



**Carroll College Department of Nursing  
Accelerated Nursing Program Curriculum Plan**

**Prerequisites Courses for Application to Accelerated Nursing Program:**

- Anatomy & Physiology I and II with labs\*
- Essentials of Chemistry + lab\*
- Organic & Biochemistry\*
- Microbiology with lab\*
- Intro to Sociology
- College Composition
- Basic Communication
- Statistics
- General Psychology
- Developmental Psychology

\* All required science classes and labs must be face-to-face (online courses will not be accepted). The nursing department may grant an exception on a case-by-case basis for Organic & Biochemistry, which does not require a lab.

**Curriculum Plan:**

**SUMMER SEMESTER – 6-week sessions:**

**Session 1**

- NU 201 *Fundamentals & Health Pro + Lab* (4 credits)  
NU 202 *Assessment & Health Pro + Lab* (4)

**Session 2**

- NU 208 *Nutrition for Healthcare* (3)  
NU 301 *Care of the Family + Lab & Clinical* (4.5)

**FALL SEMESTER – 8-week sessions:**

**Session 1**

- NU 302 *Psychosocial Health + Lab & Clinical* (4.5)  
NU 308 *Pathophysiology & Pharmacology* (3)

**Session 2**

- NU 304 *Illness Across the Lifespan I* (4)  
NU 305 *Clinical Nursing Care I Part I* (2)

**SPRING SEMESTER– 8-week sessions:**

**Session 1**

- NU 305 *Clinical Nursing Care I Part 2* (2)  
NU 307 *EBP Research Methods* (3)  
NU 404 *Illness Across the Lifespan II Part I* (2)

## Spring Semester (Continued)

### Session 2

NU 404 *Illness Across the Lifespan II Part 2* (2)

NU 414 *Community & Public Health Nursing* (4)

## SUMMER SEMESTER -- 6-week sessions:

### Session 1

NU 413 *Clinical Nursing Care II* (4)

NU 406 *Leadership & Management* (4)

### Session 2

NU 417 *Capstone Clinical & Seminar* (3.5)

NU 427 *Comprehensive Nursing Review* (3.5)

## REQUIRED CORE COURSES for Post-Baccalaureate students (may be taken either Fall or Spring if not already completed):

One Theology course (3) and

One Philosophy course (3)

*One must be an ethical reasoning course: PHIL 107 Ethics or PHIL 208 Bioethics or TH 222 Healthcare Ethics*

Nursing credit hours - 57

Core credit hours (if not previously completed) - 6

**Total Credits = 57 – 63**

## Other Program Requirements

- Hold a baccalaureate degree from an accredited college or university
- Have an overall college career Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4-point scale (This includes all attempted credits at an accredited college or university).

## Successful applicants will need to:

- Complete a criminal background check as instructed by the Department of Nursing, to be paid by the student. When ordering your background check, select if you are a *Montana resident* or *out-of-state resident*. *Do not select the drug test option*. Students with background checks that reveal a record will be evaluated individually to determine whether they will be admitted to the nursing major. Alcohol and drug violations may interfere with Montana Board of Nursing approval to sit for the NCLEX-RN exam.
- Provide documentation of immunity to hepatitis B, varicella, and measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR). You may include documentation of freedom from communicable tuberculosis, but our health care facilities would like this completed immediately prior to the start of clinicals, so will need to complete in June.

## Progression in the Nursing Major

To progress in the nursing major, the student must:

1. Have a grade of “C-” or better in all required nursing classes. All nursing courses must be taken at Carroll College unless the nursing department grants an exception.
2. Maintain a minimum CUM Carroll GPA of 2.75 at the end of each semester after admission into the nursing major.

3. In the event of a college academic integrity violation, the student's ability to progress in the nursing major will be determined on an individual basis.
4. Students who receive any legal action that would appear on a criminal background check, such as a misdemeanor or felony charge or conviction, must immediately inform the chair of the Nursing Department, and will be evaluated individually to determine whether they will be allowed to progress in the nursing major.
5. Students must demonstrate the academic achievement, emotional maturity, integrity, and motivation necessary for progression in the nursing major.

**If the student does not meet the above progression criteria, they are not eligible to continue in the nursing major.** If a student does not pass required nursing course(s), they must demonstrate competency in the failed course(s) with a grade of "C-" or better prior to taking any other nursing courses.

### **Access to Clinical Experiences**

Clinical experience begins in the 200-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. Although nursing clinical is primarily in Helena, out of town clinical may be required, necessitating personal transportation. In addition, on-campus clinical experiences are provided in the on-campus nursing clinical simulation center. Each nursing course at Carroll provides quality, personalized learning experiences.

Nursing students are expected to purchase Carroll College nursing scrubs, nametag, hand-held mobile device, and other items needed for clinical/lab experience. As part of the application process and prior to beginning 200-level courses, nursing students must show proof of freedom from communicable tuberculosis and immunity to hepatitis B, varicella, and measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR). Students are required to have current American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Healthcare Providers certification prior to beginning clinical and must update this CPR certification as required. Students must update their TB test annually and obtain an annual flu vaccination as required.

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 faculty to determine that the student nurse has demonstrated reasonable competence to render nursing interventions without risk to the client/patient. If the faculty member's evaluation of the student nurse's behavior or health status indicated that he or she is likely to provide unsafe nursing care as outlined in the course expectations, the Statutes and Rules of Nursing, and the ANA Code of Ethics, the faculty 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.

**The Carroll College Department of Nursing reserves the right to make changes in these admission and progression criteria.**

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