purchase required scrubs and equipment for Health Assessment and subsequent clinicals during the second semester
- Complete Basic Life Support certification
- Grow LinkedIn connections

- Continue patient care and shadowing hours and consider professional certifications
- Take on a leadership role
- Create a resume and follow up with job leads
- Consider obtaining CNA after successful completion of Fundamentals course
- Start obtaining recommendation letters from clinical instructors
- Foundations of Nursing and Global Health Research: Critical Appraisal, Ethical Practice, and Evidence-Based Application (NURS 3300)

- Assess skills and experience gaps
- Do mock interviews and edit resume
- Apply for jobs or graduate school
- Learn steps for applying and completing application for state nurse licensure
- Apply for nurse residency programs
- Prepare culminating projects, portfolios or presentations

What skills do employers want?

- Professionalism: Punctuality, accountability and reliability
- Willingness to learn: An employer wants a moldable and coachable new graduate
- Communication: Use health care team-based communication that is supported by active listening and the ability to resolve conflicts
- Clinical judgment: A new graduate should feel comfortable recognizing abnormal and asking appropriate questions
- Critical thinking: observe, prioritize and escalate appropriately
- Teamwork: Cultivate a respectful and positive unit culture that supports co-workers
- Patient safety: A leading priority -- keeping patients safe by being accurate, speaking up and preventing issues

What skills does this major teach?

- How to understand a comprehensive set of skills that prepare students to provide safe and effective care
- How to utilize current research care that is rooted in evidence based practice
- How to use clinical reasoning and decision making based on patient assessments
- How to advocate for health
- How to prioritize tasks, meet deadlines and manage time
- How to communicate with patients and the multidisciplinary ancillary staff
- Clinical skills (medication administration, wound care, physical and mental health assessments)

Some schools our students attend next:

- Clemson University
- Duke University
- Emory University
- Medical University of South Carolina
- Baylor University
- Vanderbilt
- University of South Carolina
- University of North Carolina
- The University of Texas
- Medical University of SC
- Ohio State University

Example employers:

- Health systems
- Governmental health departments
- Non profit organizations
- Corporate wellness
- Therapy centers
- Medical sales
- Health care consulting firms
- Advocacy coalitions
- Academic institutions
- Community health organizations