

Nursing, B.S.

About the Cohorts: BS Traditional and BS Accelerated

In collaboration with Prisma Health-Upstate, Clemson University has expanded its nursing program in the Clemson University Nursing building in Greenville – an effort that has more than doubled enrollment in Clemson’s traditional Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. This expansion is helping meet the growing need for nurses and bolstering health innovation and research efforts in Upstate South Carolina.

The collaboration has also expanded student clinical placements within Prisma Health-Upstate. With this collaboration, students are part of one of two clinical cohorts – a Clemson-based traditional cohort or a Greenville-based accelerated cohort.

Students in both cohorts take general education and nursing foundation courses on Clemson’s main campus their freshman and sophomore years.

In their junior and senior years, students in the Clemson-based traditional cohort continue coursework at Clemson’s main campus and complete clinical rotations at various area health care systems. Students in the Greenville-based accelerated cohort take courses at the Clemson University Nursing building located on Prisma Health Greenville Memorial Medical Campus and complete clinical rotations at one or more of Prisma Health-Upstate’s participating campuses. Transportation is provided between the two sites of instruction.

Students in the Greenville-based accelerated cohort take the three Senior 1 nursing courses – Women’s Health and Developing Families, Pediatrics, and Mental Health – during the summer semester after the junior year allowing them to graduate in December, one semester early.

Both cohorts have eight semesters of coursework and tuition. Students in the program expansion cohort can use South Carolina’s LIFE and Palmetto Fellows scholarships for summer semester tuition.



Cohort Selection

Students will express their cohort preference during their first two years of study, allowing time to fully explore both options. Whenever possible, students will be matched with the cohort of their choice. While cohort preference is not guaranteed, all students are guaranteed a clinical space in their junior and senior years.

Student Life

Students in both cohorts have the same opportunities to take part in campus activities all Clemson students enjoy – athletic events, campus recreation, varsity sports, sororities and fraternities, Calhoun Honors College, Nursing Departmental Honors, honor societies, Creative Inquiry, service learning, and other student organizations.

Students in both cohorts can take advantage of on-campus student housing, Academic Success Center, Watt Family Innovation Center, Cooper Library, Fike Recreation Center, Michelin Career Center, Center for Career and Professional Development, Redfern Health Center, Student Financial Aid, and all other campus services.

Clemson University School of Nursing
B.S. Traditional Track
CURRICULUM PLAN 2025-2026

FRESHMAN YEAR

Fall Semester¹		Spring Semester	
*BIOL 1030 General Biology I	3	CH 1010 General Chemistry I	4
*BIOL 1050 General Biology I Lab	1	*ENGL 1030 Accelerated Composition	3
*NURS 1020 Univ Success Skills	2	STAT 2300 Elem. Statistical Inference	3
*COMM 1500 or COMM 2500	3	PSYC 2010 Intro to Psychology	3
Arts and Humanities (Non-Literature) Req ²	3	*NURS 1400 Fostering Innovation in Nursing	3
Social Science Requirement ⁴	3		16
	15		

SOPHOMORE YEAR

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
*BIOL 2220 Hum Anat and Phys I	4	*BIOL 2230 Human Anat and Phys II	4
*MICR 2050 Intro to Microbiology	4	*NURS 3100 Health Assessment	3
Arts and Humanities (Literature) Req ²	3	*NURS 3200 Professionalism in Nursing	3
*NUTR 2050 Nutrition for Nursing Prof	3	*NURS 3110 Health Promotion	2
Elective	2	Global Challenges Requirement ^{2,3,5}	3
	16	Elective	1
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JUNIOR YEAR

Fall Semester*		Spring Semester*	
PCID 3150 Scientific Prof Comm & Info Design		NURS 3030 Med-Surg II: Nurs of Adults	7
or PCID 3140 Technical or PCID 3040 Business	3	NURS 3300 Research in Nurs ^{2,3}	3
NURS 3040 Pathophysiology	3	NURS 3330 Health Care Genetics	3
NURS 3230 Gerontology Nurs	2	NURS 3050 Psychosocial Nurs	3
NURS 3120 Med-Surg I: Found of Nurs	4		16
NURS 3400 Pharmacotherapeutic Nurs	3		
	15		

SENIOR YEAR

Fall Semester*		Spring Semester*	
NURS 4010 Mental Health Nurs	5	NURS 4030 Med-Surg 3: Complex Nurs Adults	5
NURS 4110 Nurs of Children	5	NURS 4150 Community Hlth Nurs	4
NURS 4120 Nurs Women & Fam	5	NURS 4100 Leadership Mgmt. & Nurs Care Pract	6
	15		15

TOTAL HOURS = 124

Footnotes:

¹ Students scoring below the designated score on the CMPT must take an approved math prerequisite for STAT 2300 during this semester.

² See General Education Requirements.

³ All students must fulfill the global challenges requirement to be eligible for graduation. Six credit hours of Clemson approved global challenges courses must be taken. Course transfers from other institutions are only eligible for a lower level (1000-2000) global challenge course. The required NURS 3300 (Research) fulfills 3 of the 6 credit hours. If you do not have a transferable course, you will be required to obtain all 6 global challenge credit hours at Clemson. See global challenges approved courses.

⁴ See approved SC REACH Act courses. All undergraduate students who enter the university during summer 2021 or after must have credit for an approved social science course that also satisfies the SC REACH Act requirement. Students that have already earned credits that satisfy the SC REACH Act requirement may enroll in any approved social science course.

⁵ If this requirement is satisfied by another course in the curriculum, elective hours must be taken to cover the credit hours.

*Classes and semesters with an asterisk cannot be moved to another semester.

Notes:

- A minimum grade of a C is required in the following courses for progression in the nursing major: BIOL 1030/BIOL 1050 or BIOL 1100, BIOL 2220, BIOL 2230, CH 1010, MICR 2050 or MICR 3050, NUTR 2050, STAT 2300, and the approved MATH pre-requisite if required.
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- Students may not exceed a maximum of two attempts, to successfully complete any NURS course. Students who are not successful on a second attempt are not eligible to continue in nursing.
- A minimum grade of C is required in all NURS nursing courses.
- A minimum grade point ratio of 2.5 is required for registration in each nursing course. Additionally, if the student's nursing GPA drops below a 2.5, the student is not eligible to continue in nursing.

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*NURS 1020 Univ Success Skills	2
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Spring Semester

CH 1010 General Chemistry I	4
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STAT 2300 Elem. Statistical Inference	3
PSYC 2010 Intro to Psychology	3
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SENIOR YEAR

Summer Semester*

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NURS 4110 Nurs of Children	5
NURS 4120 Nurs Women & Fam	5
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Fall Semester*

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