

**Carroll College Department of Nursing Curriculum Plan  
for Students entering Fall 2005 or later  
(Subject to Change due to Clinical Site Availability)**

**FALL SEMESTER**

**SPRING SEMESTER**

**Freshman**

BI 201 <i>Anatomy &amp; Physiology+ Lab</i>	4	BI 202 <i>Anatomy &amp; Physiology+Lab</i>	4
LAS 101 <i>Alpha Seminar</i>	3	CH 111 <i>Essentials of Chemistry+Lab</i>	4
PSY 105 <i>General Psychology</i>	3	PSY 203 <i>Developmental Psychology</i>	3

(or Fall semester of Sophomore year)

**REQUIRED courses for Freshman Year, may be taken either Fall or Spring:**

NU101 <i>Intro Professional Nursing</i>	2
ENWR 102 <i>College Composition</i>	4
CO 101 <i>Basic Communication</i>	3

**Additional courses that may be taken Fall or Spring of Freshman Year:**

PHIL 107 <i>Ethics</i>	3
SO 101 <i>Intro to Sociology</i>	3
TH 101 <i>Theological Foundations</i>	3

**Sophomore**

CH 112 <i>Organic &amp; Biochemistry</i>	3	BI 214 <i>Microbiology</i>	4
TH 101 <i>Theological Foundations</i>	3	NU 301 <i>Care of the Family</i>	4
NU 201 <i>Fundamentals &amp; Health Pro + Lab</i>	4	<b>or</b> NU 302 <i>Psychosocial Health</i>	4
NU 202 <i>Assessment &amp; Health Pro + Lab</i>	4	NU 208 <i>Nutrition</i>	3
		+CORE	3

**Additional required courses, may be taken either Fall or Spring:**

PHIL 107 <i>Ethics</i>	3
<b>or</b> PHIL 208 <i>Bioethics</i>	3
SO 101 <i>Intro to Sociology</i>	3

**Junior**

NU 301 <i>Care of the Family</i>	4	NU 304 <i>Illness Across the Lifespan I</i>	4	Nursing Summer Internship Recommended
<b>or</b> NU 302 <i>Psychosocial Health</i>	4	NU 305 <i>Clinical Nursing Care I</i>	4	
NU 308 <i>Pathophysiology &amp; Pharmacology</i>	3	NU 307 <i>Nursing Research</i>	3	
MA 207 <i>Statistics</i>	3	+CORE	3	
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**Senior**

NU 404 <i>Illness Across Lifespan II and</i>	4	NU 414 <i>Com Health Nursing</i> ●	4
NU 413 <i>Clinical Nursing II</i>	3	NU 420 <i>Professional Role: Leader</i>	3
NU 406 <i>Nursing Management *</i>	4	NU 406 <i>Nursing Management *</i>	4
<b>or</b>		<b>or</b>	
NU 417 <i>Capstone Clinical</i>	3	NU 417 <i>Capstone Clinical</i>	3
+CORE	3	NU 417LA <i>NCLEX prep lab</i>	1
		NU 430 <i>Cardiac Nursing (Elective)</i>	1

**Total Credits = 122**

+ CORE – One course needed in each of the following areas: Fine Arts, History, Literature, Philosophy (in addition to PHIL 107), and Theology (in addition to TH 101). Of these courses, will need one course designated as Global Diversity and one course designated as Writing Intensive outside the nursing major.

\* Writing Intensive course for the major

● National Diversity course

(Students will need to purchase lab coat, scrubs, nametag and stethoscope in NU 101/201/202)

## **Major in Nursing**

The nursing program at Carroll College offers a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in nursing, preparing students to practice as professional nurses or for graduate studies in nursing. Upon graduation, students are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). The nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and is approved by the Montana State Board of Nursing.

Students may enter into courses prerequisite to nursing as a major program of study upon admission to the college, but need to be formally accepted to the nursing major for registration in nursing courses other than NU 101.

### **Admission to the Nursing Major**

Applications for Admission to the nursing major are available from the Department of Nursing and are due May 20 each year for admission into the major the following Fall semester. Students will be notified by June 15 of their acceptance. Students seeking admission into the nursing major must meet the following criteria to be eligible to make application to the Department of Nursing:

1. Complete the following pre-requisites with a “C” or better at the time of application: BI 201, BI, 202, CH 111, CO 101, ENWR 102, NU 101, PSY 105.
2. Have an overall college career Grade Point Average of 2.75 or higher on a 4-point scale. (This includes all attempted credits at an accredited college or university.)
3. A student can repeat or withdraw from no more than two (2) courses considered pre-requisite to nursing or nursing courses taken either at Carroll or other institutions.
4. Complete background check/finger printing.

The Department of Nursing reserves the right to accept for admission into the major the number of students for whom a quality educational program can be provided. If there are more applications than spaces available, the Department will use a priority ranking system based on the following criteria to select students for admission.

1. Those students whose post high school academic credits were completed at Carroll will have highest priority over students with any transfer credits.
2. Selected GPA for the following Carroll courses: BI 201, BI 202, CH 111, CO 101, ENWR 102, PSY 105. A course from another institution must be accepted at Carroll as an equivalent course to be calculated in this selected GPA.
3. Interviews by the Department of Nursing faculty.
4. Student essay administered by the Department of Nursing.

### **Progression in the Nursing Major:**

To progress in the nursing major, the student must:

1. Have a grade of “C” or better in all nursing courses and the following co-requisites: BI 214, CH 112, MA 207, PHIL 107 or PHIL 208, SO101, PSY 203.
2. Maintain a CUM Carroll GPA of 2.75 at the end of each semester after admission into the nursing major.
3. Pass/Fail grades may be acceptable for courses not co-requisite to nursing courses as long as the student is within the parameters of the guidelines of the Academic Policies as stated in the Carroll College Catalog currently in effect. Nursing courses, other than those designated by the Department, cannot be taken pass/fail.

If a student does not meet the above criteria, he or she is not eligible to continue in the nursing major.

Students may petition the Department of Nursing for exceptions to the above criteria if there are extenuating circumstances.

### **Access to Clinical Experiences**

Clinical experience begins in the 100-level nursing courses and occurs in diverse community settings, varying from Helena’s hospitals to public health, assisted-living, long-term care, home-visits, and psychiatric and school settings. Each nursing course at Carroll provides quality, personalized learning experiences.

Students are expected to purchase uniforms, lab coats, nametags, and other items needed for clinical experience. Prior to beginning 200-level courses, nursing students must show proof of freedom from communicable tuberculosis and immunity to hepatitis B, poliomyelitis, varicella, rubeola, rubella and mumps. Students must also show proof of current CPR, including two-rescuer and use of masks and AED. Students must update TB test and CPR certification annually.

Professional nursing is regulated in Montana by the Board of Nursing to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. As part of their educational program, student nurses are entrusted with the responsibility of providing certain kinds of nursing care to clients/patients. It is the responsibility of the clinical instructor to determine that the student nurse has demonstrated reasonable competence to render nursing interventions without risk to the client/patient. If the clinical instructor’s evaluation of the student nurse’s behavior or health status indicates that he or she is likely to provide unsafe nursing care, the clinical instructor has the legal responsibility to deny the student nurse access to clinical learning experience. Professional liability insurance coverage is required for students engaged in clinical experiences and is included in registration fees.