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2024 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

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 Mandatory College Readiness
Online Seminar for New Learners

 Semester End Date

 Semester Start Date/
New Learner Welcome Forum

 Constitution Day

 *In-Person Graduation
Celebration, date change

 Holiday - College Closed

 Last Day of Add/Drop by
5:00 pm Mountain Time

 Nurse Pinning/
Commencement Ceremony

*To view the full academic calendar, see the
Academic Information section of the Catalog.

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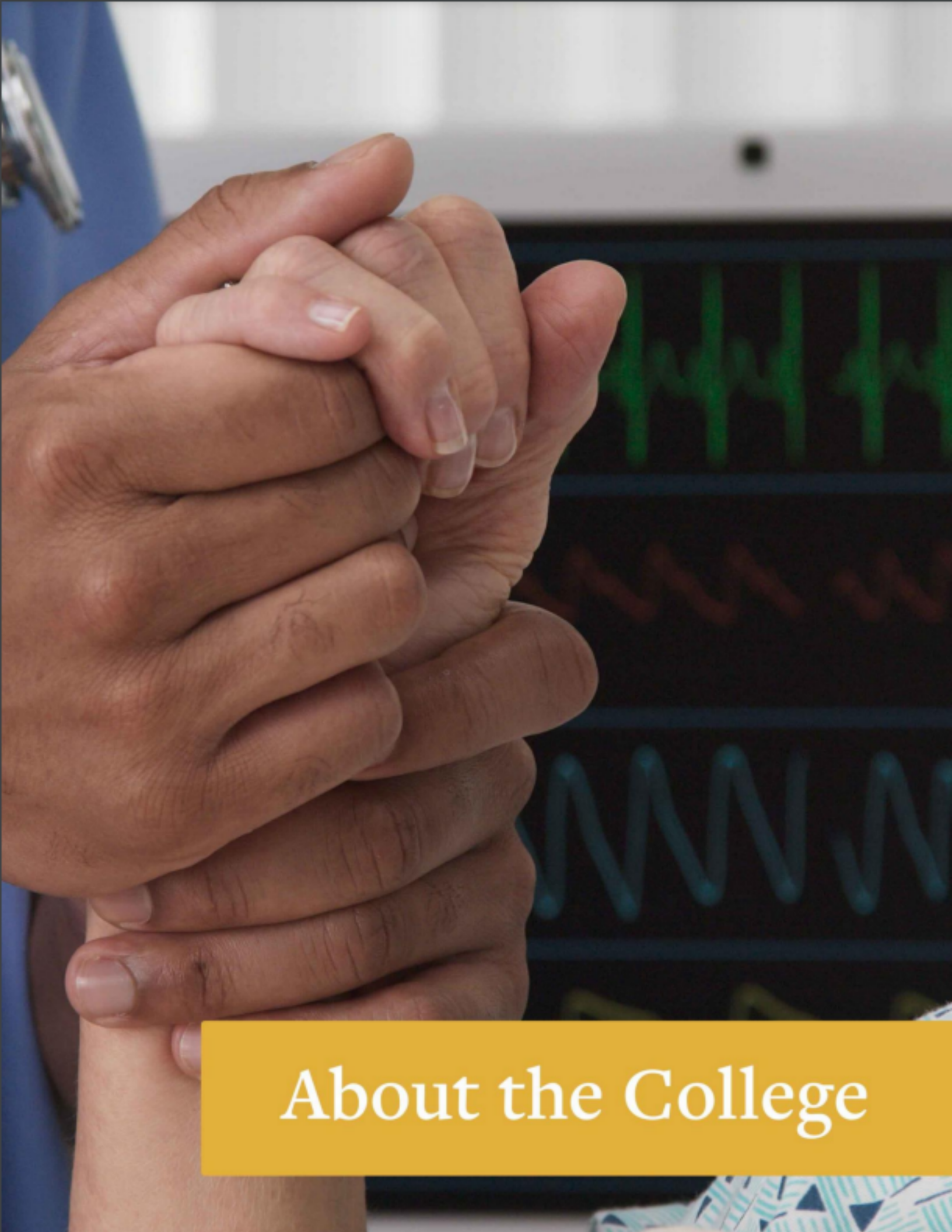
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About the College

ABOUT THE COLLEGE

HISTORY AND OWNERSHIP

Nightingale College (“the College”) is an accredited, private post-secondary institution of higher learning focused on nursing education. Currently, the College offers nursing programs at diploma as well as bachelor’s and master’s degree levels.

Nightingale College was formed in 2010 and is owned by Nightingale College, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company backed by Palm Ventures, LLC, a private-equity firm with a long, successful history of investing in post-secondary education institutions. In April 2011, the College commenced its first associate degree program. The College added baccalaureate degree programs in September 2014, commenced its master’s degree programs in January 2020, and in Summer 2021, launched its Practical Nursing Diploma Program.

BOARD OF MANAGERS

Mary Bittner, Charles Cook (Chair), Michael Dakduk, Christina Dempsey, Gideon Esuzor, Mary-Anne Ponti, Mikhail Shneyder (CEO of Nightingale Education Group), and Jason Woody (Secretary) are the members of the Board of Managers of Nightingale College, LLC, institutional governance body.

MISSION

Nightingale College facilitates higher learning along the professional nursing continuum focused on cognitive, practice, and everyday ethical comportment apprenticeships, while serving diverse communities to close educational equity gaps.

PATHWAY

All learners and collaborators are expected to align with the College’s **EVOLVITUDE™** statement:

- I **choose** deliberate evolvment, grounded in love, trust, forgiveness, courage, kindness, humility, gratitude, and lightheartedness.
- I **strive** for self-governing, self-actualizing, and self-transcending.
- I **act** with growth mindset, transparency, and responsibility, while building community.

ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATIONS

Nightingale College is institutionally accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities, which is an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education. For more information visit:

Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities

8060 165th Avenue NE, Suite 200
Redmond, WA 98052
Phone: 425-558-4224
www.nwccu.org



The Nightingale College LPN-AD Nursing Program (delivered via distance education) is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation located at 2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20038. Phone: 202-909-2487.

The NLN Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA)

2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Eighth Floor
Washington, DC, 20037
(202) 909-2487
<https://cnea.nln.org/>



Nightingale College's Practical Nursing (distance education) program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation.

The NLN Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA)

2600 Virginia Avenue, NW, Eighth Floor
Washington, DC, 20037
(202) 909-2487
<https://cnea.nln.org/>



The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Nightingale College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

655 K Street NW, Suite 750
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 887-6791
<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>



The master's degree program in nursing at Nightingale College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

655 K Street NW, Suite 750
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 887-6791
<http://www.ccneaccreditation.org>



Nightingale College has entered into a Voluntary Education Partnership Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Department of Defense (DOD). Participation in the program allows the College to offer Tuition Assistance (TA) to qualified learners.
www.dodmou.com

Nightingale College is a signatory to the White House's Joining Forces Initiative. Joining Forces educational partners help servicemembers and their families by expanding education opportunities, easing transferability of academic credit, and increasing job training opportunities for servicemembers, military spouses, and veterans.
www.whitehouse.gov/joiningforces

Nightingale College is a member of the National League for Nursing (NLN).
www.nln.org

Nightingale College is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).
www.aacn.nche.edu

Nightingale College is a member of the Career Education Colleges and Universities (CECU).
www.career.org

STATE APPROVALS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

The College holds a Certificate of Post-Secondary State Authorization issued by the Division of Consumer Protection, Department of Commerce, and State of Utah.

Utah Division of Consumer Protection

160 East 300 South
P.O. Box 146704
Salt Lake City, Utah 84414
(801) 530-6601
www.dcp.utah.gov



Nightingale College is registered in California as an out-of-state institution by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education.

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education

P.O. Box 980818
West Sacramento, CA 95798-0818
(888) 370-7589
www.bppe.ca.gov



Nightingale College is a member of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA). Pursuant to the reciprocity agreements under NC-SARA, the College is permitted to enroll learners into its distance learning programs and provide limited on-ground experiential learning in NC-SARA member states across the country, subject to each state's nursing regulatory body's rules and statutes.

National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements

3005 Center Green Drive
Suite 130
Boulder, Colorado 80301
(720) 680-1600
<https://nc-sara.org/>



The Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) to Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Degree Program and the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree Program are approved by the Utah State Board of Nursing. Upon successful completion of a prelicensure program, graduates are qualified to apply for Registered Nurse licensure in the State of Utah and take the NCLEX-RN® examination. For more information:

Utah State Board of Nursing
Heber M. Wells Bldg., 4th Floor
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
(801) 530-6628
<https://www.dopl.utah.gov/nursing/>



BUSINESS HOURS

The College's normal business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in each of the corresponding time zones.

FACILITIES

Operations Support Center (OSC)

The College Operations Support Center (OSC) is located in Salt Lake City, Utah. The OSC serves as the base for virtual campus operations from which all education and support services are delivered. The space includes:

- five (5) private offices;
- three (3) private workstations;
- ten (10) workstations;
- one (1) conference room;
- one (1) broadcast room;
- staff kitchen and breakroom;
- two (2) restrooms;
- reception area.

Supervised On-Ground Field Experience (SOFE) Sites

Supervised On-Ground Field Experience (SOFE) Sites are healthcare partner facilities utilized for direct focused client care and integrative practicum (IP) experiential learning, required components of prelicensure nursing programs. SOFEs also include graduate program preceptorship experiential learning.

CATALOG PURPOSE AND CHANGES

This Catalog is intended to provide general College policy information. The College reserves the right to make changes to this Catalog and any of its policies, at any time, to reflect changes in federal and state regulations, accreditation standards, and any other policy changes the College deems necessary. Changes to the Catalog are published in Catalog Addenda.

Updated versions of the Catalog are distributed to all learners via the learning management system and posted on the College's [website](#). The Catalog changes become effective immediately upon publication, unless otherwise specified, and apply to all currently enrolled learners.

STAFF DIRECTORY

For the most up-to-date list go to the [Faculty Listing](#) page of our website.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

Unit of Credit
Transfer of Credit
General Education (GE) Courses
Nursing Courses
Coursework Completed at Non-U.S. Institutions of Higher Learning
Extra-Institutional and Non-Instructional Learning
On-the-Job Learning
Academic Residency Waiver for Active Duty Servicemembers
Nursing Transfer of Credit Waiver through Prior Learning Assessment
HESI Nursing Course Exams

UNIT OF CREDIT

The College offers sixteen (16)-week academic semesters, consisting of fifteen (15) academic weeks of instruction and one (1) week of final evaluations.

One (1) semester credit is equal to:

- one (1) contact hour of didactic learning per week, or
- two (2) contact hours of intervention skill-based experiential learning, including online preparation, per week, or
- three (3) contact hours of direct focused client care (DFC) or case-based or integrative practicum experiential learning, including online preparation, per week.

A contact hour is defined as a minimum of fifty (50) minutes of supervised or directed instruction or engagement with educational content in any sixty (60)-minute period. Learners must complete all directed preparatory and remedial learning to earn the academic credit in the course, as described in the [Attendance Policy](#). For each enrolled semester credit, learners should spend a minimum of three (3) additional hours per week engaged in course work. Specific course work requirements are listed in each course syllabus.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

Only official transcripts are accepted as proof of completion of previous coursework at other institutions. The deadline for submission of official transcripts for previously completed coursework is specified on the [Credit Transfers page](#) on the College website and will be no later than five (5) weeks prior to the first day of the semester; verify deadlines on the [Credit Transfers page](#).

To be considered for transfer of credit, general education (GE) and technical courses must be completed at an institution of higher learning accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA), or certain non-U.S. institutions of higher learning. See requirements of acceptable transfer credits below.

TRANSFER CREDIT APPEAL

Upon completion of an official transcript review, learners will receive a Transfer Credit Evaluation (TCE). If there is a particular course to be reconsidered that is not present on the TCE, learners may contact the Registrar's office to submit a Transfer Credit Appeal form with a corresponding syllabus from the institution where the course was completed.

The deadline for the submission of credit appeals is 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time twenty-four (24) days prior to the start of an academic semester.

GENERAL EDUCATION (GE) COURSES

The College will consider GE academic credits earned at other post-secondary institutions for transfer when the following conditions are met:

- A grade of "C" or better must be earned in all courses.
- All other general education courses do not have a recency requirement for transfer of credit.
- Courses must be at college level.
- Human anatomy, human physiology, mathematics, and pathophysiology courses must be completed within seven (7) years preceding the anticipated start date at the College.
 - Human anatomy, human physiology, and microbiology must have a lab component to be considered for transfer. Courses which do not have a lab component do not qualify for transfer of credit.

Note¹: The College does not grant transfer of credit for duplicate coursework.

Note²: The seven (7)-year course recency requirement for human anatomy, human physiology, mathematics, and pathophysiology is not applicable to the College's post-licensure programs.

NURSING COURSES

The College will consider nursing academic credit earned at other post-secondary institutions for transfer when the following conditions are met:

- The course was completed at an associate or higher-level RN program, accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA), Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), or certain equivalent non-U.S. nursing programs.
- The course content, learning objectives, and outcomes must closely match or exceed those of the corresponding course offered at the College.
- The course credit load must be equal to or more than that of the corresponding course offered at the College.
- The course was completed within the last three (3) years with a grade of "B-" or better, and the content is not currently outdated or obsolete.
- The credit transferred for any single course may be no greater than the credit given in the corresponding course at the College.
- The learner must pass the skills and knowledge assessments as prescribed by the program of study, or, if not successful, complete prescribed remediation activities.
- Advanced Placement learners seeking transfer of credit for BSN 206, 225, and/or 215 must take the Medical Dosage Calculation (MDC) self-paced, non-facilitated online course and/or entrance exam HESIs during the admissions process.

Learners are encouraged to audit courses for which the transfer of credit has been granted.

The College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all credits earned at other post-secondary institutions. At least 50% of the total semester credits published in the corresponding program's Curriculum Plan must be completed at the College. As an exception, LPN/LVN learners granted advanced placement in the BSN Programs or the LPN to ASN Program are required to complete a minimum of 50% of nursing core coursework at the College to earn the degree. Official transcripts should be sent to: Registrar, Nightingale College, 95 South Street, Suite 400, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111.

Transferability of academic credits earned at the College is at the discretion of the receiving institution. The College does not imply, promise, or guarantee transferability of any credits earned at the College to any other post-secondary institution.

COURSEWORK COMPLETED AT NON-U.S. INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING

The College will evaluate coursework completed at non-U.S. institutions of higher learning for transfer of credit based on the criteria described in the [Transfer of Credit](#) section of the Catalog. For transfer of credit to be considered, learners must submit official coursework equivalency evaluations and official transcripts, along with English translation (if necessary).

Credential evaluation services should be completed by an agency (e.g., NACES and/or AICE) that publishes standards for membership, maintains affiliations to U.S.-based international higher education associations, and frequently performs credential evaluations for federal agencies, state agencies, educational institutions, and employers.

EXTRA-INSTITUTIONAL AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL LEARNING

Recognizing that learning occurs in non-traditional settings, the College evaluates and awards appropriate undergraduate level credit for such learning through the use of nationally recognized, nontraditional learning testing programs acknowledged in the American Council on Education (ACE) Guide to Educational Credit by Examination. These examinations include AP, CLEP, DLPT, DSST, and ECE. The College will not accept transfer credit earned through non-traditional settings without passing a recognized corresponding exam.

ON-THE-JOB LEARNING

The College does not award academic credit for on-the-job learning, except as noted below.

The College will evaluate learning acquired through specialized military training and occupational experience for academic credit when applicable to a servicemember's or veteran's degree program. The College recognizes and uses the American Council on Education (ACE) Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services in determining the value of learning acquired in military service and awards credit accordingly. The College also may award credit following guidelines of the Community College of the Air Force, when applicable to a servicemember's program.

The College recognizes and uses the ACE National Guide to College Credit for Workforce Training in determining the value of on-the-job learning when applicable to a degree program.

ACADEMIC RESIDENCY WAIVER FOR ACTIVE DUTY SERVICEMEMBERS

Nightingale College limits academic residency to 25% of the degree requirements for all undergraduate degrees for active duty servicemembers. Academic residency can be completed at any time while active duty servicemembers are enrolled. Reservists and National Guardsmen on active duty are covered in the same manner.

NURSING TRANSFER OF CREDIT WAIVER THROUGH PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

If the nursing credit transfer request does not meet one (1) or more of the transfer of credit policy requirements, learners may request to complete the corresponding prior knowledge and skills assessment, if available, at their expense. If the learner successfully passes the required assessments, the transfer of credit will be granted. If the learner does not pass the required assessments, the transfer of credit will not be granted, and the learner will be required to retake the course.

HESI NURSING COURSE EXAMS

Learners requesting transfer of credit based on HESI Nursing Course Exams should consult the [Advanced Placement Candidates Only](#) section in the relevant program.

ENROLLMENT

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LEARNER CLASSIFICATIONS

Note: Adding or dropping courses can change learner classification, which may affect financial aid eligibility and academic progress. Learners may meet with a Learner Funding Advisor for more information.

Full-time:

A learner who is registered for twelve (12) or more semester credits in undergraduate academic programs or for nine (9) semester credits in graduate academic programs.

Three-quarters time:

A learner who is registered for nine (9) – eleven (11) semester credits in undergraduate academic programs or for seven (7) – eight (8) semester credits in graduate academic programs.

Half-time:

A learner who is registered for six (6) – eight (8) semester credits in undergraduate academic programs or for five (5) – six (6) semester credits in graduate academic programs.

Less than Half-time:

A learner who is registered for less than six (6) semester credits in undergraduate academic programs or for less than five (5) semester credits in graduate academic programs.

Auditor

A learner who is enrolled in a course but is not taking the course for credit.

Advanced Placement

The College offers advanced placement in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program to qualified Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses (LPN/LVN). To be considered for advanced placement, the learner must hold a current, active, and unencumbered license to practice as an LPN/LVN in any U.S. jurisdiction. Some learners may hold licenses to practice in more than one state. If any of the learner's licenses are encumbered at the time of enrollment, the College reserves the right to require a re-certification of competency, which may result in ineligibility for the advanced placement option. Failure to disclose an encumbered license may result in disciplinary action. Advanced placement LPN/LVN learners are granted a block transfer of credit for BSN 206 and BSN 225, free of charge.

To earn a transfer of credit for BSN 215, learners must successfully complete the Medical Dosage Calculation (MDC) self-paced online course as described in the [Acceptance Notification and Matriculation Requirements](#) section of the Catalog. Otherwise, learners must complete BSN 215. To earn a transfer of credit for BSN 246 and/or BSN 266, candidates must pass the required placement exams as described in the [Admissions Requirements and Procedures](#) section of the BSN Program.

The College offers advanced placement in the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) to Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Program to qualified Licensed Practical and Vocational Nurses (LPN/LVN). To earn transfer of credit for ASN 241 and/or ASN 261, candidates must pass the required placement exams as described in the [Admissions Requirements and Procedures](#) section of the LPN to ASN program.

The College offers advanced placement in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program to qualified active duty or retired U.S. Air Force medical technicians and U.S. Navy corpsmen. Servicemembers who have successfully completed the Basic Medical Technician Corpsman (BMTTC) curriculum at the U.S. Military's Medical Education Training Center (METC) in San Antonio, Texas, within the three (3) years immediately preceding admissions application will be granted the automatic eleven (11) semester credit block transfer, free of charge. Upon acceptance, applicants granted the block transfer will be required to take the HESI Fundamentals exam and remediate if necessary. Servicemembers who do not qualify for automatic credit block transfer may request to take the HESI Fundamentals advanced placement exam as described in the [Admissions Requirements and Procedures](#) section of the BSN Program.

The College offers advanced placement in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program to licensed registered nurses. To be considered for advanced placement, the learner must hold a current, active, and unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse in any U.S. jurisdiction. Advanced placement RN learners are granted a block transfer of forty-eight (48) semester credits toward all lower-division nursing core course requirements. Some learners may hold licenses to practice in more than one state. If any of the learner's licenses are encumbered, the College reserves the right to prohibit access to the advanced placement option. Failure to disclose an encumbered license may result in disciplinary action.

The College offers advanced placement in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program and the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) to Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Program to individuals who transfer nursing credits. For more information, learners may refer to the [Transfer of Credit](#) section of the Catalog and the [Admissions Requirements and Procedures](#) section of the BSN Program and the [Admissions Requirements and Procedures](#) section of the LPN to ASN program.

Matriculated

A degree-seeking learner who has completed all admission and matriculation requirements is considered fully matriculated in an academic program. A degree-seeking learner who has not completed all admission matriculation requirements may be considered conditionally matriculated. Fully matriculated and conditionally matriculated learners must complete the Learner Success Series in the first semester of enrollment to progress in the academic program. See the corresponding program's Admissions Requirements and Procedures section of this Catalog for more information.

Non-Matriculated

There are two (2) types of non-matriculated learners: (1) continuing education or non-degree seeking learners and (2) degree-seeking learners who are enrolled in an academic program but have not yet completed all matriculation requirements. In addition to other matriculation requirements, non-matriculated degree-seeking learners must complete the Learner Success Series in the first semester of enrollment to fully matriculate in the academic program.

For more information, see the [Non-Matriculated Learners Requirements](#) section of this Catalog.

Pending Graduate

A learner who has successfully completed the academic program course requirements but has one (1) or more other graduation requirements outstanding will be granted pending graduate status for up to one (1) additional academic semester. The degree will not be conferred and, where applicable, the learner may not apply for RN licensure or take the NCLEX-RN® exam until all graduation requirements are met. If all graduation requirements are not completed within the allowed time frame, the learner will be withdrawn from the College without graduating.

The learner may request reinstatement for future graduation upon completing all graduation requirements. The College, at its sole discretion, may grant the request and charge a \$100 non-refundable reinstatement for graduation fee.

Note to prelicensure program learners: *Learners who do not complete all graduation requirements within one (1) academic semester of program completion will be required to retake the standardized exit exam at their own expense. If the learner does not successfully pass the exam, the learner will be required to complete prescribed remediation in addition to normal graduation requirements before graduation clearance is issued.*

Posthumous Degrees

To recognize the achievements of a learner who passes away prior to the completion of their academic degree requirements, the College will award posthumous degrees for the learners who meet the following conditions:

- The learner has completed 75% or more of their academic program;
- The learner is in good academic standing in their academic program and current courses at the time of their passing.

Degrees will be awarded posthumously unless otherwise requested by the family of the deceased, and the learner will be acknowledged in the next relevant commencement ceremony.

BACCALAUREATE PROGRAMS LEVEL DESIGNATIONS

The College's baccalaureate programs are delivered over a period of four (4) academic years: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, and Senior. Learners progress to the next level designation upon successful completion or transfer of thirty (30) semester credits. Within the academic years, each of the two (2) academic semesters is designated as either "1," if less than half of the required semester credits are complete, or "2" if at least half of the required semester credits are complete.

Level Designation	Semester Credits Completed
Freshman 1 (F1)	<15
Freshman 2 (F2)	15 – 29
Sophomore 1 (S1)	30 – 44
Sophomore 2 (S2)	45 – 59
Junior 1 (J1)	60 – 74
Junior 2 (J2)	75 – 89
Senior 1 (SR1)	90 – 104
Senior 2 (SR2)	105+

LEARNER RESIDENCY AND COURSE DELIVERY MODALITIES

The College uses several terms to describe its learner residency and course delivery modalities, whose definitions are as follows:

NON-MATRICULATED LEARNERS REQUIREMENTS

Continuing Education or Non-Degree Seeking Learners

Non-matriculated continuing education and non-degree seeking learners may register for individual courses without enrolling in a degree program. To register for courses as a non-matriculated learner, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Pay the \$150 non-refundable application fee (the application fee is waived for active duty servicemembers and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces).
2. Complete the Application for Admissions. The application and the paid fee are valid for one (1) year. Re-entry learners' application fees and entrance and placement exam scores are valid for one (1) year following the withdrawal date.
3. Submit official college transcripts for required course prerequisites to: Registrar, Nightingale College, 95 South State Street, Suite 400, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. Any non-U.S. documents must be translated, if applicable, and evaluated by a certified academic credentials evaluation service. For more information, see the [Transfer of Credit](#) section of the Catalog.

4. Provide the required immunization and medical screening records (for courses with a direct focused client care experiential learning component). For more information, learners may refer to the corresponding section of a prelicensure academic program.
5. Complete and pass a criminal background check (for courses with a direct focused client care experiential learning component). For more information, learners may refer to the corresponding section of a prelicensure academic program.
6. Provide a current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (CPR and AED) certification (for courses with a direct focused client care experiential learning component). For more information, learners may refer to the corresponding section of a prelicensure academic program.
7. Complete and pass a 10-panel drug screening (for courses with a direct focused client care experiential learning component). For more information, learners may refer to the corresponding section of a prelicensure academic program.
8. Complete the Learner Funding process and submit all required documentation.

Note: Non-matriculated continuing education or non-degree learners are not eligible for Title IV Federal Student Aid.

Tuition for non-matriculated, non-degree seeking learners who are Active Duty and Reserve Members of the U.S. Armed Forces for the GE courses COM 301, ENG 120, HUM 110, MAT 100, PSY 201, and SOC 220 is \$250 per academic semester credit plus applicable course fees (\$100 per course). Servicemembers may take up to five (5) of the aforementioned courses at the stated tuition rate.

Tuition for non-matriculated, non-degree seeking learners who are graduates of the College's Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) to Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Program, taking additional general education (GE) courses needed for licensure in certain states, is \$525 per semester credit.

1. Sign the Non-Matriculated Learner Enrollment Agreement.

Degree-Seeking Learners

To matriculate in an academic program, enrolled degree-seeking learners must complete all matriculation requirements in accordance with the policies published in the specific academic program's section of the Catalog. These learners may be eligible for Title IV Federal Student Aid while enrolled in general education courses required for degree completion. However, non-matriculated degree-seeking learners who are subject to the completion of MAT 90 and/or ENG 90 and/or ENG 95 may not enroll in any college-level courses and are not eligible for Title IV Federal Student Aid.

LEARNER PERSONAL CONTACT AND DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Learners are responsible for notifying the Registrar's Office of any changes in their personal contact and/or demographic information, including but not limited to: name, gender, permanent residency address, physical address, telephone number(s), and email address, by requesting, completing, and submitting the official Change in Information Form or updating their personal information through the Learner Portal in the College's data management system within ten (10) business days from the effective date of the change.

Learners who are or will be actively enrolled in a course with an Experiential Learning component must update their physical address within the scheduling portal no later than 21 calendar days prior to the official start of the next semester.

Please note: Learners with a previously designated SOFE as of Spring Semester 2022 who relocate to a region outside of their previously designated SOFE will no longer be eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses under the [Experiential Learning Schedules policy](#).

TRANSFER BETWEEN ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Qualified learners may transfer between academic programs at the College one (1) time during enrollment. Transfers between academic programs must be completed between academic semesters and may not occur after a semester has begun.

COURSES AND CREDIT LOAD

Course Requisites, Prerequisites and Corequisites
Records Holds

COURSE REQUISITES, PREREQUISITES AND COREQUISITES

Requisites are defined as courses that must be completed either prior to or concurrently with the given course. Prerequisites are defined as courses that must be completed prior to enrollment in the given course. Corequisites are defined as courses that must be completed concurrently with the given course. Due to complexities in the scheduling process, requests for specific sections or instructors will not be accommodated.

Audit Courses

Audit is a registration status that allows a learner to attend a course without receiving credit. A learner who audits a course is expected to adhere to all course, program, and institutional policies, including attendance and participation, which apply to learners taking the course

for credit. Audited courses are excluded from the calculation of financial aid eligibility. Audited courses do not count toward full-time learner status, nor are they considered in the determination of continuous enrollment. Audit courses are included in calculation of the maximum credit load enrollment allowance. To audit a course, the learner must request approval from the course instructor and the Registrar and, if approved, pay the corresponding audit fee and purchase any resources required for the course.

Maximum Credit Load

The recommended maximum load for learners is sixteen (16) semester credits, including audited courses. A learner who, under special circumstances, needs to take more than sixteen (16) credits must obtain written permission from the designated academic manager and pay the applicable tuition and fees.

Part-time Options

Part-time options are available based on transferred credit and remaining credit load. Learners who wish to pursue part-time options must inform the Registrar. General Education courses may be distributed over five (5) semesters. Once learners matriculate into nursing courses, the program must be completed according to the Program Plan in the student portal. Exceptions may be made by Registration Management in consultation with the Program Director in extreme circumstances.

Repeat Coursework

If learners fail a course that is a prerequisite for another course, they must retake and successfully pass the failed course before enrolling in the course with the prerequisite requirement. Learners who fail to successfully complete a course on the third attempt will not be eligible to continue in the academic program and will be withdrawn from the College. Those who wish to repeat a course to improve their grade may be allowed to do so at the discretion of the designated academic manager. Learners must pay for all repeated coursework and any updated required course materials. In some instances, learners may be eligible to receive Title IV funds for repeat coursework.

In undergraduate coursework, learners who are withdrawn from a bachelor's program or associate degree program due to three (3) unsuccessful attempts in nursing core classes may request admission to the Practical Nurse (PN) diploma program or LPN to ASN Program if the program is available in their area. Admission is not guaranteed. Learners may contact Registration Management to verify eligibility. The learner should refer to their Learner Funding Advisor for additional information about impact on learner ledger and financial aid.

Adding or Dropping Courses

During the first two (2) weeks of every academic semester, learners may register for additional courses and incur the corresponding tuition and/or fee charges. Learners also may unregister from courses and receive the corresponding tuition and/or fee credit. As part of the accelerated program, a Program Plan is provided to learners upon entry. This Program Plan outlines the most efficient route to program completion. Because many classes are prerequisites or corequisites for other courses, dropping and adding courses at the beginning of each semester may be restricted. Learners requesting deviations from their Program Plans may contact Registration Management.

New learners may withdraw from the College within the add/drop period without incurring tuition charges.

Continuing learners who withdraw within the add/drop period will be subject to the pro-rata tuition charges as outlined in "Refund for Withdrawal." In addition, learners will be responsible for any applicable fees.

The deadline for adding or dropping courses is 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time on Friday of the second week of instruction in every academic semester. Learners are required to meet with a Learner Funding Advisor, and should consult with Registration Management before adding or dropping courses as financial aid eligibility and/or academic progress may be affected.

Note: During the add/drop period, course enrollment changes may be initiated by the College.

RECORDS HOLDS

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

A hold will be placed on the learner's records if the account balance is not resolved by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time on the last Friday of the add/drop period of every academic semester and will remain in place until the account balance is resolved.

Records holds may prevent learners from future course registration, program re-entry, or admission into another program within the College.

WITHDRAWAL AND REINSTATEMENT POLICIES

Cancellation of Enrollment
Suspension
Withdrawal from the College
Readmission of Servicemembers

CANCELLATION OF ENROLLMENT

New learners may cancel enrollment in the College without incurring any tuition charges by providing written notification to the Registrar before the expiration of the initial add/drop period, or within three (3) business days of signing the Enrollment Agreement, whichever is later. For more information, see the [Refund for Cancellation of Enrollment](#) section of this Catalog.

SUSPENSION

When a learner has been found in violation of either the Learner Code of Conduct or the Academic Integrity Policies, a learner may be placed on Suspension, withdrawn from all current courses, and receive “WF” grades in all courses for that academic semester. The learner may return the following academic semester, repeating all failed courses, with an academic warning recorded.

Learners may refer to the [Learner Code of Conduct](#) for more information.

WITHDRAWAL FROM THE COLLEGE

Learners who wish to withdraw from the College should first contact their assigned Learner Success Strategist and then initiate the withdrawal process by contacting Registration Management. Learners must submit a withdrawal form and complete the Learner Funding exit interview as part of the withdrawal process. Learners also must pay any outstanding balances owed to the College.

Learners who have been withdrawn from the College and wish to resume studies must undergo the re-entry process. Learners may initiate this process by contacting re-entry@nightingale.edu. If a learner is readmitted, all current enrollment terms, including tuition charges and current Catalog policies, will apply.

Learners may refer to the Learner Funding: Refund for Withdrawal section for further information.

Withdrawal – Last Day of Attendance (LDA)

Official Withdrawals

The learner's last day of attendance is determined by the Last Day of Attendance (LDA) specified in the Official Withdrawal Notification.

Unofficial Withdrawals

The learner's last day of attendance is determined by the last day the learner participated in any academic activity, including any online learning, projects, experiential learning, or examinations. Learners who do not participate in any academic activity for twelve (12) consecutive calendar days, excluding the College's official breaks and holidays, will be automatically withdrawn.

Withdrawal – Date of Determination (DoD)

The College determines the date on which the learner withdrew officially or unofficially in the following manner:

Official Withdrawals

The Date of Determination (DoD) date for learners who complete the formal withdrawal process is the date on which the learner notified the College in writing to indicate intention to withdraw or to indicate the last day of attendance, whichever is later.

Unofficial Withdrawals

If a learner stops attending the College without providing official notification, the DoD will be assigned by the College but will not be later than twelve (12) calendar days after the LDA.

Re-Entry Learners

If a learner withdraws from Nightingale College, they may consult a re-entry advisor to appeal for re-entry into the academic program. # If one (1) year has passed since their last date of attendance, the learner will be required to pay a new application fee, retake the entrance exam, and retake any applicable placement exams. # All re-entry learners are subject to the most current re-entry and Catalog policies, including those that apply to testing, transfer of credit, etc. Withdrawn learners with a balance owed to Nightingale College must be cleared by the Bursar before re-entry may be approved. # Final approval for re-entry into the academic program is at the discretion of the Re-entry Committee.

Short-Term Re-Entry (STRE)

Short-term re-entry (STRE) creates a pathway for eligible withdrawn learners to return to the College within 180 days from the last recorded date of attendance (LDA) through an accelerated and simplified process.

A learner will be eligible for STRE if the following criteria are met: the learner has voluntarily withdrawn from the College, the learner has not exceeded two total enrollments within the same program (see [Readmission of Servicemembers](#) section for policies for returning military learners), the learner has not failed any course on the third attempt, the learner is not transferring in any additional credits at the time of re-entry, no more than 180 days elapses between the learner's LDA and resuming active participation in courses, and the learner has met all deadlines set by Registration Management.

For learners returning under the STRE pathway, the College will honor all previously submitted admission documents, transfer credits, and testing from the original start application. Approval for STRE is at the discretion of Registration Management.

READMISSION OF SERVICEMEMBERS

If a learner cannot attend the academic program because of military service, the College will readmit the servicemember with the same academic status upon their return as the learner had when last attending an academic program or accepted for admission.

The learner must notify the College of the military service and intention to return to school as follows:

- Notification of military service. The learner (or an appropriate officer of the Armed Forces or official of the Department of Defense) must give oral or written notice of such service to the College as far in advance as possible. This notice does not need to state the learner's intention to return or a return date. Alternatively, at the time of readmission, the learner may submit an attestation of military service that necessitated the learner's absence from the College. No notice is required if precluded by military necessity, such as service in operations that are classified or would be compromised by such notice.
- Notification of intent to return to school. The learner also must give oral or written notice of intent to return to the academic program within three (3) years after the completion of the period of service. A learner who is hospitalized or convalescing as a result of an illness or injury incurred or aggravated during the performance of service must notify the College within two (2) years after the end of the period needed for recovery from the illness or injury. A learner who fails to apply for readmission within these periods does not automatically forfeit eligibility for readmission but is subject to the College's established withdrawal policy. The College will promptly readmit the learner into the next semester in the academic program beginning after the learner provides notice of intent to reenroll, unless the learner requests a later date, or unusual circumstances require the College to admit the learner at a later date. The College will admit the learner with the same academic status, which means:
 - to the same academic program to which the learner was last admitted or, if that exact academic program is no longer offered, the academic program that is most similar to that program, unless the learner chooses a different program;
 - at the same enrollment status, unless the learner wants to enroll at a different enrollment status;
 - with the same number of credit hours or clock hours previously completed, unless the learner is readmitted to a different academic program to which the completed credit hours or clock hours are not transferable; and
 - with the same academic standing (e.g., with the same Satisfactory Academic Progress status) the learner previously had.

If the learner is readmitted to the same academic program, for the first academic year in which the learner returns, the College will assess the tuition and fee charges that the learner was or would have been assessed for the academic year during which the learner left the College. However, if the learner's veteran's education benefits or other servicemember education benefits will pay the higher tuition and fee charges that other learners in the academic program are paying for the year, those charges will be assessed to the learner as well.

If the learner is admitted to a different academic program, and for subsequent academic years for a learner admitted to the same program, the learner will be assessed no more than the tuition and fee charges that other learners in the academic program are assessed for that academic year. The cumulative length of the absence and of all previous absences from the school for military service may not exceed five (5) years. Only the time the learner spends performing service is counted.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP) POLICY

All learners are required to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to remain eligible for graduation and Federal Student Aid.

SAP sets minimum requirements for the following areas: maximum time frame for academic program completion, successful course completion rate, and cumulative grade point average. These minimum requirements apply to all learners regardless of Federal Student Aid status.

For more information, please see [Federal Student Aid and Satisfactory Progress](#).

Maximum Time Frame
Successful Course Completion
Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)
Academic Probation under SAP
Academic Appeals

MAXIMUM TIME FRAME

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

The SAP policy specifies the quantitative standard (pace) at which learners must progress through their program to ensure that they will graduate within the maximum timeframe.

Each learner must successfully complete the educational objectives of the academic program within a maximum time frame not to exceed 150% of the normal program length. To stay within this time frame, learners may attempt a limit of 1.5 times (150%) the number of credits in the program of study.

For example, the total credits that may be attempted (maximum program length) for a sixty-eight (68) semester-credit program is 102 semester credits, or 150% of sixty-eight (68).

SUCCESSFUL COURSE COMPLETION

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

A learner must complete a certain percentage of credits attempted to achieve Satisfactory Academic Progress. A course is successfully completed if a learner earns a grade of "C" or above in undergraduate programs or "B-" or above in graduate programs. For more information, learners may refer to the [Grading System and Grading Scale](#) section of this Catalog.

Learners must maintain a pace of at least 67%. The College calculates the pace at which a learner is progressing by dividing the total number of credits the learner has successfully completed by the total number they have attempted, or by determining the number of credits that the learner should have completed by the evaluation point (end of each semester) to complete the program within the maximum timeframe.

Transferred credits are counted in the calculation as attempted and completed. Withdrawn courses are counted as attempted credits that are not successfully completed. Failed and repeated courses are also counted in the calculation as credits attempted. Foundational course work, non-credit courses, and pass/fail grades have no effect on SAP.

The successful course completion rate requirements and academic remedies are detailed in the Satisfactory Academic Progress Table in the corresponding academic program's section.

CUMULATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (CGPA)

Learners must achieve specific cumulative grade point average (CGPA) requirements at certain points during enrollment at the College to meet SAP. These requirements are detailed in the Satisfactory Academic Progress Table within the specific academic program sections of this Catalog. Learners are required to achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 to graduate from the academic program in undergraduate programs or 3.0 in graduate programs. To avoid being placed on academic probation, a learner must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 at the end of each academic semester in undergraduate programs or 3.0 in graduate programs.

ACADEMIC PROBATION UNDER SAP

At the end of each academic semester, the learner's cumulative GPA and rate of progress is reviewed to determine if the learner is meeting SAP. Learners who do not meet the requirements outlined in the Satisfactory Academic Progress Table will be placed on academic probation. Learners will remain on academic probation until the learner is meeting SAP requirements or violates the terms of the probation and is therefore withdrawn from the academic program.

While they are on academic probation, learners must participate in academic advising with the assigned Learner Support Services Strategist and meet predetermined objectives. See the [Federal Student Aid and Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) section of this Catalog for information regarding SAP's influence on Title IV eligibility.

In addition to the academic probation, learners receiving Title IV Federal Student Aid also will be placed on an automatic financial aid warning or probation, following a successful appeal. Learners may refer to the [Federal Student Aid and Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) section of this Catalog for more information.

ACADEMIC APPEALS

Learners have the right to appeal Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) determination, academic probation, or any other adverse action by submitting, within ten (10) business days of receiving the adverse action notice, a letter detailing the reasons for reconsideration of the action to the designated academic manager. The designated academic manager will convene an appeals panel and respond to the learner within ten (10) business days of the receipt of the appeal letter. The decision issued by the designated academic manager may not be appealed further. Neither the College President nor any of the College's officers are authorized to override faculty's academic decisions unless violations of the College's non-discrimination policies have occurred.

Note: Learners who have been withdrawn from the College following twelve (12) calendar days of non-attendance may appeal to be reinstated in the following semester and must pay for and repeat the courses attempted, but not completed.

RECORDS

[Report of Grades](#)

[Appeal for Grade Change](#)

REPORT OF GRADES

Ongoing grade reports are available to the learner on the learning management system. Final grade reports can be accessed through the Learner Portal after the end of every academic semester.

Learners may refer to the [Grading System and Grade Scale](#) section for more information.

APPEAL FOR GRADE CHANGE

Learners who wish to appeal their final grade in a course must do so by communicating in writing with the individual course faculty. The faculty may approve or deny the appeal based on the information provided and in alignment with the policies of the College; the decision of the course faculty is final unless the appeal alleges discrimination or harassment. If a learner alleges discrimination or harassment by the instructor, the learner may pursue further action through the [Learner Grievance Process](#).

GRADUATION

[Graduation Requirements](#)

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GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Graduation Requirements

To be eligible for graduation and conferral of the degree, learners must meet all graduation requirements:

- successfully complete all required coursework and achieve minimum 2.0 grade point average (GPA) in the undergraduate academic programs or 3.0 GPA in the graduate academic programs;
- fulfill all general education requirements, if applicable;
- successfully complete all prescribed remediation, if applicable;
- complete the complimentary NCLEX[®] Review course and the required NCLEX[®] coaching (prelicensure nursing programs only);
- be current with financial obligations to the College;
- complete the Federal Direct Student Loans exit counseling and any other Learner Funding requirements, if applicable; and
- complete the Transcript Clearance process.

ACADEMIC HONORS

The President's Honor Roll (Semester Honors)

The President's Honor Roll recognizes full-time learners who have completed any academic semester with a 3.90 or better grade point average.

The Honor Roll (Semester Honors)

The Honor Roll recognizes full-time learners who have completed any academic semester with a 3.65-3.89 grade point average.

Graduation with Honors for Degree Programs

A degree-program learner who achieves a 3.65, 3.80, and 3.90 or better cumulative GPA at degree completion will graduate *cum laude* (honors), *magna cum laude* (high honors), or *summa cum laude* (highest honors), respectively.

Cords representing these honors will be sent to graduates during their final semester. Eligibility for cords will be based on the cumulative GPA at the end of the learners' penultimate (second-to-last) semester, with official honors being awarded only on the transcript and recognized in the commencement ceremony only after final grades are posted.

Graduation with Honors for Diploma Programs (Practical Nursing)

A diploma-program learner who achieves a 3.65 or 3.90 or better cumulative grade point average at program completion will graduate with Honors or High Honors, respectively.

Program Cohort Valedictorian (Bachelor level learners only)

The learner who achieves the highest GPA in a graduating cohort is recognized and invited to speak as the cohort's valedictorian at the commencement ceremony. When multiple learners achieve the highest GPA, ties are broken by determining the highest standardized nursing test scores (Exit HESI). Learners who are tied by GPA but do not have the highest score on standardized testing will be noted as salutatorians, if applicable. Valedictorians (and salutatorians, if applicable) are awarded separately for each degree program cohort. Academic honors and titles are not awarded to graduate level learners.

TRANSCRIPTS AND OTHER OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS

One (1) official transcript of coursework at the College will be furnished to each graduate's selected board of nursing free of charge. Graduates may select their preferred board of nursing in the state where they will take their licensing exam on their application for graduation. Any additional transcript requests for graduates and all transcript requests for non-graduates are subject to the current transcript fee. A charge also may be assessed for any other official document prepared by the Registrar.

Note: Academic transcripts will not be available until after two (2) weeks following the completion of all graduation requirements.

DOCUMENT HOLD

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

A hold is applied against a learner's file for non-payment of tuition and/or fees to the College. Records holds may prevent graduates from admission to another program within the College.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

Unit of Credit
Transfer of Credit
Transfer Credit Appeal
General Education (GE) Courses
Nursing Courses
Coursework Completed at Non-U.S. Institutions of Higher Learning
Extra-Institutional and Non-Instructional Learning
On-the-Job Learning
Academic Residency Waiver for Active Duty Servicemembers
Nursing Transfer of Credit Waiver through Prior Learning Assessment
HESI Nursing Course Exams

LEARNER FUNDING INFORMATION

LEARNER FUNDING OVERVIEW

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Learner Funding Advisors (LFAs) will work with prospective learners individually to explore options to pay the cost of their education. Learners should make all financial arrangements prior to the first day of every semester to prevent a hold on the learner's records. Records holds may prevent future course registration, program re-entry, or admission to another program within the College.

Learners and their families are responsible for planning and paying for college. Learner Funding includes resources such as scholarships, prepaid college savings plans, personal savings, personal income, and institutional, state, and Federal Student Aid (FSA).

Federal Student Aid
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FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Federal Student Aid

The federal government provides many FSA choices for qualified learners under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. FSA may include grants and loans.

Pell Grants

Almost all federal grants are awarded to learners based on financial need. Grants do not need to be repaid unless funds were awarded incorrectly or the learner withdraws from school prior to the planned end of the academic semester.

Direct Loans

A loan is a borrowed sum of money that is intended to pay for education and is expected to be paid back with interest. Federal Direct Student Loans usually offer borrowers lower interest rates and provide more flexible repayment options than private loans from banks and other sources.

Learners are not eligible to receive Title IV funding at more than one (1) school concurrently.

How to Apply for Federal Student Aid

Federal Student Aid (FSA) is available to learners who qualify. Prospective learners interested in applying for FSA must complete the following steps:

1. Obtain free information from the Learner Funding Advisor at the College or the U.S. Department of Education at www.studentaid.gov or by calling 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).
2. Create an FSA ID username and password to log on to the U.S. Department of Education (ED) website. The FSA ID allows learners to access private personal information on the ED websites such as the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* at www.studentaid.gov.
3. Parents of dependent learners must create a personal FSA ID if the parent will be signing the learner's FAFSA electronically. Parents with multiple learners attending college can use the same personal FSA ID to sign all applications. *Please note: Each FAFSA ID user must have a unique e-mail address.*
4. Learners' FAFSA IDs are used to sign legally binding documents electronically. It has the same legal status as a written signature. Learners should not release any FAFSA ID information, including usernames and passwords. Releasing the information could put the learner at risk for identity theft.
5. Complete the online FAFSA at www.studentaid.gov and follow the instructions provided.
6. Within a few days of completion, the U.S. Department of Education will send the learner a Student Aid Report (SAR). The learner must review the SAR and, if necessary, make changes or corrections to the FAFSA. The complete, correct SAR will contain the learner's Expected Family Contribution (EFC), the number used to determine the learner's FSA eligibility.
7. Every learner must meet with a Learner Funding Advisor to determine their Title IV eligibility.

OTHER LEARNER FUNDING OPTIONS

Alternative Private Loans

Learners also may be eligible to apply for private education loans through local banks, credit unions, or other private institutions. For more information, learners should contact their Learner Funding Advisor.

Montgomery GI Bill®

Certain active duty servicemembers and reservists are entitled to receive a monthly education benefit once they have completed a minimum service obligation.

MyCAA

The My Career Advancement Account (MyCAA) Scholarship Program is a workforce development program that provides financial assistance to eligible military spouses who are pursuing a license, certification, or associate degree in a portable career field or occupation.

Post-9/11 GI Bill®

Learners who have at least ninety (90) days of aggregate active duty service after Sept. 10, 2001, and who are either are currently on active duty or have been honorably discharged or discharged with a service-connected disability after thirty (30) days, may be eligible for this Veterans Administration (VA) program. The program has several distinct components, including Yellow Ribbon.

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <https://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill>.

Tuition Assistance

Military Tuition Assistance is a benefit paid to eligible members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard. Each service has its own criteria for eligibility, obligated service, application processes and restrictions. This money usually is paid directly to the institution by the specific military branch of service.

Utah State Office of Rehabilitation (USOR)

Vocational Rehabilitation services are provided under the State Office of Rehabilitation through programs located in both the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS) and Division of Services to the Blind and Visually Impaired (DSBVI).

Note: Other U.S. states offer similar programs. For more information contact the local office for rehabilitation services.

Vocational Rehabilitation

A learner may receive vocational rehabilitation and employment services to help with job training, employment accommodations, resume development, and skills coaching. Other services may be provided to assist veterans in starting their own businesses or independent living services for those who are severely disabled and unable to work in traditional employment.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) is a federally funded program that provides support and training services to eligible customers. WIOA serves eligible adults, dislocated workers, and youth. For more information, learners may contact the local workforce development office.

VA Benefit Covered Learners

Current academic programs at Nightingale College are approved by the Utah State Approving Agency for Veterans Education (SAA) for eligible learners to receive education benefits from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Learners who enroll and receive these benefits are required to abide by the policies and rules of the institution and by the rules and regulations set forth herein by the SAA and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Note: A covered individual is any individual who is entitled to educational assistance under Chapter 31, Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment, or Chapter 33, Post-9/11 GI Bill® benefits.

Nightingale College allows covered individuals to matriculate in an educational program upon receipt of a Certificate of Eligibility or a Statement of Benefits; these authorizations are obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) website – eBenefits, or a VAF 28-1905 form for Chapter 31 authorization purposes and ending on the earlier of the following dates:

- The date on which payment from VA is made to the institution.
- Ninety (90) days after the date the institution certified tuition and fees following the receipt of the certificate of eligibility.

The College will not impose any penalty, including the assessment of late fees, the denial of access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities, or the requirement that a covered individual borrow additional funds, on any covered individual because of the individual's inability to meet the financial obligations to the institution because of delayed disbursement funding from VA under Chapter 31 or 33.

In instances where the policies stated herein vary with those of the College, this rule supersedes all conflicting policies and procedures.

INSTITUTIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Learners may refer to the Learner Portal for a list of institutional scholarships, including eligibility requirements and application information.

SOFE PARTNER TUITION BENEFITS

Employee Tuition Discount

- Tuition discounts are for learners who are employed by the College's SOFE partners, which actively offer supervised on-ground field experience (SOFE) to the College's prelicensure nursing learners;
- A 10% employee tuition discount applies to the employees of a SOFE partner that previously served as a legacy experiential learning hub (ELH) and maintains an active SOFE partnership with the College;
- A 5% employee tuition discount applies to the employees of a SOFE partner that is actively hosting an experiential learning site (ELS);
- This benefit is awarded on a semesterly basis.

SOFE Partner's Employee Tuition Equivalency

- Employees of the College's SOFE partners, which actively provide experiential learning opportunities to the College's prelicensure learners enrolled in the RN-to-BSN Track, are eligible for the alumni tuition rate.
- Learners receiving the alumni-equivalent tuition rate are required to provide interviews and status updates to the College's Marketing function throughout and at the completion of the Track. The learner must consent to the sharing of the aforementioned interviews and the recipient's final capstone project among other SOFE partners, to support best practice sharing and process improvement.

\$1,000 Tuition Discount

- Learners referred by a SOFE partner are eligible to receive a tuition discount of up to one thousand dollars (\$1,000), applied proportionately toward every semester's charges.

LEARNER FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACADEMIC PROGRAM PROGRESS

Learners are responsible for meeting financial obligations to the College on time, including completion of all Learner Funding requirements and paperwork, making scheduled payments, and responding to information and documentation requests.

All applicable conditions listed below must be met by the learner by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time on the last Friday of the add/drop period in every academic semester to satisfy the entire account balance:

- Learner has paid the account balance in full;
- Learner has enrolled in a College-approved installment or monthly payment plan;
- Learner has completed all Learner Funding requirements and forms;
- Learner has provided proof of third-party financial assistance.

Note: If a learner requests to pay any or all of the tuition and fees in cash, the learner must sign the One-Time Cash Payment agreement and the payment must be made in full no later than the first day of the corresponding semester.

If the conditions above are not met as required, learners are responsible for payment of late fees and interest, will be subject to records holds, and may be withdrawn from the program.

Learners with a gap balance in tuition owed to Nightingale College must choose one of three payment options:

1. Pay their balance in full
2. Nightingale College Installment Payment Program
3. Nightingale College Bridge Loans Program (NCBL)

Bridge Loans Program (NCBL)
Installment Payment Program
Late Payment Fees
Pass-Through Payments

NIGHTINGALE COLLEGE BRIDGE LOANS PROGRAM (NCBL)

When other available funding does not fully cover the cost of tuition and fees, the College offers bridge loans for qualified learners to cover any remaining gap balances. An independent third-party licensed service assists with approving and servicing the NCBL. Learners may use the NCBL only as a last-resort funding option.

Before applying for the NCBL, learners are required to use all available federal student aid and to apply for additional outside loans, grants, scholarships, or other available funding for which they may be eligible, including Department of Workforce Services (or equivalent) grants, Veterans Administration funding, employer tuition reimbursement, family assistance, etc. Bursar reserves the right to deny and/or limit the amount of NCBL offered to a learner. Bridge loan repayment terms are dependent on the loan amount, interest rate, and duration of the loan.

NIGHTINGALE COLLEGE INSTALLMENT PAYMENT PROGRAM

For learners opting to pay remaining gap balances in cash, the College offers an interest-free installment plan for qualified learners to cover any remaining gap balances in two (2) to three (3) installments. The installment plan is offered on an academic year basis and the payments are calculated based on the total gap balance owed per semester.

The learner is required to acknowledge and sign the Tuition and Fee Installment Payment Plan agreement and provide banking information or a debit/credit card for automatic withdrawal. The first payment is due the first day of the semester and each subsequent payment is due the same day every month until paid in full.

LATE PAYMENT FEES

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

Learners who have not satisfied the conditions described in the previous section will be charged a late payment fee on a monthly basis.

Learners who participate in an approved payment plan and fail to make a timely payment will be charged a late payment fee on a monthly basis. If the learner pays the past due balance in full within thirty (30) days of the late fee, the College will issue a credit for one of the previously assessed late fees.

PASS-THROUGH PAYMENTS

In instances when a non-Title IV overpayment on a learner account occurs, learners may request a pass-through payment for the entire or partial credit balance. To request a pass-through payment, the learner must notify the Bursar's office. Tuition and fees charges for the current academic semester must be posted to and a credit balance must be present on the learner's account ledger for the request to be considered. The pass-through payment will be made no later than thirty (30) days after the valid request is received by the Bursar's office.

Note: The College's learner account ledgers list pass-through payments as "stipends."

TITLE IV FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FSA) OVERVIEW AND POLICIES

FSA Credit Balances
FSA and Satisfactory Academic Progress
FSA and Attendance
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FSA CREDIT BALANCES

When credits from FSA funding in a learner's account exceed the total allowable charges assessed by the College, the resulting credit balance will be returned to the learner or, in case of a Plus Loan, to the parent, within fourteen (14) calendar days after the credit balance occurred if it occurred after the first day of the semester.

The learner or parent may voluntarily authorize the College to hold a credit balance by signing a Credit Balance Waiver. However, the College will pay the remaining balance of loan funds by the end of the loan period and other Title IV funds by the end of the last payment period in the award year for which they were awarded.

The College may use Title IV credit balances to cover prior-year charges up to \$200.

FSA AND SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Learners awarded any Federal Student Aid (FSA) must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue to qualify for FSA.

Learners who do not meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements will automatically be placed on FSA Warning for the following academic semester. See the [SAP](#) section of this Catalog for more information. An FSA Warning letter will be sent to the learner within fourteen (14) days of failing to meet SAP.

Learners on an FSA Warning who do not meet the SAP requirements for the second consecutive academic semester are not eligible to participate in Title IV FSA programs and will be placed on Financial Aid Suspension without a successful appeal. A letter notifying the learner of the Financial Aid Suspension (the loss of Title IV eligibility) status and the right to appeal will be sent within fourteen (14) days of failing to meet SAP after the second consecutive academic semester. Only reasonable explanations for not meeting SAP will be

considered in the appeal. A learner granted a favorable decision in the appeal will be put on Academic and Financial Aid probation and is entitled to receive Title IV funding only if the learner is in full compliance with the terms of the probation.

Learners who lose Title IV eligibility and successfully appeal for academic reinstatement may elect to continue their studies at the College on a cash-pay basis. Refer to [Academic Remedies](#), [Academic Appeals](#), and [Withdrawal from the College](#) sections of this Catalog for more information.

FSA AND ATTENDANCE

A learner ceases to be eligible for Title#IV aid on the date the learner ceased to be enrolled, or last date of attendance.

An otherwise eligible learner becomes ineligible to receive title IV, Higher Education Act (HEA) program funds on the date that—

- For a Direct Loan, the learner is no longer enrolled at the institution as at least a half-time learner for the period of enrollment for which the loan was intended; or
- For an award under the Federal Pell Grant, the learner is no longer enrolled at the institution for the award year.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF LEARNERS RECEIVING FEDERAL STUDENT AID

Learners have the right to:

- know what learner funding programs are offered at the College;
- know the criteria for continued learner eligibility under each FSA program;
- know how the College determines whether the learner is making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), the consequences of failing to meet SAP requirements, and how to reestablish eligibility for FSA;
- know the method of disbursement of FSA funds and the frequency of the disbursements;
- know the terms of any loans received as part of the Financial Aid package, receive a sample loan repayment schedule, and understand the necessity for repaying the loans;
- be supplied with exit counseling information upon graduation, dropping below half-time status, or withdrawing from the College;
- know how financial need is determined;
- know how cost of attendance is determined;
- know the institutional policy and the Title IV policy for refunds; and
- know the terms and conditions under which learners receiving Federal Direct Student Loans may obtain deferments or forbearances.

Learners have the responsibility to:

- complete the FSA forms accurately and submit the form on time. Intentional misrepresentation on the FAFSA is a violation of law and a criminal offense subject to penalties;
- submit the FAFSA and other required paperwork every award year for continued eligibility in the FSA programs;
- maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) to continue receiving FSA;
- check the learner email account for important financial aid information;
- respond promptly to any request for documentation or information from the Learner Funding Advisor or Government Funding Processor;
- complete loan entrance counseling prior to receiving the first disbursement of a Federal Direct Student Loan;
- understand the College's Refund for Withdrawal policy and Return of Title IV Funds policy;
- repay any learner loans borrowed in a timely manner;
- complete loan exit counseling when withdrawing, graduating from the College, or dropping below half-time enrollment and holding Federal Direct Student Loans;
- notify the Registrar Office of any change in name, address, or attendance status;
- understand that all FSA is contingent on the individual learner's continued eligibility and the availability of funds; and
- understand all forms and agreements signed and keep copies for personal records.

WITHDRAWALS AND REFUNDS

Refund for Cancellation of Enrollment
Refund for Withdrawal
Return of Title IV Funds
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REFUND FOR CANCELLATION OF ENROLLMENT

New learners may cancel enrollment in the College without incurring any tuition charges by providing written notification to the Registrar before the expiration of the initial add/drop period, or within three (3) business days of signing the Enrollment Agreement, whichever is later. A full refund of all monies received by the College, with the exception of the application fee, will be issued to the original source of payment as described below.

Any fees paid to third-party agencies for entrance exams, immunizations, drug screenings, background checks, etc. will not be refunded by the College.

Fees for resources may be refundable as described below.

- Learners must return all books and supplies in the original condition to receive refunds.
- Refunds will not be issued for used eBooks access codes, hardbound reference materials, textbooks, uniforms, experiential learning kits, etc.
- The College must be reimbursed for the cost of any issued learning supplies not accepted or returned.

REFUND FOR WITHDRAWAL

New learners who begin attending and withdraw from an academic program after the enrollment cancellation period and continuing learners who withdraw from an academic program after starting in a new academic semester will be subject to pro-rata tuition charges. The refund will be calculated based on the week of the last day of attendance in an academic program, according to the table below.

Last day of attendance in week	% of tuition charged (plus the cost of textbooks and supplies)	% of tuition refunded (excluding the cost of textbook and supplies)
1	6.25	93.75
2	12.50	87.50
3	18.75	81.25
4	25.00	75.00
5	31.25	68.75
6	37.50	62.50
7	43.75	56.25
8	50.00	50.00
9	56.25	43.75
10-16	100.00	0.00

**A Monday through Sunday academic week is used for the purposes of tuition refund proration. When individual courses are dropped after add/drop period, no pro-rata refund is issued.*

The learner is responsible for paying any balance owed to the College within thirty (30) days of withdrawal.

Learners may refer to the [Withdrawal-Last Day of Attendance \(LDA\)](#), and [Withdrawal-Date of Determination \(DoD\)](#) sections for more information.

RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS

The learner and the College will be required to return the amount of FSA received that exceeds the Title IV aid earned for the period of time that the learner was enrolled at the College.

The College and the learner must return funds to Title IV aid programs within forty-five (45) days after the DoD.

The calculation used in determining the amount of funds to be returned to Title IV programs is determined by the U.S. Department of Education and differs from the tuition refund calculation as follows:

- Percent of FSA earned equals the number of days learners were in attendance within a payment period, up to and including the last day of attendance, divided by the total number of days in the payment period.

- A learner who remains enrolled for more than 60% of consecutive days in the payment period is considered to have earned 100% of the Title IV funds disbursed for that period. Therefore, no funds will be returned by the College to Title IV.
- If a learner attends less than 60% of consecutive days in the payment period, the amount of Title IV funds earned is determined based on the calculated percentage of attendance.
- Funds to be returned equal Title IV funds disbursed minus the FSA earned.

The learner will be responsible to pay the College any remaining balance initially paid by the Title IV funds. The learner may be required to return funds received as pass-through payments to FSA programs. Any balances owed to the College by the learner must be repaid within thirty (30) days of withdrawal.

POST-WITHDRAWAL DISBURSEMENT

Learners (or parents of such learners, for Direct PLUS Loan funds) who have earned more FSA than had been disbursed at the time of withdrawal will be eligible for a post-withdrawal disbursement. The Government Funding Processor will notify the learner within thirty (30) days of the date of withdrawal determination if post-withdrawal Title IV funds are available. The learner will have fourteen (14) days to respond to the notice. At its discretion, the College will decide whether to allow a post-withdrawal disbursement for a learner who fails to respond within the required timeframe. Once the learner or parent accepts the post-withdrawal disbursement, the College must disburse the loan funds to the learner's account within 180 days from the date of withdrawal determination.

REFUND APPEAL PROCESS

If learners who have been withdrawn from the College and/or their parents who received Federal PLUS Loans believe the Refund for Withdrawal or the Return of Title IV Funds calculations are incorrect, an appeal may be made to the College. A written request must be submitted to the College explaining why it should reconsider the information used when the calculation was performed. The College will review the appeal and notify the learner and/or parent of its final decision on the calculation.

STATE SPECIFIC DISCLOSURES

Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) – California Learners Only

Amount of STRF Assessment Fee Increase - **Effective April 1, 2022:**

Each qualifying institution shall collect an assessment of two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of institutional charges, rounded to the nearest thousand dollars, from each student in an educational program who is a California resident or is enrolled in a residency program. For institutional charges of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or less, the assessment is zero dollars (\$0).

Note: Authority cited: Sections 94877, 94923 and 94924, Education Code. Reference: Sections 94843, 94911(b), 94923 and 94924, Education Code.

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (BPPE) - California Code of Regulations Division 7.5 Private Postsecondary Education, Article 2, Code 76120.

The State of California established the Student Tuition Recovery Fund (STRF) to relieve or mitigate economic loss suffered by a student in an educational program at a qualifying institution, who is or was a California resident while enrolled, or was enrolled in a residency program, if the student enrolled in the institution, prepaid tuition, and suffered an economic loss. Unless relieved of the obligation to do so, you must pay the state-imposed assessment for the STRF, or it must be paid on your behalf, if you are a student in an educational program, who is a California resident, or are enrolled in a residency program, and prepay all or part of your tuition. You are not eligible for protection from the STRF and you are not required to pay the STRF assessment, if you are not a California resident, or are not enrolled in a residency program.

It is important that you keep copies of your enrollment agreement, financial aid documents, receipts, or any other information that documents the amount paid to the school. Questions regarding the STRF may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education, 1747 North Market Blvd., Suite 225, Sacramento, California, 95834, (916) 574-8900 or (888) 370-7589.

To be eligible for STRF, you must be a California resident or enrolled in a residency program, prepaid tuition, paid or deemed to have paid the STRF assessment, and suffered an economic loss as a result of any of the following:

1. The institution, a location of the institution, or an educational program offered by the institution was closed or discontinued, and you did not choose to participate in a teach-out plan approved by the Bureau or did not complete a chosen teach-out plan approved by the Bureau.
2. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution within the 120 day period before the closure of the institution or location of the institution or were enrolled in an educational program within the 120 day period before the program was discontinued.

3. You were enrolled at an institution or a location of the institution more than 120 days before the closure of the institution or location of the institution, in an educational program offered by the institution as to which the Bureau determined there was a significant decline in the quality or value of the program more than 120 days before closure.
4. The institution has been ordered to pay a refund by the Bureau but has failed to do so.
5. The institution has failed to pay or reimburse loan proceeds under a federal student loan Program, as required by law or has failed to pay or reimburse proceeds received by the institution that exceeds tuition and other costs.
6. You have been awarded restitution, a refund, or other monetary award by an arbitrator or court, based on a violation of this chapter by an institution or representative of an institution, but have been unable to collect the award from the institution.
7. You sought legal counsel that resulted in the cancellation of one or more of your student loans and have an invoice for services rendered and evidence of the cancellation of the student loan or loans.

To qualify for STRF reimbursement, the application must be received within four (4) years from the date of the action or event that made the student eligible for recovery from STRF.

A student whose loan is revived by a loan holder or debt collector after a period of noncollection may, at any time, file a written application for recovery from STRF for the debt that would have otherwise been eligible for recovery. If it has been more than four (4) years since the action or event that made the student eligible, the student must have filed a written application for recovery within the original four (4) year period, unless the period has been extended by another act of law.

However, no claim can be paid to any student without a social security number or a taxpayer identification number.

LEARNER LIFE

GENERAL INFORMATION

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LEARNER ORIENTATION

The College requires all learners to complete mandatory orientation consisting of online and on-ground components. The mandatory two (2) week College Readiness Orientation Seminar (CROS) must be completed prior to the start of the first academic semester of enrollment. CROS familiarizes the learner with College policies and procedures, including the Catalog, learners' rights and responsibilities, technology (learning management system, virtual library, onlinestudent portal, etc.), safety and emergency procedures, bloodborne pathogens and infection control, and various required disclosures and disclaimers.

A mandatory, real-time New Learner Welcome Forum (NLWF) is required for all new learners on the first day of enrollment. The New Learner Welcome Forum is broadcast online and includes several quizzes to capture attendance and participation. Every semester, new learners in a specified geographic area are invited to participate in the New Learner Welcome Forum in person.

For learners transitioning from general education to lower-division nursing core courses, site-specific orientation is scheduled prior to the first day of experiential learning activities at the assigned Supervised On-Ground Field Experiential (SOFE) sites.

LEARNER KITS

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

Learners will receive a learner supply kit for each of the following experiential learning courses:

- PN 106; PN 125/126; PN 145; PN 165
- BSN 206; BSN 225; BSN 246; BSN 266; BSN 346; BSN 366
- ASN 241; ASN 261; ASN 341; ASN 361

If learners are enrolled in any of the above courses at the end of the add/drop period, the kits will be shipped early in the semester and will include the items needed to engage in the intervention skills-based (ISB) experiential learning and complete skills checkoff. The cost of these supplies is built into the program fees for each learner.

Learners will receive their virtual reality (VR) headset with their kits when they begin their first experiential learning course. Learners will receive only one VR headset for the entirety of their program they are enrolled in. It is expected that learners will retain all items they receive from the College throughout the program. Learners will be charged at the time of purchase from the vendor when a replacement is needed.

IDENTIFICATION BADGE

Learners are required to wear the College-issued identification badge while at SOFE sites and while completing video ISB pass-offs. Learners must use the link located in the scheduling portal to upload their photos, then purchase their badge and ship it to their homes. It is recommended that learners purchase their badges at least two weeks before beginning their Experiential Learning Activities.

The photograph may include only the learner, who must be facing the camera with eyes open and visible. The photo should be taken against or edited to a solid background, with sufficient lighting for a clear image.

Please note: If the learner's badge is lost or damaged, learners may purchase a new badge using the link found in the scheduling portal.

LEARNER ATTIRE

All prelicensure learners must obtain a minimum of four (4) sets of College-authorized uniforms prior to the first experiential learning session. The College-authorized uniform must be worn in all experiential learning settings, including intervention skills recordings and must be neatly laundered and ironed. Untidy clothing will not be permitted at any time. Excessive jewelry and clothing that is provocative or contains obscene messages or images are not permitted.

Note: Several healthcare agencies at which the College offers experiential learning require a specific uniform while enrolled in certain courses.

TUTORING

The College offers limited tutoring services as needed, free of charge. Tutoring is available through the Nightingale Writing Center, Math lab, Technology lab, NCLEX Coaches, and the library. Information about tutoring can be found on the learner dashboard on MyNightingale.

VOTER REGISTRATION POLICY

Under the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA) of 1993, learners are offered the opportunity to become registered voters. The National Mail Voter Registration Form is available at the [U.S. Election Assistance Commission website](#) (USEAC) and can be used to register to vote in almost all states, except North Dakota, Wyoming, American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Learners residing in the aforementioned states or territories must request a voter registration form from their [state election office](#).

Learners also can register by mail, online, or in-person at their local election offices, the listing for which is available at the [USEAC website](#). If the application is sent by mail, it must be postmarked at least thirty (30) days before the election to be eligible to vote in that election. The application must be submitted online or in person at the County Clerk's Office at least fifteen (15) days before an election for the voter to be eligible to vote in that election.

[U.S. Election Assistance Commission](#)

CONSTITUTION DAY

In commemoration of the signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787, President George W. Bush signed a bill into law on December 8, 2004, designating every September 17 as "Constitution Day." The College observes Constitution Day each year through a variety of programs and activities.

SUPPLEMENTAL LEARNING RESOURCES

The College offers various resources to support learning on the MyNightingale platform. MyNightingale hosts resources that support learner Evolitude® through tools designed to encourage self-actualization, growth mindset, and responsibility.

Nightingale Library

A full-time librarian is available to assist learners with research projects and navigating online databases.

Learners are offered access to the online writing center and Library which includes EBSCO Host, ProQuest, Infotrac, and other research databases. The Library is designed to support nursing and general education studies. The Library databases feature online books, periodicals, magazines, posters, dissertations, theses, medical charts, and other resources.

Learners have access to the CINAHL Database, which provides indexing of the top nursing and allied health literature. Literature from the CINAHL Database includes publications from sources such as the National League for Nursing and the American Nurses Association.

Learners also are offered access to free book services and other resources through the library. Interlibrary loan services are available to all learners upon request.

Nightingale Writing Center

Learners may access the Nightingale Writing Center while enrolled at the College and after graduation. Resources available within the Catalog include but are not limited to:

- Live individual tutoring;
- Evaluation of academic documents such as discussion drafts and academic papers;
- Live group webinars;
- Tutorial articles and videos.

Topics covered include writing fundamentals, selection of appropriate media, writer's block solutions, and approaches for common types of writing assignments.

Technology Center

Learners may access the Technology Center while enrolled at the College and after graduation. The Center provides resources to assist learners with the specific requirements of online education as well as the contemporary use of technology.

These resources include but are not limited to:

- Tutorial articles and videos
- Step-by-step instructions
- Links to supportive documents and platforms

NCLEX Coaching

Learners may access NCLEX study tools and coaching while enrolled at the College and after graduation. The NCLEX coaches provide the tools necessary to help learners prepare for the NCLEX Exam. These resources include but are not limited to:

- Group study sessions
- Individual tutoring based on HESI and NCLEX areas of need
- Apply for NCLEX reimbursement
- Saunders NCLEX-RN Comprehensive Review Study Guide

Math Lab

Learners may access math study tools and tutoring while enrolled at the College and after graduation. The math lab and tutors provide the tools necessary to help learners achieve academic success in math focused courses as well as in their nursing careers. These resources include but are not limited to:

- Free textbooks
- Example problem videos
- TEAMS access for drop-in tutoring and Q&A

Career Services

The Career Services Center provides learners with many resources while enrolled at the College and after graduation. These resources include but are not limited to:

- Career/Placement Services
- Webinars
- Resume Assistance
- Connection to Job Board
- Placement Verification

COMPUTER AND TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

A laptop or desktop with wireless capability and internet access is required for participating in online learning activities and completing course requirements. Although tablets and smartphones may be used, some required learning applications are not compatible with certain devices. The learning management system smartphone and tablet applications should be used as a “read only” tool to view course resources (announcements, grades, messages, etc). They should not be used to submit activities (assignments, comments, discussion posts, etc.), as the activity may not be captured. The College does not provide technical support for tablets or smartphones.

The minimum requirements for computers are:

Operating System:

- Windows OS 10 and newer (recommended);
- Mac Mojave OS and above (not recommended);
- 3.0 GHz or faster processor;
- 8 GB or more of RAM;
- 250 GB or more of free hard drive space.

Browser:

- Google Chrome (latest version).

Internet Connection:

- High speed connection (DSL, Cable, Fiber Optic);
- For proctored testing, internet speed must be 2.0 Mbps for download and upload;
- Internet speed can be checked at: <https://www.speedtest.net/>.

Other:

- Functioning webcam, microphone, and speakers or headset.

Note: Smartphones, tablets, and Chromebooks are not recommended as the main device. Contact the device's vendor or manufacturer for hardware support.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Learner Kits:

rpm-operations@nightingale.edu

Learner Identification/Badges:

rpm-operations@nightingale.edu

Course (SOFE) Scheduling Questions, Issues, or Concerns:

schedulesupport@nightingale.edu

Integrative Practicum (IP) Questions or Concerns:

ipplacement@nightingale.edu

HESI Testing Support and Questions:

hesisupport@nightingale.edu

Credentialing Issues or Concerns That Cannot Be Handled by the Third-party Vendor:

credentialsupport@nightingale.edu

IT Issues:

support@nightingale.edu

LEARNER SUPPORT SERVICES (LSS)

The Learner Support Services (LSS) function assists learners in their College experience and supports them through any barriers that may arise during their educational journey. Learner Support Services provides the following types of advising:

- Academic and Learner Success Plans;
- Navigating the College and its functions;
- Study skills and academic resources;
- Referral to tutoring services;
- Time management and study schedules;
- Status and enrollment changes;
- Learner Success Series to navigate each stage of a learner's journey;
- Navigating life barriers;
- Community Fellowship award and other learner and alumni special awards and events.

LSS also offers referrals to outside resources, including, but not limited to:

- Learner success: time management, study skills, course load, test anxiety, ADHD;
- Housing: rental agencies, housing resources;
- Commuter services: local transportation;
- Childcare services: childcare centers, day care;
- Money management: personal finances, budgeting;
- Veterans support services: military/veterans' resources;
- Learner accessibility services: disability, equal opportunity;
- Counseling and human development resources: mental health services, women's shelters, rehab centers;
- LGBTQ+ resources;
- Higher Ed Learner Assistance Program.

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PREPARATION FOR LICENSURE

- A variety of NCLEX-RN® preparatory activities will be delivered in stages throughout the entire prelicensure academic program.
- Prior to graduation, all learners must successfully complete the prescribed NCLEX-RN® review course.
- All learners must engage with the NCLEX Success Coach, provided by the College at no additional cost, prior to applying for licensure and testing.

The Standardized RN Exit Exam is a predictor of success on the NCLEX-RN® exam and will assist learners in preparation for RN licensure examination.

Licensing Exam Reimbursement Policy

Evidence suggests learners who take the licensing exam as promptly as possible after graduation increase their chances of success. To encourage a timely application and successful outcome of the licensing examination, graduates will be reimbursed for the cost of licensing exam registration when they meet the criteria noted in this policy.

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Requirements for Reimbursement

1. The graduate must pass the licensing exam, on the first or second attempt, within the following time frames to receive a refund for the cost of registration for the licensing exam, up to 100% paid for the passing attempt as described below.
 - Within 90 days from academic transcript clearance date: 100% refund
 - Within 120 days from academic transcript clearance date: 75% refund
 - Within 150 days from academic transcript clearance date: 50% refund
2. Academic transcript clearance is the date when Nursing Education Services clears a learner for graduation. If a learner is engaged in NCLEX Coaching, that date will start when the NCLEX Coach clears the learner, which will be the Academic Clearance date.
3. The graduate must be cleared by NCLEX Success to qualify.
4. The graduate must report their test date to nclexcoaching@nightingale.edu via their Nightingale College email.

Needs-Based Advance

1. The graduate must meet financial eligibility criteria as determined by Bursar and Learner Funding.
2. The graduate must be cleared for graduation and cleared by NCLEX Coaching to qualify.
3. The graduate must apply for the needs-based advance by emailing a request to nclexcoaching@nightingale.edu via their Nightingale College email.
4. Once approval has been granted, the graduate will meet with the Coordinator of NCLEX Success to register for the licensing exam and set the test date.
5. Graduates may apply for the needs-based advance for up to two attempts on the licensing exam.

Note: Should the graduate choose to change the location of the scheduled licensing examination, any change in registration fees will remain the responsibility of the graduate. The College will not reimburse this fee.

Process

If graduates do not follow and complete the reimbursement policy process, they will not be eligible for reimbursement.

1. Upon receiving confirmation from the graduate that they have passed the licensing exam, NCLEX Success will process the graduate's electronic signature for reimbursement according to the policy above.
2. NCLEX Success will confirm the graduate's licensure status by reviewing official test results submitted by graduates using their electronic signature that will be sent through the graduate's Nightingale College email address. The graduate will then send their electronic signature, which will be submitted to Accounts Payable for reimbursement.
3. Accounts Payable will complete the reimbursement process within fourteen (14) business days of receipt of the completed and signed form, assuming no errors or incomplete information.

LEARNER AMBASSADORS

Learner Ambassadors advocate for their fellow learners, embody the College mission, vision, and pathway, and encourage involvement across the learner community. Calls for applications are announced during the last month of the semester. New ambassadors are selected through an application process and are interviewed by current Learner Ambassadors and faculty/staff advisors prior to selection. #Ambassadors are expected to maintain a minimum 2.0 grade point average. They meet regularly to discuss matters of learner interests and needs, plan learner events, and participate on the academic program Advisory Board.

For any questions about the position, learners may contact the Learner Ambassador advisor at learnerinvolvement@nightingale.edu.

LEARNER CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Learner Clubs and Organizations

The College sponsors academic and representative organizations as listed below. All formal organizations must be approved by the College and must align with the College mission, vision, and pathway. The use of College logomark, emblems, insignia, or mottos must be approved by the College Marketing function. The College Clubs and Organizations coordinator can be contacted at learnerinvolvement@nightingale.edu.

Sigma Theta Tau International Honors Society of Nursing (www.sigmanursing.org)

Sigma Theta Tau is an international honors society with a mission to develop leadership in nursing and transform healthcare throughout the world. Eligibility for membership requires:

1. Completion of a minimum of fifty percent of a Bachelor of Science of Nursing Program.
2. 3.7 cumulative grade point average (CGPA) within the above mentioned program;
3. In the top 35% of the cohort, based on CGPA.
4. Eligibility for Sigma Theta Tau is evaluated separately for graduate programs. Learners in graduate programs are eligible for membership if they have achieved excellence according to the standards approved by the society, including a 3.5 GPA or higher and completion of at least 1/4 of the program of study, as measured by semester hours.

Any additional requirements as established by the Alpha Beta Xi chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. To learn more about Sigma Theta Tau, learners should contact the club's advisors at sigma@nightingale.edu.

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National Student Nurses' Association (www.nsna.org)

The National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA) is a national organization focused on bringing nursing students together and promoting the highest ethical standards in nursing. To join NSNA, learners should contact the club's advisor at ncsna@nightingale.edu. NSNA charges a nominal membership fee, as outlined on the NSNA website.

LEARNER HOUSING

The College does not offer learner housing.

HEALTH SERVICES/INSURANCE

Health services are not available at the College. Learners are encouraged to carry personal health insurance as health insurance is necessary to be credentialed for experiential learning. Learners may refer to the [Nursing Education Services- Health Insurance](#) section of this Catalog. Learners who cannot meet this requirement may not be allowed to attend some direct focused client care experiential learning sessions, which may impede progress in a prelicensure academic program. Learners are covered under the College's liability insurance policy while at a SOFE site.

ACADEMIC SUCCESS PLAN

The College is focused on the academic success of each learner. Learners should initially address academic concerns with individual course instructors. In addition, the College has implemented the Academic Success Plan to promote the academic and professional success of its learners. Designated academic managers, faculty, and strategists are responsible for administering the relevant portions of the Academic Success Plan while inviting the learner to participate in the formulation of the individualized Plan.

The Academic Success Plan is designed to:

- Prepare learners and graduates to successfully practice as registered nurses with confidence, competence, and compassion.
- Identify learners who would benefit from instructional intervention to successfully complete coursework.
- Provide support and strategies to aid learners' success.
- Prepare learners in prelicensure programs for passing the NCLEX-RN® and achieving professional licensure and success.
- Increase learners' success in meeting the program-level learner outcomes.
- Promote a culture of caring to provide holistic, compassionate, and culturally competent care.

NON-DISCRIMINATION, EQUAL OPPORTUNITY, AND ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The College is committed to all principles of equal opportunity and non-discrimination in education and employment of its learners, faculty, staff, and any applicants for admission or employment. The College and its collaborators will not discriminate against any learner or collaborator, present or future, on the basis of race, color, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, age, veteran status, marital status, or ethnic background. These policies are aligned with the Civil Rights Act of 1964 related to Executive Order 11246 and 11357,

Title IV of the Education Amendments Act of 1972, Section 402 of the Vietnam Era Veterans' Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974, and state civil laws.

The College adheres to these principles in its admissions, learner funding, scholarships, and career support functions as well as all other learner-related services and educational programs.

In support of Sections 503/504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations to learners with disabilities. The College and SOFE facilities are accessible for persons with disabilities. Notwithstanding the foregoing, all learners are required to achieve all stated learning outcomes and to have the physical and mental abilities necessary to perform assignments successfully and meet the objectives of the academic program. To request an accommodation, the learner is required to submit a written request and to provide documentation from a healthcare practitioner detailing the specifics of the accommodations requested to 504coordinator@nightingale.edu. The learner will be notified in writing regarding any reasonable accommodation decision. The details of the request will be kept confidential.

The Office of the College President is responsible for assuring compliance with all non-discrimination, equal opportunity, and reasonable accommodation policies. Grievances alleging violations of these policies should be submitted in writing to the Office of the College President. The learner will receive a written response within ten (10) business days from the receipt of the grievance.

EMPLOYMENT AND CAREER SUPPORT SERVICES

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

Graduates of the prelicensure nursing programs are eligible to apply for licensure and, if approved, to take the licensing exam. All candidates for RN licensure must pass the NCLEX-RN® exam and meet all other requirements, as specified by the specific state board of nursing, to be licensed and to practice as a registered nurse. Learners who intend to apply for licensure outside the states where the College operates its Supervised On-Ground Field Experiences (SOFE) areas must verify with the corresponding state board of nursing to ensure that initial licensure will be possible in the desired state.

Learners may be able to first become licensed in a state where the College operates its SOFE sites and endorse the license into another state. Learners should research the licensure and testing requirements on the respective state board of nursing website.

Note: The College publishes a list of states in which the College has not determined its graduates' licensure eligibility.

Information about salaries, career advancement, and employment mobility can be found in resources such as the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, available at www.bls.gov.

Completion of an academic program does not guarantee licensure or employment; however, the College provides licensure exam preparation coaching, career support services, and placement assistance without additional charges.

Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) Training Waiver

Certain states allow learners who have completed the first academic semester of a prelicensure nursing program to apply for CNA certification. For more information, see the [Certified Nursing Assistant \(CNA\) Training Waiver Catalog Insert](#).

License Practical Nurse (LPN) Licensure by Equivalency

In exceptional circumstances, learners who successfully complete the BSN 346 course in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Program may apply for an LPN licensure by equivalency in Utah. To qualify for the equivalency waiver, the learner must be a Utah resident, must complete mandatory career counseling, as well as request, pay for, and pass the HESI RN Specialty: PN – BSN Mobility exam with a minimum HESI score of 900. Learners may have up to two (2) attempts to pass the exam.

Upon successfully passing the exam and completing the counseling, the learner may request official transcripts to be submitted to the corresponding state licensing authority to begin the application process, which includes taking the NCLEX-PN exam. Learners are expected to complete the academic program at the College upon being licensed as an LPN. For inquiries, learners should contact Learner Support Services.

Notes: Learners are responsible for obtaining LPN licensure equivalency process and eligibility information directly from the corresponding state board of nursing. LPN licenses obtained by equivalency may not be endorsable into any other U.S. state or jurisdiction. Learners will be required to sign a statement in which they commit to completing the remainder of their academic program.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

The College holds a commencement ceremony within five (5) calendar weeks after the completion of each learner cohort's course of study. Commencement ceremony dates are listed in the [Academic Calendar](#) section of this Catalog and are non-negotiable. Graduates will receive a complimentary Nightingale College pin, a diploma cover, a nursing lamp, and honor cords as awarded. Inclusion in the commencement ceremony does not imply official graduation from the College.

Graduation is the completion of all degree requirements as recorded on the official transcript. Commencement is defined as the voluntary ceremony that celebrates the completion of a degree program. Learners are invited to participate in the ceremony upon satisfactory completion of all graduation requirements. Learners may be allowed to participate in the ceremony prior to completing all graduation requirements; however, degrees will not be conferred, nor official transcripts or diplomas issued, until all graduation requirements are met.

COMMUNITY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Community Fellow designation is bestowed upon learners who actively contribute to and support the local community through volunteer service. To qualify, learners must complete a minimum of twelve (12) volunteer hours in charitable healthcare and/or humanitarian aid service. General community service hours will not be accepted. For more information and to request an application and tracking forms, contact Learner Support Services. Community Fellows are recognized during commencement ceremonies.

LEARNER CODE OF CONDUCT

The College provides an educational environment designed to facilitate learning and academic and professional growth. Learners are coached in appropriate academic and professional role disposition throughout their enrollment at the College. Learners must abide by the published Learner Code of Conduct at all times.

The Learner Code of Conduct is designed to ensure that learners and collaborators have a clear and defined understanding of the rights and responsibilities afforded to a learner actively engaged with the College for the purpose of fulfilling the requirements for degree completion. Information on the Code of Conduct is disseminated through the College Catalog and provided to every learner through the learning management system (LMS) at the beginning of each semester.

Updates and clarification are disseminated through official means of communication for the College. Course syllabi and curricula may address minor violations of the Learner Code of Conduct and the Academic Integrity Policy but may not supersede this policy for violations whose impacts extend beyond the individual learner. For example, the syllabus may address immediate consequences for plagiarism, on-site expectations for experiential learning activities, etc. but those guidelines do not supersede the College's Code of Conduct policies.

Any action by a learner, including, but not limited to, intimidation, discrimination, harassment, or retaliation, which infringes upon another learner's rights as outlined in this policy, or interferes with the normal business of the College, is strictly prohibited and will be handled according to the appropriate procedures as outlined below.

Learner Rights
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LEARNER RIGHTS

All learners in Active status with the College are afforded the following rights:

1. An environment, to the extent influenced by the College, conducive to learning;
2. Reasonable notice of issues related to attendance, grading, compliance for experiential learning activities, completion standards, and expectations;
3. Due process in any proceeding regarding allegations of violations of the Learner Code of Conduct, the [Academic Integrity Policy](#), or other College and/or course standards; Due Process at the College includes:
 - Written notice of the alleged violation;
 - An opportunity for the learner to present their perspective and any supporting evidence;
 - Consideration of relevant information and evidence by an impartial College representative or formal committee;
 - Written notice of decision and any associated corrective action.
4. Freedom from illegal biases, including any discrimination against protected classes and any form of harassment;
5. Confidentiality as provided by [FERPA](#);
6. Reasonable access to programs and information, including but not limited to, the Americans with Disabilities Act.

LEARNER RESPONSIBILITIES

With the rights outlined above come responsibilities to the larger community, including other learners, faculty, staff, healthcare partners, and patients. Also included is any and all conduct that disrupts the normal business of the College or the College's relationship with healthcare partners. These responsibilities can be summarized by the Golden Rule: Do to others as you would have them do to you. They include but are not limited to:

1. Adherence to federal, state, and local laws, as well as the rules established by healthcare partners for experiential learning activities;
2. Conduct conducive to learning, including non-interference with facilitation of instruction; completion of assigned work and exams with strict adherence to the [Academic Integrity Policy](#) and course syllabi, including representing oneself and work with integrity when submitting assignments or taking exams;
3. Use of College property and resources in a manner befitting a representative of the College, and not for personal gain or profit;
4. Civility and professionalism in all interactions, including online and in-person settings, with other learners, faculty, staff, experiential learning partners, and patients;
5. The following conduct is expressly prohibited:
 - Harassment of any kind, either in person or in virtual settings;
 - Misuse of campus technology, including:
 - any use which disrupts network or system use by others;
 - use for advertising, client-building, lobbying, or financial gain;
 - file sharing of any kind, particularly in violation of copyright laws;
 - distributing harassing or disparaging statements that incite violence or are based on protected classes;
 - knowingly spreading computer viruses;
 - accessing protected records or files without permission.

PROFESSIONAL DISPOSITION AND LAWFUL CONDUCT

All past, present, or future unlawful or unprofessional conduct may result in a learner's ineligibility for certifications, licensure, or employment.

Harassment and Discrimination

The College does not tolerate harassment of any type. Harassment is defined as any conduct (physical, psychological, verbal, written, or electronic) that occurs in any physical or digital college learning environment, including on an experiential learning site, with the effect or intent of interfering with an individual's or group's educational or work performance.

Unwanted comments or other advances of a sexual nature directed toward any faculty, staff, SOFE site employee, other learners, or patients will not be tolerated. Sexual harassment includes but is not limited to gender harassment, seductive behavior, sexual bribery, sexual coercion, and sexual imposition or innuendo.

Those who believe they are a victim of harassment should:

1. Keep a record of the events, including dates, times, places, names of persons involved, and witnesses.
2. Report the incident immediately to an instructor or the designated academic program manager.

All reports of harassment should be filed under [Title IX](#) processes and will be promptly investigated. The College will abide by all confidentiality requirements as permitted by law and may not disclose any corrective action taken.

Drug and Alcohol-Free Environment

The College does not condone learners' use of alcohol, illegal drugs, or controlled substances, as they can diminish learning, impair judgment, and compromise safety.

The following rules and standards of conduct apply to learners either at SOFE sites or during any off-site College-related activities:

- Possession or use of alcohol, an illegal or controlled substance, or being under the influence of alcohol or an illegal or controlled substance while involved in College-related activities is prohibited.
- Distribution, sale, purchase, or solicitation for the distribution, sale, or purchase, of an illegal or controlled substance or illegally obtained prescription medications while involved in College-related activities is prohibited.

Violation of these rules and standards of conduct will result in immediate withdrawal from the College. The College also may bring the matter to the attention of the appropriate law enforcement authorities. The College requires mandatory drug testing for all new prelicensure learners and reserves the right to randomly drug test any learner at any time.

A learner's conviction on a charge of an illegal sale or possession of a controlled substance or illegal drugs while not involved in College-related activities will result in withdrawal from the College.

Learners may not use prescription or over-the-counter drugs that may impair their ability to safely and effectively perform didactic or experiential learning activities or affect the safety or well-being of others. In cases when legal use of prescription or over-the-counter drugs may affect the learner's performance, the learner must voluntarily withdraw from the College.

Experiential Learning Conduct

Learners are expected to maintain a professional level of conduct within their experiential learning practice and adhere to the highest level of everyday ethical comportment. Additional responsibilities of experiential learning conduct also may be found within individual course syllabi.

Breaks, Food, and Drinks

During experiential learning, food and drinks may only be consumed on breaks in designated areas. Learners may not leave the experiential learning sites during breaks.

Tobacco, Cigarettes, Vapes

Tobacco, electronic cigarettes, vapes, smoking, etc. are not permitted within twenty-five (25) feet of any SOFE site entrance, exit, or window. Those who smoke or vape should consider the possible residual odor that may adversely affect others, including patients. Smoking, including use of electronic cigarettes, vapes, and chewing tobacco are not permitted during experiential learning.

Professional Telecommunications

Learners should identify that all telecommunication meetings or calls should be viewed as professional settings and learners should comport themselves to their highest standard of conduct. When using video conferencing technology, learners must maintain dress and grooming standards as outlined within the [Learner Attire](#) section of the Catalog.

Learners' mobile phones may not be used for making or receiving calls, texts, direct messages, etc. while engaged in experiential learning activities or during exams. If it is necessary to make an emergency communication while at a DFC facility, learners should get permission from their DFC faculty and go outside of the facility to use the phone.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY

Integrity is the cornerstone of all academic and professional endeavors. Learners are expected to conduct themselves with utmost honesty and integrity while enrolled at the College. Although there are numerous guidelines related to academic integrity, the following are the basic standards. Any violation of these standards is considered academic dishonesty and consequences may include, but are not limited to, a failing grade for an assignment, a failing grade in a course, academic probation, or withdrawal from the academic program.

Copyright Guidelines

A copyright is a property right attached to an original work of art or literature. It grants the author or creator exclusive rights to reproduce, distribute, adapt, perform, or display the protected work. Other than someone to whom the author/creator has extended all or part of these rights, no one may use, copy, distribute, or alter the work. Unauthorized use of the material is prohibited by law and carries both civil and criminal penalties.

Copyright law covers seven (7) broad categories:

- Literary works – both fiction and non-fiction, including books, periodicals, articles, manuscripts, computer programs, manuals, phonographic records, film, audiotapes, and computer disks;
- Musical works – and accompanying words – songs, operas, and musical plays;
- Dramatic works – including music, plays and dramatic readings;
- Pantomimed and choreographed works;
- Pictorial, graphics, and sculptural works – final and applied arts, photographs, prints and art reproductions, maps, globes, charts, technical drawings, diagrams, and models;
- Motion pictures and audiovisual works – slide/tape multimedia presentations, filmstrips, films and videos; and
- Sound recordings and records – tapes, cassettes, and computer disks.

A copyrighted work may be used or copied under certain conditions:

- Public domain – work belonging to the public as a whole, such as government documents and works, works with expired copyright or no existing protection, and works published over ninety-five (95) years ago;
- Permission – prior approval for the proposed use by the copyright owner;
- Legal exception – use constitutes an exemption to copyright protection – for example, a parody; and
- Fair use – use for educational purposes, consistent with certain restrictions.

Copyright law provides four (4) standards for determination of the fair use exemption:

- Purpose of use: Copying and using selected parts of copyrighted works for specific educational purposes qualifies as fair use, especially if the copies are made spontaneously, are used temporarily, and are not part of an anthology.
- Nature of the work: When copying paragraphs from a copyrighted source, fair use easily applies. For copying a chapter, fair use may be questionable.
- Proportion/extent of the material used: Duplicating excerpts that are short in relation to the entire copyrighted work or segments that do not reflect the “essence” of the work is usually considered fair use.
- Effect on marketability: If there will be no reduction in sales because of copying or distribution, the fair use exemption is likely to apply. This is the most important of the test for fair use.

Fair Use and Learner Responsibility

Learners, without regard to or knowledge of copyright restrictions, sometimes duplicate or distribute materials illegally or load software without license. Such acts, seemingly convenient and unnoticeable, are, in fact, violations of copyright laws and are prohibited.

The College does not tolerate violations of copyright law and will take action against any offenders. Learners found in violation of copyright law may be withdrawn from the College.

The College publishes a comprehensive copyright policy. Learners must refer to the policy or seek assistance from faculty or staff regarding the use of copyrighted materials.

Dishonesty

Learners must not deliberately attempt to falsify, fabricate, or otherwise claim credit for the work or effort of another person or use unauthorized materials in any course, laboratory, or other academic exercise or function.

Cheating

Learners must not engage in any of the following activities:

- Using verbal, written, visual, or other forms of aids intended to give or receive improper assistance with academic work or evaluations;
- Copying another's assignments and submitting as one's own;
- Using unauthorized materials (texts, notes, calculators, etc.);
- Taking an exam or completing work for another learner;
- Having someone else take an exam or complete work for the learner;
- Obtaining and/or using an upcoming exam ahead of the scheduled test time; and
- Violating any other test-taking procedures.

Misrepresentation

Learners must not engage in any of the following activities:

- Misrepresenting didactic or experiential learning attendance;
- Falsifying academic or work credentials and experience;
- Submitting someone else's work or work produced by artificial intelligence as one's own;
- Using the unedited work originally submitted for one course to satisfy the requirements in another course without prior consent of the instructor;
- Forging or using another's signature;
- Altering or destroying academic records and documents;
- Falsifying research data and experimental or physical results; and
- Falsifying medical information or records that are used for obtaining credentialing which allows the learner to attend DFCs or IPs (preceptorships) at partner facilities.

Plagiarism

Learners must not deliberately use material originated by another person's ideas, work, evidence, or words and present them as their own original work, including copying text from websites, textbooks, journals, or any other published materials, without proper acknowledgment.

Under special circumstances, learners may utilize and cite portions of their previously published works or unpublished works (any work that is submitted for publication but has not been published yet, including theses and dissertations). In these rare cases, prior approval with the course instructor is needed. Previous assignments submitted for coursework completion do not count as published/unpublished works and require prior approval of the course instructor to be included in subsequent work being turned in.

Self-Plagiarism

When repeating a course, learners may resubmit coursework completed during a prior attempt of the same course. Resubmitted course work will not be flagged for self-plagiarism; however, there is no guarantee that the resubmitted course work will earn the same grades awarded previously.

Learners may not resubmit assignments from one course to another course. If work from an assignment from one course is submitted for an assignment in another course, it will be flagged for self-plagiarism.

Use of Artificial Intelligence (AI)

It is expected that learners will adhere to generally accepted standards of academic honesty, including, but not limited to, refraining from cheating, plagiarizing, misrepresenting one's work, and/or inappropriately collaborating as defined above. This includes the use of generative AI tools without citation, documentation, or authorization. Learners will also be expected to adhere to the prescribed professional and ethical standards of the nursing profession. Any learner who engages in academic dishonesty or who violates the professional and ethical standards for the nursing profession may be subject to corrective action as per the Code of Conduct. Learners should refer to the course syllabus for more information on the use of AI in individual courses.

Other Violations

Additional examples of academic dishonesty include but are not limited to:

- Removing, without prior permission, any materials, supplies, or equipment from the College or a SOFE site;
- Submission of Nightingale College course content (including, but not limited to, tests, study materials, assignments, and essays) to third-party websites;
- Making copies of course materials without approval from the instructor;
- Using any type of recording devices to capture learning activities or academic evaluations in distance or on-ground learning environments without authorization; and
- Violating any faculty instruction or College policies.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING CONDUCT

Learners are expected to maintain professional level of conduct within their experiential learning practice and adhere to the highest level of everyday ethical comportment. Additional responsibilities of experiential learning conduct also may be found within individual course syllabi.

Breaks, Food, and Drinks

During experiential learning, food and drinks may only be consumed on breaks in designated areas. Learners may not leave the experiential learning sites during breaks.

Tobacco, Cigarettes, Vapes

Tobacco, electronic cigarettes, vapes, smoking, etc. are not permitted within twenty-five (25) feet of any SOFE site entrance, exit, or window. Those who smoke or vape should consider the possible residual odor that may adversely affect others, including patients. Smoking, including use of electronic cigarettes, vapes, and chewing tobacco are not permitted during experiential learning.

Professional Telecommunications

Learners should identify that all telecommunication meetings or calls should be viewed as professional settings and learners should comport themselves to their highest standard of conduct. When using video conferencing technology, learners must maintain dress and grooming standards as outlined within the [Learner Attire](#) section of the Catalog.

Learners' mobile phones may not be used for making or receiving calls, texts, direct messages, etc. while engaged in experiential learning activities or during exams. If it is necessary to make an emergency communication while at a DFC facility, learners should get permission from their DFC faculty and go outside of the facility to use the phone.

PROCESS FOR DISPOSITIONAL ACTION

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

This section describes the process for dispositional action when a learner violates the principles, standards, or rules in this Catalog. Conduct that violates any part of the Code of Conduct may constitute a valid reason for College officials to apply corrective actions as outlined in this Catalog. Alleged violations of the Learner Code of Conduct, including dispositional and academic violations, are overseen by College Academic Leadership and monitored by the Ombuds Office.

Filing and Investigation of Learner Code of Conduct Violations

The process for dispositional action is outlined below and applies to all Code of Conduct violations. All alleged violations must be submitted in writing, using the form provided in the Learning Management System, by a learner, strategist, faculty, staff member, experiential learning faculty member, or clinical agency personnel, hereafter referred to as "complainant," to the Ombuds Office. The Ombuds Office will document the submission and forward the information to the appropriate manager or designee for review, categorization, and level assignment.

The assigned manager will categorize each violation as either a dispositional or academic concern, assign a violation level, and notify the affected learner(s), hereafter referred to as "respondent," and faculty or staff member (if applicable) of next steps.

Note: The Assistant Vice President of Learner Experience or an appointed designee has the professional discretion to either escalate or de-escalate an incident based on the nature of the incident and the severity and/or frequency of the occurrence.

Learner Code of Conduct Violation Levels

Each of the levels below will be documented by the faculty, staff, or committee designee, as appropriate by level, to ensure effective monitoring and appropriate escalation. Potential [corrective actions](#) may be found in the section of the catalog.

Level 0

A first-time alleged violation of one (1) or more of the standards in the Learner Code of Conduct will be considered from a developmental point of view. A developmental approach means that the College recognizes that learners may lack all the necessary skills or knowledge to perform at the level needed for a formal academic and professional setting. To provide learners an opportunity to gain the skills they need, relevant faculty or staff members will provide correction, training, and resources to the respondent.

Note on Professional Disposition: A violation of the policy that does not infringe on the health and safety, or safe and equitable learning or healthcare environment of clients, faculty, or other learners, will be considered an opportunity for developmental support.

Note on Academic Integrity: Any form of academic integrity violation that involves a final exam, a senior's project, HESI exams, use of a ghostwriter, cheating websites or software, submission of another individual's work, etc. is not eligible for consideration as a Level 0 and will be escalated to a minimum of Level 2.

Level 1

A repeat alleged violation, depending on severity, will result in either corrective action(s) as determined at the discretion of the relevant faculty or staff member or recommendation for escalation to a Level 2 or Level 3 through appropriate documentation and consultation through the Assistant Vice President, Learner Experience or designee.

Note on Professional Disposition: Learners who have been appropriately made aware of a violation of the professional conduct policy during a Level 0 developmental discussion will be further coached for developmental support but also may receive appropriate corrective actions.

Note on Academic Integrity: Learners will be provided with additional resources to increase their skills. Any form of academic integrity violation that involves a final exam, a senior's project, HESI exams, use of a ghostwriter, cheating websites or software, submission of another individual's work, etc. are not eligible for consideration as a Level 1 and will be escalated to a minimum of Level 2.

Level 2

Multiple violations constituting a pattern of repeat violations, or an academic violation escalated as noted above, will result in escalation to a Conduct Committee. The assigned manager will form a Conduct Committee, comprised of staff members specifically trained in learner conduct. The Conduct Committee will review any evidence brought by either the complainants or the respondents.

Note on Professional Conduct and Academic Integrity: Repeated violations in either professional conduct, or academic integrity, or egregious academic violation will be escalated and supported through both corrective action and developmental support.

Level 3

An egregious act, a series of repeated violations that show an ongoing pattern of behavior involving other learners or graduates, or violations that may cause reputational or operational harm to the College or its partners, are Level 3 violations. If the respondent is alleged to have committed one of more egregious violations, involved other learners or graduates, or engaged in unlawful activity, the assigned manager or designee will form a Conduct Committee to examine available information and evidence from involved parties to make a determination of responsibility for the alleged violation and assign corrective action(s) as appropriate. Unlawful activity will be reported to the proper authorities, and any legal consequences resulting from the incident will be considered in the corrective action determination.

Note on Professional Conduct: Egregious conduct violations endanger the learner, others, or relationships with College partners and will be escalated to a Level 3 incident. Examples of egregious violations of Professional Conduct include, but are not limited to:

- *misrepresentation or falsification of information;*
- *physical or verbal abuse of patients or other persons;*
- *criminal misconduct;*
- *violations of patient confidentiality and/or HIPAA;*
- *abuse or misuse of personal property of others;*
- *patient neglect or abandonment;*
- *weapons;*
- *drug and alcohol use contrary to policy;*
- *harassment or discrimination in violation of Title IX;*
- *threats or abuse;*
- *indecent action.*

Note on Academic Integrity: A Level 3 Academic Integrity violation is an egregious act, or series of actions, that shows an ongoing pattern of conduct violations involving other learners or graduates, ranging from consistent, willful, and repeated plagiarism and misrepresentation, to incidents that threaten assessment integrity.

Dispositional Communications Process Timeline

The College will respond to incidents within ten (10) business days from submission to determine the appropriate corrective action(s).

If a Conduct Committee is involved, the respondent will receive written communication summoning the respondent to appear before the Committee on a specified date and time, which may be negotiated based on availability. The meeting will provide the opportunity to respond to the complaint of the alleged violation and to present information in support of the respondent's perspective.

The Committee will give the respondent at least ten (10) business days after receipt of written notice of the alleged violation to prepare for the meeting. Receipt of written notice is considered the date the electronic communication is sent. The meeting may include individuals identified by either party as having information related to the alleged misconduct. Character witnesses are not considered individuals who have information related to the allegation and will not be interviewed. The Committee will make a decision and notify the respondent within five (5) business days of the meeting regarding responsibility for the alleged violation and will disclose the determination of any consequent corrective action(s) in a Finding Letter.

Should a learner consider an appeal to a determination of corrective action to be warranted, the learner must follow the guidelines listed in the section for [Filing an Appeal](#) and file the appeal within five (5) business days of receipt of the Finding Letter. In cases where the AVP of Learner Experience makes the decision to escalate and is recused, an appointed designee will consider appeals and convene the Appeal Committee.

Corrective Actions

Corrective actions may include but are not limited to one or more of the following, and corrective actions at the various levels may utilize options from lower levels, but not higher levels:

Levels 0-1

- Dispositional Waiver: No corrective action is taken against the learner.
- Warning: A detailed written statement of violation is issued to the learner specifying further action should the violation recur.
- Learner Success Plan: Successful completion of a training course addressing ethics and appropriate learner conduct. (Failure to successfully complete this training will result in the assignment of another action.)
- Redo Assignment: The learner may receive the opportunity to reperform the required task with a potential point reduction attached.

Level 2

- Academic Failure: The learner may receive a failing grade for an assignment or course.
- Restitution: Reimbursement for damage to or misappropriation of property. This may take the form of appropriate service or other compensation.

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- Withdrawal: Withdrawal from a course.
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Appeals to Conduct Committee determinations must be made in writing within five (5) business days of notification of the outcome of the investigation. Appeals are considered by an Appeals Committee comprised of qualified individuals who were not members of the preceding Conduct Committee.

All appeals must include at least one of following to be considered:

- new evidence not previously considered;
- newly discovered investigational errors;
- identification of substantial procedural errors;
- evidence of improper bias that influenced the investigation outcomes or Committee determinations;
- consequence is excessive or unduly assigned given the severity of the incident.

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FAMILY EDUCATION RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), is a federal law that protects the privacy of learner education records. Learners have specific, protected rights pertaining to the release of such records, and FERPA requires that institutions adhere strictly to these guidelines.

Under FERPA, learners have the right to know about the purpose, content, and location of information kept as part of their educational records. They also have the right to expect that information in their educational records will be kept confidential unless they give permission to the school to disclose such information.

Educational records are defined as records that directly relate to a learner and are maintained by an educational agency or institution or by a third party acting on behalf of that institution. Such records may include written documents (including advising folders), computer media, video or audio tapes, CDs, film, photographs, or any other record that contains personally identifiable information that is directly related to the learner such as learner files, learner system databases, and learner projects.

Records not considered educational records under FERPA are private notes of individual staff or faculty (not kept in advising folders), police records, medical records, statistical data compilations that contain no personally identifiable information, and administrative records kept exclusively by the maker of the records that are not accessible or revealed to anyone else.

Directory Information

Some information in a learner's educational record is defined as directory information under FERPA. Directory information may include a learner's name, address, phone number, email address, dates of attendance, degree awarded, enrollment status, and major field of study. The College may disclose this type of information without the written consent of the learner. However, the learner may make a formal written request to restrict the release of directory information. Learners may withhold directory information by notifying the Registrar in writing within two (2) weeks after the first day of enrollment. Requests for nondisclosure of directory information will be honored by the College for one (1) year; therefore, requests must be filed annually with the Registrar.

Non-Directory Information

Non-directory information will not be released to anyone, including parents of the learner, without the prior written consent of the learner. Faculty and staff can access non-directory information only if they have a legitimate academic need to do so. Non-directory information may include social security numbers, learner identification numbers, race, ethnicity, nationality, gender, transcripts, and grade reports.

Prior Written Consent

Prior written consent is required before the College may disclose any non-directory information.

Prior written consent is not required when the disclosure is made directly to the learner or to other school officials within the same institution when there is a legitimate educational reason. A legitimate educational reason may include enrollment or transfer matters, financial aid issues, information requested by governmental or accrediting agencies, and third-party financial aid processors.

Prior written consent is not required to disclose non-directory information when the health and safety of learners are in jeopardy, when complying with a judicial order or subpoena, or where, as a result of a crime of violence, a disciplinary hearing is conducted by the College, a final decision was recorded, and the alleged victim seeks disclosure.

FERPA also affords learners certain rights to their education records. These rights include:

- the right to inspect and review learners' education records within forty-five (45) days of the date the College receives the request;
- the right to request amendments to learners' education records that the learner believes are inaccurate;
- the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in learners' education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent;
- the right to prevent disclosure of directory information;
- the right to be reminded annually about their rights under FERPA; and
- the right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by the College to comply with the requirements of FERPA.

For more information or complaints, learners may contact:

Family Policy Compliance Office

U.S. Department of Education

400 Maryland Avenue, SW

Washington, DC 20202-5901

SAFETY AND SECURITY INFORMATION

The Clery Act

The *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act* requires post-secondary institutions to provide timely warnings of crimes that represent a threat to the safety of learners or employees and to make public their security policies. It also requires that crime data be collected, reported, and disseminated to the College community. The *Clery Act* is intended to provide learners and their families with accurate, complete, and timely information about safety on instructional sites so they can make informed decisions. Such disclosures are permitted under FERPA. Because of the nature of its education delivery model, the College's Operations Support Center (OSC) and the Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) sites are exempt from the *Clery Act* reporting requirements.

The following website provides more information about these and other provisions about campus safety: <http://www.ed.gov/admins/lead/safety/campus.html>.

Emergency Response and Evacuation

Nightingale College has implemented a comprehensive Emergency Notification System to alert and inform College community members in the event of an imminent threat to health and safety (e.g., severe weather conditions, active shooter, fire, etc.).

Upon confirmation from the College Safety Committee regarding a significant emergency or dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health and safety of College community members, emergency notifications will be disseminated without delay to College community members via text message and email alerts, internal public-address system and an external siren (where applicable). The College's executive management and other authorized College personnel issue notifications via the College's Emergency Notification System. The text message system is a free subscription service for learners and staff to receive information directly to their text-enabled mobile phones in the event of an emergency or Supervised On-Ground Field Experiences (SOFE) site closure.

Emergency evacuation routes are conspicuously posted in each SOFE site. Additionally, various procedures for responding to emergencies can also be accessed on the learning management system (LMS) portal by clicking on "Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures." College officials will conduct annual tests and exercises of emergency response and evacuation procedures to ensure an orderly response to incidents necessitating such measures and to evaluate the College's emergency response and recovery capabilities. Tests will be announced in advance via email, the College's website, and other available methods.

Crime Prevention

The College publicizes crime prevention information through the College's official publications. The College urges all members of the College community to be responsible for their own safety and to assist in the prevention of crime.

Physical Plant Facilities, Security and Crime Awareness at SOFE Sites

The College does not control any physical spaces at the Supervised On-Ground Field Experiential (SOFE) sites. Therefore, the maintenance of the physical plants and security services at each of the SOFE sites are under the purview of the College's healthcare partners. The College encourages all persons to report criminal activity or any other concerns with a SOFE site to the designated academic manager and/or the appropriate law enforcement agency. The College complies with the requirements of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Title IX, and *Clergy Act* and will provide information on criminal activity to the law enforcement agency in whose jurisdiction the act occurs.

TITLE IX

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 protects people from sex discrimination in educational programs and activities, including sexual harassment at institutions that receive federal financial assistance.

An environment free from discrimination on the basis of sex and free from sexual misconduct is essential to learning. Learners and collaborators form a community of unique individuals that respects and embraces diversity and teaches learners to uphold and support people's differences. A safe learning environment also is essential to learning. Complaints and allegations of sexual misconduct are taken very seriously. Learners impacted by sexual misconduct may use provided resources for help and support.

Unlawful discrimination on the basis of sex is prohibited. Harassment is defined as sexual assault, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking. Gender-based discrimination, sexual exploitation, interpersonal violence, complicity in the commission of any act prohibited by the policy, and false reporting also are prohibited. Learners are prohibited from retaliating against a person for the good faith reporting of any of these forms of conduct or participation in any investigation or proceeding under the Title IX policy. Title IX administrators will take prompt and equitable action to eliminate prohibited conduct, prevent its recurrence, and remedy its effects. Learner Services conducts ongoing prevention, awareness, and training programs for learners and collaborators.

Learners and collaborators alike should take reasonable actions to stop an act of prohibited conduct. Community members who take such actions can expect support and assistance from designated collaborators.

Learners should use the [Title IX Handbook](#) to learn more about reporting, resources, prevention and awareness programs, and other information regarding Title IX.

Reporting Prohibited Conduct

Anyone who experiences or becomes aware of an incident of prohibited conduct should report the incident to the College immediately through one of the following reporting procedures:

- Contact the College's Title IX coordinator or deputy Title IX coordinator, via email at TitleIX@Nightingale.edu, or by phone at (801) 689-2160.
- Submit a report online. A report may be made anonymously by using the [Title IX form](#). The College will use information in anonymous reports to better understand the scope of sexual and interpersonal violence on campus and to develop and implement prevention efforts. However, if anyone is named, the report will no longer be considered anonymous, and the College will proceed accordingly.

There is no time limit for reporting prohibited conduct, and reporting an incident does not necessarily mean that an investigation will be pursued. To encourage the reporting of prohibited conduct, disciplinary action will not be pursued for disclosure of illegal personal consumption of drugs or alcohol where such disclosures are made in connection with a good faith report or investigation of prohibited conduct. After a report is made, the Title IX coordinator will consult with the reporting party to determine whether any supportive measures are necessary for their safety or well-being. These supportive measures may include changes in living arrangements, adjustments to class or work schedules, no-contact orders, rescheduling exams, or restricting access to facilities or programs.

Title IX administrators will investigate learner complaints, and a learner/collaborator who has committed a Title IX offense will be subject to the Disciplinary Action Policy. More information can be found in the Title IX Handbook located on the [College's website](#).

Violations of Criminal Law

Behavior that violates this policy also may constitute a crime under state law. For example, the State of Utah criminalizes and punishes forms of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and false reporting. This compilation of criminal statutes is not exhaustive but is offered to notify the College community that some forms of prohibited conduct may subject a person to criminal prosecution and punishment in addition to any sanctions under this policy. Sexual Assault: Unlawful Sexual Activity, Utah Code Ann. 76-5-401; Rape, Utah Code Ann. 76-5-402; Forcible Sodomy, Utah Code Ann. 76-5-403; Forcible Sexual Abuse, Utah Code Ann. 76-5-404; Aggravated Sexual Assault, Utah Code Ann. 76-5-405; Domestic Violence: Utah Code Ann. 77- 36-1; Stalking: Utah Code Ann. 76-5-106.5; Criminal Defamation: Utah Code Ann. 76-9-404.

Confidential Resources

To ensure the safety of the College community, College collaborators are required to report information they receive about prohibited conduct to the Title IX coordinator. Learners who wish to speak with someone confidentially should contact one of the resources below. None of the information shared with these resources will be provided to other individuals at the College.

Resource	Telephone Number	Notes
Rape Recovery Center	(801) 467-7282	2035 South 1300 East Salt Lake City, UT 84105
Utah Sexual Violence Crisis Line	(888) 421-1100	24-hour Crisis Line
National Sexual Assault Hotline	(800) 656-4673	24-hour Hotline
Family Justice Center (YWCA)	(801) 537-8600	24-hour Crisis Line 310 East 300 South Second Floor Salt Lake City, UT 84111
Higher Ed EAP Program	(800) 252-4555	Employee Assistance Program

Title IX and Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

Nightingale College is committed to maintaining a healthy and safe learning environment that promotes responsibility and respect in matters of sexual conduct. Since Title IX/VAWA offenses are a violation of trust and respect, they are prohibited and will not be tolerated. This policy applies to academic, educational, cocurricular, and off-campus conduct. Title IX/VAWA offenses include sexual harassment, rape and sexual assault, domestic violence, dating violence and stalking. Nightingale College will support and assist victims of sexual violence by directing them to community resources for medical care, counseling, and to local law enforcement.

GRIEVANCE POLICY

Learners are encouraged to resolve disputes informally with the relevant party with a direct conversation, email, or other form of communication. If this step is completed and the issue remains unresolved, a grievance may be filed. A grievance is a claim raised by a learner that a policy was unfairly applied.

[View Grievance Policy](#)

Filing a Grievance

Grievances are submitted via an online form found on the learning management system (LMS). Once received, a designated investigator from Nursing Education, General Education, or another function will investigate the grievance. Then, the Grievance Committee, comprised of managers from Nursing Education, General Education, and other functions, will meet and make a determination on the grievance. The grievance determination will be sent to the learner via email within ten (10) business days.

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Fall Semester: Sept 5– Dec 22, 2023

Mandatory College Readiness Online Seminar for New Learners	Aug 21 – Sept 5, 2023
College is Closed for Labor Day	Sept 4, 2023
Semester Start Date	Sept 5, 2023
New Learner Welcome Forum	Sept 5, 2023
Last day to add or drop courses by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	Sept 15, 2023
Constitution Day	Sept 17, 2023
College is Closed for Thanksgiving	Nov 23 – Nov 24, 2023
Semester ends at 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	Dec 22, 2023
Virtual Pinning and Commencement Ceremony – Fall 2023 Graduates	Jan 27, 2024

Spring Semester: Jan 8 – Apr 26, 2024

Mandatory College Readiness Online Seminar for New Learners	Dec 25, 2023 – Jan 8, 2024
Semester Start Date	Jan 8, 2024
New Learner Welcome Forum	Jan 8, 2024
College is Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Jan 15, 2024
Last day to add or drop courses by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	Jan 19, 2024
College is Closed for Presidents Day	Feb 19, 2024
Semester ends at 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	Apr 26, 2024
Virtual Pinning and Commencement Ceremony - Spring 2024 Graduates	May 25, 2024

Summer Semester: May 6 – Aug 23, 2024

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New Learner Welcome Forum	May 6, 2024
Last day to add or drop courses by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	May 17, 2024
College is Closed for Memorial Day	May 27, 2024
College is Closed for Juneteenth	June 19, 2024

College is Closed for Independence Day	July 4, 2024
In-person Graduation Celebration	Aug 30, 2024
Semester ends at 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	Aug 23, 2024
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Virtual Pinning and Commencement Ceremony– Fall 2024 Graduates	Jan 25, 2025
Spring Semester: Jan 6 – Apr 25, 2025	
Mandatory College Readiness Online Seminar for New Learners	Dec 23, 2024 – Jan 6, 2025
Semester Start Date	Jan 6, 2025
New Learner Welcome Forum	Jan 6, 2025
Last day to add or drop courses by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	Jan 17, 2025
College is Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Jan 20, 2025
College is Closed for Presidents Day	Feb 17, 2025
Semester ends at 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	Apr 25, 2025
Virtual Pinning and Commencement Ceremony - Spring 2025 Graduates	May 24, 2025
Summer Semester: May 5 – Aug 22, 2025	
Mandatory College Readiness Online Seminar for New Learners	Apr 21 – May 5, 2025
Semester Start Date	May 5, 2025
New Learner Welcome Forum	May 5, 2025
Last day to add or drop courses by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	May 16, 2025
College is Closed for Memorial Day	May 26, 2025
College is Closed for Juneteenth	June 19, 2025
College is Closed for Independence Day	July 4, 2025
In-person Graduation Celebration	TBD
Semester ends at 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	Aug 22, 2025
Virtual Pinning and Commencement Ceremony – Summer 2025 Graduates	Sept 20, 2025

Fall Semester: Sept 2 – Dec 19, 2025	
Mandatory College Readiness Online Seminar for New Learners	Aug 18 – Sept 1, 2025
College is Closed for Labor Day	Sept 1, 2025
Semester Start Date	Sept 2, 2025
New Learner Welcome Forum	Sept 2, 2025
Last day to add or drop courses by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	Sept 12, 2025
Constitution Day	Sept 17, 2025
College is closed for Thanksgiving	Nov 27 – Nov 28, 2025
Semester ends at 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	Dec 19, 2025
Virtual Pinning and Commencement Ceremony – Fall 2025 Graduates	Jan 24, 2026
Spring Semester: Jan 5 – Apr 24, 2026	
Mandatory College Readiness Online Seminar for New Learners	Dec 22, 2025 – Jan 5, 2026
Semester Start Date	Jan 5, 2026
New Learner Welcome Forum	Jan 5, 2026
Last day to add or drop courses by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	Jan 16, 2026
College is Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Jan 19, 2026
College is Closed for Presidents Day	Feb 16, 2026
Semester ends at 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	Apr 24, 2026
Virtual Pinning and Commencement Ceremony - Spring 2026 Graduates	May 23, 2026
Summer Semester: May 4 – Aug 21, 2026	
Mandatory College Readiness Online Seminar for New Learners	Apr 20 – May 4, 2026
Semester Start Date	May 4, 2026
New Learner Welcome Forum	May 4, 2026
Last day to add or drop courses by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	May 15, 2026
College is Closed for Memorial Day	May 25, 2026
College is Closed for Juneteenth	June 19, 2026
College is Closed for Independence Day	July 3, 2026
In-person Graduation Celebration	TBD
Semester ends at 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time	Aug 21, 2026
Virtual Pinning and Commencement Ceremony – Summer 2026 Graduates	Sept 19, 2026

OBSERVED PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

The College is closed in observance of the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Independence Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Labor Day
Presidents Day	Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	Day after Thanksgiving
Juneteenth	Christmas Day

The College is closed from Christmas Day to New Year's Day every year.

SOME sites may observe other state or local holidays. Contact Experiential Learning faculty for details.

Experiential learning activities may be scheduled during the observed holidays.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES

The College reserves the right to close during inclement weather or other emergencies. Notices of closures will be posted on learner bulletin boards, broadcast via the learning management system's (LMS) student portal, broadcast via local TV news channels, text message alert system, and/or emailed. The College may reschedule any didactic instruction or experiential learning cancelled because of an emergency at its discretion.

POLICIES

Academic Freedom
Attendance Policy
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Academic Testing
Grading System
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ACADEMIC FREEDOM

Academic freedom is the cornerstone of higher education. It guarantees that faculty and learners may engage in candid discussions of issues important to society, even if their views are controversial, without fear of censorship or reprisal. The College endorses the 1940 Statement of Principles and the 1940 and 1970 interpretive comments of the American Association of University Professors on academic freedom. It is the policy of the College that in the context of academic discussions and written assignments, learners may freely express their own perspectives or opinions on substantive issues. Learners may be evaluated or challenged by their instructors based on the quality of their reasoning and verbal or written skills. Faculty may not penalize or censor learners for dissenting or controversial views.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Learners are expected to attend all scheduled online and on-ground didactic and experiential learning activities, as applicable, and participate in all required graded learning activities and evaluations. Regardless of whether learners attended or missed a course session, they are responsible for meeting all learning outcomes and assignment submission deadlines. To matriculate into a course, learners must earn at least one (1) week of attendance during the add/drop period. Learners who do not earn at least one (1) week of attendance during the add/drop period will be automatically withdrawn from the course.

Learners are required to earn didactic attendance credit for a minimum of thirteen (13) academic weeks per semester and, if applicable, attend experiential learning activities, as described below, to earn academic credit in the course. The College reserves the right not to offer any accommodation to make up for absences. Therefore, learners with excessive absences may receive a failing grade and be required to pay for and repeat the course.

Distance Learning

Distance attendance learning is monitored weekly using a variety of attendance capturing methods. In alignment with the U.S. Department of Education regulations, Nightingale College recognizes the following as acceptable evidence of online academic engagement and attendance:

- Attendance in a synchronous activity (class, lecture, recitation, or field/laboratory activity) where there is opportunity for interaction between the faculty and the learner;
- Learner submission of an academic assignment;
- Learner submission of an assessment or exam;
- Learner participation in an interactive tutorial, webinar, or other interactive computer-assisted instruction;
- Learner participation in a study group, group project, or an online discussion that is assigned by the institution;

Academic engagement and attendance in an online course do **not** include:

- Logging into an online course(s) without active participation;
- Participating in academic counseling or advisement with learner support or library services;
- Communicating with faculty or any other College personnel on matters unrelated to course content or learning outcomes.

Learners are expected to engage in online learning activities for a minimum number of hours denoted in the course syllabus. Learners who do not participate in any academic activity for twelve (12) consecutive calendar days, excluding the College's official breaks and holidays, will be automatically withdrawn.

ACADEMIC TESTING

Academic testing is performed through remote proctoring. For more information, learners may refer to the course syllabus.

Goals for Standardized Exams

- Provide learners with information about their knowledge and skills in comparison to the national norm for learner achievement.
- Identify new learners entering an academic program who may benefit from additional strategies to facilitate success in learning.
- Provide remediation for any identified competency deficiencies.
- Build individualized learning plans, including faculty advising.
- Assist learners in achieving the stated learning objectives.
- Provide data for curriculum reviews and program outcomes.

Course Participation Policy

Nightingale College's academic week runs from Monday at 12:00 a.m. Mountain Time to Sunday at 11:59 p.m. Mountain Time. All assignments for the week are due within the academic week in which they are assigned, unless otherwise specified.

LATE COURSEWORK POLICY AND EXTENSIONS

Late Coursework Policy

Course Assignments, including discussions, exams, and other graded assignments, should be submitted on time. If learners are unable to complete an assignment on time, they should contact their instructor immediately via the Learning Management System (LMS) inbox and must complete an Assignment Extension Request form found in Learner Forms in the LMS.

Assignments that are submitted after the due date without approval from the instructor will receive the following deductions:

- Certain assignments such as Initial Discussion posts and replies, HESIs, mid-term exams, final exams, final projects, and/or portfolios will not be accepted without approval from the instructor
- Late assignments submitted within one (1) week after the due date will receive up to a 10% deduction.
- Assignments submitted more than one (1) week and less than two (2) weeks late will receive up to a 20% deduction.
- Assignments submitted more than two weeks late will receive a zero (0).

Assignments may be accepted after the due date and without the required late penalty deduction only under extenuating circumstances, which will be reviewed at the discretion of the instructor. In circumstances that will affect the learner's assignments in multiple courses, the learner may file an [Exception Request](#).

GRADING TABLE

A 73% (C) is required to pass a course and progress in the undergraduate academic programs. The final course grade is determined by the cumulative scores on all assigned coursework.

Failure to earn a score of 73% (C) or higher in an undergraduate course will prevent learners from progressing to the next level or graduating from the academic program and require the learners to repeat the course. Learners who fail to successfully complete a course on the third attempt will not be eligible to continue in the academic program and will be withdrawn from the College. If the course is a prerequisite for a higher-level course, the prerequisite must be completed before progressing in the academic program.

An 80% (B-) grade is required to pass a course and progress in the graduate academic programs. The final course grade is determined by the cumulative scores on all assigned coursework.

Failure to earn a score of 80% (B-) or higher in a graduate-level course will prevent learners from progressing to the next level or graduating from the academic program and require the learners to repeat the course. Learners who fail to successfully complete a course on the third

attempt will not be eligible to continue in the academic program and will be withdrawn from the College. If the course is a prerequisite for a higher-level course, the prerequisite must be completed before progressing in the academic program. Final course percentages do not necessarily reflect progression toward successfully meeting the required 3.0 cumulative GPA for program completion.

Learners who do not successfully meet course requirements will receive updated course schedules and Program Plans. All schedule changes will align with Catalog policies according to the version in effect at the time the courses are retaken.

Letter Grade	Grade Percentage	Grade Points		Letter Status	Grade Points
A	93-100%	4.0		AU	N/A
A-	90-92%	3.7			
B+	87-89%	3.3			
B	83-86%	3.0			
B-	80-82%	2.7		I, IR	N/A
C+	77-79%	2.3			
C	73-76%	2.0			
C-	70-72%	1.7			
D+	67-69%	1.3		TC	N/A
D	63-66%	1.0		W	N/A
D-	60-62%	0.7			
F	0-59%	0.0			

Note: Grading is based on rounded percentages as follows: decimals below .50 are rounded down to the full percentage point; decimals equal to or above .50 are rounded up to the full percentage point.

AU – Audit – is recorded when a learner takes a course for no academic credit. An AU status has no effect on grade point average (GPA) or rate of progress for purposes of calculating SAP.

I – Incomplete – is recorded when a learner is unable to complete the coursework by the end of an academic semester or if additional and/or extensive remediation is required after the end of an academic semester. If a learner fails to complete the required coursework by the end of the academic semester, or if additional remediation is required, and the learner reasonably believes that, with additional time, all requirements can be met, the learner may request an Incomplete status by completing an Incomplete Request Form. The decision to grant this request is at the discretion of the instructor. The course instructor also may initiate the assignment of the “I” status. Program Plans will be altered as a result of Incomplete status. If the course is a prerequisite for a higher-level course, the prerequisite must be completed before progressing in the academic program. When an Incomplete status is granted, the learner must agree in writing to the instructor’s stipulations for the make-up and/or remedial work. The Incomplete status may not extend beyond the end of the following academic semester. When all required make-up and/or remedial work is completed in a satisfactory manner and within the allowed timeframe, the instructor will request that the Incomplete status change to the letter grade earned. Failure to complete the required work within the allowed timeframe will result in a failure of the course and the Incomplete status will be changed to an “F” grade.

IR – Incomplete, Remediation – is only applicable for rescheduling of Experiential Learning makeups* and nursing courses with HESI exams. An IR is automatically recorded when the HESI exam score is between 800 and 849 (see the [Lower-Division Nursing Core Courses with HESI Requirement](#) section of this Catalog). The make-up/remedial work will not change the originally earned grade. The “IR” status cannot extend beyond the add/drop period of the following academic semester. When all required work is completed in a satisfactory manner and within the allowed timeframe, the instructor will request that the “IR” status change to the letter grade earned. Failure to complete the required work within the allowed timeframe will result in a failure of the course and the “IR” status will be changed to an “F” grade and the learner will be required to pay for and repeat the course.

**Note: As of Fall Semester 2024, the IR grade no longer will be issued for the purposes of HESI remediation.*

R – Repeat – replaces the grade in the previous attempts when a course is repeated. The new grade is used in GPA calculation. All attempts count toward the maximum time frame (150%) for program completion.

TC – Transfer Credit – is recorded when the requested transfer credits have been approved. To receive credit, an official transcript must be requested by the learner directly from the institution attended. Specific grades for courses transferred from another institution are not recorded. For more information see [Transfer of Credit](#) section of this Catalog.

W – Withdrawal – is recorded when a learner officially withdraws from a course after the end of the add/drop period but before the beginning of Week Nine in any academic semester. Withdrawals have no effect on GPA; however, course credits will be considered as attempted but not completed for calculating the maximum time frame and course completion rate portions of SAP. If a learner withdraws from a course in or after Week Nine of any academic semester, an “F” grade will be recorded in the course.

WF – Withdrawal/Fail – is recorded when learners are placed on disciplinary suspension during an academic semester in progress. The “WF” grade will affect the learner's GPA and SAP in the same manner as an “F” grade.

X – Cancel – is recorded when a new learner cancels their enrollment during the add/drop period. The “X” status has no effect on GPA or rate of progress for purposes of calculating SAP.

NURSING CORE COURSES WITH HESI REQUIREMENT

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

A score of 900 on all lower-division nursing core HESI exams is the minimum acceptable score for uninterrupted program progression without mandatory remediation.

First Attempt:

Learners are granted one (1) attempt for an initial HESI exam and one (1) additional attempt if they are unable to achieve a score of 850 or higher on the first attempt.

Learners who score 850-899 on the first attempt may progress to the next course without a second attempt. However, the required remediation, generated in the HESI portal, must be completed before the end of the semester in which the HESI was attempted. Failure to complete remediation will result in an Incomplete Remediation (IR) grade. If a learner receives an IR grade for incomplete remediation and fails to complete the required remediation before the end of the add/drop period of the subsequent semester, the “IR” grade will be changed to an “F”, and the course must be repeated.

If learners achieve a score of 849 or lower on the first attempt of a HESI exam, they must complete the required remediation generated in the HESI portal and take the second attempt of the exam. It is the learner's responsibility to access and complete remediation activities before accessing and taking the second attempt. Learners who score at or lower than 849 on the first attempt and fail to take the second attempt will fail the course.

Second Attempt:

Learners who score between 800-899 on their second attempt will be required to complete the required remediation, generated by the HESI portal, to progress to the next course. If the required remediation is not completed before the end of the semester, the learner will be assigned a grade of “IR”. If the learner fails to complete the required remediation before the end of the add/drop period of the subsequent semester, the “IR” grade will be changed to an “F” and the course must be repeated.

A learner must achieve a minimum score of 800 on either of the two HESI attempts to progress in the program, provided the learner has completed the required number of HESI attempts and the required remediation.

A learner with a score below 800 on both attempts will be required to repeat the course. Learners with their highest score between 800-849 on either attempt must complete HESI coaching in the subsequent semester.

Exam Scheduling:

Learners must comply with all exam scheduling rules stated below. Additional exam scheduling rules and criteria apply and will be presented within your course. Failure to comply with any of the rules indicated below may result in forfeiture of the exam attempt.

- It is the learner's responsibility to schedule the correct exam for their course.
- A valid United States government identification (ID) is required for testing. If learners do not have a government ID, it is strongly recommended that they begin the process of obtaining one at least a month prior to their exams.
- Exams must be scheduled using the learner's College (nightingale.edu) email address.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Educational Philosophy
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EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY

In congruence with its organizational mission, vision, and pathway, Nightingale College employs several philosophies designed to provide a foundation for delivering high-quality education in various areas of academic inquiry. The College's educational philosophy for the development of healthcare professionals is aligned under the guiding principles of confidence, competence, and compassion. Each of the guiding principles informs how the College designs programs and courses, facilitates learner engagement, and interacts with stakeholders, partners, and the communities it serves.

Confidence

- Incorporating evidence-based practice through scientific research findings and application in health interventions to provide safe and effective client-centered care.
- Recognizing that clinical decision making is not a single event but simultaneous processes that include multiple stakeholders.

Competence

- Exhibiting social justice, caring, advocacy, protection from harm, respect for self and others.
- Incorporating collaboration and ethical behavior into nursing practice by observing, interpreting, responding to and reflecting on ethical dilemmas, sound principles, and frameworks as a guide.

Compassion

- Establishing relationships based on empathy, caring, mutual trust and respect.
- Developing and implementing care that reflects the age, attitudes, belief system, core values, and client preferences.
- Demonstrating professional advocacy to ensure healthcare needs are met.

The College's educational philosophy is supported by additional philosophies in General Education, Nursing Education, and Faculty Role.

FACULTY ROLE PHILOSOPHY

Within this larger philosophical framework, faculty serve as facilitators to the learners in acquiring the requisite knowledge, skills, and abilities outlined in the course and program outcomes. Through regular and substantive interaction, faculty assess learner competence in the course and work to mentor and support learners in deepening their understanding of the content and engaging with the concepts that form the core of topic knowledge. While the learning is largely asynchronous, faculty work to create an environment for learning that values contribution, feedback, clarity of expectations, and consistency in applying the standards to individuals. Faculty are present in support of learner efforts to transform their individual thinking and motivation to be a force for change within society. Faculty role responsibilities include:

- Assisting learners in becoming more aware of their learning process and their ability to discern what, why and how they are learning; including the various means by which it relates to prior and future knowledge.
- Working with learners to understand what resources are available to assist their learning process.
- Having a deeper understanding of how education can alter an individual's ability to motivate change in society.
- Allowing learners to practice and improve their skills, modes of inquiry, and reasoning through:
 - Application of acquired knowledge and skills that form the core of the course and the area of study it represents.
 - Opportunities to think critically, use analysis, deduction, inference, and other analytical and metacognitive strategies to complete course requirements.
 - Communicating appropriately to the course content to discuss issues and matters related to the concepts.
 - Ensuring viewpoints and perspectives are valued and included in the conversations in reinforcing diversity and respect for individual humanity.

GENERAL EDUCATION

General Education Philosophy

General Education Programmatic Outcomes

GENERAL EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

General Education (GE) courses provide broad foundational knowledge to contextualize learning and ensure focused practice of transferable skills requisite to a lifetime of learning. Assuming little to no prior knowledge, each course focuses on foundational skill development beginning with simple concepts and elevating to more advanced knowledge construction through the courses. This process is designed to assist learners in reaching a complexity of deep learning to allow integration of new knowledge and application of skills

in novel scenarios. Supporting learners' transition into college-level academics to encourage engaged and motivated learners, the GE courses have the following characteristics:

- Courses assume little to no prior learner knowledge in course content, except in the case of courses with prerequisite requirements.
- Courses begin with simple and/or informal assignments and elevate to more complex and/or challenging work, providing scenarios to master skills and extend the learning.
- Regular and substantive evaluation of learner work, thinking, and discussions assists and motivates learners toward deepening their reasoning and ensuring academic success.
- Models or rubrics, which define and make academic expectations transparent to learners, allow learners to evaluate their performance against the standard and achieve at a desired level.
- Varied teaching and assessment strategies are interlaced throughout the semester to provide different types of engagement with the course content, which allows for individualized pathways to achieve the stated learning outcomes.
- Course structures promote learners' engagement with each other whenever possible through group discussions, study groups, peer comments, supplemental instruction, and other activities as appropriate to widen the learner's understanding and support the wider community of learning.
- Technology-based solutions and supplemental tools for concept exploration are provided to support engaged learning and permit the learner to pursue a topic or skill in greater depth beyond the classroom.

Learners' commitment to academic integrity and understanding of consequences for misconduct on community obligations, trust, and learning are continually reinforced.

GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMMATIC OUTCOMES

The College has developed General Education (GE) curriculum to assist every learner enrolled in undergraduate academic programs with achieving competency in each of the following eight (8) programmatic outcomes:

1. Written and Verbal Communication: Graduates will be able to choose effective language and a communication medium for a given scenario.
2. Evidence-Based Practice: Graduates will be able to assess and predict current best practices and an effective course of action given a thorough evaluation of the available evidence.
3. Intentional Learning and Reflection: Graduates will be able to evaluate their thinking and determine best practices within a quality improvement framework.
4. Decision Making and Judgment: Graduates will be able to reframe their thinking and discriminate effective from ineffective practices in a given scenario.
5. Teamwork and Collaboration: Graduates will be able to collaborate with internal and external teams effectively within a given scenario.
6. Quantitative Reasoning Skills: Graduates will be able to make accurate, evidence-based conclusions in a given scenario.
7. Human Ideals and Ethics: Graduates will be able to select an appropriate course of action given the complexities of a group in a given scenario.
8. Diversity and Engagement: Graduates will be able to facilitate a group of individuals and support the group's development of effective initiatives in a given scenario.

For each of the programmatic outcomes (GE-POs), the performance benchmark is 70% competency.

NURSING EDUCATION SERVICES

Nursing Education Philosophy
General Policies
Learning Modalities Definitions in Post-Licensure and Graduate Nursing Programs

NURSING EDUCATION PHILOSOPHY

Nursing is a professional discipline that espouses confidence, competence, and compassion at its core and is derived from nursing science. It contributes to society by promoting and improving health outcomes for individuals and families in local, regional, and global communities without regard to status or class. Nursing is guided by ethical principles. It is committed to social justice and to eliminating health disparities. These core values and beliefs guide the nursing education programs and are congruent with the College's vision, mission, and pathway and the nursing core competencies of client-centered care, intentional learning with reflection, evidence-based practice, decision making and clinical reasoning, organizational, local and global leadership, communication and informatics, quality and safety assurance, and teamwork and collaboration.

The nursing programs follow in Florence Nightingale's footsteps, embracing her beliefs that advocacy, leadership, and caring are central to the profession of nursing and are, therefore, core to nursing education. Nursing education at the College is based on the art and science of the profession, allowing the learners to progress along the novice-to-expert continuum, while developing the foundational knowledge and skills and elevating their clinical reasoning.

Through distance learning, formal education is no longer bound to a traditional classroom environment. Each learner brings unique talents and experiences that provide a rich milieu for the exchange of ideas and knowledge development.

GENERAL POLICIES

HIPAA Requirements for Learners

All institutions in healthcare must comply with the federal regulations of The Administration Simplification Subtitle of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA). This Act requires that individually identifiable patient information may not be disclosed without the patient's consent or knowledge. Since healthcare institutions are mandated to follow HIPAA regulations, learners are required to abide by HIPAA while participating in a clinical setting. Care must be taken to minimize incidental disclosures of personally identifying information unless the information is being used for treatment purposes. For example, if someone must administer a medication, they will have full access to the patient's medical record because the use of the information is for treatment. This is covered by the patient's consent for treatment. To protect patient/client privacy, learners must remove all personally identifying information from assignments, such as care plans and case studies. Information to be removed includes the individual's name, initials, address, phone number, email address, fax number, and social security number. Written documents containing private health information must be either carefully stored or shredded to prevent the circulation of confidential patient information. Improper circulation of confidential patient information may include oral communications and electronic data, images, or photographs, which extend beyond the need-to-know for treatment and/or educational purposes.

HIPAA is a federal law. Penalties for wrongful disclosure range from fines to imprisonment.

Potential Exposure

All learners who could be exposed to blood or other potentially infectious materials in a clinical setting are covered under the Potential Exposure policy.

Post-Exposure Evaluation and Follow-Up

Should an exposure incident occur, the learner should immediately notify the clinical faculty member or preceptor who is responsible for the learning experience in which the learner is engaged. Prompt reporting of all exposures is crucial to ensuring that timely medical evaluation and treatment, if applicable, are initiated. Both faculty and learners are expected to follow all applicable policies, protocols, and guidelines for exposure reporting. Medical clearance may be requested by the College or its partners in the case of exposure to infectious diseases (e.g. COVID-19) to ensure learner, faculty, patient, and community safety. In the event of a life-threatening injury, learners should call 911.

PRELICENSURE NURSING PROGRAMS INFORMATION AND POLICIES

Prelicensure Nursing Programs Administration, Faculty, and Staff

The College employs faculty, who facilitate learning via various distance and on-ground education delivery methodologies, and staff, who provide learner support.

See the *Officers, Management, Faculty, and Staff* section of the College website for comprehensive lists of administration, faculty, and staff.

Acceptance Notification and Matriculation Requirements

The Registrar or designee evaluates all complete applications and offers written acceptance to qualified applicants. Learners are considered conditionally accepted and/or enrolled until all matriculation requirements are met.

Upon receiving the letter of acceptance, the applicant must complete the following matriculation requirements within the deadlines set by Admissions. Instructions for completing these requirements will be included in the acceptance letter:

1. If they are requesting transfer of credit, applicants must submit official college and/or military transcripts for the previous coursework to: The Registrar, Nightingale College, 95 South State Street, Suite 400, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. Any non-U.S. documents must be translated into English (if applicable) and evaluated by a certified academic credentials evaluation service. For additional information, see the Registrar.
2. Complete the Learner Funding process and submit all required documentation.
3. Sign the College Enrollment Agreement (prior to enrollment).

To matriculate into any academic program, all new learners must complete the mandatory two (2) week College Readiness Orientation Seminar (CROS). Failure to complete the CROS will result in the rescindment of the academic program acceptance and enrollment. The scheduled dates for the mandatory College Readiness Online Seminar are published in the [Academic Calendar](#) section of the College Catalog.

To matriculate into the prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program, all advanced placement LPN/LVN learners as well as learners requesting transfer of pharmacology academic credit must successfully complete Nightingale College's Medical Dosage Calculation (MDC) self-paced, non-facilitated online course, and score 100% on all MDC quizzes by the deadline set by Admissions.

as part of the enrollment process. Learners are limited to three (3) attempts to pass each of the quizzes. The MDC course is available to all Advanced Placement prospective learners by requesting access from the Admissions Advisor. Learners who fail to pass all MDC course quizzes must enroll in the corresponding pharmacology course, and their enrollment into lower-division nursing core courses with experiential learning components will be postponed until successful completion of the pharmacology course.

Learner Credentialing

Learner credentialing at Nightingale College consists of maintaining compliance with background checks, drug screening, immunizations, trainings, and other requirements specified by the College and DFC and IP sites assigned to the learner, to participate in Supervised On-Ground Field Experiences (SOFE). The College's credential requirements are posted within the third-party vendor's secure online portal. Learners are expected to maintain compliance with the third-party vendor throughout enrollment in the academic program and are responsible for all fees associated with the credentialing requirements.

To be eligible for continued enrollment in the program and matriculation through nursing courses, learners must complete all credentialing requirements as listed in the College Catalog or found within the third-party portal no later than forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the first day of the semester. In rare circumstances, a learner may request to add a course with a SOFE component upon completion of the credentialing requirements after the deadline but prior to the start of the semester; however, enrollment in the course is not guaranteed. Learners must maintain compliance with credentialing requirements while enrolled in any course that contains an on-ground component.

Credentialing requirements include, but are not limited to, the following items:

1. Provide the required immunization and medical screening records (see below). Instructions for these items will be provided with the enrollment acceptance letter and must be submitted to the College's third-party vendor. Learners are responsible for creating an account with the third-party vendor for submission of credentialing documents and for maintaining communication with the vendor to ensure continued compliance. Learners also are responsible for initiating the background check and drug screen processes through the third-party vendor. The College's staff are unable to assist learners with completing this process.
2. Provide a current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (CPR and AED) certification. Certification must be at the healthcare provider level (BLS) and must include an in-person component. Online-only certifications will not be accepted.
3. Pay for, complete, and pass a criminal background check within 120, but no later than 45, days prior to the first day of the academic semester which includes the learner's first course with the Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) components. Only background checks initiated by the third-party vendor are valid. *Note: Certain SOFE sites may require additional background checks. Learners' ability to be placed for a Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) may be impacted if their background check is flagged for findings within their report.*
4. Pay for, complete, and pass a 10-panel drug screening within 120, but no later than 45, days prior to the first day of the academic semester which includes the learner's first course with the Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) components. *Note: Certain SOFE sites may require additional drug screenings. Learners' ability to be placed for a Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) may be impacted if their drug screening is flagged for findings within their report.*

Note: Enrolled learners will be classified as non-matriculated until all matriculation requirements are met. Failure to meet the requirements by the specified deadlines may result in the rescindment of the program acceptance and/or withdrawal from the College with the learner being responsible for payment of any earned tuition and fees.

To ensure compliance, learners are expected to check compliance regularly throughout their enrollment in the program with the third-party vendor. After the start of a semester, learners may be required to update or complete additional credentialing requirements. Depending on the assigned SOFE site requirements, these may include fingerprints, immunizations, screening processes, or other documentation. Schedule Support will send instructions for the completion of these requirements to learners via email correspondence.

Outcomes for failure to complete SOFE site credentialing requirements differ between Direct Focused Client Care (DFCs) or Integrated Practicum (IPs) as described below.

Outcomes for Failure to Meet DFC Credentialing Requirements:

A learner scheduled at a DFC site with unique credentialing requirements must complete all requirements by the deadline(s) noted in email correspondence. Failure to complete credential requirements by the specified deadline may result in an absence for the scheduled DFC or a withdrawal from the course. The absence is subject to the [EL-DFC Absences During the Semester](#) policy.

Outcomes for Failure to Meet IP Credentialing Requirements:

Learners who fall out of compliance are required to stop attending any IP activity until compliance is regained. Failure to complete credential compliance by the end of the semester will result in a grade of Incomplete for the course. Continued failure to resolve the compliance issues resulting in the Incomplete grade will result in a failing grade as stated in the policy for Incomplete grades in the [Grades](#) section of the Catalog.

Required Immunizations

- **Tuberculosis (TB) skin test** –Learners must complete an initial two-step PPD skin test within six (6) months of the first day of the academic semester which includes the learner's first course with the Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) components. After the initial two-step PPD skin test with negative results, yearly one-step PPD skin tests are required.
A two – step PPD is completed by having the first PPD skin test placed, then having that result read within 48 – 72 hours from the placement date and time. THEN, the learner will have their second PPD skin test placed 7-18 days from the date in which the first PPD skin test was "read." The result of the second PPD must be read within 48-72 hours of the placement date and time of the second PPD skin test.

If the learner has a positive result, history of a prior positive result or received a BCG vaccination in the past, a proof of a negative chest X-ray, performed within the last six (6) months, and a clearance letter on official letterhead or form from a physician stating that the learner has had no signs of symptoms of TB within the last year; are required. Chest X-Rays performed for a positive PPD test will be honored for five (5) years from read date. Lastly, if the learner's provider denies the request for a chest X-ray, the learner is permitted to receive a yearly QuantiFERON with documentation of negative result along with a written request from the provider.

- **Varicella** – Proof of immunity (serologic titer), or prior vaccination with two (2) doses of varicella vaccine, given at least four (4) weeks apart, is required. The titer must show a numerical value within the immunity range. Learners who do not develop immunity to varicella following two immunization series (confirmed with documentation of both series and two negative serologic titers), must provide a letter of explanation (verification of non-immunity) from their medical provider to continue enrollment in the prelicensure program.
- **Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)** – Documentation of vaccination with two (2) doses of MMR given at least four (4) weeks apart or proof of immunity (serologic titer), is required. The titer must show a numerical value within the immunity range. Learners who do not develop immunity to measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) following two immunization series (confirmed with documentation of both series and two negative serologic titers), must provide a letter of explanation (verification of non-immunity) from their medical provider to continue enrollment in the prelicensure program.
- **Influenza** – Annual seasonal influenza (flu) vaccinations are required. Documentation must specify the current season to be accepted.
- **COVID-19** – Proof of full immunization, including boosters after the recommended intervals, is required to attend any Supervised On-ground Field Experiences (SOFE).
- **Hepatitis B** – Completed two- or three-dose immunization series *and* proof of immunity (serologic titer) are required. If beginning the HepB series, the learner must have evidence of the first dose 45 days before the academic semester which includes the learner's first course with the Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) components and complete the series and proof of immunity (serologic titer) by the end of the second academic semester which includes courses with the Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) components. The titer must show a numerical value within the immunity range. *Learners must remain on schedule with dosing to attend Supervised On-ground Field Experiences (SOFE).* Learners who do not develop immunity to Hepatitis B following two immunization series (confirmed with documentation of both series and two negative serologic titers), must provide a letter of explanation (verification of non-immunity) from their medical provider to continue enrollment in the prelicensure program.
- **Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap)** – Proof of completed childhood 3-dose immunization series, if available, and a Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) booster within the last ten (10) years are required; this must be renewed every 10 years. Some Supervised On-ground Field Experiences (SOFE) sites may require titers as

Note: In the interest of public safety, immunization exemptions only will be granted to learners who provide a statement of medical necessity from their medical provider. Failure to comply with the above requirements may jeopardize learners' ability to attend Supervised On-ground Field Experiences (SOFE) and prevent continued enrollment in the Program. Additionally, some SOFE sites may not allow learners with immunization exemptions to attend SOFEs, which may delay these learners' progress in the academic program.

Health Insurance

In compliance with the College's clinical partners' requirements, evidence of health insurance must be provided for all prelicensure learners. Learners without health insurance may be denied access to clinical facilities and therefore may be unable to complete prelicensure nursing programs. The learner assumes all financial responsibility associated with their healthcare.

Learning Modalities Definitions in Prelicensure Nursing Programs

Grounded in the findings of the 2009 Carnegie Foundation National Study of Nursing Education, the design of the College's prelicensure nursing programs targets the development of the three (3) high-end apprenticeships: cognitive, practical, and ethical. The College's prelicensure nursing programs' curricula design provides for the lockstep scheduling of didactic, intervention skills, and virtual experiential learning activities, while allowing the on-ground components to be delivered at any point during a given course. Each of the College's prelicensure nursing programs' learning modalities is described below.

Online Didactic Learning

Didactic learning occurs online, is concept-based, and develops the cognitive apprenticeship, or the theoretical knowledge base required for practice.

- **Concept-Based Theory (CBT):** Conceptual learning is an educational method that centers on big-picture ideas and learning how to organize and categorize information. Unlike traditional learning models which concentrate on the ability to recall specific facts with rote memorization, conceptual learning focuses on understanding of broader principles or ideas (concepts) that can be applied to a variety of specific situations. Conceptual learning engages learners in thinking critically about new subjects and situations, developing sound reasoning abilities by comparing new situations to previous encounters.

- **Intervention Skill-Based Preparation (ISBP):** Conceptual learning that focuses on preparing the learner for participation in intervention skill-based learning.
- **Virtual Case-Based Preparation (VCBP):** Conceptual learning that focuses on preparing the learner for participation in case-based experiential learning.

Remote Learning

- **Intervention Skill-Based (ISB):** Builds proficiency in the “know-how” and “know-why” of competent clinical practice, while developing the practical apprenticeship. These experiences are conducted asynchronously in a remote environment through video conferencing technologies and course-specific skills kits, which promote the acquisition of psychomotor, communication, teaching, advocacy, coaching, and interpersonal skills.

Experiential Learning

Experiential learning (EL) involves the application of previously studied theories and skills and is targeted toward the development of sound clinical reasoning and strong ethical comportment, the third high-end apprenticeship. EL occurs in both simulated and live clinical environments, at an approximately 50/50 ratio, and is divided between online experiential learning and on-ground supervised field experiences.

Virtual Experiential Learning

Virtual Case-Based Client Care (VCBC): Provides learners with an authentic experience for the application of previously studied theories and skills to clinical reasoning in a virtual, simulated clinical environment under the supervision of faculty. Each care experience is assigned a focus that invites the learner to apply skills and clinical reasoning to client care. Learners learn to establish and nurture the clinician-client relationship and integrate the ethics of caring for individuals while developing sound clinical reasoning.

Applied Field Experience Learning

- **Applied Field Experience (AFE):** Applied field experience activities include community- or practice-based application of previously acquired knowledge and skills and require submission of written assignments based on this application.

Supervised On-Ground Field Experiences

- **Direct Focused Client Care (DFC):** Provides learners with an authentic experience for the application of previously studied theories and skills to clinical reasoning in a live, on-ground clinical environment and healthcare facility under supervision of faculty. Each care experience is assigned a focus that invites the learner to apply skills and clinical reasoning to client care. Learners learn to establish and nurture the clinician-client relationship and integrate the ethics of caring for individuals, while developing sound clinical reasoning.
- **Integrative Practicum (IP):** With faculty oversight, provides opportunity for the learner to apply all elements of prior learning in authentic clinical practice situations while beginning the transition into practice. Rather than being assigned to a client, the learner works directly with a practicing clinician to provide client care. The learner integrates knowledge, clinical reasoning, and program competencies while providing client care and assimilating into the practitioner role in an organizational environment.

Experiential Learning (EL) Schedules

The College creates Experiential Learning (EL) schedules in partnership with healthcare agencies and, therefore, does not have full control over the schedules, which are subject to multiple externalities. The College cannot guarantee the times, days, particular faculty, placement in a specific EL site, or geographic area for Direct Focused Client Care (DFCs) or integrative practicum (IP). Experiential learning may be scheduled during nights and weekends.

Regardless of their residence, learners may be required to travel to an assigned SOFE site(s) located anywhere in the United States, during any semester in which the learner is enrolled in a nursing course with a SOFE component. Travel may be scheduled at any time during the semester. Learners assigned to travel for their IP assignment will receive notification of their IP schedules two (2) to four (4) weeks prior to the tentative start date when site confirmation permits. Notification is based on site confirmation of schedule availability, requirements, and learner capacity. Learners may enroll in only one (1) prelicensure nursing course with experiential learning components during any academic semester. Based on the requirements for the course in which they are enrolled, learners who must travel to their assigned site may be required to spend between four (4) to twenty-five (25) days in the assigned region. Placements may include breaks between scheduled on-ground days. Learners who are not traveling for their DFC SOFE assignments may be required to spend one to two (1-2) days per week for up to eight (8) weeks at their assigned site. Learners who are not traveling for their IP SOFE assignments may be required to spend two to four (2-4) days per week for up to eight (8) weeks at their assigned site.

Learners are responsible to pay for transportation and lodging expenses associated with SOFE travel. However, the College will pay learners' SOFE-related regular travel expenses if the following conditions are met:

- The learner matriculated into a prelicensure nursing program prior to Spring Semester 2023;
- The learner both resides within and was originally assigned to a specific SOFE area;
- The expenses were incurred during regular SOFE travel and were not incurred from a make-up session that was scheduled due to the learner's absence from the previously scheduled SOFE session.

Learners may use the College's contracted third-party travel vendor to make travel arrangements. Learners are encouraged to obtain traveler's insurance to assist learners if an unforeseen event were to occur. Detailed information regarding the service will be provided during the semester in which travel is scheduled. Learners may not include travel costs on their learner account ledgers nor have these costs financed through the College. Specific SOFE area assignments are not guaranteed, and learners may be assigned anywhere within the United States.

Typically, no experiential learning activities are scheduled during the first week of an academic semester; however, facility-specific orientations and make-up experiential learning activities may be scheduled. Schedule Support will begin to distribute DFC schedules to learners during the third week of the academic semester. Learners assigned to travel for their DFC assignment will receive notification approximately one (1) month prior to the first day of the assigned DFC as site confirmation permits. Learners who are not traveling for their DFC assignment will receive notification approximately ten (10) days prior to the first day of the assigned DFC as site confirmation permits. For information about notification for rescheduled DFCs, see [EL-DFC Absences During the Semester](#).

Pre-Semester Scheduling Variance Form

The Pre-Semester Scheduling Variance Form is intended to allow learners to request a variance from their DFC scheduling for pre-planned events. The form allows a learner to request a maximum of five (5) cumulative days of variance, either consecutively or intermittently. Schedulers will give consideration to learners who submit pre-semester scheduling variances in blocking out these dates when scheduling DFCs; however, a learner's pre-semester request may be approved or denied based on site and schedule availability. This form must be submitted at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the start of the semester.

The form allows a learner to request a maximum of five (5) cumulative days of variance, either consecutively or intermittently. If the learner will be absent for more than five (5) cumulative days in a semester, the learner must reach out to Schedule Support to discuss further options. Any approved schedule variances only apply to DFC scheduling.

EL-DFC Absences During the Semester:

Learners are allowed one (1) absence from DFCs for each course that has an EL-DFC component.

Learners who miss two (2) or more DFCs during the semester must withdraw from the course and re-enroll the following semester if space is available in the course. Learners who only are enrolled in one course for a particular semester and are withdrawn for EL absences may be eligible for Short-Term Re-Entry. Please contact Registration Management for assistance. Formal approval is required to exercise this option.

Learners who miss a DFC activity must complete a scheduled make-up session to pass the course. Learners who complete the required make-up sessions do not reduce their total number of DFC absences recorded for the course. Even when one DFC absence has been made up, a second absence results in being withdrawn from the course. If the second absence is caused by an emergency or catastrophic event, learners can file an [Exception Request](#).

Learners who miss one DFC will receive communication from Schedule Support detailing next steps in the rescheduling process. The missed DFC must be made up by the end of the current semester; otherwise, the learner cannot progress to the next DFC course. However, in rare circumstances when rescheduling a DFC prior to the end of an academic semester is not feasible, learners may receive an 'IR' (Incomplete Remediation) in the course and may fulfill the remainder of the DFC by the end of the add/drop period of the following semester without disruption of progression in the academic program. Learners will be notified of the rescheduled DFC no later than two (2) days prior to the make-up date.

Please note: Make-up EL-DFCs are not guaranteed and could delay progress in the academic program or graduation.

Learners are required to arrive to pre-conference fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the DFC. Tardiness of more than fifteen (15) minutes or leaving more than fifteen (15) minutes early from any experiential learning activity (ELA) will be marked as an absence. To receive credit for attendance for any virtual ELA or webinar, learners must be present on time, professionally dressed in accordance with the Nightingale College Dress Code policy, with their cameras on at all times unless provided permission from their faculty.

EL-VCBC Absences During the Semester:

Learners are allowed a total of two (2) VCBC absences per course that has a VCBC component. Learners with three (3) or more EL-VCBCs absences during the semester will be withdrawn from the course and reenrolled the following semester if space is available in the course. Learners who only are enrolled in one course for a particular semester and are withdrawn for EL absences may be eligible for Short-Term Re-Entry. Please contact Registration Management for assistance. Formal approval is required to exercise this option.

Learners who miss a VCBC must complete a VCBC make-up for each absence to pass the course. Learners who complete the required make-up sessions do not reduce their total number of VCBC absences recorded for the course. Even when two VCBC absences have been made up, a third absence results in being withdrawn from the course. If the third absence is caused by an emergency or catastrophic event, learners can file an Exception Request.

Learners will receive a schedule for their make-up VCBC sessions from their VCBC faculty and will be responsible for completing the make-up session that they are scheduled for prior to the end of the semester. The missed VCBC must be made up by the end of the current semester; otherwise, the learner cannot progress to the next VCBC course. However, in rare circumstances when rescheduling VCBCs prior to the end of an academic semester is not feasible, learners may receive an 'IR' (Incomplete Remediation) in the course and may fulfill the remainder of the VCBCs by the end of the add/drop period of the following semester without disruption of progression in the academic program.

Please note: Make-up EL-VCBCs are not guaranteed and could delay progress in the academic program or graduation.

Direct Focused Client Care and Integrative Practicum Experiential Learning (Preceptorships)

Direct focused client care and integrative practicum experiential learning are integral to successful completion of a prelicensure academic program. These experiences allow the learner to observe and apply essential nursing knowledge and skills as well as develop sound clinical reasoning. Specific learning objectives and outcomes dictate which types of experiential learning sites are selected for direct focused client care experiential learning. Every direct focused client care experiential learning session in a prelicensure program is concept-based and expects specific learning outcomes. Learners must successfully complete the direct focused client care and/or integrative practicum experiential learning to receive a passing grade in each course with these learning components. Learners do not receive any compensation for direct focused client care or integrative practicum experiential learning and are not allowed to accept tips or gifts.

The College contracts with multiple healthcare agencies to provide opportunities for on-ground direct focused client care and integrative practicum experiential learning. Based on site and/or preceptor availability, some on-ground experiential learning schedules may extend outside the academic semester. The agencies may be located at short or long distances from a learner's residence. Based on the requirements for the course in which they are enrolled, learners who must travel to their assigned site may be required to spend between four (4) to twenty-five (25) days in the assigned region. Placements may include breaks between scheduled on-ground days. Schedule Support will begin to distribute integrative practicum (IP) schedules to learners beginning the fourth week of the academic semester.

Learners are responsible for providing reliable transportation to attend the required on-ground direct focused client care and integrative practicum experiential learning sessions. Depending on the agency's location, learners may need accommodation at a hotel near the assigned direct focused client care experiential learning site. Any travel completed up to 100 miles in each direction is considered local travel and is not eligible for reimbursement of travel funds under the [Experiential Learning Schedule \(EL\) policy](#). Learners are responsible for all expenses associated with transportation, lodging, and meals in conjunction with on-ground direct focused client care and integrative practicum experiential learning.

Certain direct focused client care and integrative practicum experiential learning sites may require drug screenings, immunizations, and/or background checks in addition to previously submitted credentials. Learners are responsible for paying for and completing the additional requirements prior to participating in experiential learning at these sites.

Note: The integrative practicum (preceptorship) must be completed by the end of the semester to pass the course. Learners will be assigned one integrative practicum in the last semester of their program. An integrative practicum may not be rescheduled during the same semester as the originally assigned integrative practicum. Learners who cannot attend their integrative practicum may be required to complete the practicum the following semester. However, in rare circumstances, when scheduling the integrative practicum prior to the end of an academic semester is not feasible, learners may receive an I (Incomplete) in the course and may fulfill the remainder of the integrative practicum requirement by the end of the following semester.

Preparation for Licensure

- A variety of NCLEX-RN® preparatory activities will be delivered in stages throughout the entire prelicensure academic program.
- Prior to graduation, all learners must successfully complete the prescribed NCLEX-RN® review course.
- All learners must engage with the NCLEX Success Coach, provided by the College at no additional cost, prior to applying for licensure and testing.

The Standardized RN Exit Exam is a predictor of success on the NCLEX-RN® exam and will assist learners in preparation for RN licensure examination.

Licensing Exam Reimbursement Policy

Evidence suggests learners who take the licensing exam as promptly as possible after graduation increase their chances of success. To encourage a timely application and successful outcome of the licensing examination, graduates will be reimbursed for the cost of licensing exam registration when they meet the criteria noted in this policy.

Requirements for Reimbursement

1. The graduate must pass the licensing exam, on the first or second attempt, within the following time frames to receive a refund for the cost of registration for the licensing exam, up to 100% paid for the passing attempt as described below.
 - Within 90 days from academic transcript clearance date: 100% refund
 - Within 120 days from academic transcript clearance date: 75% refund
 - Within 150 days from academic transcript clearance date: 50% refund
2. Academic transcript clearance is the date when Nursing Education Services clears a learner for graduation. Any holds placed by Learner Funding or Bursar will not change or extend the Academic Clearance date. If a learner is engaged in NCLEX Coaching, that date will start when the NCLEX Coach clears the learner, which will be the Academic Clearance date.
3. The graduate must be cleared by NCLEX Success to qualify.
4. The graduate must report their test date to nclexcoaching@nightingale.edu via their Nightingale College email.

Needs-Based Advance

1. The graduate must meet financial eligibility criteria as determined by Bursar and Learner Funding.

2. The graduate must be cleared for graduation and cleared by NCLEX Coaching to qualify.
3. The graduate must apply for the needs-based advance by emailing a request to nclexcoaching@nightingale.edu via their Nightingale College email.
4. Once approval has been granted, the graduate will meet with the Coordinator of NCLEX Success to register for the licensing exam and set the test date.
5. Graduates may apply for the needs-based advance for up to two attempts on the licensing exam.

Note: Should the graduate choose to change the location of the scheduled licensing examination, any change in registration fees will remain the responsibility of the graduate. The College will not reimburse this fee.

Process

If graduates do not follow and complete the reimbursement policy process, they will not be eligible for reimbursement.

1. Upon receiving confirmation from the graduate that they have passed the licensing exam, NCLEX Success will process the graduate's electronic signature for reimbursement according to the policy above.
2. NCLEX Success will confirm the graduate's licensure status by reviewing official test results submitted by graduates using their electronic signature that will be sent through the graduate's Nightingale College email address. The graduate will then send their electronic signature, which will be submitted to Accounts Payable for reimbursement.
3. Accounts Payable will complete the reimbursement process within fourteen (14) business days of receipt of the completed and signed form, assuming no errors or incomplete information.

LEARNING MODALITIES DEFINITIONS IN POST-LICENSURE AND GRADUATE NURSING PROGRAMS

Didactic Learning

Didactic learning occurs online and is concept-based.

- **Concept-Based Theory (CBT):** Conceptual learning is an educational method that centers on big-picture ideas and learning how to organize and categorize information. Unlike traditional learning models which concentrate on the ability to recall specific facts with rote memorization, conceptual learning focuses on understanding of broader principles or ideas (concepts) that can be applied to a variety of specific situations. Conceptual learning engages learners in thinking critically about new subjects and situations, developing sound reasoning abilities by comparing new situations to previous encounters.

Experiential Learning

- **Applied Field Experience (AFE):** Applied field experience activities include community- or practice-based application of previously acquired knowledge and skills and require submission of written assignments based on this application.

COURSE CLASSIFICATIONS

Lower-Division Courses: Lower division courses are those numbered 100-299.

Upper-Division Courses: Upper division courses are those numbered 300-499.

Master-Level Courses: Graduate courses are those numbered 500-699.

FOUNDATIONAL COURSEWORK

To assist learners in gaining requisite skills necessary for success in college-level math and English courses, the College offers Foundational courses. Foundational courses are not a required part of any academic program offered at the College; are not college-level; are not Title IV-eligible; are not transferrable to another institution; are not part of any institutional or programmatic accreditation grant; and are offered as a means of preparation for college-level English or math courses, with pass/fail grading. The Foundational courses MAT 90 (Pre-Algebra) and ENG 90 (Developmental English) are required for learners who score between 240 and 259 in Arithmetic or between 240 and 249 in Reading on the College's undergraduate entrance exam. Learners must complete the required course(s) with a passing grade to be enrolled in an academic program. The foundational course resource fee for each foundational course is \$100, which includes all necessary materials.

The College also provides the English Lab Course (ENG 95) at no additional charge for learners with Accuplacer testing scores in Reading from 250 to 259 and/or in Writing from 240 to 259. Learners who pass ENG 90 must enroll in ENG 95 the following semester. Learners will take ENG 95 concurrently with first-semester courses. In addition, learners who are not required to take the course but feel they would benefit from the course can add it by request. There are limited seats available, and they are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Learners who wish to enroll in this pass/fail zero credit course may contact RegistrationManagement@Nightingale.edu. Prior to the semester they will be enrolled in ENG 95, learners will receive email communication asking to confirm that they still wish to take the course. If no reply is received, the learner will not be enrolled. For more information, see the [Foundational Course Descriptions](#) section of the Catalog.

Upon successful completion of the foundational course(s), learners only may defer their entrance into college-level courses one semester. After that time, the learner must retake the relevant foundational course. If a learner fails their Foundational course(s), they must wait one full year to retake the Accuplacer entrance exam.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING POLICIES

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Prelicensure Nursing Programs Administration, Faculty, and Staff

The College employs faculty, who facilitate learning via various distance and on-ground education delivery methodologies, and staff, who provide learner support.

See the [Officers, Management, Faculty, and Staff](#) section of the College website for comprehensive lists of administration, faculty, and staff.

Acceptance Notification and Matriculation Requirements

The Registrar or designee evaluates all complete applications and offers written acceptance to qualified applicants. Learners are considered conditionally accepted and/or enrolled until all matriculation requirements are met.

Upon receiving the letter of acceptance, the applicant must complete the following matriculation requirements within the deadlines set by Admissions. Instructions for completing these requirements will be included in the acceptance letter:

1. If they are requesting transfer of credit, applicants must submit official college and/or military transcripts for the previous coursework to: The Registrar, Nightingale College, 95 South State Street, Suite 400, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111. Any non-U.S. documents must be translated into English (if applicable) and evaluated by a certified academic credentials evaluation service. For additional information, see the Registrar.
2. Complete the Learner Funding process and submit all required documentation.
3. Sign the College Enrollment Agreement (prior to enrollment).

To matriculate into any academic program, all new learners must complete the mandatory two (2) week College Readiness Orientation Seminar (CROS). Failure to complete the CROS will result in the rescindment of the academic program acceptance and enrollment. The scheduled dates for the mandatory College Readiness Online Seminar are published in the [Academic Calendar](#) section of the College Catalog.

To matriculate into the prelicensure Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program, all advanced placement LPN/LVN learners as well as learners requesting transfer of pharmacology academic credit must successfully complete Nightingale College's Medical Dosage Calculation (MDC) self-paced, non-facilitated online course, and score 100% on all MDC quizzes by the deadline set by Admissions as part of the enrollment process. Learners are limited to three (3) attempts to pass each of the quizzes. The MDC course is available to all Advanced Placement prospective learners by requesting access from the Admissions Advisor. Learners who fail to pass all MDC course quizzes must enroll in the corresponding pharmacology course, and their enrollment into lower-division nursing core courses with experiential learning components will be postponed until successful completion of the pharmacology course.

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LEARNER CREDENTIALING

Learner credentialing at Nightingale College consists of maintaining compliance with background checks, drug screening, immunizations, trainings, and other requirements specified by the College and DFC and IP sites assigned to the learner, to participate in Supervised On-Ground Field Experiences (SOFE). The College's credential requirements are posted within the third-party vendor's secure online portal. Learners are expected to maintain compliance with the third-party vendor throughout enrollment in the academic program and are responsible for all fees associated with the credentialing requirements.

To be eligible for continued enrollment in the program and matriculation through nursing courses, learners must complete all credentialing requirements as listed in the College Catalog or found within the third-party portal no later than forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the

first day of the semester. In rare circumstances, a learner may request to add a course with a SOFE component upon completion of the credentialing requirements after the deadline but prior to the start of the semester; however, enrollment in the course is not guaranteed. Learners must maintain compliance with credentialing requirements while enrolled in any course that contains an on-ground component.

Credentialing requirements include, but are not limited to, the following items:

1. Provide the required immunization and medical screening records (see below). Instructions for these items will be provided with the enrollment acceptance letter and must be submitted to the College's third-party vendor. Learners are responsible for creating an account with the third-party vendor for submission of credentialing documents and for maintaining communication with the vendor to ensure continued compliance. Learners also are responsible for initiating the background check and drug screen processes through the third-party vendor. The College's staff are unable to assist learners with completing this process.
2. Provide a current American Heart Association Basic Life Support (CPR and AED) certification. Certification must be at the healthcare provider level (BLS) and must include an in-person component. Online-only certifications will not be accepted.
3. Pay for, complete, and pass a criminal background check within 120, but no later than 45, days prior to the first day of the academic semester which includes the learner's first course with the Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) components. Only background checks initiated by the third-party vendor are valid. *Note: Certain SOFE sites may require additional background checks. Learners' ability to be placed for a Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) may be impacted if their background check is flagged for findings within their report.*
4. Pay for, complete, and pass a 10-panel drug screening within 120, but no later than 45, days prior to the first day of the academic semester which includes the learner's first course with the Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) components. *Note: Certain SOFE sites may require additional drug screenings. Learners' ability to be placed for a Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) may be impacted if their drug screening is flagged for findings within their report.*

Note: Enrolled learners will be classified as non-matriculated until all matriculation requirements are met. Failure to meet the requirements by the specified deadlines may result in the rescindment of the program acceptance and/or withdrawal from the College with the learner being responsible for payment of any earned tuition and fees.

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Outcomes for failure to complete SOFE site credentialing requirements differ between Direct Focused Client Care (DFCs) or Integrated Practicum (IPs) as described below.

Outcomes for Failure to Meet DFC Credentialing Requirements

A learner scheduled at a DFC site with unique credentialing requirements must complete all requirements by the deadline(s) noted in email correspondence. Failure to complete credential requirements by the specified deadline may result in an absence for the scheduled DFC or a withdrawal from the course. The absence is subject to the [EL-DFC Absences During the Semester](#) policy.

Outcomes for Failure to Meet IP Credentialing Requirements

Learners who fall out of compliance are required to stop attending any IP activity until compliance is regained. Failure to complete credential compliance by the end of the semester will result in a grade of Incomplete for the course. Continued failure to resolve the compliance issues resulting in the Incomplete grade will result in a failing grade as stated in the policy for Incomplete grades in the [Grades](#) section of the Catalog.

Required Immunizations

- **Tuberculosis (TB) skin test** –Learners must complete an initial two-step PPD skin test within six (6) months of the first day of the academic semester which includes the learner's first course with the Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) components. After the initial two-step PPD skin test with negative results, yearly one-step PPD skin tests are required. *A two – step PPD is completed by having the first PPD skin test placed, then having that result read within 48 – 72 hours from the placement date and time. THEN, the learner will have their second PPD skin test placed 7-18 days from the date in which the first PPD skin test was "read." The result of the second PPD must be read within 48-72 hours of the placement date and time of the second PPD skin test.*

If the learner has a positive result, history of a prior positive result or received a BCG vaccination in the past, a proof of a negative chest X-ray, performed within the last six (6) months, and a clearance letter on official letterhead or form from a physician stating that the learner has had no signs of symptoms of TB within the last year; are required. Chest X-Rays performed for a positive PPD test will be honored for five (5) years from read date. Lastly, if the learner's provider denies the request for a chest X-ray, the learner is permitted to receive a yearly QuantiFERON with documentation of negative result along with a written request from the provider.

- **Varicella** – Proof of immunity (serologic titer), or prior vaccination with two (2) doses of varicella vaccine, given at least four (4) weeks apart, is required. The titer must show a numerical value within the immunity range. Learners who do not develop immunity to varicella following two immunization series (confirmed with documentation of both series and two negative serologic titers), must provide a letter of explanation (verification of non-immunity) from their medical provider to continue enrollment in the preclicensure program.
- **Measles, mumps, rubella (MMR)** – Documentation of vaccination with two (2) doses of MMR given at least four (4) weeks apart or proof of immunity (serologic titer), is required. The titer must show a numerical value within the immunity range. Learners who

do not develop immunity to measles, mumps, rubella (MMR) following two immunization series (confirmed with documentation of both series and two negative serologic titers), must provide a letter of explanation (verification of non-immunity) from their medical provider to continue enrollment in the prelicensure program.

- **Influenza** – Annual seasonal influenza (flu) vaccinations are required. Documentation must specify the current season to be accepted.
- **COVID-19** – Proof of full immunization, including boosters after the recommended intervals, is required to attend any Supervised On-ground Field Experiences (SOFE).
- **Hepatitis B** – Completed two- or three-dose immunization series and proof of immunity (serologic titer) are required. If beginning the HepB series, the learner must have evidence of the first dose 45 days before the academic semester which includes the learner's first course with the Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) components and complete the series and proof of immunity (serologic titer) by the end of the second academic semester which includes courses with the Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) components. The titer must show a numerical value within the immunity range. *Learners must remain on schedule with dosing to attend Supervised On-ground Field Experiences (SOFE).* Learners who do not develop immunity to Hepatitis B following two immunization series (confirmed with documentation of both series and two negative serologic titers), must provide a letter of explanation (verification of non-immunity) from their medical provider to continue enrollment in the prelicensure program.
- **Tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (Tdap)** – Proof of completed childhood 3-dose immunization series, if available, and a Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria, acellular pertussis) booster within the last ten (10) years are required; this must be renewed every 10 years. Some Supervised On-ground Field Experiences (SOFE) sites may require titers as

Note: In the interest of public safety, immunization exemptions only will be granted to learners who provide a statement of medical necessity from their medical provider. Failure to comply with the above requirements may jeopardize the learner's ability to attend Supervised On-ground Field Experiences (SOFE) and prevent continued enrollment in the Program. Additionally, some SOFE sites may not allow learners with immunization exemptions to attend SOFEs, which may delay these learners' progress in the academic program.

Health Insurance

In compliance with the College's clinical partners' requirements, evidence of health insurance must be provided for all prelicensure learners. Learners without health insurance may be denied access to clinical facilities and therefore may be unable to complete prelicensure nursing programs. The learner assumes all financial responsibility associated with their healthcare.

LEARNING MODALITIES DEFINITIONS

Grounded in the findings of the 2009 Carnegie Foundation National Study of Nursing Education, the design of the College's prelicensure nursing programs targets the development of the three (3) high-end apprenticeships: cognitive, practical, and ethical. The College's prelicensure nursing programs' curricula design provides for the lockstep scheduling of didactic, intervention skills, and virtual experiential learning activities, while allowing the on-ground components to be delivered at any point during a given course. Each of the College's prelicensure nursing programs' learning modalities is described below.

Learner Residency and Course Delivery Modalities

The College uses several terms to describe its learner residency and course delivery modalities, whose definitions are as follows:

Learner Residency Modalities

1. Hybrid-Virtual

Refers to learners who are engaged in distance and blended courses and have assigned Supervised On-ground Field Experiences (SOFE).

Note: The College makes SOFE assignments based on available openings at SOFE sites. The College cannot guarantee learners will receive on-ground experiential learning assignments at any specific SOFE site or within any particular area. Learners may be assigned to complete on-ground experiential learning requirements anywhere within the United States. Learners refusing SOFE placement for any reason will receive a failing grade if the required experiential learning or integrated practicum course hours are not complete by the end of the semester.

2. Full-Virtual

Refers to learners who are engaged in distance courses only.

Course Delivery Modalities

1. Distance

Refers to education using certain telecommunication and/or broadcast technologies where there is a separation between learners and faculty. Distance education delivery may be synchronous (in real time) or asynchronous (not in real time) and supports regular and substantive interactions between learners and faculty.

2. Blended

Refers to courses that include [online didactic](#) learning and at least one of the following: [DFCs](#), [IPs](#), or [AFEs](#)).

Online Didactic Learning

Didactic learning occurs online, is concept-based, and develops the cognitive apprenticeship, or the theoretical knowledge base required for practice.

- **Concept-Based Theory (CBT):** Conceptual learning is an educational method that centers on big-picture ideas and learning how to organize and categorize information. Unlike traditional learning models which concentrate on the ability to recall specific facts with rote memorization, conceptual learning focuses on understanding of broader principles or ideas (concepts) that can be applied to a variety of specific situations. Conceptual learning engages learners in thinking critically about new subjects and situations, developing sound reasoning abilities by comparing new situations to previous encounters.
- **Intervention Skill-Based Preparation (ISBP):** Conceptual learning that focuses on preparing the learner for participation in intervention skill-based learning.
- **Virtual Case-Based Preparation (VCBP):** Conceptual learning that focuses on preparing the learner for participation in case-based experiential learning.

Remote Learning

- **Intervention Skill-Based (ISB):** Builds proficiency in the “know-how” and “know-why” of competent clinical practice, while developing the practical apprenticeship. These experiences are conducted asynchronously in a remote environment through video conferencing technologies and course-specific skills kits, which promote the acquisition of psychomotor, communication, teaching, advocacy, coaching, and interpersonal skills.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

Experiential learning (EL) involves the application of previously studied theories and skills and is targeted toward the development of sound clinical reasoning and strong ethical comportment, the third high-end apprenticeship. EL occurs in both simulated and live clinical environments, at an approximately 50/50 ratio, and is divided between online experiential learning and on-ground supervised field experiences.

Virtual Experiential Learning

Virtual Case-Based Client Care (VCBC): Provides learners with an authentic experience for the application of previously studied theories and skills to clinical reasoning in a virtual, simulated clinical environment under the supervision of faculty. Each care experience is assigned a focus that invites the learner to apply skills and clinical reasoning to client care. Learners learn to establish and nurture the clinician-client relationship and integrate the ethics of caring for individuals while developing sound clinical reasoning.

Applied Field Experience Learning

Applied Field Experience (AFE): Applied field experience activities include community- or practice-based application of previously acquired knowledge and skills and require submission of written assignments based on this application.

Supervised On-Ground Field Experiences

Direct Focused Client Care (DFC): Provides learners with an authentic experience for the application of previously studied theories and skills to clinical reasoning in a live, on-ground clinical environment and healthcare facility under supervision of faculty. Each care experience is assigned a focus that invites the learner to apply skills and clinical reasoning to client care. Learners learn to establish and nurture the clinician-client relationship and integrate the ethics of caring for individuals, while developing sound clinical reasoning.

Integrative Practicum (IP): With faculty oversight, provides opportunity for the learner to apply all elements of prior learning in authentic clinical practice situations while beginning the transition into practice. Rather than being assigned to a client, the learner works directly with a practicing clinician to provide client care. The learner integrates knowledge, clinical reasoning, and program competencies while providing client care and assimilating into the practitioner role in an organizational environment.

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING (EL) SCHEDULES

The College creates Experiential Learning (EL) schedules in partnership with healthcare agencies and, therefore, does not have full control over the schedules, which are subject to multiple externalities. The College cannot guarantee the times, days, particular faculty, placement in a specific EL site, or geographic area for Direct Focused Client Care (DFCs) or integrative practicum (IP). Experiential learning may be scheduled during nights and weekends.

Regardless of their residence, learners may be required to travel to an assigned SOFE site(s) located anywhere in the United States, during any semester in which the learner is enrolled in a nursing course with a SOFE component. Travel may be scheduled at any time during the semester. Learners assigned to travel for their IP assignment will receive notification of their IP schedules two (2) to four (4) weeks prior to the tentative start date when site confirmation permits. Notification is based on site confirmation of schedule availability,

requirements, and learner capacity. Learners may enroll in only one (1) prelicensure nursing course with experiential learning components during any academic semester. Based on the requirements for the course in which they are enrolled, learners who must travel to their assigned site may be required to spend between four (4) to twenty-five (25) days in the assigned region. Placements may include breaks between scheduled on-ground days. Learners who are not traveling for their DFC SOFE assignments may be required to spend one to two (1-2) days per week for up to eight (8) weeks at their assigned site. Learners who are not traveling for their IP SOFE assignments may be required to spend two to four (2-4) days per week for up to eight (8) weeks at their assigned site.

Learners are responsible for transportation and lodging expenses associated with SOFE travel. However, the College will pay learners' SOFE-related regular travel expenses if the following conditions are met:

- The learner matriculated into a prelicensure nursing program prior to Spring Semester 2023;
- The learner both resides within and was originally assigned to a specific SOFE area;
- The expenses were incurred during regular SOFE travel and were not incurred from a make-up session that was scheduled due to the learner's absence from the previously scheduled SOFE session.

Learners may use the College's contracted third-party travel vendor to make travel arrangements. Learners are encouraged to obtain traveler's insurance to assist learners if an unforeseen event were to occur. Detailed information regarding the service will be provided during the semester in which travel is scheduled. Learners may not include travel costs on their learner account ledgers nor have these costs financed through the College. Specific SOFE area assignments are not guaranteed, and learners may be assigned anywhere within the United States.

Typically, no experiential learning activities are scheduled during the first week of an academic semester; however, facility-specific orientations and make-up experiential learning activities may be scheduled. Schedule Support will begin to distribute DFC schedules to learners during the third week of the academic semester. Learners assigned to travel for their DFC assignment will receive notification approximately one (1) month prior to the first day of the assigned DFC as site confirmation permits. Learners who are not traveling for their DFC assignment will receive notification approximately ten (10) days prior to the first day of the assigned DFC as site confirmation permits. For information about notification for rescheduled DFCs, see [EL-DFC Absences During the Semester](#).

PRE-SEMESTER SCHEDULING VARIANCE FORM

The Pre-Semester Scheduling Variance Form is intended to allow learners to request a variance from their DFC scheduling for pre-planned events. The form allows a learner to request a maximum of five (5) cumulative days of variance, either consecutively or intermittently. Schedulers will give consideration to learners who submit pre-semester scheduling variances in blocking out these dates when scheduling DFCs; however, a learner's pre-semester request may be approved or denied based on site and schedule availability. This form must be submitted at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the start of the semester.

The form allows a learner to request a maximum of five (5) cumulative days of variance, either consecutively or intermittently. If the learner will be absent for more than five (5) cumulative days in a semester, the learner must reach out to Schedule Support to discuss further options. Any approved schedule variances only apply to DFC scheduling.

EL-DFC ABSENCES DURING THE SEMESTER

Learners are allowed one (1) absence from DFCs for each course that has an EL-DFC component.

Learners who miss two (2) or more DFCs during the semester must withdraw from the course and re-enroll the following semester if space is available in the course. Learners who only are enrolled in one course for a particular semester and are withdrawn for EL absences may be eligible for Short-Term Re-Entry. Learners may contact Registration Management for assistance. Formal approval is required to exercise this option.

Learners who miss a DFC activity must complete a scheduled make-up session to pass the course. Learners who complete the required make-up sessions do not reduce their total number of DFC absences recorded for the course. Even when one DFC absence has been made up, a second absence results in being withdrawn from the course. If the second absence is caused by an emergency or catastrophic event, learners can file an [Exception Request](#).

Learners who miss one DFC will receive communication from Schedule Support detailing next steps in the rescheduling process. The missed DFC must be made up by the end of the current semester; otherwise, the learner cannot progress to the next DFC course. However, in rare circumstances when rescheduling a DFC prior to the end of an academic semester is not feasible, learners may receive an 'IR' (Incomplete Remediation) in the course and may fulfill the remainder of the DFC by the end of the add/drop period of the following semester without disruption of progression in the academic program. Learners will be notified of the rescheduled DFC no later than two (2) days prior to the make-up date.

Please note: Make-up EL-DFCs are not guaranteed and could delay progress in the academic program or graduation.

Learners are required to arrive to pre-conference fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start of the DFC. Tardiness of more than fifteen (15) minutes or leaving more than fifteen (15) minutes early from any experiential learning activity (ELA) will be marked as an absence. To receive credit for attendance for any virtual ELA or webinar, learners must be present on time, professionally dressed in accordance with the Nightingale College Dress Code policy, with their cameras on at all times unless provided permission from their faculty.

EL-VCBC ABSENCES DURING THE SEMESTER

Learners are allowed a total of two (2) VCBC absences per course that has a VCBC component. Learners with three (3) or more EL-VCBC absences during the semester will be withdrawn from the course and reenrolled the following semester if space is available in the course. Learners who only are enrolled in one course for a particular semester and are withdrawn for EL absences may be eligible for Short-Term Re-Entry. Learners may contact Registration Management for assistance. Formal approval is required to exercise this option.

Learners who miss a VCBC must complete a VCBC make-up for each absence to pass the course. Learners who complete the required make-up sessions do not reduce their total number of VCBC absences recorded for the course. Even when two VCBC absences have been made up, a third absence results in being withdrawn from the course. If the third absence is caused by an emergency or catastrophic event, learners can file an Exception Request.

Learners will receive a schedule for their make-up VCBC sessions from their VCBC faculty and will be responsible for completing the make-up session that they are scheduled for prior to the end of the semester. The missed VCBC must be made up by the end of the current semester; otherwise, the learner cannot progress to the next VCBC course. However, in rare circumstances when rescheduling VCBCs prior to the end of an academic semester is not feasible, learners may receive an 'IR' (Incomplete Remediation) in the course and may fulfill the remainder of the VCBCs by the end of the add/drop period of the following semester without disruption of progression in the academic program.

Please note: Make-up EL-VCBCs are not guaranteed and could delay progress in the academic program or graduation.

DIRECT FOCUSED CLIENT CARE (DFC) AND INTEGRATIVE PRACTICUM (IP)

Direct focused client care and integrative practicum experiential learning are integral to successful completion of a prelicensure academic program. These experiences allow the learner to observe and apply essential nursing knowledge and skills as well as develop sound clinical reasoning. Specific learning objectives and outcomes dictate which types of experiential learning sites are selected for direct focused client care experiential learning. Every direct focused client care experiential learning session in a prelicensure program is concept-based and expects specific learning outcomes. Learners must successfully complete the direct focused client care and/or integrative practicum experiential learning to receive a passing grade in each course with these learning components. Learners do not receive any compensation for direct focused client care or integrative practicum experiential learning and are not allowed to accept tips or gifts.

The College contracts with multiple healthcare agencies to provide opportunities for on-ground direct focused client care and integrative practicum experiential learning. Based on site and/or preceptor availability, some on-ground experiential learning schedules may extend outside the academic semester. The agencies may be located at short or long distances from a learner's residence. Based on the requirements for the course in which they are enrolled, learners who must travel to their assigned site may be required to spend between four (4) to twenty-five (25) days in the assigned region. Placements may include breaks between scheduled on-ground days. Schedule Support will begin to distribute integrative practicum (IP) schedules to learners beginning the fourth week of the academic semester.

Learners are responsible for providing reliable transportation to attend the required on-ground direct focused client care and integrative practicum experiential learning sessions. Depending on the agency's location, learners may need accommodation at a hotel near the assigned direct focused client care experiential learning site. Any travel completed up to 100 miles in each direction is considered local travel and is not eligible for reimbursement of travel funds under the [Experiential Learning Schedule \(EL\) policy](#). Learners are responsible for all expenses associated with transportation, lodging, and meals in conjunction with on-ground direct focused client care and integrative practicum experiential learning.

Certain direct focused client care and integrative practicum experiential learning sites may require drug screenings, immunizations, and/or background checks in addition to previously submitted credentials. Learners are responsible for paying for and completing the additional requirements prior to participating in experiential learning at these sites.

Note: The integrative practicum (preceptorship) must be completed by the end of the semester to pass the course. Learners will be assigned one integrative practicum in the last semester of their program. An integrative practicum may not be rescheduled during the same semester as the originally assigned integrative practicum. Learners who cannot attend their integrative practicum may be required to complete the practicum the following semester. However, in rare circumstances, when scheduling the integrative practicum prior to the end of an academic semester is not feasible, learners may receive an I (Incomplete) in the course and may fulfill the remainder of the integrative practicum requirement by the end of the following semester.



Academic Programs Information

PRELICENSURE PROGRAMS

PRACTICAL NURSE DIPLOMA PROGRAM

Overview

Program Description

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

The PN Diploma Program

- provides a dynamic pathway for entry into professional licensed nurse (PN) practice;
- evolves to reflect local community needs and current and emerging healthcare delivery trends;
- instills the tenets of advocacy, professional involvement, lifelong learning, and leadership; and
- involves evidence-based practice which prepares graduates to employ critical thinking, clinical competence, and technical proficiency in healthcare settings.

The PN Diploma Program prepares learners to apply for PN licensure and take the NCLEX-PN® exam. The PN Diploma Program curriculum plan meets the requirements of the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA).

The blended distance curriculum consists of twenty-eight (28) semester credits of nursing core coursework and fourteen (14) semester credits of general education and is delivered over forty-eight (48) academic weeks. Learners are required to take the nursing courses in the sequence prescribed. The PN Diploma Program requires a total of forty-two (42) semester credits for graduation. The Program is designed to be completed within three (3) academic semesters. However, it may take longer to complete if learners take GE courses at other institutions of higher learning that require prerequisites.

Note: Learners enrolled in a Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) must progress through the Program according to the original Program Plan. For each enrolled cohort, a predetermined course schedule outlining the entire Program is established at the time of the initial enrollment. The predetermined original Program Plan may not be modified unless extenuating circumstances arise. The College does not guarantee the availability of courses at a specific SOFE and reserves the right to change Program Plans as necessary.

The PN Diploma Program prepares graduates for entry-level practical nursing practice in long-term care facilities, clinics, and other healthcare settings. Nursing is a dynamic profession that contributes significantly to the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

The PN Diploma Program curriculum was implemented as a result of the call for radical transformation in nursing education presented in *Educating Nurses* (Benner, P., Sutphen, M., Leonard, V., & Day, L., 2010), a Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching study on preparation for the nursing profession, and other literature including the Institute of Medicine and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation report on *The Future of Nursing*. The implementation of concept-based curriculum is an answer to current literature and research on best practices for nursing education.

Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed PN Diploma Program curriculum with a minimum grade of “C” in each nursing core course and completion of all other graduation requirements, the learner will earn a Diploma of Practical Nursing.

Program Objectives

- Graduate future practical nurses who will improve individual, family, and community health and wellness by applying best-demonstrated, evidence-based skills and knowledge in their practice.
- Facilitate career mobility of graduates and help meet the demand for professional practical nurses.
- Increase the availability of nursing education opportunities for qualified learners.
- Improve access to nursing education, course scheduling flexibility, and learning efficacy through various innovative instruction delivery methods and learning modalities, including asynchronous online engagements, blended distance learning, course structure, and high-fidelity case-based experiential learning.

Program Outcomes

PN Program Diploma Outcomes are aligned with the Institutional Effectiveness Plan and measure the degree to which the Program achieves its stated mission.

Program-Level Learner Outcomes

At Program completion, as measured by evaluation activities throughout the Program, the graduate will:

1. Demonstrate quality, competent, client-centered care—always bearing in mind the physical, psychological, spiritual, emotional, cultural, and environmental aspects of the clients' needs.
2. Demonstrate skills of intentional learning, critical thinking, and reflection to purposefully perform their duties within the PN role and scope of practice and provide holistic care to the clients they serve.
3. Use current research and nursing's identified best practices; graduates will demonstrate the ability to practice based on evidence in their profession and within the PN role and scope of practice.
4. Make decisions demonstrating clinical judgment within the PN role and scope of practice, taking into consideration ethical, moral, legal, and evidence-based principles.
5. Demonstrate management skills and attributes appropriate for their role as licensed practical nurses.
6. Demonstrate effective communication—therapeutically and professionally—with and without the use of technology in their work as practical nurses.
7. Demonstrate the ability to assess, improve, and assure quality and safety situations in their work as practical nurses.
8. Collaborate effectively, within the PN role and scope of practice, with others and function as valuable team members of an interdisciplinary team.

Core Competencies

1. Client-Centered Care
2. Intentional Learning with Reflection
3. Evidence-Based Practice
4. Decision-Making and Clinical Reasoning
5. Organizational, Local, and Global Leadership
6. Communication and Informatics
7. Quality and Safety Assurance
8. Teamwork and Collaboration

Admissions Requirements

Requirements and Procedures

All applicants work closely with an Admissions Advisor to assess career goals, motivation, and commitment to learning.

To be considered for admission, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Pay the non-refundable application fee as shown below:
2. Complete the Application for Admissions. (The application and the paid fee are valid for one [1] year).
3. Submit copy of a high school (diploma or its equivalent, as described below) one week prior to the first day of attendance.
4. Pass the Prelicensure Nursing Entrance Exam.
5. If requesting transfer of credit, submit official college transcripts for the previous post-secondary coursework by the deadline in accordance with the [Transfer of Credit](#) section of the Catalog.
 - a. A total of fourteen (14) general education semester credits is required for graduation from the PN Diploma Program and must be completed prior to the end of the last academic semester in the PN Diploma Program. Learners may refer to the General Education Requirement section (underneath Curriculum Plan) of this Catalog for the minimum number of credits required in each of the three (3) required general education (GE) breadth areas. GE courses may be completed at the College or another institution of higher learning concurrent with enrollment in nursing courses.
 - b. Official transcripts are required for matriculation into the PN Diploma Program.
 - c. Learners admitted without the full fourteen (14) semester credits of general education are required to complete at least one (1) general education course per academic semester at the College or another institution of higher learning and to provide the official transcript to the Registrar prior to the beginning of the next academic semester to register for the next academic semester. To register for the last academic semester of the PN Diploma Program, the learner must submit the proof of enrollment in the final general education course to the Registrar and, upon completion, submit an official transcript to graduate.
 - d. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and all credits earned at other post-secondary institutions or through course challenge exams.
6. Complete Smarter Measure Assessment for evaluation of online learning readiness.
7. Meet with a Learner Funding Advisor to initiate the financial aid process.
8. Be in good financial standing with the College.

Note: The highest level of academic integrity is expected throughout the admissions process. Violations of the academic integrity policy at any point in the admissions process will result in automatic denial of admission. See the [Academic Integrity](#) section of the College Catalog for more details.

Applicant Type	Application Fee
Generic	\$150

Active duty servicemembers and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces	\$50
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Recognized Equivalents of a High School Diploma

Several equivalents to a high school diploma may be submitted:

- a GED certificate;
- a certificate or other official completion documentation demonstrating that the learner has passed a state-authorized examination (such as the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or, in California, the California High School Proficiency Exam) that the state recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (certificates of attendance and/or completion are not included in this qualifying category);
- an associate degree;
- successful completion of at least sixty (60) semester or trimester credits or seventy-two (72) quarter credits that does not result in the awarding of an associate degree, but that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree at any institution; or
- enrollment in a bachelor's degree program where at least sixty (60) semester or trimester credits or seventy-two (72) quarter credits have been successfully completed, including credits transferred into the bachelor's degree program;
- a "secondary school leaving certificate" or similar document from the proper government agency for learners who completed secondary school in a foreign country, accompanied by a foreign credential's evaluation

Entrance and Placement Exams

The passing of certain placement exams is required to enroll in certain courses or matriculate in the program as indicated below.

Prelicensure Nursing Entrance Exam (ACCUPLACER® Diagnostic Test)

To be admitted to the program learners must achieve the required scores in each academic area of the entrance exam. The entrance exam determines learners' readiness for success in the program by assessing knowledge in three (3) academic areas: Arithmetic, Reading Comprehension, and Sentence Skills. A score of 260 in each of the three (3) areas is required for admission with full matriculation. Learners have three (3) attempts to achieve the required score. Conditional admission is granted to learners who score at least 240 but less than 260 as follows:

- Learners who score below 240 in any of the three areas will not be admitted.
- Learners who score between 240-259 in Arithmetic will be admitted on a non-matriculated basis and will be required to take and successfully complete MAT 90 in the first semester of enrollment.
- Learners who score between 240-249 in Reading will be admitted on a non-matriculated basis and will be required to take and successfully complete ENG 90 in the first semester of enrollment and ENG 95 their second semester of enrollment.
- Learners who score between 250-259 in Reading will be admitted with conditional matriculation and will be required to take and successfully complete ENG 95 in the first semester of enrollment.
- Learners who score between 240-259 in Writing will be admitted with conditional matriculation and will be required to complete ENG 95 in the first semester of enrollment.

The entrance exam voucher fee is included in the application. Scores are valid for one (1) year. Proctoring fees are separate from the voucher and must be paid for each attempt.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition for the PN Diploma Program is \$475 per semester credit. Tuition and fees may be changed at any time with a 30-day notice. Audit fees are non-refundable and cannot be paid with Title IV funding.

Program Fees

Additional Program fees are presented in the table below.

Item	Fee
Learning Resources and Proctoring Package per semester	\$950 ¹
General Education Fee per Course (except SCI 220, SCI 221, and SCI 251)	\$125 ²
SCI 220, SCI 221, SCI 251 Fee per Course	\$200
Course Audit Fee (All Courses)	\$1,000

1.The Learning Resources and Proctoring Package per semester fee does not include uniforms or stethoscope.

2. In lieu of the \$125 course resources fee, learners may elect to personally purchase all general education required materials.

Nursing kit supplies required to attend experiential learning portions of the course are provided.

Tuition does not include the non-refundable application and testing fees. In addition, learners are responsible for expenses such as transportation and lodging, if any, associated with the required Supervised On-Ground Field Experience (SOFE).

Estimated Total Program Cost

The estimated total program cost for a learner who does not transfer in any college-level general education credits is \$23,450.

Curriculum Plan

General Education Requirements

General education (GE) courses can be completed at the College or another institution of higher learning accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The College may grant GE academic credit pursuant to the policies described in the Experiential Learning and [Extra-Institutional and Non-Instructional Learning](#) sections of this Catalog. Fourteen (14) GE semester credits are required for graduation. Learners may refer to the Admissions Requirements and Procedures section above for more information.

The nursing core courses progression requirements do not allow the final academic semester of the Program to consist of only GE courses. GE course requirements must be completed prior to or during the final semester of enrollment.

Physical & Life Sciences	
A minimum of eleven (11) semester credits is required in this category. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
Human Anatomy* with lab*	4
Human Physiology* with lab*	4
Pathophysiology*	3-5
Mathematics	
A minimum of three (3) credits is required in this category. The courses listed below as well as other college-level Mathematics courses are considered for transfer of credits. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
College Algebra*	3-5

Curriculum

The PN Diploma Program consists of six (6) lower-division core nursing courses, comprised of twenty-eight (28) academic semester credits delivered over three (3) academic semesters or forty-eight (48) academic weeks, and four (4) GE courses, comprised of fourteen (14) semester credits taken concurrently with the core nursing courses. The total length of the Program for learners electing to complete all GE requirements at the College is forty-two (42) semester credits, three (3) academic semesters, or forty-eight (48) academic weeks. Other general education and elective courses are available for learners who transfer in the required GE credits (or for any learner who is interested in taking these unrequired courses), provided there is room within the individual's semester credit load.

PN Program Sample Curriculum Plan

Course Number	Course Name	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
Level I												

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
SCI 220	Human Anatomy with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning	Distance	4	45	30							75
SCI 221	Human Physiology with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning	Distance	4	45	30							75
PN 106	Foundations of Practical Nursing-Fundamentals	Distance	5	22	11	4.5	45	45				127.5
Total			13	112	71	4.5	45	45	0	0	0	277.5
Level II												
MAT 100	College Algebra	Distance	3	45								45
PN 115	Pharmacology	Distance	3	45								45
PN 125/126	Concepts of Practical Nursing – Health Promotion	Blended	5	21.5	4	4.5	15	45	67.5			157.5
PN 135/136	Concepts of Nursing in Care of Specialized Populations	Blended	3	27.5		2.5		22.5	22.5			75
Total			14	139	4	7	15	67.5	90	0	0	322.5
Level III												
SCI 225	Pathophysiology	Distance	3	45								45
PN 145	Concepts of Practical Nursing I	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165
PN 165	Concepts of Practical Nursing II	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165
Total			15	115	14	6	60	90	90	0	0	375
Nursing Courses Total			28	186	29	17.5	120	202.5	180	0	0	735
GE Total			14	180	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	240
PN Program with GE Total			42	366	89	17.5	120	202.5	180	0	0	975

Standardized Exams

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

Standardized end-of-course exams are administered at the end of each level of the PN Program. Required scores for mandatory remediation on standardized exams are specified in the table below.

Standardized Exam Schedule for Generic PN Learners:

HESI Exam*	Course	Mandatory Remediation HESI Score
PN Specialty: Fundamentals	PN 106	< 900
PN Specialty: Pharmacology	PN 115	< 900
PN Specialty: Data Collection	PN 126	< 900
PN Specialty: Medical-Surgical Nursing	PN 145	< 900
PN Exit	PN 165	< 900

**Note: Learners who repeat a course or withdraw from the Program may be required to adjust their Program Plans before progressing in the Program.*

Learners enrolled in courses with old course numbers (PN 125 and 135) may be required to take the original corresponding HESI exams as shown below:

HESI Exam	Course	Mandatory Remediation HESI Score
PN Specialty: Fundamentals	PN 125	<900
PN Specialty: Data Collection	PN 135	<900

Satisfactory Academic Progress Table

Total Credits Attempted	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if CGPA is below	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if course completion rate is below
1-12	2.0	67%
13-24	2.0	67%
25-36	2.0	67%
37-48	2.0	67%
49-60	2.0	67%
61-68	2.0	67%

Course Descriptions

Course Descriptions

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 106	Distance	5	22	11	4.5	45	45				127.5

PN 106 : Foundations of Practical Nursing-Fundamentals

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	5
Contact Hours:	127.5
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	SCI 220 and SCI 221
Description:	This course introduces the fundamental concepts necessary for safe, patient-centered nursing care to a diverse patient population while integrating clinical decision-making, all within the scope of the practical nurse. Critical thinking, clinical judgment, and the nursing process are key foundations to nursing practice. Application of knowledge and practice of skills occurs in a variety of clinical settings providing care to stable patients with common health issues.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 115	Distance	3	45								45

PN 115 : Pharmacology

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	SCI 220, SCI 221, and PN 106 or equivalent
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MAT 100
Description:	This course is an overview of the basic principles of pharmacology, including major drug classifications and prototypes of commonly used medications. Principles of medication administration include aspects of best practice for safe, quality, patient-centered care. Central topics include safety, quality improvement factors in the administration of medications, patient teaching, and variations encountered when administering medications to diverse patient populations across the lifespan, all within the scope of a practical nurse.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 125/126	Blended	5	21.5	4	4.5	15	45	67.5			157.5

PN 125/126 : Concepts of Practical Nursing – Health Promotion

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	5
Contact Hours:	157.5
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	SCI 220, SC221, and PN 106 or equivalent
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PN 115
Description:	This course focuses on the role of the professional practical nurse in promoting optimal health for individual clients. The course will discuss basic psychomotor nursing skills and introduce medical/surgical nursing for low-risk clients. This course also provides the learner with techniques for carrying out a physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural assessment to evaluate clients' well-being. The course introduces learners to assessment devices and procedures to collect data. The course focuses on health promotion, health protection, disease prevention, and communication strategies throughout the lifespan, all within the scope of a practical nurse.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 135/136	Blended	3	27.5		2.5		22.5	22.5			75

PN 135/136 : Concepts of Practical Nursing in Care of Specialized Populations

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	75
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	SCI 220, SC221, and PN 106 or equivalent
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PN 125/126
Description:	This course further develops learners' ability to use the nursing process, critical thinking, therapeutic communication, and basic practical nursing skills in caring for clients who demonstrate increasingly less predictable outcomes or a change in health status. Clinical experiences help learners enhance their development of clinical competency in caring for clients. The course will emphasize working collaboratively with other members of interdisciplinary healthcare teams all within the scope of a practical nurse.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 145	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

PN 145 : Concepts of Practical Nursing I

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	6
Contact Hours:	165
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	SCI 220, SC221, PN 106, and PN 125/126 or equivalent
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	SCI 225 or equivalent
Description:	This course focuses on the chronic nature of certain states of being when nursing a client at various stages in life, focusing on the application of the nursing process in meeting needs of clients in various settings, all within the scope of a practical nurse. The course will explore concepts related to emotional problems, pathological reactions to life stresses, and chronic pain. The course emphasizes therapeutic relationships and the development of individualized plans of care. The course will also address communication skills, mental health assessment, various therapeutic forms of balance, and sensory perception. Direct focused client care experiential learning gives learners the opportunity to gain experience with many of these chronic conditions.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 165	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

PN 165 : Concepts of Practical Nursing II

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	6
Contact Hours:	165
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	SCI 220, SC221, PN 106, and PN 125 or equivalent
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	SCI 225
Description:	This course emphasizes the provision of professional practical nursing care for clients across the lifespan with acute medical conditions. The learners will build upon knowledge gained in the basic sciences and other prerequisite nursing courses. The course emphasizes decision-making skills, independent functioning, and a family-centered approach, all within the scope of a practical nurse. The course will introduce the learner to the nursing care of acute clients. The course includes application to specific concepts, principles, and theories in various acute care settings.

Pre-Dispute Arbitration and Class Action Waiver Disclosure

Nightingale College seeks to resolve disputes or claims between any learner and the College in an efficient, cost-effective, and timely manner. A learner who enrolls at Nightingale College agrees, as a condition of their enrollment, to resolve any dispute through mandatory arbitration

that shall not be adjudicated as a class action or a consolidated class arbitration proceeding. However, the College cannot require a learner loan borrower to participate in arbitration or any internal dispute resolution process offered by the institution prior to filing a borrower defense to repayment application with the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e); the College cannot, in any way, require learners to limit, relinquish, or waive their ability to pursue filing a borrower defense claim, pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e) at any time; and any arbitration, required by a pre-dispute arbitration agreement, tolls the limitations period for filing a borrower defense to repayment application pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e)(6)(ii).

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING TO ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM

Overview

Program Description

- provides a dynamic pathway for entry into professional registered nurse (RN) practice;
- is continually evolving to reflect local community needs and current and emerging healthcare delivery trends;
- is responsible for instilling the tenets of advocacy, professional involvement, lifelong learning, and leadership; and
- involves evidence-based practice which prepares graduates to employ critical thinking, clinical competence, and technical proficiency in healthcare settings.

The LPN to ASN Program is designed to prepare learners to apply for RN licensure and take the NCLEX-RN® exam. The LPN to ASN Program curriculum plan meets the requirements of the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA) standards. The blended distance curriculum consists of forty-eight (48) semester credits of nursing core coursework and is delivered over sixty-four (64) academic weeks. Learners are required to take the nursing courses in the sequence prescribed. The LPN to ASN Program requires an additional twenty (20) semester credits of general education coursework. A total of sixty-eight (68) semester credits is required for graduation. The Program is designed to be completed within four (4) academic semesters. However, it may take longer to complete if learners elect to take GE courses at institutions of higher learning that require prerequisites to the Program's mandatory GE coursework.

Note: Learners enrolled in a Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) must progress through the Program according to the original Program Plan. For each enrolled cohort, a predetermined course schedule outlining the entire Program is established at the time of initial enrollment. The predetermined original Program Plan may not be modified unless extenuating circumstances arise. The College does not guarantee the availability of courses at a specific SOFE and reserves the right to change Program Plans as necessary.

The LPN to ASN Program curriculum was implemented as a result of the call for radical transformation in nursing education presented in *Educating Nurses* (Benner, P., Sutphen, M., Leonard, V., & Day, L., 2010), a Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching study on preparation for the nursing profession, and other literature including the Institute of Medicine and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation report on *The Future of Nursing*. The implementation of concept-based curriculum is an answer to current literature and research on best practices for nursing education.

Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed LPN to ASN Program curriculum with a minimum grade of "C" in each lower-division nursing core course and having satisfied all other graduation requirements, the learner will earn an Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Degree.

The LPN to ASN Program prepares graduates for entry-level nursing practice in hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare settings. An RN with an ASN Degree practices the art and science of nursing by utilizing the nursing process and functions interdependently within the healthcare team. Nursing is a dynamic profession that contributes significantly to the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

Program Objectives

- Graduate future nurses who will improve individual, family, and community health and wellness by applying best-demonstrated, evidence-based skills and knowledge in their practice.
- Facilitate career mobility of graduates and help meet the demand for professional nurses.
- Increase the availability of nursing education opportunities for qualified learners.
- Improve access to nursing education, course scheduling flexibility, and learning efficacy through the utilization of a variety of innovative instruction delivery methods and learning modalities, including asynchronous online engagements, blended distance learning, course structure, and high-fidelity case-based experiential learning.

Program Outcomes

LPN to ASN Program Outcomes are aligned with the Institutional Effectiveness Plan and measure the degree to which the Program achieves its stated mission. For current LPN to ASN Program Outcomes benchmarks, see the [LPN to ASN Program Outcomes Benchmarks Catalog Insert](#).

Program-Level Learner Outcomes

At Program completion, as measured by evaluation activities throughout the Program, the graduate will:

1. Demonstrate quality, competent, client-centered care—always bearing in mind the physical, psychological, spiritual, emotional, cultural, and environmental aspects of the clients' needs.
2. Demonstrate skills of intentional learning, critical thinking, and reflection in order to purposefully perform their duties within the RN role and scope of practice and provide holistic care to the clients they serve.
3. Use current research and nursing's identified best practices; graduates will demonstrate the ability to practice based on evidence in their profession and RN scope of practice.
4. Make decisions demonstrating clinical judgment, within the RN role and scope of practice; taking into consideration ethical, moral, legal, and evidence-based principles.
5. Demonstrate leadership, management skills, and attributes appropriate for their role as registered nurses.
6. Demonstrate effective communication—therapeutically and professionally—with and without the use of technology in their work as registered nurses.
7. Demonstrate the ability to assess, improve, and assure quality and safety situations in their work as registered nurses.
8. Collaborate effectively, within the RN role and scope of practice, with others and function as valuable team members of an interdisciplinary team.

Core Competencies

1. Client-Centered Care
2. Intentional Learning with Reflection
3. Evidence-Based Practice
4. Decision-Making and Clinical Reasoning
5. Organizational, Local, and Global Leadership
6. Communication and Informatics
7. Quality and Safety Assurance
8. Teamwork and Collaboration

Admissions Requirements

Requirements and Procedures

All applicants work closely with an Admissions Advisor to assess career goals, motivation, and commitment to learning.

To be considered for admission, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Pay the non-refundable application fee as shown below:
2. Complete the Application for Admissions. (The application and the paid fee are valid for one [1] year).
3. Submit a proof of a high school graduation (diploma) or equivalency, as described below, one week prior to the first day of attendance.
4. Submit proof of current active unencumbered Practical Nurse or Vocational Nurse (LPN/LVN) licensure from Nursys.com and disclose any encumbered licenses. Nightingale College's PN diploma program graduates may enroll in the LPN to ASN Program on a non-matriculated basis if entrance and HESI testing requirements are met. Learners must become licensed within the first academic semester of the Program to matriculate and progress within the Program.
5. Pass the Prelicensure Nursing Entrance Exam.
6. Pass the Medical Dosage Calculation (MDC) course.
7. All advanced placement LPN/LVN learners must successfully complete the prescribed Medical Dosage Calculation (MDC) self-paced, non-facilitated online course and score 100% on all MDC quizzes prior to the deadline given during the admissions cycle. Learners are limited to three (3) attempts to pass each of the quizzes. The MDC course is available to Advanced Placement prospective learners by requesting access from their Admissions Advisor. Learners who fail to pass all MDC modules may elect to enroll into the BSN program and take the corresponding Pharmacology course. Nightingale College graduates of the PN Diploma Program who enroll in the LPN to ASN program within one year of graduation will not need to complete the MDC course. If more than one (1) year lapses from the time of graduation from the PN Diploma Program, learners must successfully complete the MDC course.
8. If requesting transfer of credit, learners must submit official college transcripts for the previous post-secondary coursework by the deadline in accordance with the [Transfer of Credit](#) section of this Catalog.
 - A total of twenty (20) general education semester credits is required for graduation from the Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) to Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) Program and must be completed prior to the end of the last academic semester in the LPN to ASN Program. Learners may refer to the General Education Requirement section (under Curriculum Plan) of this Catalog

for the minimum number of credits required in each of the three (3) required general education (GE) breadth areas. GE courses may be completed at the College or another institution of higher learning concurrent with enrollment in nursing courses.

- A minimum of eleven (11) GE semester credits are required to enroll in Freshman 2 (F2) nursing courses. Learners may elect to complete the requisite coursework at the College or another institution of higher learning.
- A minimum of fourteen (14) GE semester credits are required to enroll in Sophomore 1 (S1) nursing courses. Learners may elect to complete the requisite coursework at the College or another institution of higher learning.
- Official transcripts are required for matriculation into the LPN to ASN Program.
- Learners admitted without the full twenty (20) semester credits of general education are required to complete at least one (1) general education course per academic semester at the College or another institution of higher learning and provide the official transcript to the Registrar prior to the beginning of the next academic semester to register for the next academic semester. To register for the last academic semester of the LPN to ASN Program, the learner must submit the proof of enrollment in the final general education course to the Registrar and, upon completion, submit an official transcript to graduate.
- The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and all credits earned at other post- secondary institutions or through course challenge exams.

9. Complete Smarter Measure Assessment for evaluation of online learning readiness.

10 Meet with a Learner Funding Advisor to initiate the financial aid process.

11 Be in good financial standing with the College.

Applicant Type	Application Fee
PN Diploma Program Alumni	\$0
Licensed Practical Nurse/Vocational Nurse	\$200
LPN/LVN who are active duty servicemembers and veterans of the U.S Armed Forces	\$50

Recognized Equivalents of a High School Diploma

Several equivalents to a high school diploma may be submitted:

- a GED certificate;
- a certificate or other official completion documentation demonstrating that the learner has passed a state-authorized examination such as the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or, in California, the California High School Proficiency Exam that the state recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (certificates of attendance and/ or completion are not included in this qualifying category);
- an associate degree;
- successful completion of at least sixty (60) semester or trimester credits or seventy-two (72) quarter credits that does not result in the awarding of an associate degree, but that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree at any institution; or
- enrollment in a bachelor's degree program where at least sixty (60) semester or trimester credits or seventy-two (72) quarter credits have been successfully completed, including credits transferred into the bachelor's degree program;
- a "secondary school leaving certificate" or similar document from the proper government agency for learners who completed secondary school in a foreign country, accompanied by a foreign credentials evaluation.

Note: The highest level of academic integrity is expected throughout the admissions process. Violations of the academic integrity policy at any point in the admissions process will result in automatic denial of admission. See the [Academic Integrity](#) section of this College Catalog for more details.

Entrance and Placement Exams

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

Passing of entrance and certain placement exams is required to enroll in the program as indicated below:

Prelicensure Nursing Entrance Exam (ACCUPLACER® Diagnostic Test)

To be admitted to the program learners must achieve the required scores in each academic area of the entrance exam. The entrance exam determines learners' readiness for success in the program by assessing knowledge in three (3) academic areas: Arithmetic, Reading Comprehension, and Sentence Skills. A score of 260 in each of the three (3) areas is required for admission with full matriculation. Learners have three (3) attempts to achieve the required score. Conditional admission is granted to learners who score at least 240 but less than 260 as follows:

- Learners who score below 240 in any of the three (3) areas will not be admitted.
- Learners who score between 240-259 in Arithmetic will be admitted on a non-matriculated basis and will be required to take and successfully complete MAT 90 in the first semester of enrollment.
- Learners who score between 240-249 in Reading will be admitted on a non-matriculated basis and will be required to take and successfully complete ENG 90 in the first semester of enrollment and ENG 95 their second semester of enrollment.

- Learners who score between 250-259 in Reading will be admitted with conditional matriculation and will be required to take and successfully complete ENG 95 in the first semester of enrollment.
- Learners who score between 240-259 in Writing will be admitted with conditional matriculation and will be required to complete ENG 95 in the first semester of enrollment.

The entrance exam voucher fee is included in the application. Scores are valid for one (1) year. Proctoring fees are separate from the voucher and must be paid for each attempt.

Nightingale College graduates of the PN Diploma Program who enroll in the LPN to ASN program within one year of graduation will not be required to take the MDC for the LPN to ASN program. If more than one (1) year lapses from the time of graduation from the PN Diploma Program, learners will be required to take and pass the MDC to be admitted.

Nursing Placement Exams

Advanced placement candidates who are requesting academic credit for courses in ASN 241 and/or ASN 261 are required to pass the corresponding HESI exams as described in the table below:

Course	Exam	Administered During	Passing Score	HESI	Mandatory Remediation HESI Score	Fee
ASN 241	RN Specialty: Health Assessment HESI	Pre-Admission	850		< 900	\$45
ASN 261	RN Specialty: Medical-Surgical Nursing HESI	Pre-Admission	850		< 900	\$45

Applicants may retake the exam one (1) time after completion of mandatory remediation. The fee to retake an exam is \$45. On the second attempt, the applicant will take a different version of the exam. Free personalized remediation materials are available at www.evolve.elsevier.com after the first exam attempt.

If the score on the second attempt is below the minimum score requirement, the applicant is allowed to retest after one (1) year from the date of the first attempt upon completing a new program application and paying a new application fee. Applicants who do not pass the exams may choose to enroll in the corresponding course(s).

Tuition and Fees

Tuition for the LPN to ASN Program is \$825 per semester credit. Tuition and fees may be changed at any time with a 30-day notice. Audit fees are non-refundable and cannot be paid with Title IV funding.

Program Fees

Additional Program fees are presented in the table below.

Item	Fee
Learning Resources and Proctoring Package per semester	\$900 ¹
General Education Fee per Course (except SCI 220, SCI 221, and SCI 251)	\$125 ²
SCI 220, SCI 221, SCI 251 Fee per Course	\$200
Course Audit Fee (ASN 241, ASN 261, ASN 311, ASN 341, ASN 361)	\$1,000
1. The Learning Resources and Proctoring Package per semester fee does not include uniforms or stethoscope. 2. In lieu of the \$125 course resources fee, learners may elect to personally purchase all general education required materials. Nursing kit supplies required to attend experiential learning portions of the course are provided.	

Tuition does not include the non-refundable application and testing fees. In addition, learners are responsible for expenses such as transportation and lodging, if any, associated with the required experiential learning sessions.

Estimated Total Program Cost

The estimated total program cost for a learner who does not transfer in any college-level general education credits and does not test out of ASN 241 and ASN 261 is \$50,755.

Curriculum Plan

General Education Requirements

General Education (GE) courses can be completed at the College or another institution of higher learning accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). The College may grant GE academic credit pursuant to the policies described in the [Experiential Learning](#) and [Extra-Institutional and Non-Instructional Learning](#) sections of this Catalog. Twenty (20) GE semester credits are required for graduation. Learners may refer to the Admissions Requirements and Procedures section above for more information.

The nursing core courses progression requirements do not allow the final academic semester of the Program to consist of only GE courses. GE course requirements must be completed prior to or during the final semester of enrollment. GE courses in math, human anatomy, and human physiology must be completed prior to enrollment into any nursing course. Pathophysiology must be completed no later than the first semester of enrollment in the nursing courses.

Physical & Life Sciences	
A <u>minimum</u> of fourteen (14) semester credits is required in this category. The courses listed below as well as other college-level Physical & Life Sciences courses are considered for transfer of credits. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
Human Anatomy*	4
Human Physiology*	4
Pathophysiology*	3-5
Nutrition*	3-5
English & Communication Arts	
A <u>minimum</u> of three (3) credits is required in this category. The courses listed below as well as other college-level English & Communication Arts courses are considered for transfer of credits. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
English Composition*	3-5
Academic Writing	3-5
Communications	3-5
Mathematics	
A <u>minimum</u> of three (3) credits is required in this category. The courses listed below as well as other college-level mathematics courses are considered for transfer of credits. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
College Algebra*	3-5

Standardized Exams

Standardized end-of-course exams are administered at the end of each level of the LPN to ASN Program. Required scores for mandatory remediation on standardized exams are specified in the table below.

Standardized Exam Schedule for Generic LPN to ASN Learners:

Exam	Administered Course	Mandatory Remediation
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		HESI Score
RN Specialty: Health Assessment HESI	ASN 241	<900
RN Specialty: Medical-Surgical Nursing	ASN 261	<900
RN Specialty: Pharmacology	ASN 311	< 900
RN Exit	ASN 361	< 900

Curriculum Plan

The LPN to ASN Program consists of eight (8) lower-division core nursing courses, comprised of forty-eight (48) academic semester credits delivered over four (4) academic semesters or sixty-four (64) academic weeks, and six (6) GE courses, comprised of twenty (20) semester credits. The total length of the Program for learners electing to complete all GE requirements at the College is sixty-eight (68) semester credits, four (4) academic semesters, or sixty-four (64) academic weeks. Other general education and elective courses are available for learners who transfer in the required GE credits (or for any learner who is interested in taking these noncompulsory courses), provided there is room within the individual's semester credit load.

All didactic instruction is delivered via online learning modalities. However, the College may require learners to attend didactic instruction in any course with on-ground components. All experiential learning for the core nursing courses takes place on-ground at a variety of experiential learning sites. For learner residency and course delivery modalities definitions, see the [Learner Residency and Course Delivery Modalities](#) section of this Catalog. For learning modalities definitions, see the [Learning Modalities Definitions](#) section of this Catalog. A sample curriculum layout is presented in the table below

LPN to ASN Program Sample Curriculum Plan

Course Number	Course Name	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
	LPN LIC II	Advanced Standing for LPN/ LVN License	12									
				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
Freshman Term 1 (F1)												
SCI 220	Human Anatomy with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning	Distance	4	45	30							75
SCI 221	Human Physiology with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning>	Distance	4	45	30							75
ENG 120	English Composition	Distance	3	45								45
MAT 120	College Algebra	Distance	3	45								45
Total			14	180	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	240
Freshman Term 2 (F2)												

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
SCI 225	Pathophysiology	Distance	3	45								45
ASN 241*	Concepts of Nursing I	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165
ASN 261*	Concepts of Nursing II	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165
Total			15	115	14	6	60	90	90	0	0	375
Sophomore Term 1 (S1)												
SCI 131	Introduction to Nutrition	Distance	3	45								45
ASN 311*	Pharmacology II	Distance	3	45								45
ASN 331*	Concepts of Professionalism, Management, and Leadership	Distance	2	30								30
ASN 341*	Concepts of Nursing III	Blended	7	44.5	4	4	15	67.5	45		22.5	202.5
Total			15	164.5	4	4	15	67.5	45	0	22.5	322.5
Sophomore Term 2 (S2)												
ASN 361*	Concepts of Nursing IV	Blended	7	53	4	3	15	45	45		22.5	187.5
ASN 391*	Entry into Professional Nursing Practice	Blended	5	30						135	0	165
Total			12	83	4	3	15	45	45	135	22.5	352.5
Nursing Courses Total			48	272.5	22	13	90	202.5	180	135	45	960
GE Total			20	270	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	330
ASN Program with GE Total			68	542.5	82	13	90	202.5	180	135	45	1,290

Satisfactory Academic Progress Table

Total Credits Attempted	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if CGPA is below	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if course completion rate is below
1-12	2.0	67%
13-24	2.0	67%
25-36	2.0	67%
37-48	2.0	67%
49-60	2.0	67%
61-68	2.0	67%

Course Descriptions

Course Descriptions

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 241	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

ASN 241 : Concepts of Nursing I

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	6
Contact Hours:	165
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	LPN License or equivalent. Minimum of eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology and a minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level mathematics.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course focuses on the chronic nature of certain states of being when nursing a client at various stages in life. A major focus is on the application of the nursing process in meeting needs of clients in various settings. Concepts related to emotional problems and pathological reactions to life stresses and chronic pain will be explored. The course will emphasize the therapeutic relationships and the development of individualized plans of care. Communication skills, mental health assessment, and various therapeutic balance, and sensory perception will be addressed. Direct focused client care experiential learning is included to give learners the opportunity to gain experience with many of these chronic conditions.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 261	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

ASN 261 : Concepts of Nursing II

Delivery Modality:	Online (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	LPN License or equivalent. Minimum of eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology and a minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level mathematics
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	ASN 241, SCI 225 or equivalent

ASN 261 : Concepts of Nursing II

Description: This course emphasizes the provision of professional nursing care for clients across the lifespan with acute medical conditions. The learners will build upon knowledge gained in the basic sciences and other prerequisite nursing courses. A family-centered approach is emphasized throughout the course. The learner will be introduced to the nursing care of acute clients. The course includes application to specific concepts, principles, and theories in various acute care settings. Decision-making skills and independent functioning are emphasized.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 311	Distance	3	45								45

ASN 311 : Pharmacology II

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum of eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology and a minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level mathematics.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: SCI 225 or equivalent

Description: This course builds upon the concepts introduced in ASN 210, encompassing safe drug administration to clients across the health continuum. This course focuses on the role of the registered professional nurse as a provider of culturally competent client-centered care, education and leadership skills, and advocacy in pharmacological treatment of clients with complex needs and selected diagnoses. Using the nursing process as a guide, the learner is expected to integrate previous learning with current, expanded learning to analyze the therapeutic use of drugs and assist the patient in safely using them.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 331	Distance	2	30								30

ASN 331 : Concepts of Professionalism, Management, and Leadership

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 2

Contact Hours: 30

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

ASN 331 : Concepts of Professionalism, Management, and Leadership

Prerequisites:	Minimum of eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology and a minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level mathematics.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	SCI 225 or equivalent
Description:	This course will explore professionalism, management and leadership concepts, issues, roles, and functions as applied to the role of the professional nurse in various healthcare settings. Development in the roles of problem solver, change agent and leader are emphasized. The course focuses on evidence-based competencies as well as leadership and management skills needed by professional nurses to work productively in interprofessional teams. Learners will analyze current best practices related to leadership roles, communication, teamwork and collaboration, quality improvement, and culturally competent client-centered care. Legal and ethical issues related to leadership and professionalism will be emphasized.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 341	Blended	7	44.5	4	4	15	67.5	45		22.5	202.5

ASN 341 : Concepts of Nursing III

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	7
Contact Hours:	202.5
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	ASN 241 or equivalent, a minimum six (6) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level mathematics.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	ASN 311, SCI 225 or equivalent
Description:	This course focuses on providing advanced chronic care for clients at all stages in life and with several types of physiological and psychological processes. The course also explores end-of-life issues related to chronic illness. Learners will synthesize knowledge from earlier courses related to health promotion and prevention and move toward providing client-centered care for people suffering from complex chronic illnesses. Learners will explore the aging process and discuss end-of-life issues as well as explore co-morbidities while managing health outcomes for chronic care patients, along with psychological conditions. Direct focused client care experiential learning is included in the course to give learners the opportunity to gain experience with many of these more complex chronic conditions.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 361	Blended	7	53	4	3	15	45	45			187.5

ASN 361 : Concepts of Nursing IV

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	7
Contact Hours:	187.5
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	ASN 261 or equivalent, a minimum of eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and a minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level mathematics.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	ASN 311, SCI 225 or equivalent
Description:	This course emphasizes the provision of professional nursing care for clients across the lifespan with acute, complex medical conditions. The learners will build upon knowledge gained in the Acute Care I course (ASN 261). The course greatly emphasizes acute care related to several different pathophysiological processes and end-of-life issues. The course includes application to specific concepts, principles, and theories in various acute care settings. Decision-making skills and independent functioning are emphasized.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 391	Blended	5	30						135		165

ASN 391 : Entry into Professional Nursing Practice

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	5
Contact Hours:	165
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	ASN 331
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	ASN 361
Description:	This course focuses on the role transition of the professional nurse as provider of client-centered care, leader in the profession, manager of care, and member of the profession of nursing. Learners will engage in study of the history and theory of nursing and how society views the nursing profession. The evolution of professional nursing practice will be examined as well as the role of the professional nurse within the global healthcare delivery system. Learners will participate in a clinical integrative practicum to experience the full spectrum of responsibilities and roles of the professional nurse. Role expectations of the professional nurse will be discussed and evidence-based guidelines for professional nursing practice will be implemented.

Pre-Dispute Arbitration and Class Action Waiver Disclosure

Nightingale College seeks to resolve disputes or claims between any learner and the College in an efficient, cost-effective, and timely manner. A learner who enrolls at Nightingale College agrees, as a condition of their enrollment, to resolve any dispute through mandatory arbitration that shall not be adjudicated as a class action or a consolidated class arbitration proceeding. However, the College cannot require a learner loan borrower to participate in arbitration or any internal dispute resolution process offered by the institution prior to filing a borrower defense to repayment application with the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e); the College cannot, in any way,

require learners to limit, relinquish, or waive their ability to pursue filing a borrower defense claim, pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e) at any time; and any arbitration, required by a pre-dispute arbitration agreement, tolls the limitations period for filing a borrower defense to repayment application pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e)(6)(ii).

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM

Overview

Program Description

The BSN Program

- provides a dynamic pathway for entry into professional registered nurse (RN) practice;
- evolves to reflect local community needs and current and emerging healthcare delivery trends;
- instills the tenets of advocacy, professional involvement, lifelong learning, and leadership; and
- uses evidence-based practice which prepares graduates to employ critical thinking, clinical competence, and technical proficiency in healthcare settings.

The BSN Program prepares learners to apply for RN licensure and take the NCLEX-RN® exam. The BSN Program curriculum plan meets the requirements of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The blended distance curriculum consists of seventy-two (72) semester credits of nursing core coursework and is delivered over one hundred twenty-eight (128) academic weeks. Learners must take the nursing courses in the sequence prescribed. The BSN Program requires an additional forty-eight (48) semester credits of general education coursework. A total of one hundred twenty (120) semester credits is required for graduation. The Program is designed to be completed within eight (8) academic semesters. However, it may take longer to complete if learners take GE courses at institutions of higher learning that require prerequisites to the Program's mandatory GE coursework.

Note: Learners enrolled in a Supervised On-ground Field Experience (SOFE) must progress through the Program according to the original Program Plan. For each enrolled cohort, a predetermined course schedule outlining the entire Program is established at the time of the initial enrollment. The predetermined original Program Plan may not be modified unless extenuating circumstances arise. The College does not guarantee the availability of courses at a specific SOFE and reserves the right to change Program Plans as necessary.

The BSN Program prepares graduates for entry-level nursing practice in hospitals, clinics, and other healthcare settings. An RN with a BSN Degree uses the nursing process to practice the art and science of nursing and functions interdependently within the healthcare team. Nursing is a dynamic profession that contributes significantly to the health and well-being of individuals and communities.

The BSN Program curriculum was implemented as a result of the call for radical transformation in nursing education presented in *Educating Nurses* (Benner, P., Sutphen, M., Leonard, V., & Day, L., 2010), a Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching study on preparation for the nursing profession, and other literature including the Institute of Medicine and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation report on *The Future of Nursing*. The implementation of concept-based curriculum is an answer to current literature and research on best practices for nursing education.

Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed BSN Program curriculum with a minimum grade of "C" in each nursing course and having satisfied all other graduation requirements, the learner will earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree.

Program Objectives

- Graduate baccalaureate-level nurses who will improve individual, family, and community health and wellness by applying clinical reasoning, evidence-based skills and knowledge, and leadership in practice.
- Facilitate career mobility of graduates and help meet the demand for professional nurses.
- Increase the availability of advanced nursing education opportunities for qualified learners.
- Improve access to nursing education, course scheduling flexibility, and learning efficacy through various innovative instruction delivery methods and learning modalities, including asynchronous online engagements, blended distance learning, capstone activities, course structure, and high-fidelity case-based experiential learning.

Program Outcomes

BSN Program Outcomes are aligned with the Institutional Effectiveness Plan and measure the degree to which the Program achieves its stated mission. For current BSN Program Outcomes benchmarks, see the [BSN Program Outcomes Benchmarks Catalog Insert](#).

Program-Level Learner Outcomes

At Program completion, as measured by evaluation activities throughout the Program, the graduate will:

1. Exemplify quality, competent, client-centered care while demonstrating awareness of the physical, psychological, spiritual, emotional, cultural, and environmental aspects of the clients' needs.
2. Demonstrate intentional learning, clinical reasoning, and reflection to purposefully lead in the profession and provide holistic care to their clients.
3. Integrate and perform research in nursing's identified best practices and demonstrate the ability to practice based on evidence they have analyzed and applied in their profession.
4. Synthesize clinical reasoning into daily nursing practice, while integrating ethical, moral, legal, and evidence-based principles.
5. Exemplify leadership and management skills and attributes appropriate for their role as BSN-level registered nurses.
6. Engage in effective communication—therapeutically and professionally—with and without the use of technology.
7. Integrate components of quality and safety best practices into the daily nursing work environments.
8. Integrate collaborative leadership skills when leading and functioning as a member of interdisciplinary teams.

Core Competencies

1. Client-Centered Care
2. Intentional Learning with Reflection
3. Evidence-Based Practice
4. Decision-Making and Clinical Reasoning
5. Organizational, Local, and Global Leadership
6. Communication and Informatics
7. Quality and Safety Assurance
8. Teamwork and Collaboration

Admissions Requirements

Requirements and Procedures

All applicants work closely with an Admissions Advisor to assess career goals, motivation, and commitment to learning.

Applicant Type	Application Fee
Generic	\$150
Active duty servicemembers and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces	\$0
Advanced Placement, including pharmacology credit	\$200
Active duty servicemembers and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, if requesting pharmacology credit	\$50

To be considered for admission, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Pay the non-refundable application fee as shown above.
2. Complete the Application for Admissions. (The application and the paid fee are valid for one [1] year).
3. Submit a copy of a high school diploma or equivalent as described below, one week prior to the first day of attendance. Several equivalents to a high school diploma may be submitted:
 - a GED certificate;
 - a certificate or other official completion documentation demonstrating that the learner has passed a state-authorized examination, such as the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or, in California, the California High School Proficiency Exam; that the state recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (certificates of attendance and/or completion are not included in this qualifying category);
 - an associate degree;

successful completion of at least sixty (60) semester or trimester credits or seventy-two (72) quarter credits that does not result in the awarding of an associate degree, but that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree at any institution; or

 - enrollment in a bachelor's degree program where at least sixty (60) semester or trimester credits or seventy-two (72) quarter credits have been successfully completed, including credits transferred into the bachelor's degree program;
 - a "secondary school leaving certificate" or similar document from the proper government agency for learners who completed secondary school in a foreign country, accompanied by a foreign credentials evaluation.
4. Pass the Pre-Licensure Nursing Entrance Exam.

5. If requesting transfer of credit, learners must submit official college transcripts for the previous post-secondary coursework by the deadline in accordance with the [Transfer of Credit](#) section of this Catalog.

- A total of forty-eight (48) general education semester credits is required for graduation from the BSN Program and must be completed prior to the end of the last academic semester of the BSN Program. Learners may refer to the General Education Requirement section of this Catalog for the minimum number of credits required in each of the five (5) general education (GE) breadth areas. GE courses may be completed at the College or another institution of higher learning concurrent with enrollment in nursing courses.
- A minimum of fourteen (14) semester credits of general education, including eight (8) semester credits of human anatomy and human physiology, a minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level mathematics, and a minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level English is required to enroll in any nursing core course. Learners may elect to complete the prerequisite coursework at the College or another institution of higher learning.
- A minimum of twenty-four (24) semester credits of general education are required to enroll in BSN 215 and/or BSN 225 nursing courses. Learners may elect to complete the prerequisite coursework at the College or another institution of higher learning.
- A minimum of thirty-three (33) semester credits of general education are required to enroll in BSN 246 and/or BSN 315 nursing courses. Learners may elect to complete the prerequisite coursework at the College or another institution of higher learning.
- A minimum of thirty-six (36) semester credits of general education are required to enroll in BSN 266 and/or BSN 335 nursing courses. Learners may elect to complete the prerequisite coursework at the College or another institution of higher learning.
- Official transcripts are required for matriculation into the BSN Program.
- Learners admitted without the full forty-eight (48) semester credits of general education are required to complete at least one (1) general education course per academic semester at the College or another institution of higher learning and provide the official transcript to the Registrar prior to the beginning of the next academic semester to register for the next academic semester. To register for the last academic semester of the BSN Program, the learner must submit the proof of enrollment in the final general education course to the Registrar and, upon completion, submit an official transcript to graduate.
- The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and all credits earned at other post-secondary institutions or through course challenge exams.

6. Complete Smarter Measure Assessment for evaluation of online learning readiness.

7. Meet with a Learner Funding Advisor to initiate the financial aid process.

8. Be in good financial standing with the College.

Note: The highest level of academic integrity is expected throughout the admissions process. Violations of the academic integrity policy at any point in the admissions process will result in automatic denial of admission. See the Academic Integrity section of the College Catalog for more details.

Entrance and Placement Exams

Passing of certain placement exams is required to enroll in certain courses or matriculate in the program as indicated below.

Pre-Licensure Nursing Entrance Exam (ACCUPLACER® Diagnostic Test)

To be admitted to the program learners must achieve the required scores in each academic area of the entrance exam. The entrance exam determines learners' readiness for success in the program by assessing knowledge in three (3) academic areas: Arithmetic, Reading Comprehension, and Sentence Skills. A score of 260 in each of the three (3) areas is required for admission with full matriculation. Learners have three (3) attempts to achieve the required score. Conditional admission is granted to learners who score at least 240 but less than 260 as follows:

- Learners who score below 240 in any of the three areas will not be admitted.
- Learners who score between 240-259 in Arithmetic will be admitted on a non-matriculated basis and will be required to take and successfully complete MAT 90 in the first semester of enrollment.
- Learners who score between 240-249 in Reading will be admitted on a non-matriculated basis and will be required to take and successfully complete ENG 90 in the first semester of enrollment and ENG 95 their second semester of enrollment.
- Learners who score between 250-259 in Reading will be admitted with conditional matriculation and will be required to take and successfully complete ENG 95 in the first semester of enrollment.
- Learners who score between 240-259 in Writing will be admitted with conditional matriculation and will be required to complete ENG 95 in the first semester of enrollment.

The entrance exam voucher fee is included in the application. Scores are valid for one (1) year. Proctoring fees are separate from the voucher and must be paid for each attempt.

Nightingale College graduates of the PN Diploma Program who enroll in the BSN program within one year of graduation will not be required to take the entrance exam for the BSN program. If more than one (1) year lapses from the time of graduation from the PN Diploma Program, learners will be required to take and pass the entrance exam to be admitted.

Advanced Placement Candidates Only

Advanced placement candidates who are requesting academic credit for courses in BSN 246 and/or BSN 266 are required to pass the corresponding HESI exams as described in the table below:

Course	Exam	Administered During	Passing HESI Score	Mandatory Remediation HESI Score	Fee
BSN 246	RN Specialty: Health Assessment HESI	Pre-Admission	850	< 900	\$45
BSN 266	RN Specialty: Medical-Surgical Nursing HESI	Pre-Admission	850	< 900	\$45

Advanced placement servicemembers who do not qualify for the automatic BMTC block credit transfer are required to pass the HESI exam as described in the table below:

Exam	Administered During	Passing HESI Score	Mandatory Remediation HESI Score	Fee
RN Specialty: Fundamentals of Nursing HESI	Pre-Admission	850	< 900	\$45

Applicants may retake the exam one (1) time after completion of mandatory remediation. The fee to retake an exam is \$45. On the second attempt, the applicant will take a different version of the exam. Free personalized remediation materials are available at www.evolve.elsevier.com after the first exam attempt.

If the score on the second attempt is below the minimum score requirement, the applicant is allowed to retest after one (1) year from the date of the first attempt upon completing a new program application and paying a new application fee. Applicants who do not pass the exams may choose to enroll into the corresponding semester.

To earn a transfer of credit for BSN 215, learners must successfully complete the Medical Dosage Calculation (MDC) self-paced online course as described in the Acceptance Notification and Matriculation Requirements section of the Catalog.

Tuition and Fees

Tuition for the BSN Program is \$630 per semester credit. Tuition and fees may be changed at any time with a 30-day notice. Audit fees are non-refundable and cannot be paid with Title IV funding.

Item	Fee
Learning Resources and Proctoring Package per Semester	\$1,000 ¹
General Education Fee per Course (except SCI 220, SCI 221, and SCI 251)	\$125 ²
SCI 220, SCI 221, SCI 251 Fee per Course	\$200
Course Audit Fee (All Courses)	\$1,000
¹ The Learning Resources and Proctoring Package per semester fee does not include uniforms or stethoscope. ² In lieu of the \$125 course resources fee, learners may elect to personally purchase all general education required materials. Nursing kit supplies required to attend experiential learning portions of the course are provided.	

Tuition does not include the non-refundable application and testing fees. In addition, learners are responsible for expenses such as transportation and lodging, if any, associated with the required experiential learning sessions.

Estimated Total Program Cost

The estimated total program cost for a learner who does not transfer in any college-level credits is \$85,700, not taking into consideration the Learner Graduation Fund credit of up to \$6,000.

Curriculum Plan

General Education Requirements

A combination of forty-eight (48) semester credits of general education and elective courses is required for graduation. General education (GE) courses may be completed at the College or another institution of higher learning accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA). GE academic credit may be granted pursuant to the policies described in the Experiential Learning and [Extra-Institutional and Non-Instructional Learning](#) sections of this Catalog. Learners may refer to the Admissions Requirements and Procedures section above for more information.

The nursing core courses progression requirements do not allow the final academic semester of the Program to consist of only GE courses. GE course requirements must be completed prior to or during the final semester of enrollment. GE courses in math, English, human anatomy, and human physiology must be completed prior to enrollment into any nursing course. Pathophysiology must be completed no later than the first semester of enrollment in the nursing courses.

Physical & Life Sciences A <u>minimum</u> of fifteen (15) semester credits is required in this category. The courses listed below as well as other college-level physical and life sciences courses are considered for the fulfillment of the GE requirements. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
Human Anatomy with lab*	4
Human Physiology with lab*	4
Pathophysiology*	3-5
Microbiology with lab	3-5
Biology	3-5
Chemistry	3-5
Environmental Science	3-5
Physics	3-5
English & Communication Arts A <u>minimum</u> of six (6) credits is required in this category. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
Technical Writing*	3-5
English Composition*	3-5
Academic Writing	3-5
Communications	3-5
Mathematics A <u>minimum</u> of six (6) credits is required in this category. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits

Statistics*	3-5
College Algebra*	3-5
Human Behavior & Social Sciences	
A <u>minimum</u> of six (6) credits is required in this category.	
Course	Semester Credits
Psychology*	3-5
Human Growth & Development	3-5
Sociology	3-5
Abnormal Psychology	3-5
Cultural Anthropology	3-5
Organizational Behavior	3-5
Macroeconomics	3-5
United States History	3-5
Humanities & Fine Arts	
A <u>minimum</u> of six (6) credits is required in this category.	
Course	Semester Credits
Religion	3-5
Applied Ethics	3-5
Western Civilization	3-5
Other Electives	
A minimum of six (6) credits is required in this category.	
Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
Nutrition*	3-5
Upper-Division Elective(s)	
A <u>minimum</u> of three (3) semester credits of any additional upper-division elective course(s) is required in this category.	
Upper-Division Elective	3-5
<i>A combined total of 48 general education (GE) and elective credits are required for the BSN Degree.</i>	

Curriculum

The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice provides an important framework for designing and assessing baccalaureate education. The original purpose of the Essentials is to "delineate the essentials of education for professional baccalaureate nursing practice" (AACN, 2008). Because professional nursing practice in all settings requires consideration of the individual, family, community, and population as client, these outcomes are essential to baccalaureate nursing education offered by Nightingale College.

- **Essential I:** Liberal Education for Baccalaureate Generalist Nursing Practice
- **Essential II:** Basic Organizational and Systems Leadership for Quality Care and Patient Safety

- **Essential III:** Scholarship for Evidence-Based Practice
- **Essential IV:** Information Management and Application of Patient Care Technology
- **Essential V:** Healthcare Policy, Finance, and Regulatory Environments
- **Essential VI:** Interprofessional Communication and Collaboration for Improving Patient Health Outcomes
- **Essential VII:** Clinical Prevention and Population Health
- **Essential VIII:** Professionalism and Professional Values
- **Essential IX:** Baccalaureate Generalist Nursing Practice

All didactic instruction is delivered via distance learning modalities. All experiential learning and workshops for the core nursing courses are delivered on-ground at SOFE sites. For learner residency and course delivery modalities definitions, see the [Learner Residency and Course Delivery Modalities](#) section of this Catalog. For learning modalities definitions, see the [Learning Modalities Definitions](#) section of this Catalog. A sample curriculum layout is presented in the table below.

Course Number	Course Name	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
Freshman Term 1 (F1)												
SCI 220	Human Anatomy with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning	Distance	4	45	30							75
SCI 221	Human Physiology with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning	Distance	4	45	30							75
ENG 120	English Composition	Distance	3	45								45
MAT 100	College Algebra	Distance	3	45								45
Total			14	180	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	240
Freshman Term 2 (F2)**												
SCI 131	Introduction to Nutrition	Distance	3	45								45
SCI 225	Pathophysiology	Distance	3	45								45
PSY 201	Introduction to Psychology	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 206*	Foundations of Nursing Fundamentals	Distance	5	22	11	4.5	45	45				127.5
Total			14	157	11	4.5	45	45	0	0	0	262.5
Sophomore Term 1 (S1)												
MAT 220	Introduction to Statistics	Distance	3	45								45

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
HUM 110	Western Civilization I	Distance	3	45								45
SOC 220	Introduction to Sociology	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 215*	Pharmacology I	Distance	2	30								30
BSN 225	Concepts of Nursing – Health Promotion	Blended	5	21.5	4	4.5	15	45	45		22.5	157.5
Total			16	186.5	4	4.5	15	45	45	0	22.5	322.5
Sophomore Term 2 (S2)												
SCI 251	Microbiology with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning	Distance	4	45	30							75
BSN 235	Nursing Communication and Informatics	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 246	Concepts of Nursing I	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165
BSN 315*	Pharmacology II	Distance	3	45								45
Total			16	170	37	3	30	45	45	0	0	330
Junior Term 1 (J1)												
ENG 311	Professional and Academic Writing	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 266	Concepts of Nursing II	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165
BSN 325	Population-Based Chronic Illness and Health Promotion	Blended*	4	52.5							22.5	75
BSN 335*	Concepts of Professionalism, Management, and Leadership	Distance	2	30								30
BSN 355	Capstone Proposal	Distance	1	15								15
Total			16	177.5	7	3	30	45	45	0	22.5	330

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
Junior Term 2 (J2)												
COM 301	Oral Communication	Distance	3	45								45
ANT 300	Cultural Anthropology	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 346	Concepts of Nursing III	Blended	7	44.5	4	4	15	67.5	45		22.5	202.5
BSN 375	Advanced Issues in Cognition	Distance	2	30								30
Total			15	164.5	4	4	15	67.5	45	0	22.5	322.5
Senior Term 1 (SR1)												
HUM 301	Applied Ethics	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 366	Concepts of Nursing IV	Blended	7	53	4	3	15	45	45		22.5	187.5
BSN 425	Gerontological Nursing	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 435	Scholarship and Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing	Distance	3	45								45
Total			16	188	4	3	15	45	45	0	22.5	322.5
Senior Term 2 (SR2)												
BSN 395	Entry into Professional Nursing Practice	Blended	5	30						135		165
BSN 445	Concepts of Nursing in the Complex Patient	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 465	Decision Making in Nursing	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 485	Capstone Leadership	Blended*	2	15							45	60
Total			13	135	0	0	0	0	0	135	45	315
Nursing Courses Total			72	683.5	37	22	150	292.5	225	135	135	1,680
GE Total			48	675	90	0	0	0	0	0	0	765
BSN Program with GE Total			120	1,358.5	127	22	150	292.5	225	135	135	2,445

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Course Number	Course Name	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
Freshman Term 1 (F1)												
SCI 220	Human Anatomy with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning	Distance	4	45	30							75
SCI 221	Human Physiology with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning	Distance	4	45	30							75
ENG 120	English Composition	Distance	3	45								45
MAT 100	College Algebra	Distance	3	45								45
Total			14	180	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	240
Sophomore Term 1 (S1)												
SCI 251	Microbiology with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning	Distance	4	45	30							75
SCI 225	Pathophysiology	Distance	3	45								45
PSY 201	Introduction to Psychology	Distance	3	45								45
SCI 131	Introduction to Nutrition	Distance	3	45								45
SOC 220	Introduction to Sociology	Distance	3	45								45
Total			16	225	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	255
Sophomore Term 2 (S2)												
MAT 220	Introduction to Statistics	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 235	Nursing Communication	Distance	3	45								45

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
	and Informatics											
BSN 246*	Concepts of Nursing I	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165
BSN 305*	Pharmacology for BMTC	Distance	4	60								60
Total			16	185	7	3	30	45	45	0	0	315
Junior Term 1 (J1)												
ENG 311	Professional and Academic Writing	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 266*	Concepts of Nursing II	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165
BSN 325	Population-Based Chronic Illness and Health Promotion	Blended*	4	52.5							22.5	75
BSN 335*	Concepts of Professionalism, Management, and Leadership	Distance	2	30								30
BSN 355	Capstone Proposal	Distance	1	15								15
Total			16	177.5	7	3	30	45	45	0	22.5	330
Junior Term 2 (J2)												
COM 301	Oral Communication	Distance	3	45								45
HUM 110	Western Civilization I	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 346*	Concepts of Nursing III	Blended	7	44.5	4	4	15	67.5	45		22.5	202.5
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BSN 425	Gerontological Nursing	Distance	3	45								45

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
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BSN 395*	Entry into Professional Nursing Practice	Blended	5	30						135		165
BSN 445	Concepts of Nursing in the Complex Patient	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 465	Decision Making in Nursing	Distance	3	45								45
BSN 485	Capstone Leadership	Blended*	2	15							45	60
Total			16*	180	0	0	0	0	0	135	45	360
Nursing Courses Total			61	625	22	13	90	202.5	180	135	112.5	1,380
GE Total			48	675	90							765
BSN Program with GE Total			109	1,300	112	13	90	202.5	180	135	112.5	2,145

Standardized Exams

Standardized end-of-course exams are administered at the end of each level of the BSN Program. Required scores for mandatory remediation on standardized exams are specified in the table below.

Standardized Exam Schedule for Generic BSN Learners:

HESI Exam	Course	Mandatory Remediation HWESI Score
RN Specialty: Dosage Calculation	BSN 215	< 900
RN Specialty: Fundamentals of Nursing	BSN 225	< 900
RN Specialty: Health Assessment	BSN 246	< 900
RN Specialty: Pharmacology	BSN 305 or BSN 315	< 900
RN Specialty: Medical-Surgical Nursing	BSN 266	< 900
RN Exit	BSN 366	< 900

Satisfactory Academic Progress Table

Total Credits Attempted	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if CGPA is below	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if course completion rate is below
1-12	2.0	67%
13-24	2.0	67%
25-36	2.0	67%
37-48	2.0	67%
49-60	2.0	67%
61-72	2.0	67%
73-84	2.0	67%
85-96	2.0	67%
97-108	2.0	67%
109-120	2.0	67%

Course Descriptions

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Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 206	Distance	5	22	11	4.5	45	45				127.5

BSN 206 : Foundations of Nursing Fundamentals

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	5
Contact Hours:	127.5
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225
Description:	This course introduces the fundamental concepts necessary for safe patient-centered nursing care to a diverse patient population while integrating clinical decision-making. Critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and the nursing process are key foundations to nursing practice. Application of knowledge and practice of skills occur in a variety of clinical settings providing care to stable patients with common health issues.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning	Remote	Experiential Learning	Total
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			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 215	Distance	2	30								30

BSN 215 : Pharmacology I

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	2
Contact Hours:	30
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225
Description:	This course is an overview of the basic principles of pharmacology, including major drug classifications and prototypes of commonly used medications. Principles of medication administration include aspects of the best practices for safe, quality, patient-centered care. Central points of the course include safety, quality improvement factors in the administration of medications, patient teaching, and variations encountered when administering medications to diverse patient populations across the lifespan.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 225	Blended	5	21.5	4	4.5	15	45	45		22.5	157.5

BSN 225 : Concepts of Nursing – Health Promotion

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	5
Contact Hours:	157.5
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math and BSN 206
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PSY 201, SCI 131, SCI 225, and BSN 215
Description:	This course focuses on the role of the professional nurse in promoting optimal health for individual clients. The course will discuss basic psychomotor nursing skills and introduce learners to medical/ surgical nursing for low-risk clients. This course also provides the learner with techniques for carrying out a physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural assessment to evaluate clients' well-being. The course also introduces learners to assessment devices and procedures to collect data. The course focuses on health promotion, health protection, disease prevention and communication strategies throughout the lifespan.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 235	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 235 : Nursing Communication and Informatics

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MAT 220
Description:	In this course, learners will explore and gain advanced knowledge and skills in information management, patient care technology, and effective interpersonal communication modalities. Nursing informatics is a combination of cognitive science, computer science, information science, and nursing science. It includes the development, analysis, and evaluation of information systems, which are augmented by technology that helps to support, enhance, and manage client care. In this course, learners will examine information management tools used to monitor outcomes of care processes, client care technologies essential to ensuring high quality, safe patient care, and communication and collaboration skills necessary to providing optimal client-centered care. The course will emphasize key concepts related to information and computer literacy.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 246	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

BSN 246 : Concepts of Nursing I

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	6
Contact Hours:	165
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 206 and BSN 225, or equivalent
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PSY 201, SCI 131, SCI 225, and BSN 215
Description:	This course focuses on the chronic nature of certain states of being when nursing a client at various stages in life, focusing on the application of the nursing process in meeting needs of clients in various settings. The course will explore concepts related to emotional problems, pathological reactions to life stresses, and chronic pain. The course will emphasize the therapeutic relationships

BSN 246 : Concepts of Nursing I

and the development of individualized plans of care. The course will address communication skills, mental health assessment, various therapeutic balances, and sensory perception. Direct focused client care experiential learning will give learners the opportunity to gain experience with many of these chronic conditions.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 266	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

BSN 266 : Concepts of Nursing II

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 6

Contact Hours: 165

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 206; BSN 225 and BSN 246, or equivalent.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PSY 201, SCI 131, SCI 225, and BSN 215

Description: This course emphasizes the provision of professional nursing care for clients across the lifespan with acute medical conditions. The learners will build upon knowledge gained in the basic sciences and other prerequisite nursing courses. The course emphasizes decision-making skills, independent functioning, and a family-centered approach. The course will introduce the learner to the nursing care of acute clients. The course includes application to specific concepts, principles, and theories in various acute care settings.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 305	Distance	4	60								60

BSN 305 : Pharmacology for BMT

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 60

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 215 or equivalent.

BSN 305 : Pharmacology for BMTC

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225

Description: Overview of the principles of advanced nursing pharmacology, including major drug classifications and prototypes of commonly used medications. Principles of medication administration include aspects of best practice for safe, quality, patient-centered care. Central topics of the course include safety, quality improvement factors in the administration of medications, patient teaching, and variations encountered when administering medications to diverse patient populations across the lifespan.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 315	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 315 : Pharmacology II

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 215 or equivalent.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225

Description: This course builds upon the concepts introduced in BSN 215, encompassing safe drug administration to clients across the health continuum. This course focuses on the role of the registered professional nurse as a provider of culturally competent client-centered care, education and leadership skills, and advocacy for clients with complex needs and selected diagnoses in pharmacological treatment. Using the nursing process as a guide, the learner integrates previous learning with current, expanded learning to analyze the therapeutic use of drugs and assist the patient in using them safely.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 325	Blended	4	52.5							22.5	75

BSN 325 : Population-Based Chronic Illness and Health Promotion

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 75

BSN 325 : Population-Based Chronic Illness and Health Promotion

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour (This course includes a practice-based direct focused client care experiential learning project which requires twenty-two point five (22.5) tracked clock hours to receive credit for the course).

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; and BSN 246.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: MAT 220, PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225

Description: This course introduces concepts of community health nursing using a population-focused nursing process. The course emphasizes health promotion, risk reduction, and disease management in selected community settings. The course focuses on theory-based nursing care of aggregates, communities, and vulnerable populations in a global, multicultural society. The course introduces learners to public health concepts as well as characteristics of community health nursing. The course also emphasizes community assessment process and the development of nursing strategies to assist multi-problem families, while considering health on a continuum and throughout the lifespan. In addition, the course will explore the nurse's role on the community health team and give an understanding of healthcare needs of different cultural groups. Note: Though not classified as "direct focused client care experiential learning" contact hours in the curriculum plan, the RN-to-BSN Track requires twenty-two point five (22.5) tracked practice-based direct focused client care experiential learning project hours to earn the academic credit for BSN 325.

Note: Though not classified as "direct focused client care experiential learning" contact hours in the curriculum plan, the RN-to-BSN Program requires twenty-two point five (22.5) tracked practice-based direct focused client care experiential learning project hours to earn the academic credit for BSN 325.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 335	Distance	2	30								30

BSN 335 : Concepts of Professionalism, Management, and Leadership

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 2

Contact Hours: 30

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course will explore professionalism, management and leadership concepts, issues, roles, and functions as applied to the role of the professional nurse in various healthcare settings. The course will emphasize development in the roles of problem solver, change agent and leader. The course focuses on evidence-based leadership, management skills, and competencies needed by professional nurses to work productively in inter-professional teams. Learners will analyze current best practices related to leadership roles, communication, teamwork and collaboration, quality

BSN 335 : Concepts of Professionalism, Management, and Leadership

improvement, and culturally competent client-centered care. The course will emphasize legal and ethical issues related to leadership and professionalism.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 346	Blended	7	44.5	4	4	15	67.5	45		22.5	202.5

BSN 346 : Concepts of Nursing III

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 7

Contact Hours: 202.5

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English; and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 246 and BSN 266.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: BSN 305 or BSN 315

Description: This course focuses on providing advanced chronic care for clients at all stages in life and with several types of physiological and psychological processes. The course also explores end-of-life issues related to chronic illness. Learners will synthesize knowledge from earlier courses related to health promotion and prevention and move toward providing client-centered care for people suffering from complex chronic illnesses. Learners will explore the aging process and discuss end-of-life issues as well as explore co-morbidities while managing health outcomes for chronic care patients, along with psychological conditions. Direct focused client care experiential learning gives learners the opportunity to gain experience with many of these more complex chronic conditions.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 355	Distance	1	15								15

BSN 355 : Capstone Proposal

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 1

Contact Hours: 15

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; and BSN 246.

BSN 355 : Capstone Proposal

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225

Description: This course is a preparatory proposal course for BSN 485: Capstone Leadership, which will be taken the last academic semester of the BSN Program. Learners will be completing a capstone project in the BSN Program during that final academic semester, but the ideas, proposal, and approval for this project will come to fruition in this Capstone Proposal course. Learners will learn about vision, creativity, and planning as it relates to leadership in nursing. They will propose a plan for a capstone project and explain how the plan will be carried out. This course will discuss some basic principles related to leadership and the future of nursing.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 366	Blended	7	53	4	3	15	45	45		22.5	187.5

BSN 366 : Concepts of Nursing IV

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 7

Contact Hours: 187.5

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 266 and BSN 346.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: BSN 305 or BSN 315

Description: This course emphasizes the provision of professional nursing care for clients across the lifespan with acute, complex medical conditions. The learners will build upon knowledge gained in the Acute Care I course (BSN 266). The course greatly emphasizes acute care related to several different pathophysiological processes and end-of-life issues. The course includes application to specific concepts, principles, and theories in various acute care settings. The course will emphasize decision-making skills and independent functioning.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 375	Distance	2	30								30

BSN 375 : Advanced Issues in Cognition

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 2

Contact Hours: 30

BSN 375 : Advanced Issues in Cognition

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; and BSN 266.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course focuses on advanced principles and concepts related to cognition and psychiatric nursing, emphasizing the roles and functions of the nurse in meeting the needs of individuals, families, groups, and communities who are experiencing issues in cognitive functioning. Learners will build upon concepts of cognition they learned in their associate degree programs and advance their thinking skills to the analysis, synthesis, and evaluation levels. The course will emphasize the nurse's ability to communicate, lead, apply the nursing process, and clinically judge situations related to cognition and psychiatric nursing.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 395	Blended	5	30						135		165

BSN 395 : Entry into Professional Nursing Practice

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 5

Contact Hours: 165

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: BSN 335 and BSN 366

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course focuses on the role transition of the professional nurse as a provider of client-centered care, leader in the profession, manager of care, and member of the profession of nursing. The course will examine the elements of professional nursing practice as well as the role of the professional nurse within the global health care delivery system. Learners will participate in licensure preparation through standardized assessments and individualized remediation. Learners will participate in a clinical integrative practicum to experience the full spectrum of responsibilities and roles of the professional nurse. The course will discuss role expectations of the professional nurse and implement evidence-based guidelines for professional nursing practice.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 425	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 425 : Gerontological Nursing

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: BSN 346

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course examines the physical, psychological, sociocultural, and spiritual aspects of aging within the context of the family and society. The course will examine advanced theoretical concepts of aging in light of the nursing process. The course will present theories and concepts related to gerontology and nursing principles within the framework of critical thinking and caring. The focus is on health promotion through providing safe, evidence-based practice interventions, emphasizing the well and the vulnerable older adult population.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 435	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 435 : Scholarship and Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; and BSN 266.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: ENG 311, MAT 220, and BSN 355

Description: This course provides an introduction to the research process in the practice of nursing. Research in nursing is important to promote, maintain, and restore health, and to ensure quality and safety in nursing practice. Learners will examine the research process as a basis for how scientific nursing knowledge is obtained. The steps in the research process are identified, discussed, and will be implemented in conjunction with the Capstone Proposal course (BSN 355). The course will explore the use of nursing research in the development of therapeutic nursing interventions. Learners will learn to apply critical thinking skills to the evaluation of published nursing research for application to practice.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
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			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 445	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 445 : Concepts of Nursing in the Complex Patient

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	BSN 366 (BSN 445 may be taken concurrently with the BSN 366 Audit)
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course focuses on pathophysiologic concepts and nursing management essential to critical care and emergency nursing in complex patient settings. The course will address ethical, moral, and legal issues as well as specific considerations for various procedures and specialty services encountered in the critical care environment. Learners will learn to apply the nursing process with complex patient situations and prioritize nursing care for clients with multiple complex needs.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 465	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 465 : Decision Making in Nursing

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	BSN 366 (BSN 465 may be taken concurrently with the BSN 366 Audit)
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	The purpose of this course is to aid nurses in making decisions, using ethical, political, legal, cultural, spiritual, clinical, and other considerations as part of the decision-making process. The course will emphasize ethical decision-making in nursing practice. Nurses are required to make decisions in every aspect of practice, and need to have a foundation of knowledge, values, and ethics which will promote client-centered care in multiple nursing settings. An accurate understanding of policy and ethics in the decision-making process is vital for every practicing nurse.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
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			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 485	Blended	2	15							45	60

BSN 485 : Capstone Leadership

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	2
Contact Hours:	60
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour (This course includes a clinical practice-based project which requires 45 tracked clock hours to receive credit for the course).
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	BSN 355 and BSN 435
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is a follow-up course to BSN 355: Capstone Proposal, which was taken the first or second semester of the BSN Program. In this course, learners will be completing the capstone project they proposed in BSN 355. Learners will apply their learning about vision, creativity, and planning as it relates to leadership in nursing. They will complete a capstone project.

Capstone Projects

Benefits

Learners select an employer-focused topic that is related to nursing in order to apply leadership skills at work, and propose further avenues for evidence-based practices in nursing. In order for a Capstone Project to be successful, learners will develop and refine their project goals, objectives, and results throughout the second and third semesters before completing the final written proposal. BSN Program instructors aid learners in selecting a topic and provide feedback during each step of the Project's timeline.

Learners utilize advanced reasoning skills taught in the BSN Program to uncover potential proposal topics such as the importance of hand washing, tactics to decrease the number of patient falls, and proposing methods to reduce the number of medication errors by nurses. Proposal topics are chosen based on the needs of a learner's employer. Instead of waiting to use the skills and knowledge until after graduation, the BSN Program's Capstone Project is intended to help learners implement solutions now and place them in a position of leadership.

The Capstone Project brings value to employers and to learners willing to step up to the challenge and make a difference in their facility.

There are many benefits to participating and completing Nightingale College's employer-focused Capstone Project. From advancing your knowledge and skills past an ADN competency level, the Capstone Project tests learners ability to apply what has been learners to real-world situations.

The Opportunity to Become an Engaged, Invested Employee

The Project is not to be taken lightly as it is one that asks learners to become engaged in their place of employment and find solutions to challenges that may be faced on a daily basis. Throughout the Project, learners are viewed as invested employees at work because the structure of the course requires learners to recognize and assess policies and procedures.

A Project that Will Set You Apart from Your Colleagues

The Capstone Project is designed to challenge learners to develop a strategy that may be implemented at their current place of employment. The course is designed to train learners in leadership skills and to recognize inefficiencies while providing possible solutions. Learners will learn about vision, creativity, and planning in relation to nursing leadership.

A Means of Advancing Your Nursing Career

Learners are encouraged to get involved at work and look for areas of improvement. Learners who decide to take responsibility for their education will gain significant value from the Project. This Project will help elevate the employer and advance their nursing career.

Ultimately, Securing Your Future

The nursing profession is constantly changing and nurses are required to have the latest skills and knowledge in order to bring value to their employers and colleagues. By completing the Capstone Project, learners have already positioned themselves in a leadership role and have displayed their passion and commitment for advancing nursing practices. Securing a future in nursing requires advanced knowledge and skills, as well as positioning yourself as an asset to the organization.

Capstone Experience

Throughout the Program, learners will engage in didactic instruction with accompanying assignments to prepare them for the final Capstone Proposal that is completed in the final semester of the course. From the start in the class, faculty instructs learners on the purpose, goals, and structure for the Capstone Project. BDN 355: Capstone Proposal is completed in the first semester of the Program and will be completed the final semester in BDN 485: Capstone Leadership.

Capstone Steps

Beginning the Capstone Proposal can be an intimidating first step to take. Use the steps and resources below to begin brainstorming the best topic for your Project and your employer.

- 1. Define what the ultimate goal is with the Project.
- 2. Develop the Project's objectives and strategies, and reasoning (background) behind the Project's question.
- 3. Determine the desired outcomes of the stated objectives and an evaluation technique.
- 4. Designate the required timeline of Project milestones, budget, and involved individuals.
- 5. Draft the Capstone Project proposal according to APA guidelines and as a literature review.

Pre-Dispute Arbitration and Class Action Waiver Disclosure

Nightingale College seeks to resolve disputes or claims between any learner and the College in an efficient, cost-effective, and timely manner. A learner who enrolls at Nightingale College agrees, as a condition of their enrollment, to resolve any dispute through mandatory arbitration that shall not be adjudicated as a class action or a consolidated class arbitration proceeding. However, the College cannot require a learner loan borrower to participate in arbitration or any internal dispute resolution process offered by the institution prior to filing a borrower defense to repayment application with the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e); the College cannot, in any way, require learners to limit, relinquish, or waive their ability to pursue filing a borrower defense claim, pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e) at any time; and any arbitration, required by a pre-dispute arbitration agreement, tolls the limitations period for filing a borrower defense to repayment application pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e)(6)(ii).

RN-TO-BSN TRACK

Overview

Program Description

The RN-to-BSN Track is a BSN program option designed to further develop skills, reasoning, and attributes of licensed professional registered nurses (RNs). The RN-to-BSN curriculum is grounded in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing. A total of one hundred twenty (120) semester credits is required for the conferral of the BSN degree. Upon enrollment, learners are granted forty-eight (48) semester credits of lower-division core nursing coursework pursuant to the RN licensure. The RN-to-BSN Track consists of twenty-four (24) semester credits of upper-division nursing coursework. In addition, the completion of the BSN degree requires forty-eight (48) semester credits of general education. Learners who hold an Associate of Science in Nursing Degree and transfer a minimum twenty-seven (27) semester credits of general education, including the required physical sciences credits, can complete the RN-to-BSN Track within three (3) academic semesters, or forty-eight (48) academic weeks of instruction. Learners who have not completed any general education requirements and elect to complete all GE coursework at the College can complete the RN-to-BSN Track within five (5) academic semesters, or eighty (80) academic weeks of instruction. The table below illustrates the estimated program completion time based on the number of general education credits transferred in upon enrollment.

Number of GE Credits Transferred	Semesters to Complete RN-to-BSN Track	Weeks of Instruction to Complete
In		RN-to-BSN Track

0-10	5	80
11-26	4	64
27-41	3	48
42-48	2	32

The RN-to-BSN Track uses full-distance delivery of instruction where learners engage in online didactic and capstone project experiences in community nursing, leadership, policy, ethics, critical care, gerontology, health promotion, disease prevention, informatics, and other key nursing concepts. For learner residency and course delivery modalities definitions, see the [Learner Residency and Course Delivery Modalities](#) section of this Catalog. The curriculum is specifically constructed to promote career mobility in nursing. Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed RN-to-BSN curriculum and other graduation requirements, the learner will earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree.

Note: The Program only enrolls residents in states where it is fully authorized. If a learner enrolls in the Program and subsequently moves to a state where the Program is not authorized, the learner will not be able to continue enrollment until such authorization is obtained. Learners must notify the Registrar immediately upon relocation.

Program Objectives

- Graduate baccalaureate-level nurses who will improve individual, family, and community health and wellness by applying clinical reasoning, evidence-based skills and knowledge, and leadership in practice.
- Facilitate career mobility of graduates and help meet the demand for professional nurses.
- Increase the availability of advanced nursing education opportunities for qualified learners.
- Improve access to nursing education, course scheduling flexibility, and learning efficacy through various innovative instruction delivery methods and learning modalities, including synchronous and asynchronous online engagements, capstone activities, and distance learning.

Program Outcomes

RN-to-BSN Outcomes are aligned with the Institutional Effectiveness Plan and measure the degree to which the Program achieves its stated mission.

RN-to-BSN Learner Outcomes

The RN-to-BSN Track, in alignment with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Standards for Accreditation of Baccalaureate and Graduate Nursing Programs, has identified program outcomes, including program-level learner outcomes and competencies, alumni outcomes, and faculty outcomes to evaluate Nightingale College's RN-to-BSN Track effectiveness. The learner outcomes include program completion and employment rates, achievement of Nightingale College's undergraduate general education goals, achievement of expected learner outcomes, satisfaction with courses and instruction, and satisfaction with overall program effectiveness.

At Program completion, as measured by evaluation activities throughout the RN-to-BSN Track, the graduate will:

1. Exemplify quality, competent, client-centered care while demonstrating awareness of the physical, psychological, spiritual, emotional, cultural, and environmental aspects of the clients' needs.
2. Demonstrate intentional learning, clinical reasoning, and reflection to purposefully lead in the profession and provide holistic care to their clients.
3. Integrate and perform research in nursing's identified best practices and demonstrate the ability to practice based on evidence they have analyzed and applied in their profession.
4. Synthesize clinical reasoning into daily nursing practice, while integrating ethical, moral, legal, and evidence-based principles.
5. Exemplify leadership and management skills and attributes appropriate for their role as BSN-level registered nurses.
6. Engage in effective communication—therapeutically and professionally—with and without the use of technology.
7. Integrate components of quality and best safety practices into the daily nursing work environments.
8. Integrate collaborative leadership skills when leading and functioning as a member of interdisciplinary teams.

Core Competencies

1. Client-Centered Care
2. Intentional Learning with Reflection
3. Evidence-Based Practice
4. Decision-Making and Clinical Reasoning
5. Organizational, Local, and Global Leadership
6. Communication and Informatics

Admissions Requirements

Requirements and Procedures

All applicants work closely with an Admissions Advisor to assess career goals, motivation, and commitment to learning.

To be considered for admission, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Pay the \$150 non-refundable application fee (the application fee is waived for all Nightingale College's prelicensure programs alumni and active duty servicemembers and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces).
 2. Complete Application for Admissions (the application and the paid fee are valid for one (1) year).
 3. Submit a copy of a high school diploma equivalent, as described below, one week prior to the first day of attendance.
- Recognized Equivalents of a High School Diploma

Several equivalents to a high school diploma may be submitted:

- a GED certificate;
 - a certificate or other official completion documentation demonstrating that the learner has passed a state-authorized examination such as the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC), the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or, in California, the California High School Proficiency Exam, that the state recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (certificates of attendance and/or completion are not included in this qualifying category);
 - an associate degree;
 - successful completion of at least sixty (60) semester or trimester credits or seventy-two (72) quarter credits that does not result in the awarding of an associate degree, but that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree at any institution; or
 - enrollment in a bachelor's degree program where at least sixty (60) semester or trimester credits or seventy-two (72) quarter credits have been successfully completed, including credits transferred into the bachelor's degree program;
 - a "secondary school leaving certificate" or similar document from the proper government agency for learners who completed secondary school in a foreign country, accompanied by a foreign credentials evaluation.
1. Submit proof of current active unencumbered registered nurse (RN) licensure from any U.S. jurisdiction and disclose any encumbered licenses. Nightingale College's prelicensure programs graduates may enroll in the RN-to-BSN Track, on a non-matriculated basis, upon providing proof of submitting the RN licensure application and passing the NCLEX-RN®. Learners must become licensed within the first academic semester of the Program to matriculate and progress within the RN-to-BSN Track.
 2. If requesting transfer of credit, submit official college transcripts for the previous post-secondary coursework by the deadline in accordance with the [Transfer of Credit](#) section of the Catalog.
 - Forty-eight (48) general education credits are required for the BSN Degree. Learners may refer to the table below for the minimum number of credits required in each of the five (5) general education breadth areas. General education requirements may be met either through completing the course work at the College or through the transfer of credit (see [Transfer of Credit](#) section of this Catalog for more information). Up to twenty-one (21) GE semester credits can be completed during the RN-to-BSN Track. Applicants who do not have the minimum twenty-seven (27) GE semester credits upon admission may extend their enrollment in the RN-to-BSN Track to fulfill all general education requirements.
 - Official transcripts are required for matriculation into the RN-to-BSN Track.
 - The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and all credits earned at other post-secondary institutions or through course challenge exams.
 3. Complete Smarter Measure Assessment for evaluation of online learning readiness.
 4. Meet with a Learner Funding Advisor to initiate the Financial Aid process.
 5. Be in good financial standing with the College and have \$0 account balance.

Note: The highest level of academic integrity is expected throughout the admissions process. Violations of the academic integrity policy at any point in the admissions process will result in automatic denial of admission. See the [Academic Integrity](#) section of the College Catalog for more details.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Table

Total Credits Attempted	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if CGPA is below	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if course completion rate is below
1-12	2.0	67%
13-24	2.0	67%
25-36	2.0	67%
37-48	2.0	67%

49-60	2.0	67%
61-72	2.0	67%
73-84	2.0	67%
85-96	2.0	67%
97-108	2.0	67%
109-120	2.0	67%

Tuition and Fees

Tuition for the RN-to-BSN Track is \$630 per semester credit. The College reserves the right to change its tuition and fees at any time with a 30-day notice. Audit fees are non-refundable and cannot be paid with Title IV funding.

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General Education Fee per Course (except SCI 220, SCI 221, and SCI 251)	\$125 ¹
Nursing Fee per Course	\$150
SCI 220, SCI 221, SCI 251 Learning Resources Fee per Course	\$200
Remote Proctoring Fee per Semester	\$125
Course Audit Fee	\$200

¹In lieu of the \$125 course resources fee, learners may elect to personally purchase all general education required materials.

Nightingale College Alumni Tuition Reduction

A tuition reduction of \$280 per semester credit will be applied to the accounts of the College's associate degree graduates at the time tuition is charged. The Nightingale College Alumni Tuition Reduction is not applicable to repeat coursework.

Estimated Total Program Cost

The estimated total program cost for a learner who holds an associate degree in nursing and transfers in sixty-eight (68) semester credits is \$30,950.

Curriculum Plan

General Education Requirements

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

A combination of forty-eight (48) semester credits of general education and elective courses is required for graduation. Up to twenty-one (21) of these semester credits may be completed during the RN-to-BSN Program. Applicants who do not have the minimum twenty-seven (27) combined general education and elective semester credits upon admission may extend their enrollment in the RN-to-BSN Track to fulfill all requirements. Learners may refer to the Admissions Requirements and Procedures section above for more information.

Physical & Life Sciences A minimum of fifteen (15) semester credits is required in this category. The courses listed below as well as other college-level physical and life science courses are considered for the fulfillment of the GE requirements. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
Human Anatomy with lab*	4
Human Physiology with lab*	4

Pathophysiology*	3-5
Microbiology with lab	3-5
Biology	3-5
Chemistry	3-5
Environmental Science	3-5
Physics	3-5
English & Communication Arts A minimum of six (6) credits is required in this category. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
Technical Writing*	3-5
English Composition*	3-5
Academic Writing	3-5
Communications	3-5
Mathematics A minimum of six (6) credits is required in this category. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
Statistics*	3-5
College Algebra*	3-5
Human Behavior & Social Sciences A minimum of six (6) credits is required in this category. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
Psychology*	3-5
Human Growth & Development	3-5
Sociology	3-5
Abnormal Psychology	3-5
Cultural Anthropology	3-5
Organizational Behavior	3-5
Macroeconomics	3-5
United States History	3-5
Humanities & Fine Arts A minimum of six (6) credits is required in this category. Courses marked with an asterisk(*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
Religion	3-5
Applied Ethics	3-5
Western Civilization	3-5

Other Electives A minimum of six (6) credits is required in this category. Courses marked with an asterisk (*) are mandatory.	
Course	Semester Credits
Nutrition*	3-5
Upper-Division Elective(s) A minimum of three (3) semester credits of any additional upper-division elective course(s) is required in this category.	
Upper-Division Elective	3-5
A combination of forty-eight (48) semester credits of general education and elective courses is required for graduation. Up to twenty-one (21) of these semester credits may be completed during RN-to-BSN Track. Applicants who do not have the minimum twenty-seven (27) combined general education and elective semester credits upon admission may extend their enrollment in the RN-to-BSN Track to fulfill all requirements. Refer to the Admissions Requirements and Procedures section above for more information. A combined total of forty-eight (48) general education (GE) and elective credits is required for the BSN Degree.	

Curriculum

The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice provides an important framework for designing and assessing baccalaureate education. The original purpose of the Essentials is to "delineate the essentials of education for professional baccalaureate nursing practice" (AACN, 2008). Because professional nursing practice in all settings requires consideration of the individual, family, community, and population as client, these outcomes are essential to baccalaureate nursing education offered by Nightingale College.

- Essential I: Liberal Education for Baccalaureate Generalist Nursing Practice
- Essential II: Basic Organizational and Systems Leadership for Quality Care and Patient Safety
- Essential III: Scholarship for Evidence-Based Practice
- Essential IV: Information Management and Application of Patient Care Technology
- Essential V: Healthcare Policy, Finance, and Regulatory Environments
- Essential VI: Interprofessional Communication and Collaboration for Improving Patient Health Outcomes
- Essential VII: Clinical Prevention and Population Health
- Essential VIII: Professionalism and Professional Values
- Essential IX: Baccalaureate Generalist Nursing Practice

The RN-to-BSN Track consists of nine (9) upper-division nursing courses delivered over three (3) academic semesters and forty-eight (48) academic weeks, for a total of twenty-four (24) semester credits. There are three hundred sixty (360) didactic contact hours total. The RN-to-BSN Track does not have any experiential learning contact hours assigned. However, the Track requires the completion of community- and employer-based learning projects. The Curriculum Plan table presented below represents a Program Plan for learners who transfer in twenty-seven (27) general education semester credits.

GE Breadth Area	Number of Semester Credits Transferred In
Physical & Life Sciences	15*
English & Communication Arts	3
Mathematics	3
General Electives**	6

*Science credits include human anatomy, human physiology, and pathophysiology.

**Depending on a learner's state of residence, SCI 251 and SCI 131 may need to be taken as elective courses due to specific State Board of Nursing requirements.

The RN-to-BSN Track is a full-distance program option where all didactic instruction is delivered via asynchronous online learning modalities. For learner residency and course delivery modalities definitions, see the [Learner Residency and Course Delivery Modalities](#) section of this Catalog. For learning modalities definitions see [Learning Modalities Definitions](#) section in this Catalog. A sample curriculum layout is presented in the table below.

Sample Curriculum Plan

RN-to-BSN Track Sample Curriculum Plan

Course Number	Course Name	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
MAT 220		Distance	3	45								45
ENG 311		Distance	3	45								45
COM 301 ¹		Distance	3	45								45
BSN 235		Distance	3	45								45
BSN 355		Distance	1	15								15
BSN 435		Distance	3	45								45
Total			16	240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	240
HUM 301 ²		Distance	3	45								45
SOC 220 ³		Distance	3	45								45
BSN 325 ⁴		Blended	4	52.5							22.5	75
BSN 375		Distance	2	30								30
BSN 425		Distance	3	45								45
Total			15	217.5							22.5	240
ANT 300 ³		Distance	3	45								45
HUM 110 ²		Distance	3	45								45
BSN 445		Distance	3	45								45
BSN 465		Distance	3	45								45
BSN 485 ⁴		Blended		15							45	60
Total			14	195							45	240
Total Program			45	652.5							67.5	720
Nursing Courses Total			24									
General Education			21									
RN-to-BSN Track Total			45	652.5							67.5	620
BSN Degree Nursing Courses			72									
BSN General Education			48									
BSN Degree Total			120									

Course Descriptions

ENG 120 : English Composition

Delivery Modality:	Online (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	The course helps learners develop quality writing skills by explaining and identifying the steps involved in the writing process. Six (6) types of writing are examined: argumentative, compare/contrast, descriptive, narrative, persuasive, and summary. Learners will write a minimum of twenty (20) pages as a requirement for the course. The importance of proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling is highlighted, as emphasis is placed on editing and revising pieces of writing. Learners also learn proper research techniques, utilizing the American Psychological Association (APA) style.

HUM 110 : Western Civilization I

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course introduces civilization from pre-history to the early modern era. Western Civilization refers to the civilization that began in the ancient Near East and then developed primarily in Europe, northern Africa, and the westernmost edges of Asia. Learners will concentrate on several major themes: the rise and fall of the ancient and classical civilizations that were forerunners to the rise of the West, the cultural legacy of these civilizations, the changing role of religion in society and changes in religion itself, and the development of political institutions. Topics include ancient Greece, Rome, and Christian institutions of the Middle Ages and the emergence of national monarchies in western Europe.

MAT 100 : College Algebra

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, Summer (Subject to Enrollment)

MAT 100 : College Algebra

Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course provides knowledge of Intermediate Algebra and its applications. The course emphasizes algebraic techniques with polynomials, rational expressions, exponents, radical expressions and equations, factoring, linear and quadratic equations, inequalities, logarithmic and exponential functions, and solving systems of two or more linear equations.

MAT 220 : Introduction to Statistics

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	MAT 100 or equivalent
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	In this course, learners will examine the properties behind the basic concepts of probability and statistics and focus on applications of statistical knowledge. Learners will learn how statistics and probability work together. The subject of statistics involves the study of methods for collecting, summarizing, and interpreting data. Learners will learn how to understand the basics of drawing statistical conclusions. This course will begin with descriptive statistics and the foundation of statistics, then move to probability and random distributions, the latter of which enables statisticians to work with several aspects of random events and their applications. Finally, learners will examine several ways to investigate the relationships between various characteristics of data.

PSY 201 : Introduction to Psychology

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is designed to give the learner a basic understanding of the psychology of human behavior. The learner will be given exposure to the concepts, terminology, principles, and theories that comprise an introductory course in psychology. Topics covered will synthesize the broad range of knowledge about psychology, emphasize research methodology, encourage critical thinking, and convey a multicultural approach that respects human diversity and individual differences.

SCI 220 : Human Anatomy with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction, Virtual ISB Instruction)
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SCI 220 : Human Anatomy with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning

Semester Credits:	4 (3 Didactic, 1 ISB)
Contact Hours:	75 (45 Didactic, 30 ISB)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	SCI 221 (or equivalent): Human Physiology with Intervention Skill- Based (ISB) Experiential Learning
Requisites:	None
Description:	In conjunction with SCI 221: Human Physiology, this course provides a comprehensive look at the human body's anatomy and functions. Topics include organization of the body, characteristics of life, and anatomical terminology. The course examines skin, skeletal system, muscles, digestive, urinary, lymphatic, circulatory, reproductive, and nervous systems. The course also presents sensory organs and the endocrine system. This course contains an intervention skill-based experiential learning component (one [1] credit hour), where learners will practice and apply principles they are learning in the didactic portion (three [3] semester credits) of the course.

SCI 221 : Human Physiology with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction, Virtual ISB Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (3 Didactic, 1 ISB)
Contact Hours:	75 (45 Didactic, 30 ISB)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	SCI 220 (or equivalent): Human Anatomy with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning
Requisites:	None
Description:	In conjunction with SCI 220: Human Anatomy, this course examines major parts of the body and how they work independently as well as together. The course also explains principles related to nutrition, metabolism, body fluid balances, and aging. The course also presents how the body maintains homeostasis, the relationship of chemistry to human anatomy and physiology, and cell function and division. The course discusses several diseases and disorders as well as their causes, detection, and treatment. This course contains an intervention skill-based experiential learning component (one [1] credit hour), where learners will practice and apply principles they are learning in the didactic portion (three [3] semester credits) of the course.

SCI 225 : Pathophysiology

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits of human anatomy and human physiology
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None

SCI 225 : Pathophysiology

Description:	This course describes the general principles of disease, then presents information dealing with specific disorders of body systems or individual organs. The purpose of this course is to provide the learner with basic understanding of pathophysiology as a change from normal physiological functioning of the various systems of the human body. The course is based on illness and disease within a systems framework across the lifespan. This course emphasizes select illnesses most often encountered by health professionals. The course focuses on critical thinking used to analyze the signs and symptoms based on the pathophysiology of these conditions.
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SOC 220 : Introduction to Sociology

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course provides a broad overview of sociology and how it applies to everyday life. This course introduces the scientific study of human society, culture, and social interactions. Topics include socialization, research methods, diversity and inequality, cooperation and conflict, social change, social institutions, and organizations. Upon completion, learners should be able to demonstrate knowledge of sociological concepts as they apply to the interplay among individuals, groups, and societies.

ANT 300 : Cultural Anthropology

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course provides a solid introduction for learners who are new to the branch of cultural anthropology. The course presents learners with all the basic information pertinent to the field. The topics discussed include relevant anthropological theories, ethnocentrism and culture, language and communication, economic and political systems, kinship and descent, marriage and family, gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity, religion and belief systems, the effects of colonialism and industrialization, and globalization.

COM 301 : Oral Communication

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
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COM 301 : Oral Communication

Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course in speech is designed to develop each learner's ability to communicate effectively in academic, business, and personal lives. The course covers an overview of various models of communication, alongside discussion of the benefits and elements of effective communication processes. The course will discuss both verbal and nonverbal communication, emphasizing development and presentation of a variety of speech types including informative, persuasive, and special occasion.

ENG 311 : Professional and Academic Writing

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	ENG 120 or equivalent
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course focuses on the development of professional skills in the research, design, and communication of technical and academic information. Emphasis is placed on audience analysis, clear and effective writing style, and the use of visual elements. These skills are honed through the creation, editing, and peer review of documents written in a variety of professional and academic formats such as letters, emails, persuasive essays, research essays, and cover letters.

HUM 301 : Applied Ethics

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None

HUM 301 : Applied Ethics

Description:	After a brief introduction to philosophical texts, the Socratic method, and the structure of argumentation, learners will begin their journey to identify, interpret, and then construct solutions to normative ethical theories. Learners will study the fundamental ethical principles from the top three approaches of our time, Utilitarianism, Kantianism, and Virtue Theory. Learners will then apply the leading theories to their discipline, composing arguments for ethical and well-reasoned approaches to critical issues. Overall, this course seeks to build a foundation of philosophy and ethics that learners will incorporate into their chosen nursing field.
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SCI 131 : Introduction to Nutrition

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course will provide an understanding of basic nutrition science. Learners will become familiar with the principles of diet planning, government standards, and food labeling. They will also learn about the biological functions and food sources of each nutrient, energy balance, weight management, physical activity, the role of nutrition in chronic disease development, nutrition through the life cycle, and food safety issues.

SCI 251 : Microbiology with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction, Virtual ISB Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (3 Didactic, 1 ISB)
Contact Hours:	75 (45 Didactic, 30 ISB)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course teaches microbiology as it applies to the healthcare field. The course will explore pathogenic microorganisms and their role in human disease, human immunology, symptoms and treatment of microbial infection, and preventive measures against microbial infection. This course contains an intervention skill-based experiential learning component (one [1] credit hour), where learners will be able to practice and apply principles they are learning in the didactic portion (three [3] semester credits) of the course.

ENG 320 : Creative Writing

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

ENG 320 : Creative Writing

Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	ENG 120
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course introduces learners to the written formats of creative fiction and creative non-fiction, providing an overview of the creative writing process. Assignments will cover a wide variety of formats, including prose writing, poetry writing, and script writing. Through assigned readings, weekly writing prompts, and class critiques, learners will develop their sense of narrative structure, traditional plot structure, audience engagement, and standard manuscript style. The class will explore writing skills such as revision techniques, point-of-view, and theme as well as the importance of close reading for editing and analysis purposes.

PSY 300 : Human Development

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	PSY 201 or Equivalent
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course will give learners a broad overview of the field of human development. Covering the entire human lifespan, from conception to death, this course explores concepts, terminology, principles, and theories that comprise an introductory course in human development. The course will examine biological, cognitive, and emotional growth and development within each developmental stage. The course will also explore grief and bereavement and self-care for the caregiver. The course will explore and apply current research methods and cultural influences through the lifespan.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 206	Distance	5	22	11	1.5	45	45				127.5

BSN 206 : Foundations of Nursing Fundamentals

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	5
Contact Hours:	127.5
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math.

BSN 206 : Foundations of Nursing Fundamentals

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225

Description: This course introduces the fundamental concepts necessary for safe patient-centered nursing care to a diverse patient population while integrating clinical decision-making. Critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and the nursing process are key foundations to nursing practice. Application of knowledge and practice of skills occur in a variety of clinical settings providing care to stable patients with common health issues.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 215	Distance	2	30								30

BSN 215 : Pharmacology I

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 2

Contact Hours: 30

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225

Description: This course is an overview of the basic principles of pharmacology, including major drug classifications and prototypes of commonly used medications. Principles of medication administration include aspects of the best practices for safe, quality, patient-centered care. Central points of the course include safety, quality improvement factors in the administration of medications, patient teaching, and variations encountered when administering medications to diverse patient populations across the lifespan.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 225	Blended	5	21.5	4	4.5	15	45	67.5			157.5

BSN 225 : Concepts of Nursing – Health Promotion

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 5

Contact Hours: 157.5

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

BSN 225 : Concepts of Nursing – Health Promotion

Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math and BSN 206
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PSY 201, SCI 131, SCI 225, and BSN 215
Description:	This course focuses on the role of the professional nurse in promoting optimal health for individual clients. The course will discuss basic psychomotor nursing skills and introduce learners to medical/surgical nursing for low-risk clients. This course also provides the learner with techniques for carrying out a physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural assessment to evaluate clients' well-being. The course also introduces learners to assessment devices and procedures to collect data. The course focuses on health promotion, health protection, disease prevention and communication strategies throughout the lifespan.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 235	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 235 : Nursing Communication and Informatics

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MAT 220
Description:	In this course, learners will explore and gain advanced knowledge and skills in information management, patient care technology, and effective interpersonal communication modalities. Nursing informatics is a combination of cognitive science, computer science, information science, and nursing science. It includes the development, analysis, and evaluation of information systems, which are augmented by technology that helps to support, enhance, and manage client care. In this course, learners will examine information management tools used to monitor outcomes of care processes, client care technologies essential to ensuring high quality, safe patient care, and communication and collaboration skills necessary to providing optimal client-centered care. The course will emphasize key concepts related to information and computer literacy.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 246	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

BSN 246 : Concepts of Nursing I

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	6
Contact Hours:	165
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 206 and BSN 225, or equivalent
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PSY 201, SCI 131, SCI 225, and BSN 215
Description:	This course focuses on the chronic nature of certain states of being when nursing a client at various stages in life, focusing on the application of the nursing process in meeting needs of clients in various settings. The course will explore concepts related to emotional problems, pathological reactions to life stresses, and chronic pain. The course will emphasize the therapeutic relationships and the development of individualized plans of care. The course will address communication skills, mental health assessment, various therapeutic balances, and sensory perception. Direct focused client care experiential learning will give learners the opportunity to gain experience with many of these chronic conditions.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 266	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

BSN 266 : Concepts of Nursing II

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	6
Contact Hours:	165
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 206; BSN 225 and BSN 246, or equivalent.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PSY 201, SCI 131, SCI 225, and BSN 215
Description:	This course emphasizes the provision of professional nursing care for clients across the lifespan with acute medical conditions. The learners will build upon knowledge gained in the basic sciences and other prerequisite nursing courses. The course emphasizes decision-making skills, independent functioning, and a family-centered approach. The course will introduce the learner to the nursing care of acute clients. The course includes application to specific concepts, principles, and theories in various acute care settings.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 305	Distance	4	60								60

BSN 305 : Pharmacology for BMTC

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 60

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 215 or equivalent.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225

Description: Overview of the principles of advanced nursing pharmacology, including major drug classifications and prototypes of commonly used medications. Principles of medication administration include aspects of best practice for safe, quality, patient-centered care. Central topics of the course include safety, quality improvement factors in the administration of medications, patient teaching, and variations encountered when administering medications to diverse patient populations across the lifespan.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 315	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 315 : Pharmacology II

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 215 or equivalent.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225

Description: This course builds upon the concepts introduced in BSN 215, encompassing safe drug administration to clients across the health continuum. This course focuses on the role of the registered professional nurse as a provider of culturally competent client-centered care, education and leadership skills, and advocacy for clients with complex needs and selected diagnoses in pharmacological treatment. Using the nursing process as a guide, the learner integrates previous

BSN 315 : Pharmacology II

learning with current, expanded learning to analyze the therapeutic use of drugs and assist the patient in using them safely.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 325	Distance	4	52.5							22.5	75

BSN 325 : Population-Based Chronic Illness and Health Promotion

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 4

Contact Hours: 75

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour (This course includes a practice-based direct focused client care experiential learning project which requires twenty-two point five (22.5) tracked clock hours to receive credit for the course).

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; and BSN 246.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: MAT 220, PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225

Description: This course introduces concepts of community health nursing using a population-focused nursing process. The course emphasizes health promotion, risk reduction, and disease management in selected community settings. The course focuses on theory-based nursing care of aggregates, communities, and vulnerable populations in a global, multicultural society. The course introduces learners to public health concepts as well as characteristics of community health nursing. The course also emphasizes community assessment process and the development of nursing strategies to assist multi-problem families, while considering health on a continuum and throughout the lifespan. In addition, the course will explore the nurse's role on the community health team and give an understanding of healthcare needs of different cultural groups. Note: Though not classified as "direct focused client care experiential learning" contact hours in the curriculum plan, the RN-to-BSN Track requires twenty-two point five (22.5) tracked practice-based direct focused client care experiential learning project hours to earn the academic credit for BSN 325.

Note: Though not classified as "direct focused client care experiential learning" contact hours in the curriculum plan, the RN-to-BSN Program requires twenty-two point five (22.5) tracked practice-based direct focused client care experiential learning project hours to earn the academic credit for BSN 325.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 335	Distance	2	30								30

BSN 335 : Concepts of Professionalism, Management, and Leadership

Delivery Modality: Distance

BSN 335 : Concepts of Professionalism, Management, and Leadership

Semester Credits:	2
Contact Hours:	30
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course will explore professionalism, management and leadership concepts, issues, roles, and functions as applied to the role of the professional nurse in various healthcare settings. The course will emphasize development in the roles of problem solver, change agent and leader. The course focuses on evidence-based leadership, management skills, and competencies needed by professional nurses to work productively in inter-professional teams. Learners will analyze current best practices related to leadership roles, communication, teamwork and collaboration, quality improvement, and culturally competent client-centered care. The course will emphasize legal and ethical issues related to leadership and professionalism.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 346	Blended	7	44.5	4	4	15	67.5	67.5			202.5

BSN 346 : Concepts of Nursing III

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	7
Contact Hours:	202.5
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English; and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 246 and BSN 266.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	BSN 305 or BSN 315
Description:	This course focuses on providing advanced chronic care for clients at all stages in life and with several types of physiological and psychological processes. The course also explores end-of-life issues related to chronic illness. Learners will synthesize knowledge from earlier courses related to health promotion and prevention and move toward providing client-centered care for people suffering from complex chronic illnesses. Learners will explore the aging process and discuss end-of-life issues as well as explore co-morbidities while managing health outcomes for chronic care patients, along with psychological conditions. Direct focused client care experiential learning gives learners the opportunity to gain experience with many of these more complex chronic conditions.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 355	Distance	1	15								15

BSN 355 : Capstone Proposal

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	15
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; and BSN 246.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225
Description:	This course is a preparatory proposal course for BSN 485: Capstone Leadership, which will be taken the last academic semester of the BSN Program. Learners will be completing a capstone project in the BSN Program during that final academic semester, but the ideas, proposal, and approval for this project will come to fruition in this Capstone Proposal course. Learners will learn about vision, creativity, and planning as it relates to leadership in nursing. They will propose a plan for a capstone project and explain how the plan will be carried out. This course will discuss some basic principles related to leadership and the future of nursing.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 366	Blended	7	53	4	3	15	45	45		22.5	187.5

BSN 366 : Concepts of Nursing IV

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	7
Contact Hours:	187.5
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 266 and BSN 346.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	BSN 305 or BSN 315
Description:	This course emphasizes the provision of professional nursing care for clients across the lifespan with acute, complex medical conditions. The learners will build upon knowledge gained in the Acute Care I course (BSN 266). The course greatly emphasizes acute care related to several different pathophysiological processes and end-of-life issues. The course includes application to

BSN 366 : Concepts of Nursing IV

specific concepts, principles, and theories in various acute care settings. The course will emphasize decision-making skills and independent functioning.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 375	Distance	2	30								30

BSN 375 : Advanced Issues in Cognition

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 2

Contact Hours: 30

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; and BSN 266.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course focuses on advanced principles and concepts related to cognition and psychiatric nursing, emphasizing the roles and functions of the nurse in meeting the needs of individuals, families, groups, and communities who are experiencing issues in cognitive functioning. Learners will build upon concepts of cognition they learned in their associate degree programs and advance their thinking skills to the analysis, synthesis, and evaluation levels. The course will emphasize the nurse's ability to communicate, lead, apply the nursing process, and clinically judge situations related to cognition and psychiatric nursing.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 395	Blended	5	30						135		165

BSN 395 : Entry into Professional Nursing Practice

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 5

Contact Hours: 165

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: BSN 335 and BSN 366

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

BSN 395 : Entry into Professional Nursing Practice

Description: This course focuses on the role transition of the professional nurse as a provider of client-centered care, leader in the profession, manager of care, and member of the profession of nursing. The course will examine the elements of professional nursing practice as well as the role of the professional nurse within the global health care delivery system. Learners will participate in licensure preparation through standardized assessments and individualized remediation. Learners will participate in a clinical integrative practicum to experience the full spectrum of responsibilities and roles of the professional nurse. The course will discuss role expectations of the professional nurse and implement evidence-based guidelines for professional nursing practice.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 425	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 425 : Gerontological Nursing

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: BSN 346

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course examines the physical, psychological, sociocultural, and spiritual aspects of aging within the context of the family and society. The course will examine advanced theoretical concepts of aging in light of the nursing process. The course will present theories and concepts related to gerontology and nursing principles within the framework of critical thinking and caring. The focus is on health promotion through providing safe, evidence-based practice interventions, emphasizing the well and the vulnerable older adult population.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 435	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 435 : Scholarship and Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

BSN 435 : Scholarship and Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing

Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; and BSN 266.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	ENG 311, MAT 220, and BSN 355
Description:	This course provides an introduction to the research process in the practice of nursing. Research in nursing is important to promote, maintain, and restore health, and to ensure quality and safety in nursing practice. Learners will examine the research process as a basis for how scientific nursing knowledge is obtained. The steps in the research process are identified, discussed, and will be implemented in conjunction with the Capstone Proposal course (BSN 355). The course will explore the use of nursing research in the development of therapeutic nursing interventions. Learners will learn to apply critical thinking skills to the evaluation of published nursing research for application to practice.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 445	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 445 : Concepts of Nursing in the Complex Patient

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	BSN 366 (BSN 445 may be taken concurrently with the BSN 366 Audit)
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course focuses on pathophysiologic concepts and nursing management essential to critical care and emergency nursing in complex patient settings. The course will address ethical, moral, and legal issues as well as specific considerations for various procedures and specialty services encountered in the critical care environment. Learners will learn to apply the nursing process with complex patient situations and prioritize nursing care for clients with multiple complex needs.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 465	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 465 : Decision Making in Nursing

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	3

BSN 465 : Decision Making in Nursing

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: BSN 366 (BSN 465 may be taken concurrently with the BSN 366 Audit)

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: The purpose of this course is to aid nurses in making decisions, using ethical, political, legal, cultural, spiritual, clinical, and other considerations as part of the decision-making process. The course will emphasize ethical decision-making in nursing practice. Nurses are required to make decisions in every aspect of practice, and need to have a foundation of knowledge, values, and ethics which will promote client-centered care in multiple nursing settings. An accurate understanding of policy and ethics in the decision-making process is vital for every practicing nurse.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 485	Distance	2	15							45	60

BSN 485 : Capstone Leadership

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 2

Contact Hours: 60

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour (This course includes a clinical practice-based project which requires 45 tracked clock hours to receive credit for the course).

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: BSN 355 and BSN 435

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course is a follow-up course to BSN 355: Capstone Proposal, which was taken the first or second semester of the BSN Program. In this course, learners will be completing the capstone project they proposed in BSN 355. Learners will apply their learning about vision, creativity, and planning as it relates to leadership in nursing. They will complete a capstone project.

Pre-Dispute Arbitration and Class Action Waiver Disclosure

Nightingale College seeks to resolve disputes or claims between any learner and the College in an efficient, cost-effective, and timely manner. A learner who enrolls at Nightingale College agrees, as a condition of their enrollment, to resolve any dispute through mandatory arbitration that shall not be adjudicated as a class action or a consolidated class arbitration proceeding. However, the College cannot require a learner loan borrower to participate in arbitration or any internal dispute resolution process offered by the institution prior to filing a borrower defense to repayment application with the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e); the College cannot, in any way, require learners to limit, relinquish, or waive their ability to pursue filing a borrower defense claim, pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e) at any

time; and any arbitration, required by a pre-dispute arbitration agreement, tolls the limitations period for filing a borrower defense to repayment application pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e)(6)(ii).

POSTLICENSURE PROGRAMS

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Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Graduate Program Description:

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Graduate Program offers specialty tracks to cater to the diverse interests and career goals of nursing professionals. Each track focuses on a specific area of expertise and provides specialized knowledge and skills. While the program shares a common MSN Core to ensure a strong foundation in nursing principles, it also includes a specialty track core with courses tailored to each track.

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Graduate Program Competencies:

Overarching Program competencies are specific statements that describe the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that learners are expected to achieve upon completion of the MSN Graduate Program. These competencies are used as the foundation for building the specialty track program outcomes. These competencies align with the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) New Essentials and Competencies.

1. Demonstrate advanced knowledge and expertise in nursing theory, research, and evidence-based practice to inform clinical decision-making and improve patient outcomes.
2. Apply advanced assessment and diagnostic skills to provide comprehensive and culturally competent care to individuals, families, and communities across the lifespan.
3. Utilize innovative educational strategies and technologies to design and deliver effective nursing education in academic and clinical settings.
4. Analyze healthcare policy and ethical considerations to advocate for equitable and patient-centered healthcare delivery.
5. Demonstrate proficiency in evidence-based practices and use research to inform nursing interventions and improve patient outcomes.
6. Collaborate effectively with interdisciplinary teams and communicate clearly to promote patient safety and quality care.
7. Apply principles of leadership and management to advance nursing practice, improve healthcare systems, and influence policy decisions.
8. Implement patient-centered care plans that incorporate health promotion, disease prevention, and evidence-based interventions for individuals and families.
9. Evaluate and address healthcare disparities to ensure equitable access to healthcare services for diverse populations.

Overarching Programmatic Competencies and Program Specialty Tracks' Outcomes Alignment:

Program Outcomes/Competencies	FNP Program Outcomes	MSNEd Program Outcomes	PMHNP Program Outcomes
1. Demonstrate advanced knowledge and expertise in nursing theory, research, and evidence-based practice to inform clinical decision-making and improve patient outcomes.	x	x	x
2. Apply advanced assessment and diagnostic skills to provide comprehensive and culturally competent care to individuals, families, and communities across the lifespan.	x	x	x
3. Utilize innovative educational strategies and technologies to design and deliver effective nursing education in academic and clinical settings.	x	x	x
4. Analyze healthcare policy and ethical considerations to advocate for equitable and patient-centered healthcare delivery.	x	x	x
5. Demonstrate proficiency in evidence-based practices and use research to inform nursing	x	x	x

interventions and improve patient outcomes.			
6.##Collaborate effectively with interdisciplinary teams and communicate clearly to promote patient safety and quality care.	x	x	x
7. Apply principles of leadership and management to advance nursing practice, improve healthcare systems, and influence policy decisions.	x	x	x
8. Implement patient-centered care plans that incorporate health promotion, disease prevention, and evidence-based interventions for individuals and families.	x		x
9. Evaluate and address healthcare disparities to ensure equitable access to healthcare services for diverse populations.	x		x

Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) Graduate Program Shared Core:

The shared MSN Core provides fundamental knowledge in areas such as advanced nursing practice, healthcare policy and ethics, research methods, evidence-based practice, and leadership and management. It ensures that graduates from all specialty tracks have a strong understanding of the nursing profession's core principles and are well-prepared for leadership roles in the healthcare system.

Health Promotion & Disease Prevention	MSN 586
Health Policy, Legislation, Economics, and Ethics	MSN 590
Evidence-Based Practice	MSN 592
Health Informatics for the Advanced Practice Nurse	MSN 598

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING FOR EDUCATORS PROGRAM

Overview

Program Description

The Master of Science in Nursing for Nurse Educators (MSNEd) Program is designed for learners who already hold a bachelor's degree in nursing and prepares graduates to be nurse educators in diverse settings: hospitals, community agencies, schools, industry and businesses, and academic nursing programs. MSNEd graduates provide education and training to nurses, nursing learners, schoolchildren, community groups, workers, patients, and consumers. The MSNEd Program content is grounded in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing and evidence based on national standards and research related to effective teaching, learning, and role development. It provides the knowledge and skills that enable educators to teach effectively in diverse learning environments.

The MSNEd Program content and processes are consistent with the National League for Nursing (NLN) Nurse Educator Competencies. The Program is focused on the preparation of highly qualified educators and consists of developing core knowledge related to complexities of healthcare, access, quality, and costs for diverse populations. New nursing knowledge includes research, theory, technology applied to nursing practice, evidence-based practice, ethics, and new roles for master's-prepared nurses. The nurse educator focuses on learning

styles, development and socialization of learners, and strategies to facilitate learning. Educators also need to organize their activities around learning theories. Developing curriculum, objectives, and learning modules are part of an educator role.

The MSNEd Program consists of forty (40) semester credits of graduate division nursing coursework, including core, direct care core, electives, specialty, and practicum. Learners can complete the MSNEd Program in five (5) academic semesters or eighty (80) academic weeks of instruction.

The MSNEd Program uses full-distance delivery of instruction, where learners engage in online didactic and capstone practicum experiences in community nursing and global health trends, health promotion, disease prevention, leadership, policy, ethics, informatics, statistics, pharmacology, pathophysiology, and other key nursing educator concepts. For course delivery modalities definitions, see the [Learner Residency and Course Delivery Modalities](#) section of the College Catalog. The curriculum is specifically constructed to promote the nurse educator role. Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed MSNEd Program curriculum with a minimum 3.0 GPA and the fulfillment of other graduation requirements, the learner will earn a Master of Science in Nursing Education (MSNEd) Degree.

Note: The Program only enrolls residents in states where it is fully authorized. If a learner enrolls in the Program and subsequently moves to a state where the Program is not authorized, he/she will not be able to continue enrollment until such authorization is obtained. Learners must notify the Registrar immediately upon relocation.

Program Objective

- Graduate master's-prepared nurses who will improve individual, family, and community health and wellness by applying clinical reasoning, evidence-based skills and knowledge, and advanced leadership in practice.
- Facilitate career mobility of graduates and help meet the demand for professional nurse educators.
- Increase the availability of advanced nursing education opportunities for qualified learners.
- Improve access to nursing education, course scheduling flexibility, and learning efficacy through various innovative instruction delivery methods and learning modalities, including synchronous and asynchronous online engagements, capstone activities, and distance learning.

Program Outcomes

MSNEd Program Outcomes are aligned with the Institutional Effectiveness Plan and measure the degree to which the Program achieves its stated mission. For current MSNEd Program Outcomes benchmarks, see the [MSNEd Program Outcomes Benchmarks Catalog Insert](#).

Program-Level Learner Outcomes

1. Integrate the principles of patient-centered and culturally appropriate concepts of planning, delivering, and evaluating prevention and population care into nursing education and clinical practice care (Essential VIII).
2. Integrate knowledge gained from nursing, bio-psychosocial fields, genetics/genomics, public health, quality improvement, and organizational sciences for the continual improvement of nursing education in diverse settings (Essential I).
3. Analyze nursing research to facilitate the translation and integration of nursing scholarship into practice (Essential III and IV).
4. Incorporate leadership, collaborative, and organizational skills into educational practice in order to emphasize ethical and critical decision-making, effective working relationships, and a system-perspective (Essential IV, VI, VII).
5. Demonstrate role competency and leadership through the analysis, development, and implementation of health policy. Advocate for policies that improve the health of the public and the profession of nursing (Essentials II and VI).
6. Analyze nursing practice, legal, and ethical considerations of current communication and emerging healthcare technologies used in patient care and nursing education (Essential V).
7. Integrate the principles of quality improvement and evaluation into the advanced nurse educator role (Essential III).
8. Function as a member of inter/intra-professional collaborative team for improving patient and population health outcomes (Essential VII).

Program Core Competencies

1. Client-Centered Care
2. Intentional Learning with Reflection
3. Evidence-Based Practice
4. Decision-Making and Clinical Reasoning
5. Organizational, Local, and Global Leadership
6. Communication and Informatics
7. Quality and Safety Assurance
8. Teamwork and Collaboration

Admissions Requirements

All applicants work closely with an Admissions Advisor to assess career goals, motivation, and commitment to learning.

To be considered for admission, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Pay the \$150 non-refundable application fee (the application fee is waived for all Nightingale College's prelicensure programs alumni and active duty servicemembers and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces).
2. Complete the Application for Admissions (the application and the paid fee are valid for one [1] year).
3. Submit proof of current active unencumbered registered nurse (RN) licensure from any U.S. jurisdiction and disclose any encumbered licenses.
4. Submit proof of a conferred Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from an institution of higher learning accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).
5. Submit Statement of Interest.
6. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation.
7. Meet with a Learner Funding Advisor to initiate the Financial Aid process.

Note: The highest level of academic integrity is expected throughout the admissions process. Violations of the academic integrity policy at any point in the admissions process will result in automatic denial of admission. See the [Academic Integrity](#) section of the College Catalog for more details.

Tuition and Fees

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

Tuition for the MSNEd Program is \$450 per semester credit. Tuition does not include the non-refundable application fee or any course resources fees. Tuition and fees may be changed at any time with a 30-day notice. Audit fees are non-refundable and cannot be paid with Title IV funding.

Item	Fee
Resources Fee per Course	\$100
Remote Proctoring Fee per Semester	\$125
Course Audit Fee	\$200

Nightingale College Alumni Tuition Reduction

A tuition reduction of \$50 per semester credit will be applied to the accounts of the College's associate and baccalaureate nursing degree graduates at the time tuition is charged. The Nightingale College Alumni Tuition Reduction is not applicable to repeat coursework.

Estimated Total Program Cost

The estimated total program cost is \$20,025.

Curriculum Plan

Curriculum Plan

The essentials of a master's education in nursing provide an important framework for designing and assessing master's-level nursing education. The original purpose of the essentials is to "delineate the outcomes expected of all graduates of master's nursing programs" (AACN, 2011). Because professional nursing practice in all settings requires consideration of the individual, family, community, and population as client, these outcomes are essential to the master's nursing education offered at Nightingale College.

- Essential I: Background for Practice from Sciences and Humanities
- Essential II: Organizational and Systems Leadership
- Essential III: Quality Improvement and Safety
- Essential IV: Translating and Integrating Scholarship into Practice
- Essential V: Informatics and Healthcare Technologies
- Essential VI: Health Policy and Advocacy
- Essential VII: Interprofessional Collaboration for Improving Patient and Population Health Outcomes
- Essential VIII: Clinical Prevention and Population Health for Improving Health
- Essential IX: Master's-Level Nursing Practice

The MSNEd Program consists of fifteen (15) graduate-division nursing core courses delivered over five (5) academic semesters and eighty (80) academic weeks, for a total of forty (40) semester credits. There are five hundred forty (540) didactic and one hundred eighty (180) field experience contact hours total. The MSNEd Program does not have any experiential learning contact hours assigned. However, the Program requires the completion of an educator-based learning project/practicum. For learner residency and course delivery modalities definitions, see the [Learner Residency and Course Delivery Modalities](#) section of this Catalog. For learning modalities definitions see

Learning Modalities Definitions section in this Catalog. The Curriculum Plan table presented below represents a sample curriculum plan for learners.

Sample Curriculum Plan

Course Number	Course Name	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
Semester 1												
MSN 560	Teaching Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan	Online	3	45								45
MSN 590	Health Policy, Legislation, Economics, and Ethics	Online	3	45								45
MSN 620	Adult Education and Online Learning	Online	3	45								45
Total			9	135	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	135
Semester 2												
MSN 506	Professional Transitions: Clinician to Educator	Online	3	45								45
MSN 586	Health Promotion/ Disease Prevention	Online	2	30								30
MSN 660	Teaching Methodology in Nursing	Online	3	45								45
Total			8	120	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120
Semester 3												
MSN 592	Evidence-Based Practice	Online	3	45								45
MSN 575	Advanced Pathopharmacological Foundations	Online	4	60								60
MSN 640	Curriculum and Instruction in Nursing	Online	3	45								45
Total			10	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	150
Semester 4												

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
MSN 598	Health Informatics and the Advanced Practice	Online	3	45								45
MSN 645	Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education	Online	3	45								45
MSN 665	Facilitating Learning in the Online Environment	Online	1	15								15
Total			7	105	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105
Semester 5												
MSN 670	Nursing Education and Integrative Practicum Experience	Online	4							180		180
MSN 680	Nursing Education Capstone	Online	2	30								30
Total			6	30	0	0	0	0	0	180	0	210
MSNEd Degree Total			40	540	0	0	0	0	0	180	0	720

Satisfactory Academic Progress Table

Total Credits Attempted	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if CGPA is below	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if course completion rate is below
1-8	3.0	67%
9-16	3.0	67%
17-24	3.0	67%
25-32	3.0	67%
33-40	3.0	67%

Course Descriptions

MSN 506 : Professional Transitions: Clinician to Educator

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

MSN 506 : Professional Transitions: Clinician to Educator

Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course focuses on the theoretical foundations and practical strategies essential for successful educational practice. Learners will explore core concepts of teaching and learning in nursing education, including curriculum development, instructional design, and assessment methods. They will deepen their understanding of the principles of adult learning and how to apply them effectively in an educational setting. Learners will examine the role of the nurse educator in facilitating the professional development of nursing learners and practicing nurses. They will learn strategies for creating a positive learning environment, promoting critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills, and fostering interprofessional collaboration. Additionally, this course will cover the ethical and legal considerations specific to nursing education. Learners will examine professional standards and guidelines for nurse educators and explore strategies for ensuring learner and patient safety in the educational setting.

MSN 560 : Teaching Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour None
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course emphasizes the transfer of knowledge to clinical practice as graduate learners apply teaching-learning theory and assessment techniques to the healthcare of clients of all ages and the education of professional caregivers. Analysis and synthesis of assessment findings are related to relevant client history, cultural and psychosocial client characteristics, normal anatomy and physiology, and normal growth and development.

MSN 575 : Advanced Pathopharmacological Foundations

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	60 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is an in-depth exploration of the connection between pathophysiology and pharmacology in nursing practice. It is designed to equip nurse educators with advanced knowledge and skills in understanding the underlying mechanisms of diseases and the pharmacological

MSN 575 : Advanced Pathopharmacological Foundations

interventions used in their treatment. Additionally, this course covers teaching strategies for effective pathopharmacology education, including the design of learning experiences, instructional methods, and technologies that facilitate learner mastery and engagement.

MSN 580 : Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course explores the foundations of leadership and system innovation and develops the necessary skills to lead change and to create evidence for where change is most needed, how innovation can be developed and implemented, and how to systematically assess the impact of change on all aspects of the health system. This course examines the philosophical foundations of advanced nursing practice by analyzing interrelationships among theory, philosophy, practice, and research. Various advanced practice nursing roles and critical elements involved in managing advanced practice nursing environments are analyzed. Course content is designed to facilitate the learner's APN role assimilation.

MSN 582 : Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	60 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and expertise in the principles of pharmacotherapeutics across the lifespan. Legal, legislative, and safe prescribing principles, consideration for special populations, and medication prescribing/management will be covered. This course provides the learner an opportunity to integrate previous knowledge and experience, develop self-confidence, and build expertise to maintain efficacious outcomes while providing safety with prescribing practices.

MSN 584 : Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
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MSN 584 : Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan

Semester Credits:	4 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	60 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge, understanding and expertise in the principles of advanced pathophysiology. Through readings, lecture, case studies, and exams, the learner will develop enhanced knowledge of the pathophysiology of the disease processes across the lifespan. Understanding the pathophysiologic process will facilitate the graduate learner's progression to understanding the signs and symptoms of the disease process and allow for appropriate diagnosing and treatment.

MSN 586 : Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	2 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	30 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is a study of program planning processes for health promotion, disease prevention, screening, and anticipatory guidance to all populations, including special populations, across the lifespan. Graduate learners will explore methods of population-focused health assessment in the community, individuals, and families.

MSN 588 : Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	60 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and expertise in advanced physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural assessment and enhance diagnostic knowledge required for

MSN 588 : Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan

maintaining health for patients across the lifespan. A holistic and comprehensive approach to the patient is emphasized with particular attention to identifying the health promotion and disease prevention needs as well as the management of common signs and symptoms that present to patients across the lifespan. This course also provides the learner an opportunity to learn various clinical and diagnostic skills performed by the advanced practice nurse. Learners will be required to complete three consecutive days of in-person#applied field experience during Week 15 of the course. The applied field experience will be held over three days near Nightingale College's (College) Operations Support Center in Salt Lake City. The purpose of the applied field experience is to provide a review and competency check of previously obtained knowledge and skills and allow learners to participate in service-learning activities.

MSN 590 : Health Policy, Legislation, Economics and Ethics

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	Social, political, and economic factors influence policies that impact health outcomes in communities, nationally and globally. Nurse leaders need to understand the determinants of health as well as how legal and regulatory processes, healthcare finances, research, the role of professional organizations, and special interest groups/lobbyists impact health outcomes. This course provides a framework for understanding the organization of healthcare delivery and financing systems in the U.S. and other nations. It addresses how policies are made and the factors that influence policies at local, national, and global levels, impacting health/wellness and the nursing profession. The roles of values, ethical theories, stakeholder interests, research, and recent legislation related to health policy and health outcomes will be explored. The graduate learner will gain expertise in effecting change through active participation in influencing or developing policies that impact health.

MSN 592 : Evidence-Based Practice

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course explores the methodology and application of nursing research and its relevance to advanced practice nursing, nursing education, nursing practice, and the learner's specialty focus area. Emphasis is on research design, implementation, and application of research. The graduate

MSN 592 : Evidence-Based Practice

learner will also explore evidence-based practice models, quality improvement models, and grading levels of evidence.

MSN 598 : Health Informatics for the Advanced Practice Nurse

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Didactic Contact)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course examines a variety of informatic theories, models, and issues within complex healthcare systems. Graduate learners will examine complementary roles of master's level-prepared nursing information technology professionals, informaticists and quality officers. Content is directed toward assisting the student to understand system planning, analysis, implementation, and evaluation. Learners will analyze current and emerging technologies; data management; ethical legal and regulatory best-practice evidence; and bio-health informatics using decision-making support systems at the point of care. This course will emphasize the role of the Advanced Practice Nurse in clinical area such as telehealth and mobile health.

MSN 620 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 11

Delivery Modality: Distance education and practicum experiences

Semester Credits: 1

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590

Corequisites: None

Requisites: MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608

Description: This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 640 : Curriculum & Instruction in Nursing

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is an examination of the philosophical and historical influences in nursing education within a contemporary context for curriculum development. Graduate learners will explore curriculum development, educational philosophy, theories and models, instruction and evaluation, as well as e-learning, simulations, and current technology in nursing education. The course will use pedagogical frameworks for designing and implementing instructional experiences to develop curricular objectives, select and organize content, and plan program evaluation strategies.

MSN 660 : Teaching Methodology in Nursing

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is an examination of role development and practical methods for effective teaching. The course will examine the selection, application, and evaluation of teaching tools and strategies in the context of health education, continuing education, staff development, and classroom and clinical instruction.

MSN 665 : Facilitating Learning in the Online Environment

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	1 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	15 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None

MSN 665 : Facilitating Learning in the Online Environment

Description:	This course focuses on developing the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively facilitate learning in an online educational setting. Learners will explore various aspects of online learning and gain an understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities it presents. They will delve into the principles of instructional design, andragogical strategies, and technology integration that are specific to online education in nursing.
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MSN 670 : Nursing Education and Integrative Practicum Experience

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (Integrative Practicum)
Contact Hours:	180 (Integrative Practicum)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 620, MSN 640, and MSN 660
Corequisites:	MSN 680
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is one (1) of the final two (2) courses in the MSNEd Program. Learners work in this course concurrently with MSN 680: Nursing Education Capstone course to complete a program summative project to demonstrate achievement of course and program outcomes. The Nursing Education Field Experience provides the graduate learner with an opportunity to work collaboratively within the employing organization to address an identified nursing problem, need, or gap in current practices. Learners then work to promote a practice change, quality improvement, or innovation that is based on the existing evidence and best practices.

MSN 680 : Nursing Education Capstone

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	2 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	30 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 620, MSN 640, and MSN 660
Corequisites:	MSN 670
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is one (1) of the final two (2) courses in the MSNEd Program. Learners work in this course concurrently with MSN 670: Nursing Education Field Experience course to complete a program summative project to demonstrate achievement of course and program outcomes. The capstone course is a scholarly project that addresses an issue, need, gap, or opportunity resulting from an identified need in nursing education or healthcare. The capstone project provides the opportunity for the graduate learner to demonstrate competency through design, application, and evaluation of advanced nursing knowledge and higher-level leadership skills to ultimately improve health outcomes.

Pre-Dispute Arbitration and Class Action Waiver Disclosure

Nightingale College seeks to resolve disputes or claims between any learner and the College in an efficient, cost-effective, and timely manner. A learner who enrolls at Nightingale College agrees, as a condition of their enrollment, to resolve any dispute through mandatory arbitration that shall not be adjudicated as a class action or a consolidated class arbitration proceeding. However, the College cannot require a learner loan borrower to participate in arbitration or any internal dispute resolution process offered by the institution prior to filing a borrower defense to repayment application with the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e); the College cannot, in any way, require learners to limit, relinquish, or waive their ability to pursue filing a borrower defense claim, pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e) at any time; and any arbitration, required by a pre-dispute arbitration agreement, tolls the limitations period for filing a borrower defense to repayment application pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e)(6)(ii).

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

Overview

Program Description

The MSN FNP Program is designed for learners who already hold a bachelor's degree in nursing and prepares graduates to become an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse with specific emphasis on the role of the Family Nurse Practitioner. The MSN FNP content is grounded in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing and evidence based on national standards and research related to current practice, education, legislative, and research trends in healthcare and local needs along with various guiding principles, documents, and regulations set forth by the:

- American Association of Collegiate Nursing (AACN) Standards of Master's Education (2011)
- Criteria for the Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs (5th ed.). A Report of the National Task Force (NTF) on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education (2016)
- The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties Nurse Practitioner Core Competencies (NONPF, 2017)
- Population-Focused Nurse Practitioner Competencies (2013)
- Quality and Safety Education in Nursing (QSEN) Competencies: Graduate KSA's (2012)

The curriculum is designed to prepare nurses who complete the Family Nurse Practitioner track for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse role by expanding their nursing body of knowledge and skills in a role and specified population foci. Learners in the Family Nurse Practitioner track will develop advanced knowledge and skills in assessment (including differential diagnosing), intervention (including prescribing), and management within the construct of patient-provider relationship and patient-centered care across the lifespan. The learner will be prepared to function as an effective member of the interdisciplinary healthcare team and to provide consultation, collaborative management, and/or referral. The curriculum will prepare the learner to be eligible to become certified in their population foci. The curriculum addresses scope of practice concepts in the Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse course, and concepts are reinforced throughout the Family Nurse Practitioner Role courses and applied in all practicum learning experiences. The graduate program core courses will provide foundational knowledge and skills for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse role. The FNP core courses includes Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan; Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan; and Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan. Family Nurse Practitioner learners will be expected to demonstrate skills in differential diagnosis and disease management. Learners will be prepared to be granted prescriptive authority, if applicable, in their state of licensure. The curriculum meets certification eligibility requirements for the AANP and ANCC Family Nurse Practitioner examinations. After achievement of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse certification, graduates will be able to apply for an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license.

A total of fifty-five (55) semester credits consisting of different combinations of courses: core, direct care core, specialty, and practicum are required for the conferral of the MSN FNP degree. Thirty-seven (37) credit hours will be dedicated to didactic theory learning and eighteen (18) credit hours will be dedicated to clinical experiences. Learners can complete the MSN FNP program in six (6) academic semesters or ninety-six (96) academic weeks of instruction.

The MSN FNP Program uses full-distance delivery of instruction, where learners engage in online didactic and practicum experiences in community nursing and global health trends, health promotion, disease prevention, leadership, policy, ethics, informatics, statistics, pharmacology, and pathophysiology. The curriculum addresses scope of practice concepts in the Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse course, and concepts are reinforced throughout the Family Nurse Practitioner Role courses and applied in all practicum learning experiences. For course delivery modalities definitions, see the Learner Residency and Course Delivery Modalities section of this Catalog. The curriculum is expected to prepare nurses who complete the Family Nurse Practitioner track for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse role by expanding their nursing body of knowledge and skills in a role and specified population foci. Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed MSN FNP Program curriculum with a minimum 3.0 GPA and the fulfillment of other graduation requirements, the learner will earn a Master of Science in Nursing - Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN FNP) Degree.

Note: The Program only enrolls residents in states where it is fully authorized. If a learner enrolls in the Program and subsequently moves to a state where the Program is not authorized, he/she will not be able to continue enrollment until such authorization is obtained. Learners must notify the Program immediately upon relocation.

Program Outcomes

MSN FNP Program Outcomes are aligned with the Institutional Effectiveness Plan and measure the degree to which the Program achieves its stated mission. For current MSN FNP Program Outcomes benchmarks, see the [MSN FNP Program Outcomes Benchmarks Catalog Insert](#).

Program-Level Learner Outcomes

The MSN FNP Program, in alignment with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) *The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education*, has identified program outcomes, including program-level learner outcomes and competencies, alumni outcomes, and faculty outcomes to evaluate Nightingale College's MSN FNP Program effectiveness. The learner outcomes include program completion and employment rates, achievement of Nightingale College's graduate general education goals, achievement of expected learner outcomes, satisfaction with courses and instruction, and satisfaction with overall program effectiveness.

At Program completion, as measured by evaluation activities throughout the Program, the graduate will:

1. Integrate evidence-based findings from research in humanities and sciences, while synthesizing the holistic nature of advanced practice nursing and diagnostic reasoning to build quality, safe patient care across diverse settings and to enhance patient, healthcare, and organizational outcomes.
2. Engage in leadership, scholarship, and change agent activities that promote collaboration and communication among interdisciplinary team members and community stakeholders.
3. Evaluate and use best evidence to improve quality, safety, and access in clinical practice.
4. Integrate clinical guidelines, research, clinical judgment, and interdisciplinary perspectives using translational processes to improve organizational, practice, and health outcomes.
5. Incorporate information technology when interacting and collaborating with patients, families, and interdisciplinary team members for improved healthcare delivery processes and outcomes.
6. Implement knowledge of organizational policies and complex systems to influence delivery, cost, and quality of healthcare services.
7. Facilitate the development of healthcare systems while addressing the complex issues concerning the care of individuals, populations, and stakeholders.
8. Integrate ethical principles while evaluating the impact between legal, social, political, economic, and ethical issues and their influence on the provision and management of patient care services.
9. Provide patient-centered and evidence-based care while functioning as an independent practitioner.

Core Competencies

1. Client-Centered Care
2. Intentional Learning with Reflection
3. Evidence-Based Practice
4. Decision-Making and Clinical Reasoning
5. Organizational, Local, and Global Leadership
6. Communication and Informatics
7. Quality and Safety Assurance
8. Teamwork and Collaboration

Admissions Requirements

Requirements and Procedures

All applicants work closely with an Admissions Advisor to assess career goals, motivation, and commitment to learning.

To be considered for admission, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Pay the \$150 non-refundable application fee (the application fee is waived for all Nightingale College's prelicensure programs graduates and active-duty members of the U.S. Uniformed Services).
2. Complete Application for Admissions (the Application and the paid fee are valid for one (1) year).
3. Submit official transcripts from each post-secondary institution attended from an institution of higher learning. The institution(s) must send the transcripts directly to Nightingale College. Applicants must hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from an institution of

higher learning accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) with a minimum 3.0 GPA earned on a 4.0 scale.

- Applicants with an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.7 to 2.99 may be considered for admission on probation but must achieve a B (3.0) or better in the first eleven (11) credits of the program to be removed from probation.
4. Submit proof of a current active unencumbered registered nurse (RN) licensure from any U.S. jurisdiction. Learners are expected to maintain an active and unencumbered RN license throughout the program of study.
- Applicants educated within the United States who hold a U.S. RN License must submit the following:
 1. A copy of an active and unencumbered U.S. RN license.
 - Applicants educated outside of the United States who hold a U.S. RN license must submit the following:
 1. A copy of an active and unencumbered U.S. RN license.
 2. An Academic Report from a [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#) member organization, an organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the [Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools \(CGFNS\)](#) certificate stating that the learner's nursing education is comparable to that obtained by a graduate of a U.S. Bachelor of Science nursing program with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale.
1. Submit a resume or curriculum vitae.
 - Applicant must be currently working as a Registered Nurse.
 - One year of experience working as a Registered Nurse is strongly encouraged.
 2. Submit Personal Statement of Interest.
 3. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from most recent employer (supervisor) and from a professor who can address the applicant's clinical expertise and academic preparation for the program.
 4. Participate in an FNP Program interview.
 5. Meet with a Financial Aid Advisor to initiate the Financial Aid process.

Note: Nightingale College is committed to ensuring the highest level of academic integrity throughout the admissions process. Violations of the academic integrity policy at any point in the admissions process will result in automatic denial of admission. See the [Academic Integrity](#) section of the College Catalog for more details.

Tuition and Fees

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

Tuition for the MSN FNP Program is \$540 per semester credit. Tuition does not include the non-refundable application fee or any course resources fees. The College reserves the right to change its tuition and fees at any time, with a 30-day notice.

Item	Fee
Resources Fee per Course (does not apply to practicum courses)	\$300
Remote Proctoring Fee per Semester	\$125

Nightingale College Alumni Tuition Reduction

A tuition reduction of \$50 per semester credit will be applied to the accounts of the College's associate and baccalaureate degree graduates at the time tuition is charged. The Nightingale College Alumni Tuition Reduction is not applicable to repeat coursework.

Estimated Total Program Cost

The estimated total program cost is \$34,050.

Curriculum Plan

Curriculum Plan

The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education provides a framework for preparing individuals as members of the discipline of nursing, reflecting expectations across the trajectory of nursing education and applied experience (AACN, 2021). Because professional nursing practice in all settings requires consideration of the individual, family, community, and population as client, these outcomes are essential to master's nursing education offered by Nightingale College.

The MSN FNP Program consists of thirty (30) graduate-division nursing courses delivered over six (6) academic semesters and ninety-six (96) academic weeks, for a total fifty-five (55) semester credits. There are five hundred forty-seven point five (547.5) didactic, twenty-two point five (22.5) applied field experience, and eight hundred ten (810) integrative practicum contact hours total. For learner residency and course delivery modalities definitions, see the [Learner Residency and Course Delivery Modalities](#) section of this Catalog. A sample curriculum layout is presented in the table below.

Sample Curriculum Plan

Course Number	Course Name	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
Semester 1												
MSN 580	Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse	Distance	3	45								45
MSN 582	Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan	Distance	4	60								45
MSN 584	Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan	Distance	4	60								60
Total			11	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165
Semester 2												
MSN 586	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan	Distance	2	30								30
MSN 588	Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan	Distance	4	52.5							22.5	75
MSN 590	Health Policy, Legislation, Economics and Ethics	Distance	3	45								45
Total			9	127.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.5	150
Semester 3												
MSN 592	Evidence-Based Practice	Distance	3	45								45
MSN 594	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings I	Distance	3	45								45
MSN 610*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care	Distance	1							45		45

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
	Settings Practicum 1											
MSN 611*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 2	Distance	1							45		45
MSN 612*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 3	Distance	1							45		45
MSN 613*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum	Distance	1							45		45
Total			10	90	0	0	0	0	0	180	0	270
Semester 4												
MSN 598	Health Informatics for the Advanced Practice Nurse	Distance	3	45								45
MSN 600	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings II	Distance	3	45								45
MSN 614*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 5	Distance	1							45		45
MSN 615*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 6	Distance	1							45		45
MSN 616*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care	Distance	1							45		45

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
	Settings Practicum 7											
MSN 617*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 8	Distance	1							45		45
Total			10	90	0	0	0	0	0	180	0	270
Semester 5												
MSN 604	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings III	Distance	3	45								45
MSN 618*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 9	Distance	1							45		45
MSN 619*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 10	Distance	1							45		45
MSN 621*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 11	Distance	1							45		45
MSN 622*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 12	Distance	1							45		45
Total			7	45	0	0	0	0	0	180	0	225
Semester 6												
MSN 608	Advanced Family Health in Primary	Distance	2	30								30

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
	Care Settings IV											
MSN 623*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 13	Distance	1							45		45
MSN 624*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 14	Distance	1							45		45
MSN 625*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 15	Distance	1							45		45
MSN 626*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 16	Distance	1							45		45
MSN 627*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 17	Distance	1							45		45
MSN 628*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 18	Distance	1							45		45
Total			8	30	0	0	0	0	0	270	0	300
MSN FNP Program Total			55	547.5	0	0	0	0	0	810	22.5	1,380

Satisfactory Academic Progress Table

Total Credits Attempted	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if CGPA is below	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if course completion rate is below
1-8	3.0	67%
9-16	3.0	67%
17-24	3.0	67%
25-32	3.0	67%
33-40	3.0	67%
41-49	3.0	67%
50-58	3.0	67%

Course Descriptions

MSN 580 : Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course explores the foundations of leadership and system innovation and develops the necessary skills to lead change and to create evidence for where change is most needed, how innovation can be developed and implemented, and how to systematically assess the impact of change on all aspects of the health system. This course examines the philosophical foundations of advanced nursing practice by analyzing interrelationships among theory, philosophy, practice, and research. Various advanced practice nursing roles and critical elements involved in managing advanced practice nursing environments are analyzed. Course content is designed to facilitate the learner's APN role assimilation.

MSN 582 : Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	60 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None

MSN 582 : Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan

Description: The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and expertise in the principles of pharmacotherapeutics across the lifespan. Legal, legislative, and safe prescribing principles, consideration for special populations, and medication prescribing/management will be covered. This course provides the learner an opportunity to integrate previous knowledge and experience, develop self-confidence, and build expertise to maintain efficacious outcomes while providing safety with prescribing practices.

MSN 584 : Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 4 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 60 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge, understanding and expertise in the principles of advanced pathophysiology. Through readings, lecture, case studies, and exams, the learner will develop enhanced knowledge of the pathophysiology of the disease processes across the lifespan. Understanding the pathophysiologic process will facilitate the graduate learner's progression to understanding the signs and symptoms of the disease process and allow for appropriate diagnosing and treatment.

MSN 586 : Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 2 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 30 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course is a study of program planning processes for health promotion, disease prevention, screening, and anticipatory guidance to all populations, including special populations, across the lifespan. Graduate learners will explore methods of population-focused health assessment in the community, individuals, and families.

MSN 588 : Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 4 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 60 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

MSN 588 : Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan

Prerequisites:

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and expertise in advanced physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural assessment and enhance diagnostic knowledge required for maintaining health for patients across the lifespan. A holistic and comprehensive approach to the patient is emphasized with particular attention to identifying the health promotion and disease prevention needs as well as the management of common signs and symptoms that present to patients across the lifespan. This course also provides the learner an opportunity to learn various clinical and diagnostic skills performed by the advanced practice nurse. Learners will be required to complete three consecutive days of in-person#applied field experience during Week 15 of the course. The applied field experience will be held over three days near Nightingale College's (College) Operations Support Center in Salt Lake City. The purpose of the applied field experience is to provide a review and competency check of previously obtained knowledge and skills and allow learners to participate in service-learning activities.

MSN 590 : Health Policy, Legislation, Economics and Ethics

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: Social, political, and economic factors influence policies that impact health outcomes in communities, nationally and globally. Nurse leaders need to understand the determinants of health as well as how legal and regulatory processes, healthcare finances, research, the role of professional organizations, and special interest groups/lobbyists impact health outcomes. This course provides a framework for understanding the organization of healthcare delivery and financing systems in the U.S. and other nations. It addresses how policies are made and the factors that influence policies at local, national, and global levels, impacting health/wellness and the nursing profession. The roles of values, ethical theories, stakeholder interests, research, and recent legislation related to health policy and health outcomes will be explored. The graduate learner will gain expertise in effecting change through active participation in influencing or developing policies that impact health.

MSN 592 : Evidence-Based Practice

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

MSN 592 : Evidence-Based Practice

Description: This course explores the methodology and application of nursing research and its relevance to advanced practice nursing, nursing education, nursing practice, and the learner's specialty focus area. Emphasis is on research design, implementation, and application of research. The graduate learner will also explore evidence-based practice models, quality improvement models, and grading levels of evidence.

MSN 594 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings I

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course will provide the learner with the competencies, knowledge, and skills to assess, diagnose, manage, and treat common and uncomplicated acute and chronic health conditions across the lifespan in primary care settings. Emphasis is placed on the evidence-based, effective, and safe management of patients via health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, diagnosis, pharmacological, and non-pharmacological interventions and approaches. Practice guidelines, conceptual models, and theories will be applied to enhance the care plan and evaluate patient outcomes. Knowledge and competencies learned in this course will be validated in the clinical practicum courses.

MSN 598 : Health Informatics for the Advanced Practice Nurse

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Didactic Contact)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course examines a variety of informatic theories, models, and issues within complex healthcare systems. Graduate learners will examine complementary roles of master's level-prepared nursing information technology professionals, informaticists and quality officers. Content is directed toward assisting the student to understand system planning, analysis, implementation, and evaluation. Learners will analyze current and emerging technologies; data management; ethical legal and regulatory best-practice evidence; and bio-health informatics using decision-making support systems at the point of care. This course will emphasize the role of the Advanced Practice Nurse in clinical area such as telehealth and mobile health.

MSN 600 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings II

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

MSN 600 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings II

Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590, MSN 592, MSN 594
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course will provide the learner with the competencies, knowledge, and skills to assess, diagnose, manage, and treat common and uncomplicated acute and chronic health conditions across the lifespan in primary care settings. Emphasis is placed on the evidence-based, effective, and safe management of patients via health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, diagnosis, pharmacological, and non-pharmacological interventions and approaches. Practice guidelines, conceptual models, and theories will be applied to enhance the care plan and evaluate patient outcomes. Knowledge and competencies learned in this course will be validated in the clinical practicum courses.

MSN 604 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings III

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590, MSN 592, MSN 594
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course will provide the learner with the competencies, knowledge, and skills to assess, diagnose, manage, and treat common and uncomplicated acute and chronic health conditions across the lifespan in primary care settings. Emphasis is placed on the evidence-based, effective, and safe management of patients via health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, diagnosis, pharmacological, and non-pharmacological interventions and approaches. Practice guidelines, conceptual models, and theories will be applied to enhance the care plan and evaluate patient outcomes. Knowledge and competencies learned in this course will be validated in the clinical practicum courses.

MSN 608 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings IV

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	2 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	30 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590, MSN 592, MSN 594, MSN 604
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course will provide the learner with the competencies, knowledge, and skills to assess, diagnose, manage, and treat common and uncomplicated acute and chronic health conditions

MSN 608 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings IV

across the lifespan in primary care settings. Emphasis is placed on the evidence-based, effective, and safe management of patients via health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, diagnosis, pharmacological, and non-pharmacological interventions and approaches. Practice guidelines, conceptual models, and theories will be applied to enhance the care plan and evaluate patient outcomes. Knowledge and competencies learned in this course will be validated in the clinical practicum courses.

MSN 610 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 1

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 611 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 2

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum

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courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 612 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 3

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	

This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 613 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 4

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	

This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 614 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 5

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 615 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 6

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 616 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 7

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)

MSN 616 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 7

Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 617 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 8

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 618 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 9

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590

MSN 618 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 9

Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 619 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 10

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours

MSN 621 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 11

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None

MSN 621 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 11

Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 622 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 12

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 623 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 13

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and

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older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 624 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 15

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 625 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 15

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8)

MSN 625 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 15

ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 626 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 16

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 627 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 17

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum

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courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 628 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 18

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1 semester credit
Contact Hours:	45 contact hours (online didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PSYCHIATRIC-MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER PROGRAM

Overview

Program Description

The Master of Science in Nursing Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (MSN PMHNP) Program is designed for learners who already hold a bachelor's degree in nursing and prepares graduates to become Advanced Practice Registered Nurses with specific emphasis on the role of the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. The MSN PMHNP content is grounded in the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Essentials of Master's Education in Nursing and evidence based on national standards and research related to current practice, education, legislative, and research trends in healthcare and local needs along with various guiding principles, documents, and regulations set forth by the:

- American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) Standards of Master's Education (2011)
- Criteria for the Evaluation of Nurse Practitioner Programs (5th ed.). A Report of the National Task Force (NTF) on Quality Nurse Practitioner Education (2016)
- The National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculties Nurse Practitioner Core Competencies (NONPF, 2017)
- Population-Focused Nurse Practitioner Competencies (2013)
- Quality and Safety in Nursing Education (QSEN) Competencies: Graduate KSA's (2012)

The curriculum is designed to prepare nurses who complete the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse role by expanding their nursing body of knowledge and skills in a role and specified population foci. Learners in the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track will develop advanced knowledge and skills in assessment (including differential diagnosing), intervention (including prescribing), and management within the construct of the psychiatric-mental health patient-provider relationship and patient-centered care across the lifespan. The learner will be prepared to function as an effective member of the interdisciplinary healthcare team and to provide consultation, collaborative management, and/or referral. The curriculum will prepare the learner to be eligible to become certified in their population foci. The curriculum addresses advanced practice psychiatric-mental health scope of practice concepts in the Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse course, and concepts are reinforced throughout the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner specialty courses and applied in all practicum learning experiences. The graduate core courses will provide foundational knowledge and skills for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse role. These courses also include Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan; Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan; and Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan. Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner learners will be expected to demonstrate skills in psychiatric-mental health differential diagnosis and disease management. Learners will be prepared to be granted prescriptive authority, if applicable, in their state of licensure. The curriculum meets certification eligibility requirements for the ANCC Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner examination. After the achievement of the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse certification, graduates will be able to apply for an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse license.

A total of fifty-five (55) semester credits consisting of different combinations of courses: core, direct care core, specialty, and clinical are required for the conferral of the MSN degree. Thirty-seven (37) credit hours will be dedicated to didactic theory learning, and eighteen (18) credit hours will be dedicated to clinical learning experiences. Learners can complete the MSN PMHNP program in six (6) academic semesters or ninety-six (96) academic weeks of instruction.

The MSN PMHNP Program utilizes full-distance delivery of instruction, where learners engage in online didactic and clinical learning experiences within the realms of advanced practice psychiatric-mental health nursing including health promotion, disease prevention, leadership, policy, ethics, pharmacology, and pathophysiology. The curriculum addresses the scope of practice concepts in the Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse course, and concepts are reinforced throughout the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner specialty courses and applied in all practicum learning experiences. The curriculum is expected to prepare nurses who complete the Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner track for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse role by expanding their nursing body of knowledge and skills in a role and specified population foci. Upon satisfactory completion of the prescribed MSN PMHNP Program curriculum with a minimum 3.0 GPA and the fulfillment of other graduation requirements, the learner will earn a Master of Science in Nursing – Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (MSN PMHNP) Degree.

Note: The Program only enrolls residents in states where it is fully authorized. If a learner enrolls in the Program and subsequently moves to a state where the Program is not authorized, he/she will not be able to continue being enrolled until such authorization is obtained. Learners must notify the Program immediately upon relocation.

Program Objectives

1. To build professional advanced practice nursing capacity based on evidence and theory with an appreciation of the uniqueness of each individual and family, diversity, and the multidimensional aspects of health.
2. To build ethical and value-centered advanced practice nursing that enhances personal and professional growth and development, fosters clinical reasoning and problem-solving, and supports engaging collaboration within communities and populations.
3. To build advanced practice nursing leadership capacity to address challenges and advance the science of advanced nursing practice.
4. To build professional and research capacity to meet the primary health care needs of diverse communities and populations.

Program Outcomes

MSN PMHNP Program Outcomes are aligned with the Institutional Effectiveness Plan and measure the degree to which the Program achieves its stated mission. For current MSN PMHNP Program Outcomes benchmarks, see the MSN PMHNP Program Outcomes Benchmarks Catalog Insert.

Program-Level Learner Outcomes

The MSN PMHNP Program, in alignment with the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) *The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education*, has identified program outcomes, including program-level learner outcomes and competencies, alumni outcomes, and faculty outcomes to evaluate Nightingale College's MSN PMHNP Program effectiveness. The learner outcomes include program completion and employment rates, achievement of Nightingale College's graduate general education goals, achievement of expected learner outcomes, satisfaction with courses and instruction, and satisfaction with overall program effectiveness.

At Program completion, as measured by evaluation activities throughout the Program, the graduate will:

1. Integrate evidence-based findings from research in the humanities and sciences, while synthesizing the holistic nature of advanced practice nursing and diagnostic reasoning to build quality and safe patient care across diverse settings and enhance patient, healthcare, and organizational outcomes.

2. Engage in leadership, scholarship, and change agent activities that promote collaboration and communication among interdisciplinary team members and community stakeholders.
3. Evaluate and utilize best evidence to improve quality, safety, and access in clinical practice.
4. Integrate clinical guidelines, research, clinical judgment, and interdisciplinary perspectives using translational processes to improve practice, health, and organizational outcomes.
5. Incorporate information technology when interacting and collaborating with patients, families, and interdisciplinary team members for improved health care delivery processes and outcomes.
6. Implement knowledge of organizational policies and complex systems to influence the delivery, cost, and quality of healthcare services.
7. Facilitate the development of health care systems while addressing the complex issues concerning the care of individuals, populations, and stakeholders.
8. Integrate ethical principles while evaluating the impact of legal, social, political, economic, and ethical issues and their influence on the provision and management of patient care services.
9. Provide patient-centered and evidenced-based care while functioning as an independent practitioner.

Core Competencies

1. Client-Centered Care
2. Intentional Learning with Reflection
3. Evidence-Based Practice
4. Decision-Making and Clinical Reasoning
5. Organizational, Local, and Global Leadership
6. Communication and Informatics
7. Quality and Safety Assurance
8. Teamwork and Collaboration

Admissions Requirements

Requirements and Procedures

All applicants work closely with an Admissions Advisor to assess career goals, motivation, and commitment to learning.

To be considered for admission, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Pay the \$150 non-refundable application fee (the application fee is waived for all Nightingale College's pre-licensure programs graduates and active-duty members of the U.S. Uniformed Services).
2. Complete Application for Admissions (the Application and the paid fee are valid for one (1) year).
3. Submit official transcripts from each post-secondary institution attended. The institution(s) must send the transcripts directly to Nightingale College. Applicants must hold a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from an institution of higher learning accredited by an agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA) with a minimum 3.0 GPA earned on a 4.0 scale.
 - Applicants with an undergraduate cumulative GPA of 2.7 to 2.99 may be considered for admission on probation but must achieve a B (3.0) or better in the first eleven (11) credits of the program to be removed from probation.
4. Submit proof of a current active unencumbered registered nurse (RN) licensure from any U.S. jurisdiction. Learners are expected to maintain an active and unencumbered RN license throughout the program of study.
 - Applicants educated within the United States who hold a U.S. RN License must submit the following:
 1. A copy of their active and unencumbered U.S. RN license.
 - Applicants educated outside of the United States who hold a U.S. RN license must submit the following:
 1. A copy of their active and unencumbered U.S. RN license.
 2. An Academic Report from a [National Association of Credential Evaluation Services \(NACES\)](#) member organization, an organization recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the [Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools \(CGFNS\)](#) certificate stating that the learner's nursing education is comparable to that obtained by a graduate of a U.S. Bachelor of Science nursing program with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on 4.0 scale.
1. Submit a resume or curriculum vitae.
2. Submit Personal Statement of Interest.
3. Submit two (2) letters of recommendation from most recent employer (supervisor) and from a professor who can address the applicant's clinical expertise and academic preparation for the program.
4. Participate in an PMHNP Program interview.
5. Must be actively working as an RN. One year of RN experience is strongly encouraged.
6. Meet with a Financial Aid Advisor to initiate the Financial Aid process.

Note: Nightingale College is committed to ensuring the highest level of academic integrity throughout the admissions process. Violations of the academic integrity policy at any point in the admissions process will result in automatic denial of admission. See the [Academic Integrity](#) section of the College Catalog for more details.

Tuition and Fees

This section has been updated. Please view the [Errata and Addenda](#) section of the catalog to see what was changed.

Tuition for the MSN PMHNP Program is \$540 per semester credit. Tuition does not include the non-refundable application fee or any course resources fees. The College reserves the right to change its tuition and fees at any time, with a 30-day notice.

Item	Fee
Resources Fee per Course	\$300
Remote Proctoring Fee per Semester	\$125

Nightingale College Alumni Tuition Reduction

A tuition reduction of \$50 per semester credit will be applied to the accounts of the College's baccalaureate degree graduates at the time tuition is charged. The Nightingale College Alumni Tuition Reduction is not applicable to repeat coursework.

Estimated Total Program Cost

The estimated total program cost is \$34,050.

Curriculum Plan

Curriculum Plan

The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education provides a framework for preparing individuals as members of the discipline of nursing, reflecting expectations across the trajectory of nursing education and applied experience (AACN, 2021). Because professional nursing practice in all settings requires consideration of the individual, family, community, and population as a client, these outcomes are essential to the master's nursing education offered by Nightingale College.

The MSN PMHNP Program consists of thirty (30) graduate-division nursing courses delivered over six (6) academic semesters and ninety-six (96) academic weeks, for a total of fifty-five (55) semester credits. There are five hundred and forty-seven point five (547.5) didactic, twenty-two point five (22.5) applied field experience, and eight hundred and ten (810) integrative clinical contact hours total. A sample curriculum layout is presented in the table below.

Sample Curriculum Plan

Course Number	Course Name	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
Semester 1												
MSN 580	Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse	Online	3	45								45
MSN 582	Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan	Online	4	60								60
MSN 584	Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan	Online	4	60								60
Total			11	165	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	165
Semester 2												

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
MSN 586	Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan	Online	2	30								30
MSN 588	Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan	Online	4	52.5							22.5	75
MSN 590	Health Policy, Legislation, Economics and Ethics	Online	3	45								45
Total			9	127.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	22.5	150
Semester 3												
MSN 592	Evidence-Based Practice	Online	3	45								45
MSN 596	Psychopharmacology and Neuropathophysiology	Online	3	45								45
MSN 631*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 1	Online	1							45		45
MSN 632*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 2	Online	1							45		45
MSN 633*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 3	Online	1							45		45
MSN 634*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner	Online	1							45		45

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
	Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 4											
Total			10	90	0	0	0	0	0	180	0	270
Semester 4												
MSN 598	Health Informatics for the Advanced Practice Nurse	Online	3	45								45
MSN 630	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan I	Online	3	45								45
MSN 635*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 5	Online	1							45		45
MSN 636*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 6	Online	1							45		45
MSN 637*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 7	Online	1							45		45
MSN 638*	Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 8	Online	1							45		45
Total			10	90	0	0	0	0	0	180	0	270
Semester 5												
MSN 650	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse	Online	3	45								45

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
	Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan II											
MSN 639*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 9	Online	1							45		45
MSN 641*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 10	Online	1							45		45
MSN 642*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 11	Online	1							45		45
MSN 643*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 12	Online	1							45		45
Total			7	45	0	0	0	0	0	180	0	225
Semester 6												
MSN 690	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan III	Online	2	30								30
MSN 644*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health	Online	1							45		45

				CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
	Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 13											
MSN 651*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 14	Online	1							45		45
MSN 646*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 15	Online	1							45		45
MSN 647*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 16	Online	1							45		45
MSN 648*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 17	Online	1							45		45
MSN 649*	Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 18	Online	1							45		45
Total			8	30	0	0	0	0	0	270	0	300
MSN FNP Program Total			55	547.5	0	0	0	0	0	810	22.5	1,380

Satisfactory Academic Progress Table

Total Credits Attempted	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if CGPA is below	Financial Aid Warning or Probation if course completion rate is below
1-8	3.0	67%
9-16	3.0	67%
17-24	3.0	67%
25-32	3.0	67%
33-40	3.0	67%
41-49	3.0	67%
50-58	3.0	67%

Course Descriptions

MSN 580 : Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course explores the foundations of leadership and system innovation and develops the necessary skills to lead change and to create evidence for where change is most needed, how innovation can be developed and implemented, and how to systematically assess the impact of change on all aspects of the health system. This course examines the philosophical foundations of advanced nursing practice by analyzing interrelationships among theory, philosophy, practice, and research. Various advanced practice nursing roles and critical elements involved in managing advanced practice nursing environments are analyzed. Course content is designed to facilitate the learner's APN role assimilation.

MSN 582 : Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	60 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None

MSN 582 : Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan

Requisites: None

Description: The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and expertise in the principles of pharmacotherapeutics across the lifespan. Legal, legislative, and safe prescribing principles, consideration for special populations, and medication prescribing/management will be covered. This course provides the learner an opportunity to integrate previous knowledge and experience, develop self-confidence, and build expertise to maintain efficacious outcomes while providing safety with prescribing practices.

MSN 584 : Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 4 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 60 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge, understanding and expertise in the principles of advanced pathophysiology. Through readings, lecture, case studies, and exams, the learner will develop enhanced knowledge of the pathophysiology of the disease processes across the lifespan. Understanding the pathophysiologic process will facilitate the graduate learner's progression to understanding the signs and symptoms of the disease process and allow for appropriate diagnosing and treatment.

MSN 586 : Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 2 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 30 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course is a study of program planning processes for health promotion, disease prevention, screening, and anticipatory guidance to all populations, including special populations, across the lifespan. Graduate learners will explore methods of population-focused health assessment in the community, individuals, and families.

MSN 588 : Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 4 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 60 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

MSN 588 : Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites:

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and expertise in advanced physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural assessment and enhance diagnostic knowledge required for maintaining health for patients across the lifespan. A holistic and comprehensive approach to the patient is emphasized with particular attention to identifying the health promotion and disease prevention needs as well as the management of common signs and symptoms that present to patients across the lifespan. This course also provides the learner an opportunity to learn various clinical and diagnostic skills performed by the advanced practice nurse. Learners will be required to complete three consecutive days of in-person#applied field experience during Week 15 of the course. The applied field experience will be held over three days near Nightingale College's (College) Operations Support Center in Salt Lake City. The purpose of the applied field experience is to provide a review and competency check of previously obtained knowledge and skills and allow learners to participate in service-learning activities.

MSN 590 : Health Policy, Legislation, Economics and Ethics

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: Social, political, and economic factors influence policies that impact health outcomes in communities, nationally and globally. Nurse leaders need to understand the determinants of health as well as how legal and regulatory processes, healthcare finances, research, the role of professional organizations, and special interest groups/lobbyists impact health outcomes. This course provides a framework for understanding the organization of healthcare delivery and financing systems in the U.S. and other nations. It addresses how policies are made and the factors that influence policies at local, national, and global levels, impacting health/wellness and the nursing profession. The roles of values, ethical theories, stakeholder interests, research, and recent legislation related to health policy and health outcomes will be explored. The graduate learner will gain expertise in effecting change through active participation in influencing or developing policies that impact health.

MSN 592 : Evidence-Based Practice

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MSN 592 : Evidence-Based Practice

Requisites:	None
Description:	This course explores the methodology and application of nursing research and its relevance to advanced practice nursing, nursing education, nursing practice, and the learner's specialty focus area. Emphasis is on research design, implementation, and application of research. The graduate learner will also explore evidence-based practice models, quality improvement models, and grading levels of evidence.

MSN 596 : Psychopharmacology and Neuropathophysiology

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN580; MSN582; MSN584; MSN586; MSN588; MSN590
Corequisites:	MSN PMHNP Practicum courses
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is intended to offer learners with knowledge of neuropathophysiology and psychopharmacotherapeutics of common and complex mental health illnesses across the lifespan. In addition, the course content includes function and neural structure that is implicated in symptom presentation and progression of disease of common and complex mental health illnesses. Medications utilized for the diagnosis and treatment of a variety of common and complex psychological and psychiatric illnesses and monitoring of behavioral, psychiatric, and physiological responses to these interventions is highlighted.

MSN 598 : Health Informatics for the Advanced Practice Nurse

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Didactic Contact)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course examines a variety of informatic theories, models, and issues within complex healthcare systems. Graduate learners will examine complementary roles of master's level-prepared nursing information technology professionals, informaticists and quality officers. Content is directed toward assisting the student to understand system planning, analysis, implementation, and evaluation. Learners will analyze current and emerging technologies; data management; ethical legal and regulatory best-practice evidence; and bio-health informatics using decision-making support systems at the point of care. This course will emphasize the role of the Advanced Practice Nurse in clinical area such as telehealth and mobile health.

MSN 630 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan I

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)

MSN 630 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan I

Contact Hours:	45 (Didactic Contact)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN580; MSN582; MSN584; MSN586; MSN588; MSN590; MSN592, MSN596; MSN598
Corequisites:	MSN Practicum courses
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course explores the role of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner within the construct of health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and management of common and complex mental illnesses across the lifespan. Evidence-based practice, research, and theory are utilized to identify strategies that are critical to advanced nursing practice for health promotion and prevention of disease. In addition, learners apply clinical judgment to develop differential diagnoses and develop and implement an evidence-based plan of care and therapeutic regimen including psychopharmacology. Concepts related to effective patient, provider, and healthcare team communication and collaboration in addition to diversity, equity and inclusion elements are highlighted. Evidence-based practice and practice standards guide holistic care, psychopharmacology, and therapy across the lifespan as individuals, families, and communities. The patient's sociocultural background, developmental level, and treatment settings are discussed and considered in the management of care.

MSN 631 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 1

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	1 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590, MSN 592, MSN 594
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 632 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 2

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	1 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

MSN 632 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 2

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590, MSN 592, MSN 594, MSN 604

Corequisites: None

Requisites: MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690

Description: This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 633 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 3

Delivery Modality: Distance education and practicum experiences

Semester Credits: 1 Contact

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590

Corequisites: None

Requisites: MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690

Description: This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 634 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 4

Delivery Modality: Distance education and practicum experiences

Semester Credits: 1 Contact

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.

Typically Offered:

MSN 634 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 4

Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 635 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 5

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1 Contact
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 636 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 6

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1 Contact
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590

MSN 636 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 6

Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 637 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 7

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 638 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 8

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None

MSN 638 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 8

Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 639 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 9

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic) Outside Preparation: The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Outside Preparation:	
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 641 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 10

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690

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MSN 642 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 11

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 643 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 12

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment,

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diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 644 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 13

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690

Description: This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 645 : Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None

Description: This course is designed to provide advanced nursing education learners with a comprehensive understanding of assessment and evaluation strategies specific to nursing education. The course focuses on equipping learners with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively assess the

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learning outcomes of nursing learners and evaluate the overall effectiveness of nursing education programs. The course emphasizes both theoretical concepts and practical applications in the field of nursing education assessment.

MSN 646 :

Delivery Modality:

Semester Credits:

Contact Hours:

Outside Preparation:

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites:

Corequisites:

Requisites:

Description:

MSN 647 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 16

Delivery Modality: Distance education and practicum experiences

Semester Credits: 1

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590

Corequisites: None

Requisites: MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690

Description: This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 648 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 17

Delivery Modality: Distance education and practicum experiences

Semester Credits: 1

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.

Typically Offered:

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Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 649 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 18

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 650 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan II

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN580; MSN582; MSN584; MSN586; MSN588; MSN590; MSN592; MSN596; MSN598

MSN 650 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan II

Corequisites:	MSN Practicum courses
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is a continuation of the Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan I didactic course and emphasizes health promotion, disease prevention, diagnostic reasoning, and management of common and complex illnesses in psychiatric practice across the lifespan. Evidence-based practice, research, and theory are utilized to ascertain strategies that are critical to advanced nursing practice for health promotion and prevention of disease. In addition, learners apply clinical judgment to develop differential diagnoses and develop and implement an evidence-based plan of care and therapeutic regimen including psychopharmacology. Concepts related to efficient patient, provider, and healthcare team communication and collaboration in addition to diversity, equity and inclusion elements are highlighted. Evidence-based practice and practice standards guide holistic care, psychopharmacology, and therapy across the lifespan as individuals, families, and communities. The patient's sociocultural background, developmental level, and treatment settings are discussed and considered in the management of care.

MSN 690 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner across the Lifespan III

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Didactic Contact)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN580; MSN582; MSN584; MSN586; MSN588; MSN590; MSN592; MSN596; MSN 598
Corequisites:	MSN Practicum courses
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is a continuation of the Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan I and II didactic courses and emphasizes disease prevention, health promotion, diagnostic reasoning, and management of common illnesses in psychiatric practice across the lifespan. Evidence-based practice, research, and theory continue to be utilized to identify methods that are critical to advanced nursing practice for health promotion and prevention of disease. Additionally, learners apply clinical judgment to develop differential diagnoses and develop and implement an evidence-based plan of care and therapeutic regimen including psychopharmacology. Research findings, evidence-based practice and practice standards facilitate holistic and comprehensive care, psychopharmacology and therapy with children, adolescents, adults, and older adults as individuals in families or groups. An emphasis on advanced practice legal, regulatory, and ethical issues are addressed.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

For Didactic and Experiential Learning Abbreviations and Definitions, refer to the Learning Modalities Definitions section of the Catalog.

For Requisites, Prerequisites, and Corequisites, Definitions, refer to the Course Requisites, Prerequisites and Corequisites section of the Catalog.

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Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 206	Distance	5	22	11	4.5	45	45				127.5

BSN 206 : Foundations of Nursing Fundamentals

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 5

Contact Hours: 127.5

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225

Description: This course introduces the fundamental concepts necessary for safe patient-centered nursing care to a diverse patient population while integrating clinical decision-making. Critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and the nursing process are key foundations to nursing practice. Application of knowledge and practice of skills occur in a variety of clinical settings providing care to stable patients with common health issues.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 215	Distance	2	30								30

BSN 215 : Pharmacology I

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 2

Contact Hours: 30

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math

Corequisites: None

BSN 215 : Pharmacology I

Requisites: PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225

Description: This course is an overview of the basic principles of pharmacology, including major drug classifications and prototypes of commonly used medications. Principles of medication administration include aspects of the best practices for safe, quality, patient-centered care. Central points of the course include safety, quality improvement factors in the administration of medications, patient teaching, and variations encountered when administering medications to diverse patient populations across the lifespan.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 225	Blended	5	21.5	4	4.5	15	45	45		22.5	157.5

BSN 225 : Concepts of Nursing – Health Promotion

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 5

Contact Hours: 157.5

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math and BSN 206

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PSY 201, SCI 131, SCI 225, and BSN 215

Description: This course focuses on the role of the professional nurse in promoting optimal health for individual clients. The course will discuss basic psychomotor nursing skills and introduce learners to medical/ surgical nursing for low-risk clients. This course also provides the learner with techniques for carrying out a physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural assessment to evaluate clients' well-being. The course also introduces learners to assessment devices and procedures to collect data. The course focuses on health promotion, health protection, disease prevention and communication strategies throughout the lifespan.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 235	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 235 : Nursing Communication and Informatics

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

BSN 235 : Nursing Communication and Informatics

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math

Corequisites: None

Requisites: MAT 220

Description: In this course, learners will explore and gain advanced knowledge and skills in information management, patient care technology, and effective interpersonal communication modalities. Nursing informatics is a combination of cognitive science, computer science, information science, and nursing science. It includes the development, analysis, and evaluation of information systems, which are augmented by technology that helps to support, enhance, and manage client care. In this course, learners will examine information management tools used to monitor outcomes of care processes, client care technologies essential to ensuring high quality, safe patient care, and communication and collaboration skills necessary to providing optimal client-centered care. The course will emphasize key concepts related to information and computer literacy.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 246	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

BSN 246 : Concepts of Nursing I

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 6

Contact Hours: 165

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 206 and BSN 225, or equivalent

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PSY 201, SCI 131, SCI 225, and BSN 215

Description: This course focuses on the chronic nature of certain states of being when nursing a client at various stages in life, focusing on the application of the nursing process in meeting needs of clients in various settings. The course will explore concepts related to emotional problems, pathological reactions to life stresses, and chronic pain. The course will emphasize the therapeutic relationships and the development of individualized plans of care. The course will address communication skills, mental health assessment, various therapeutic balances, and sensory perception. Direct focused client care experiential learning will give learners the opportunity to gain experience with many of these chronic conditions.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 266	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

BSN 266 : Concepts of Nursing II

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	6
Contact Hours:	165
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 206; BSN 225 and BSN 246, or equivalent.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PSY 201, SCI 131, SCI 225, and BSN 215
Description:	This course emphasizes the provision of professional nursing care for clients across the lifespan with acute medical conditions. The learners will build upon knowledge gained in the basic sciences and other prerequisite nursing courses. The course emphasizes decision-making skills, independent functioning, and a family-centered approach. The course will introduce the learner to the nursing care of acute clients. The course includes application to specific concepts, principles, and theories in various acute care settings.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 305	Distance	4	60								60

BSN 305 : Pharmacology for BMTC

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	4
Contact Hours:	60
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 215 or equivalent.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225
Description:	Overview of the principles of advanced nursing pharmacology, including major drug classifications and prototypes of commonly used medications. Principles of medication administration include aspects of best practice for safe, quality, patient-centered care. Central topics of the course include safety, quality improvement factors in the administration of medications, patient teaching, and variations encountered when administering medications to diverse patient populations across the lifespan.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
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			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 315	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 315 : Pharmacology II

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 215 or equivalent.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225
Description:	This course builds upon the concepts introduced in BSN 215, encompassing safe drug administration to clients across the health continuum. This course focuses on the role of the registered professional nurse as a provider of culturally competent client-centered care, education and leadership skills, and advocacy for clients with complex needs and selected diagnoses in pharmacological treatment. Using the nursing process as a guide, the learner integrates previous learning with current, expanded learning to analyze the therapeutic use of drugs and assist the patient in using them safely.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 325	Distance	4	52.5							22.5	75

BSN 325 : Population-Based Chronic Illness and Health Promotion

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	4
Contact Hours:	75
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour (This course includes a practice-based direct focused client care experiential learning project which requires twenty-two point five (22.5) tracked clock hours to receive credit for the course).
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; and BSN 246.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MAT 220, PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225
Description:	This course introduces concepts of community health nursing using a population-focused nursing process. The course emphasizes health promotion, risk reduction, and disease management in selected community settings. The course focuses on theory-based nursing care of aggregates, communities, and vulnerable populations in a global, multicultural society. The course introduces learners to public health concepts as well as characteristics of community health nursing. The

BSN 325 : Population-Based Chronic Illness and Health Promotion

course also emphasizes community assessment process and the development of nursing strategies to assist multi-problem families, while considering health on a continuum and throughout the lifespan. In addition, the course will explore the nurse's role on the community health team and give an understanding of healthcare needs of different cultural groups. Note: Though not classified as "direct focused client care experiential learning" contact hours in the curriculum plan, the RN-to-BSN Track requires twenty-two point five (22.5) tracked practice-based direct focused client care experiential learning project hours to earn the academic credit for BSN 325.

Note: Though not classified as "direct focused client care experiential learning" contact hours in the curriculum plan, the RN-to-BSN Program requires twenty-two point five (22.5) tracked practice-based direct focused client care experiential learning project hours to earn the academic credit for BSN 325.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 335	Distance	2	30								30

BSN 335 : Concepts of Professionalism, Management, and Leadership

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 2

Contact Hours: 30

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course will explore professionalism, management and leadership concepts, issues, roles, and functions as applied to the role of the professional nurse in various healthcare settings. The course will emphasize development in the roles of problem solver, change agent and leader. The course focuses on evidence-based leadership, management skills, and competencies needed by professional nurses to work productively in inter-professional teams. Learners will analyze current best practices related to leadership roles, communication, teamwork and collaboration, quality improvement, and culturally competent client-centered care. The course will emphasize legal and ethical issues related to leadership and professionalism.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 346	Blended	7	44.5	4	4	15	67.5	45		22.5	202.5

BSN 346 : Concepts of Nursing III

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 7

BSN 346 : Concepts of Nursing III

Contact Hours:	202.5
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English; and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 246 and BSN 266.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	BSN 305 or BSN 315
Description:	This course focuses on providing advanced chronic care for clients at all stages in life and with several types of physiological and psychological processes. The course also explores end-of-life issues related to chronic illness. Learners will synthesize knowledge from earlier courses related to health promotion and prevention and move toward providing client-centered care for people suffering from complex chronic illnesses. Learners will explore the aging process and discuss end-of-life issues as well as explore co-morbidities while managing health outcomes for chronic care patients, along with psychological conditions. Direct focused client care experiential learning gives learners the opportunity to gain experience with many of these more complex chronic conditions.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 355	Distance	1	15								15

BSN 355 : Capstone Proposal

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	15
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; and BSN 246.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	PSY 201, SCI 131, and SCI 225
Description:	This course is a preparatory proposal course for BSN 485: Capstone Leadership, which will be taken the last academic semester of the BSN Program. Learners will be completing a capstone project in the BSN Program during that final academic semester, but the ideas, proposal, and approval for this project will come to fruition in this Capstone Proposal course. Learners will learn about vision, creativity, and planning as it relates to leadership in nursing. They will propose a plan for a capstone project and explain how the plan will be carried out. This course will discuss some basic principles related to leadership and the future of nursing.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning	Remote	Experiential Learning	Total
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			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 366	Blended	7	53	4	3	15	45	45		22.5	187.5

BSN 366 : Concepts of Nursing IV

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	7
Contact Hours:	187.5
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; BSN 266 and BSN 346.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	BSN 305 or BSN 315
Description:	This course emphasizes the provision of professional nursing care for clients across the lifespan with acute, complex medical conditions. The learners will build upon knowledge gained in the Acute Care I course (BSN 266). The course greatly emphasizes acute care related to several different pathophysiological processes and end-of-life issues. The course includes application to specific concepts, principles, and theories in various acute care settings. The course will emphasize decision-making skills and independent functioning.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 375	Distance	2	30								30

BSN 375 : Advanced Issues in Cognition

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	2
Contact Hours:	30
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; and BSN 266.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course focuses on advanced principles and concepts related to cognition and psychiatric nursing, emphasizing the roles and functions of the nurse in meeting the needs of individuals, families, groups, and communities who are experiencing issues in cognitive functioning. Learners will build upon concepts of cognition they learned in their associate degree programs and advance their thinking skills to the analysis, synthesis, and evaluation levels. The course will emphasize the nurse's ability to communicate, lead, apply the nursing process, and clinically judge situations related to cognition and psychiatric nursing.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 395	Blended	5	30						135		165

BSN 395 : Entry into Professional Nursing Practice

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 5

Contact Hours: 165

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: BSN 335 and BSN 366

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course focuses on the role transition of the professional nurse as a provider of client-centered care, leader in the profession, manager of care, and member of the profession of nursing. The course will examine the elements of professional nursing practice as well as the role of the professional nurse within the global health care delivery system. Learners will participate in licensure preparation through standardized assessments and individualized remediation. Learners will participate in a clinical integrative practicum to experience the full spectrum of responsibilities and roles of the professional nurse. The course will discuss role expectations of the professional nurse and implement evidence-based guidelines for professional nursing practice.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 425	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 425 : Gerontological Nursing

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: BSN 346

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course examines the physical, psychological, sociocultural, and spiritual aspects of aging within the context of the family and society. The course will examine advanced theoretical concepts of aging in light of the nursing process. The course will present theories and concepts related to gerontology and nursing principles within the framework of critical thinking and caring. The focus is on health promotion through providing safe, evidence-based practice interventions, emphasizing the well and the vulnerable older adult population.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 435	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 435 : Scholarship and Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: Minimum eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and three (3) semester credits in college-level English, and three (3) semester credits in college-level math; and BSN 266.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: ENG 311, MAT 220, and BSN 355

Description: This course provides an introduction to the research process in the practice of nursing. Research in nursing is important to promote, maintain, and restore health, and to ensure quality and safety in nursing practice. Learners will examine the research process as a basis for how scientific nursing knowledge is obtained. The steps in the research process are identified, discussed, and will be implemented in conjunction with the Capstone Proposal course (BSN 355). The course will explore the use of nursing research in the development of therapeutic nursing interventions. Learners will learn to apply critical thinking skills to the evaluation of published nursing research for application to practice.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 445	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 445 : Concepts of Nursing in the Complex Patient

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: BSN 366 (BSN 445 may be taken concurrently with the BSN 366 Audit)

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course focuses on pathophysiologic concepts and nursing management essential to critical care and emergency nursing in complex patient settings. The course will address ethical, moral, and legal issues as well as specific considerations for various procedures and specialty services

BSN 445 : Concepts of Nursing in the Complex Patient

encountered in the critical care environment. Learners will learn to apply the nursing process with complex patient situations and prioritize nursing care for clients with multiple complex needs.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 465	Distance	3	45								45

BSN 465 : Decision Making in Nursing

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: BSN 366 (BSN 465 may be taken concurrently with the BSN 366 Audit)

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: The purpose of this course is to aid nurses in making decisions, using ethical, political, legal, cultural, spiritual, clinical, and other considerations as part of the decision-making process. The course will emphasize ethical decision-making in nursing practice. Nurses are required to make decisions in every aspect of practice, and need to have a foundation of knowledge, values, and ethics which will promote client-centered care in multiple nursing settings. An accurate understanding of policy and ethics in the decision-making process is vital for every practicing nurse.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
BSN 485	Distance	2	15							45	60

BSN 485 : Capstone Leadership

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 2

Contact Hours: 60

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour (This course includes a clinical practice-based project which requires 45 tracked clock hours to receive credit for the course).

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: BSN 355 and BSN 435

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

BSN 485 : Capstone Leadership

Description: This course is a follow-up course to BSN 355: Capstone Proposal, which was taken the first or second semester of the BSN Program. In this course, learners will be completing the capstone project they proposed in BSN 355. Learners will apply their learning about vision, creativity, and planning as it relates to leadership in nursing. They will complete a capstone project.

COURSE LISTING MSN PMHNP

MSN 580 : Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description:

This course explores the foundations of leadership and system innovation and develops the necessary skills to lead change and to create evidence for where change is most needed, how innovation can be developed and implemented, and how to systematically assess the impact of change on all aspects of the health system. This course examines the philosophical foundations of advanced nursing practice by analyzing interrelationships among theory, philosophy, practice, and research. Various advanced practice nursing roles and critical elements involved in managing advanced practice nursing environments are analyzed. Course content is designed to facilitate the learner's APN role assimilation.

MSN 582 : Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 4 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 60 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description:

The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and expertise in the principles of pharmacotherapeutics across the lifespan. Legal, legislative, and safe prescribing principles, consideration for special populations, and medication prescribing/management will be covered. This course provides the learner an opportunity to integrate previous knowledge and experience, develop self-confidence, and build expertise to maintain efficacious outcomes while providing safety with prescribing practices.

MSN 584 : Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	60 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge, understanding and expertise in the principles of advanced pathophysiology. Through readings, lecture, case studies, and exams, the learner will develop enhanced knowledge of the pathophysiology of the disease processes across the lifespan. Understanding the pathophysiologic process will facilitate the graduate learner's progression to understanding the signs and symptoms of the disease process and allow for appropriate diagnosing and treatment.

MSN 586 : Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	2 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	30 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is a study of program planning processes for health promotion, disease prevention, screening, and anticipatory guidance to all populations, including special populations, across the lifespan. Graduate learners will explore methods of population-focused health assessment in the community, individuals, and families.

MSN 588 : Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	60 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	
Corequisites:	None

MSN 588 : Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan

Requisites:	None
Description:	The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and expertise in advanced physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural assessment and enhance diagnostic knowledge required for maintaining health for patients across the lifespan. A holistic and comprehensive approach to the patient is emphasized with particular attention to identifying the health promotion and disease prevention needs as well as the management of common signs and symptoms that present to patients across the lifespan. This course also provides the learner an opportunity to learn various clinical and diagnostic skills performed by the advanced practice nurse. Learners will be required to complete three consecutive days of in-person#applied field experience during Week 15 of the course. The applied field experience will be held over three days near Nightingale College's (College) Operations Support Center in Salt Lake City. The purpose of the applied field experience is to provide a review and competency check of previously obtained knowledge and skills and allow learners to participate in service-learning activities.

MSN 590 : Health Policy, Legislation, Economics and Ethics

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	Social, political, and economic factors influence policies that impact health outcomes in communities, nationally and globally. Nurse leaders need to understand the determinants of health as well as how legal and regulatory processes, healthcare finances, research, the role of professional organizations, and special interest groups/lobbyists impact health outcomes. This course provides a framework for understanding the organization of healthcare delivery and financing systems in the U.S. and other nations. It addresses how policies are made and the factors that influence policies at local, national, and global levels, impacting health/wellness and the nursing profession. The roles of values, ethical theories, stakeholder interests, research, and recent legislation related to health policy and health outcomes will be explored. The graduate learner will gain expertise in effecting change through active participation in influencing or developing policies that impact health.

MSN 592 : Evidence-Based Practice

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None

MSN 592 : Evidence-Based Practice

Description: This course explores the methodology and application of nursing research and its relevance to advanced practice nursing, nursing education, nursing practice, and the learner's specialty focus area. Emphasis is on research design, implementation, and application of research. The graduate learner will also explore evidence-based practice models, quality improvement models, and grading levels of evidence.

MSN 596 : Psychopharmacology and Neuropathophysiology

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: MSN580; MSN582; MSN584; MSN586; MSN588; MSN590

Corequisites: MSN PMHNP Practicum courses

Requisites: None

Description: This course is intended to offer learners with knowledge of neuropathophysiology and psychopharmacotherapeutics of common and complex mental health illnesses across the lifespan. In addition, the course content includes function and neural structure that is implicated in symptom presentation and progression of disease of common and complex mental health illnesses. Medications utilized for the diagnosis and treatment of a variety of common and complex psychological and psychiatric illnesses and monitoring of behavioral, psychiatric, and physiological responses to these interventions is highlighted.

MSN 598 : Health Informatics for the Advanced Practice Nurse

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Didactic Contact)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course examines a variety of informatic theories, models, and issues within complex healthcare systems. Graduate learners will examine complementary roles of master's level-prepared nursing information technology professionals, informaticists and quality officers. Content is directed toward assisting the student to understand system planning, analysis, implementation, and evaluation. Learners will analyze current and emerging technologies; data management; ethical legal and regulatory best-practice evidence; and bio-health informatics using decision-making support systems at the point of care. This course will emphasize the role of the Advanced Practice Nurse in clinical area such as telehealth and mobile health.

MSN 630 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan I

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Didactic Contact)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN580; MSN582; MSN584; MSN586; MSN588; MSN590; MSN592, MSN596; MSN598
Corequisites:	MSN Practicum courses
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course explores the role of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner within the construct of health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, diagnosis, and management of common and complex mental illnesses across the lifespan. Evidence-based practice, research, and theory are utilized to identify strategies that are critical to advanced nursing practice for health promotion and prevention of disease. In addition, learners apply clinical judgment to develop differential diagnoses and develop and implement an evidence-based plan of care and therapeutic regimen including psychopharmacology. Concepts related to effective patient, provider, and healthcare team communication and collaboration in addition to diversity, equity and inclusion elements are highlighted. Evidence-based practice and practice standards guide holistic care, psychopharmacology, and therapy across the lifespan as individuals, families, and communities. The patient's sociocultural background, developmental level, and treatment settings are discussed and considered in the management of care.

MSN 631 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 1

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	1 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590, MSN 592, MSN 594
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 632 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 2

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	1 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590, MSN 592, MSN 594, MSN 604
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 633 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 3

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1 Contact
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 634 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 4

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1 Contact
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 635 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 5

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1 Contact
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 636 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 6

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1 Contact
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 637 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 7

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 638 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 8

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 639 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 9

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic) Outside Preparation: The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Outside Preparation:	
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 641 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 10

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 642 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 11

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 643 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 12

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 644 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 13

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 646 :

Delivery Modality:

Semester Credits:

Contact Hours:

Outside Preparation:

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites:

Corequisites:

Requisites:

Description:

MSN 647 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 16

Delivery Modality: Distance education and practicum experiences

Semester Credits: 1

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590

Corequisites: None

Requisites: MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690

Description: This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 648 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 17

Delivery Modality: Distance education and practicum experiences

Semester Credits: 1

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590

MSN 648 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 17

Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 649 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 18

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 650 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan II

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	

MSN 650 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan II

Prerequisites:	MSN580; MSN582; MSN584; MSN586; MSN588; MSN590; MSN592; MSN596; MSN598
Corequisites:	MSN Practicum courses
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is a continuation of the Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan I didactic course and emphasizes health promotion, disease prevention, diagnostic reasoning, and management of common and complex illnesses in psychiatric practice across the lifespan. Evidence-based practice, research, and theory are utilized to ascertain strategies that are critical to advanced nursing practice for health promotion and prevention of disease. In addition, learners apply clinical judgment to develop differential diagnoses and develop and implement an evidence-based plan of care and therapeutic regimen including psychopharmacology. Concepts related to efficient patient, provider, and healthcare team communication and collaboration in addition to diversity, equity and inclusion elements are highlighted. Evidence-based practice and practice standards guide holistic care, psychopharmacology, and therapy across the lifespan as individuals, families, and communities. The patient's sociocultural background, developmental level, and treatment settings are discussed and considered in the management of care.

MSN 651 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Care Across the Lifespan Practicum 14

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 596, MSN 630, MSN 650, MSN 690
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in psychiatric-mental health settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of psychiatric-mental health practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 690 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner across the Lifespan III

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Didactic Contact)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	

MSN 690 : Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner across the Lifespan III

Prerequisites:	MSN580; MSN582; MSN584; MSN586; MSN588; MSN590; MSN592; MSN596; MSN 598
Corequisites:	MSN Practicum courses
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is a continuation of the Advanced Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Across the Lifespan I and II didactic courses and emphasizes disease prevention, health promotion, diagnostic reasoning, and management of common illnesses in psychiatric practice across the lifespan. Evidence-based practice, research, and theory continue to be utilized to identify methods that are critical to advanced nursing practice for health promotion and prevention of disease. Additionally, learners apply clinical judgment to develop differential diagnoses and develop and implement an evidence-based plan of care and therapeutic regimen including psychopharmacology. Research findings, evidence-based practice and practice standards facilitate holistic and comprehensive care, psychopharmacology and therapy with children, adolescents, adults, and older adults as individuals in families or groups. An emphasis on advanced practice legal, regulatory, and ethical issues are addressed.

FOUNDATIONAL COURSES

ENG 90 : Developmental English

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction); Instructor-Guided
Semester Credits:	0
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	None
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course focuses on using English composition skills to compose college-level texts. The Developmental English course is for learners with Accuplacer testing scores within the designated range. The purpose of this course is to prepare learners for college-level English courses at Nightingale College. Topics covered are grammar, reading comprehension, writing comprehension, reading practice, and writing practice. This is a non-credit bearing course. NOTE: This course is not a required part of any academic program; is not college-level; is not Title IV eligible; is not transferrable to another institution; is not part of any institutional or programmatic accreditation grant; and is offered as a means of preparation for college-level English courses, with pass/fail grading.

MAT 90 : Pre-Algebra

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction); Instructor-Guided
Semester Credits:	0
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	None
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None

MAT 90 : Pre-Algebra

Requisites: None

Description: The focus of this course is to prepare the learners for algebra. Topics covered include performing operations with integers, fractions, and decimals; solving application problems involving integers, fractions, and decimals; performing basic algebra skills including identifying algebraic components, combining like terms, using the distributive property; and an introduction to percentages. NOTE: This course is not a required part of any academic program; is not college-level; is not Title IV eligible; is not transferrable to another institution; is not part of any institutional or programmatic accreditation grant; and is offered as a means of preparation for college-level algebra courses, with pass/fail grading.

ENG 95 : English Lab

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction); Instructor-Guided

Semester Credits: 0

Contact Hours: 0

Outside Preparation: None

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer (Subject to Enrollment)

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: Course Description: This course focuses on the correct use of English grammar, punctuation and spelling as well as reading for understanding and retention. The English Lab course is for learners with Accuplacer testing scores within the designated range. The purpose of this course is to prepare learners for college-level English courses at Nightingale College. Topics covered are grammar, punctuation, spelling, reading comprehension, basic use of APA, and reading practice. This is a non-credit bearing course. Learners who wish to optionally enroll in this pass/fail zero credit course may contact RegistrationManagement@Nightingale.edu. Note: This course is not a required part of any academic program; is not college level; is not Title IV eligible; is not transferrable to another institution; is not part of any institutional or programmatic accreditation grant; and is offered as a means of preparation for college-level English courses, with pass/fail grading.

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES

ENG 120 : English Composition

Delivery Modality: Online (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: The course helps learners develop quality writing skills by explaining and identifying the steps involved in the writing process. Six (6) types of writing are examined: argumentative, compare/

ENG 120 : English Composition

contrast, descriptive, narrative, persuasive, and summary. Learners will write a minimum of twenty (20) pages as a requirement for the course. The importance of proper grammar, punctuation, and spelling is highlighted, as emphasis is placed on editing and revising pieces of writing. Learners also learn proper research techniques, utilizing the American Psychological Association (APA) style.

HUM 110 : Western Civilization I

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course introduces civilization from pre-history to the early modern era. Western Civilization refers to the civilization that began in the ancient Near East and then developed primarily in Europe, northern Africa, and the westernmost edges of Asia. Learners will concentrate on several major themes: the rise and fall of the ancient and classical civilizations that were forerunners to the rise of the West, the cultural legacy of these civilizations, the changing role of religion in society and changes in religion itself, and the development of political institutions. Topics include ancient Greece, Rome, and Christian institutions of the Middle Ages and the emergence of national monarchies in western Europe.

MAT 100 : College Algebra

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer (Subject to Enrollment)

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course provides knowledge of Intermediate Algebra and its applications. The course emphasizes algebraic techniques with polynomials, rational expressions, exponents, radical expressions and equations, factoring, linear and quadratic equations, inequalities, logarithmic and exponential functions, and solving systems of two or more linear equations.

MAT 220 : Introduction to Statistics

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer (Subject to Enrollment)

MAT 220 : Introduction to Statistics

Prerequisites: MAT 100 or equivalent

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: In this course, learners will examine the properties behind the basic concepts of probability and statistics and focus on applications of statistical knowledge. Learners will learn how statistics and probability work together. The subject of statistics involves the study of methods for collecting, summarizing, and interpreting data. Learners will learn how to understand the basics of drawing statistical conclusions. This course will begin with descriptive statistics and the foundation of statistics, then move to probability and random distributions, the latter of which enables statisticians to work with several aspects of random events and their applications. Finally, learners will examine several ways to investigate the relationships between various characteristics of data.

PSY 201 : Introduction to Psychology

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course is designed to give the learner a basic understanding of the psychology of human behavior. The learner will be given exposure to the concepts, terminology, principles, and theories that comprise an introductory course in psychology. Topics covered will synthesize the broad range of knowledge about psychology, emphasize research methodology, encourage critical thinking, and convey a multicultural approach that respects human diversity and individual differences.

SCI 220 : Human Anatomy with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction, Virtual ISB Instruction)

Semester Credits: 4 (3 Didactic, 1 ISB)

Contact Hours: 75 (45 Didactic, 30 ISB)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: SCI 221 (or equivalent): Human Physiology with Intervention Skill- Based (ISB) Experiential Learning

Requisites: None

Description: In conjunction with SCI 221: Human Physiology, this course provides a comprehensive look at the human body's anatomy and functions. Topics include organization of the body, characteristics of life, and anatomical terminology. The course examines skin, skeletal system, muscles, digestive, urinary, lymphatic, circulatory, reproductive, and nervous systems. The course also presents sensory organs and the endocrine system. This course contains an intervention skill-based experiential learning component (one [1] credit hour), where learners will practice and apply principles they are learning in the didactic portion (three [3] semester credits) of the course.

SCI 221 : Human Physiology with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction, Virtual ISB Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (3 Didactic, 1 ISB)
Contact Hours:	75 (45 Didactic, 30 ISB)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	SCI 220 (or equivalent): Human Anatomy with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning
Requisites:	None
Description:	In conjunction with SCI 220: Human Anatomy, this course examines major parts of the body and how they work independently as well as together. The course also explains principles related to nutrition, metabolism, body fluid balances, and aging. The course also presents how the body maintains homeostasis, the relationship of chemistry to human anatomy and physiology, and cell function and division. The course discusses several diseases and disorders as well as their causes, detection, and treatment. This course contains an intervention skill-based experiential learning component (one [1] credit hour), where learners will practice and apply principles they are learning in the didactic portion (three [3] semester credits) of the course.

SCI 225 : Pathophysiology

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	Minimum eight (8) semester credits of human anatomy and human physiology
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course describes the general principles of disease, then presents information dealing with specific disorders of body systems or individual organs. The purpose of this course is to provide the learner with basic understanding of pathophysiology as a change from normal physiological functioning of the various systems of the human body. The course is based on illness and disease within a systems framework across the lifespan. This course emphasizes select illnesses most often encountered by health professionals. The course focuses on critical thinking used to analyze the signs and symptoms based on the pathophysiology of these conditions.

SOC 220 : Introduction to Sociology

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None

SOC 220 : Introduction to Sociology

Description:	This course provides a broad overview of sociology and how it applies to everyday life. This course introduces the scientific study of human society, culture, and social interactions. Topics include socialization, research methods, diversity and inequality, cooperation and conflict, social change, social institutions, and organizations. Upon completion, learners should be able to demonstrate knowledge of sociological concepts as they apply to the interplay among individuals, groups, and societies.
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GENERAL ELECTIVE COURSES

SCI 131 : Introduction to Nutrition

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course will provide an understanding of basic nutrition science. Learners will become familiar with the principles of diet planning, government standards, and food labeling. They will also learn about the biological functions and food sources of each nutrient, energy balance, weight management, physical activity, the role of nutrition in chronic disease development, nutrition through the life cycle, and food safety issues.

SCI 251 : Microbiology with Intervention Skill-Based (ISB) Experiential Learning

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction, Virtual ISB Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (3 Didactic, 1 ISB)
Contact Hours:	75 (45 Didactic, 30 ISB)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course teaches microbiology as it applies to the healthcare field. The course will explore pathogenic microorganisms and their role in human disease, human immunology, symptoms and treatment of microbial infection, and preventive measures against microbial infection. This course contains an intervention skill-based experiential learning component (one [1] credit hour), where learners will be able to practice and apply principles they are learning in the didactic portion (three [3] semester credits) of the course.

ENG 320 : Creative Writing

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)

ENG 320 : Creative Writing

Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	ENG 120
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course introduces learners to the written formats of creative fiction and creative non-fiction, providing an overview of the creative writing process. Assignments will cover a wide variety of formats, including prose writing, poetry writing, and script writing. Through assigned readings, weekly writing prompts, and class critiques, learners will develop their sense of narrative structure, traditional plot structure, audience engagement, and standard manuscript style. The class will explore writing skills such as revision techniques, point-of-view, and theme as well as the importance of close reading for editing and analysis purposes.

PSY 300 : Human Development

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	PSY 201 or Equivalent
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course will give learners a broad overview of the field of human development. Covering the entire human lifespan, from conception to death, this course explores concepts, terminology, principles, and theories that comprise an introductory course in human development. The course will examine biological, cognitive, and emotional growth and development within each developmental stage. The course will also explore grief and bereavement and self-care for the caregiver. The course will explore and apply current research methods and cultural influences through the lifespan.

LICENSED PRACTICAL NURSING TO ASSOCIATE OF SCIENCE IN NURSING COURSES

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 241	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

ASN 241 : Concepts of Nursing I

Delivery Modality:	Blended
Semester Credits:	6
Contact Hours:	165
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)

ASN 241 : Concepts of Nursing I

Prerequisites:	LPN License or equivalent. Minimum of eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology and a minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level mathematics.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course focuses on the chronic nature of certain states of being when nursing a client at various stages in life. A major focus is on the application of the nursing process in meeting needs of clients in various settings. Concepts related to emotional problems and pathological reactions to life stresses and chronic pain will be explored. The course will emphasize the therapeutic relationships and the development of individualized plans of care. Communication skills, mental health assessment, and various therapeutic balance, and sensory perception will be addressed. Direct focused client care experiential learning is included to give learners the opportunity to gain experience with many of these chronic conditions.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 261	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

ASN 261 : Concepts of Nursing II

Delivery Modality:	Online (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	LPN License or equivalent. Minimum of eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology and a minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level mathematics
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	ASN 241, SCI 225 or equivalent
Description:	This course emphasizes the provision of professional nursing care for clients across the lifespan with acute medical conditions. The learners will build upon knowledge gained in the basic sciences and other prerequisite nursing courses. A family-centered approach is emphasized throughout the course. The learner will be introduced to the nursing care of acute clients. The course includes application to specific concepts, principles, and theories in various acute care settings. Decision-making skills and independent functioning are emphasized.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 311	Distance	3	45								45

ASN 311 : Pharmacology II

Delivery Modality:	Distance
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ASN 311 : Pharmacology II

Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum of eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology and a minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level mathematics.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	SCI 225 or equivalent
Description:	This course builds upon the concepts introduced in ASN 210, encompassing safe drug administration to clients across the health continuum. This course focuses on the role of the registered professional nurse as a provider of culturally competent client-centered care, education and leadership skills, and advocacy in pharmacological treatment of clients with complex needs and selected diagnoses. Using the nursing process as a guide, the learner is expected to integrate previous learning with current, expanded learning to analyze the therapeutic use of drugs and assist the patient in safely using them.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 331	Distance	2	30								30

ASN 331 : Concepts of Professionalism, Management, and Leadership

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	2
Contact Hours:	30
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	Minimum of eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology and a minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level mathematics.
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	SCI 225 or equivalent
Description:	This course will explore professionalism, management and leadership concepts, issues, roles, and functions as applied to the role of the professional nurse in various healthcare settings. Development in the roles of problem solver, change agent and leader are emphasized. The course focuses on evidence-based competencies as well as leadership and management skills needed by professional nurses to work productively in interprofessional teams. Learners will analyze current best practices related to leadership roles, communication, teamwork and collaboration, quality improvement, and culturally competent client-centered care. Legal and ethical issues related to leadership and professionalism will be emphasized.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
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			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 341	Blended	7	44.5	4	4	15	67.5	45		22.5	202.5

ASN 341 : Concepts of Nursing III

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 7

Contact Hours: 202.5

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: ASN 241 or equivalent, a minimum six (6) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level mathematics.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: ASN 311, SCI 225 or equivalent

Description: This course focuses on providing advanced chronic care for clients at all stages in life and with several types of physiological and psychological processes. The course also explores end-of-life issues related to chronic illness. Learners will synthesize knowledge from earlier courses related to health promotion and prevention and move toward providing client-centered care for people suffering from complex chronic illnesses. Learners will explore the aging process and discuss end-of-life issues as well as explore co-morbidities while managing health outcomes for chronic care patients, along with psychological conditions. Direct focused client care experiential learning is included in the course to give learners the opportunity to gain experience with many of these more complex chronic conditions.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 361	Blended	7	53	4	3	15	45	45		22.5	187.5

ASN 361 : Concepts of Nursing IV

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 7

Contact Hours: 187.5

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: ASN 261 or equivalent, a minimum of eight (8) semester credits in human anatomy and human physiology, and a minimum of three (3) semester credits of college-level mathematics.

Corequisites: None

Requisites: ASN 311, SCI 225 or equivalent

Description: This course emphasizes the provision of professional nursing care for clients across the lifespan with acute, complex medical conditions. The learners will build upon knowledge gained in the Acute Care I course (ASN 261). The course greatly emphasizes acute care related to several different pathophysiological processes and end-of-life issues. The course includes application to specific concepts, principles, and theories in various acute care settings. Decision-making skills and independent functioning are emphasized.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
ASN 391	Blended	5	30						135		165

ASN 391 : Entry into Professional Nursing Practice

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 5

Contact Hours: 165

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: ASN 331

Corequisites: None

Requisites: ASN 361

Description: This course focuses on the role transition of the professional nurse as provider of client-centered care, leader in the profession, manager of care, and member of the profession of nursing. Learners will engage in study of the history and theory of nursing and how society views the nursing profession. The evolution of professional nursing practice will be examined as well as the role of the professional nurse within the global healthcare delivery system. Learners will participate in a clinical integrative practicum to experience the full spectrum of responsibilities and roles of the professional nurse. Role expectations of the professional nurse will be discussed and evidence-based guidelines for professional nursing practice will be implemented.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING EDUCATION (MSNED) CORE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

MSN 506 : Professional Transitions: Clinician to Educator

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course focuses on the theoretical foundations and practical strategies essential for successful educational practice. Learners will explore core concepts of teaching and learning in nursing education, including curriculum development, instructional design, and assessment methods. They will deepen their understanding of the principles of adult learning and how to apply them effectively in an educational setting. Learners will examine the role of the nurse educator in facilitating the

MSN 506 : Professional Transitions: Clinician to Educator

professional development of nursing learners and practicing nurses. They will learn strategies for creating a positive learning environment, promoting critical thinking and clinical reasoning skills, and fostering interprofessional collaboration. Additionally, this course will cover the ethical and legal considerations specific to nursing education. Learners will examine professional standards and guidelines for nurse educators and explore strategies for ensuring learner and patient safety in the educational setting.

MSN 560 : Teaching Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour None
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course emphasizes the transfer of knowledge to clinical practice as graduate learners apply teaching-learning theory and assessment techniques to the healthcare of clients of all ages and the education of professional caregivers. Analysis and synthesis of assessment findings are related to relevant client history, cultural and psychosocial client characteristics, normal anatomy and physiology, and normal growth and development.

MSN 575 : Advanced Pathopharmacological Foundations

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	60 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is an in-depth exploration of the connection between pathophysiology and pharmacology in nursing practice. It is designed to equip nurse educators with advanced knowledge and skills in understanding the underlying mechanisms of diseases and the pharmacological interventions used in their treatment. Additionally, this course covers teaching strategies for effective pathopharmacology education, including the design of learning experiences, instructional methods, and technologies that facilitate learner mastery and engagement.

MSN 586 : Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
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MSN 586 : Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan

Semester Credits:	2 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	30 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is a study of program planning processes for health promotion, disease prevention, screening, and anticipatory guidance to all populations, including special populations, across the lifespan. Graduate learners will explore methods of population-focused health assessment in the community, individuals, and families.

MSN 590 : Health Policy, Legislation, Economics and Ethics

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	Social, political, and economic factors influence policies that impact health outcomes in communities, nationally and globally. Nurse leaders need to understand the determinants of health as well as how legal and regulatory processes, healthcare finances, research, the role of professional organizations, and special interest groups/lobbyists impact health outcomes. This course provides a framework for understanding the organization of healthcare delivery and financing systems in the U.S. and other nations. It addresses how policies are made and the factors that influence policies at local, national, and global levels, impacting health/wellness and the nursing profession. The roles of values, ethical theories, stakeholder interests, research, and recent legislation related to health policy and health outcomes will be explored. The graduate learner will gain expertise in effecting change through active participation in influencing or developing policies that impact health.

MSN 592 : Evidence-Based Practice

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None

MSN 592 : Evidence-Based Practice

Requisites:	None
Description:	This course explores the methodology and application of nursing research and its relevance to advanced practice nursing, nursing education, nursing practice, and the learner's specialty focus area. Emphasis is on research design, implementation, and application of research. The graduate learner will also explore evidence-based practice models, quality improvement models, and grading levels of evidence.

MSN 598 : Health Informatics for the Advanced Practice Nurse

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Didactic Contact)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course examines a variety of informatic theories, models, and issues within complex healthcare systems. Graduate learners will examine complementary roles of master's level-prepared nursing information technology professionals, informaticists and quality officers. Content is directed toward assisting the student to understand system planning, analysis, implementation, and evaluation. Learners will analyze current and emerging technologies; data management; ethical legal and regulatory best-practice evidence; and bio-health informatics using decision-making support systems at the point of care. This course will emphasize the role of the Advanced Practice Nurse in clinical area such as telehealth and mobile health.

MSN 620 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 11

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum

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courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 640 : Curriculum & Instruction in Nursing

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is an examination of the philosophical and historical influences in nursing education within a contemporary context for curriculum development. Graduate learners will explore curriculum development, educational philosophy, theories and models, instruction and evaluation, as well as e-learning, simulations, and current technology in nursing education. The course will use pedagogical frameworks for designing and implementing instructional experiences to develop curricular objectives, select and organize content, and plan program evaluation strategies.

MSN 645 : Assessment and Evaluation in Nursing Education

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	3
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is designed to provide advanced nursing education learners with a comprehensive understanding of assessment and evaluation strategies specific to nursing education. The course focuses on equipping learners with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively assess the learning outcomes of nursing learners and evaluate the overall effectiveness of nursing education programs. The course emphasizes both theoretical concepts and practical applications in the field of nursing education assessment.

MSN 660 : Teaching Methodology in Nursing

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	

MSN 660 : Teaching Methodology in Nursing

Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is an examination of role development and practical methods for effective teaching. The course will examine the selection, application, and evaluation of teaching tools and strategies in the context of health education, continuing education, staff development, and classroom and clinical instruction.

MSN 665 : Facilitating Learning in the Online Environment

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	1 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	15 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course focuses on developing the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively facilitate learning in an online educational setting. Learners will explore various aspects of online learning and gain an understanding of the unique challenges and opportunities it presents. They will delve into the principles of instructional design, andragogical strategies, and technology integration that are specific to online education in nursing.

MSN 670 : Nursing Education and Integrative Practicum Experience

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (Integrative Practicum)
Contact Hours:	180 (Integrative Practicum)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 620, MSN 640, and MSN 660
Corequisites:	MSN 680
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is one (1) of the final two (2) courses in the MSNEd Program. Learners work in this course concurrently with MSN 680: Nursing Education Capstone course to complete a program summative project to demonstrate achievement of course and program outcomes. The Nursing Education Field Experience provides the graduate learner with an opportunity to work collaboratively within the employing organization to address an identified nursing problem, need, or gap in current practices. Learners then work to promote a practice change, quality improvement, or innovation that is based on the existing evidence and best practices.

MSN 680 : Nursing Education Capstone

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	2 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	30 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 620, MSN 640, and MSN 660
Corequisites:	MSN 670
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is one (1) of the final two (2) courses in the MSNEd Program. Learners work in this course concurrently with MSN 670: Nursing Education Field Experience course to complete a program summative project to demonstrate achievement of course and program outcomes. The capstone course is a scholarly project that addresses an issue, need, gap, or opportunity resulting from an identified need in nursing education or healthcare. The capstone project provides the opportunity for the graduate learner to demonstrate competency through design, application, and evaluation of advanced nursing knowledge and higher-level leadership skills to ultimately improve health outcomes.

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER (MSN FNP) CORE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

MSN 580 : Role of the Advanced Practice Nurse

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course explores the foundations of leadership and system innovation and develops the necessary skills to lead change and to create evidence for where change is most needed, how innovation can be developed and implemented, and how to systematically assess the impact of change on all aspects of the health system. This course examines the philosophical foundations of advanced nursing practice by analyzing interrelationships among theory, philosophy, practice, and research. Various advanced practice nursing roles and critical elements involved in managing advanced practice nursing environments are analyzed. Course content is designed to facilitate the learner's APN role assimilation.

MSN 582 : Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	60 (Online Didactic)

MSN 582 : Advanced Pharmacology Across the Lifespan

Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and expertise in the principles of pharmacotherapeutics across the lifespan. Legal, legislative, and safe prescribing principles, consideration for special populations, and medication prescribing/management will be covered. This course provides the learner an opportunity to integrate previous knowledge and experience, develop self-confidence, and build expertise to maintain efficacious outcomes while providing safety with prescribing practices.

MSN 584 : Advanced Pathophysiology Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	4 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	60 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge, understanding and expertise in the principles of advanced pathophysiology. Through readings, lecture, case studies, and exams, the learner will develop enhanced knowledge of the pathophysiology of the disease processes across the lifespan. Understanding the pathophysiologic process will facilitate the graduate learner's progression to understanding the signs and symptoms of the disease process and allow for appropriate diagnosing and treatment.

MSN 586 : Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	2 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	30 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course is a study of program planning processes for health promotion, disease prevention, screening, and anticipatory guidance to all populations, including special populations, across the

MSN 586 : Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Across the Lifespan

lifespan. Graduate learners will explore methods of population-focused health assessment in the community, individuals, and families.

MSN 588 : Advanced Assessment Across the Lifespan

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 4 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 60 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites:

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: The purpose of this course is to increase knowledge and expertise in advanced physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural assessment and enhance diagnostic knowledge required for maintaining health for patients across the lifespan. A holistic and comprehensive approach to the patient is emphasized with particular attention to identifying the health promotion and disease prevention needs as well as the management of common signs and symptoms that present to patients across the lifespan. This course also provides the learner an opportunity to learn various clinical and diagnostic skills performed by the advanced practice nurse. Learners will be required to complete three consecutive days of in-person#applied field experience during Week 15 of the course. The applied field experience will be held over three days near Nightingale College's (College) Operations Support Center in Salt Lake City. The purpose of the applied field experience is to provide a review and competency check of previously obtained knowledge and skills and allow learners to participate in service-learning activities.

MSN 590 : Health Policy, Legislation, Economics and Ethics

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: Social, political, and economic factors influence policies that impact health outcomes in communities, nationally and globally. Nurse leaders need to understand the determinants of health as well as how legal and regulatory processes, healthcare finances, research, the role of professional organizations, and special interest groups/lobbyists impact health outcomes. This course provides a framework for understanding the organization of healthcare delivery and financing systems in the U.S. and other nations. It addresses how policies are made and the factors that influence policies at local, national, and global levels, impacting health/wellness and the nursing profession. The roles of values, ethical theories, stakeholder interests, research, and recent legislation related to health policy and health outcomes will be explored. The graduate learner will

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gain expertise in effecting change through active participation in influencing or developing policies that impact health.

MSN 592 : Evidence-Based Practice

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course explores the methodology and application of nursing research and its relevance to advanced practice nursing, nursing education, nursing practice, and the learner's specialty focus area. Emphasis is on research design, implementation, and application of research. The graduate learner will also explore evidence-based practice models, quality improvement models, and grading levels of evidence.

MSN 594 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings I

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45 (Online Didactic)

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590

Corequisites: None

Requisites: None

Description: This course will provide the learner with the competencies, knowledge, and skills to assess, diagnose, manage, and treat common and uncomplicated acute and chronic health conditions across the lifespan in primary care settings. Emphasis is placed on the evidence-based, effective, and safe management of patients via health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, diagnosis, pharmacological, and non-pharmacological interventions and approaches. Practice guidelines, conceptual models, and theories will be applied to enhance the care plan and evaluate patient outcomes. Knowledge and competencies learned in this course will be validated in the clinical practicum courses.

MSN 598 : Health Informatics for the Advanced Practice Nurse

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

MSN 598 : Health Informatics for the Advanced Practice Nurse

Contact Hours:	45 (Didactic Contact)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course examines a variety of informatic theories, models, and issues within complex healthcare systems. Graduate learners will examine complementary roles of master's level-prepared nursing information technology professionals, informaticists and quality officers. Content is directed toward assisting the student to understand system planning, analysis, implementation, and evaluation. Learners will analyze current and emerging technologies; data management; ethical legal and regulatory best-practice evidence; and bio-health informatics using decision-making support systems at the point of care. This course will emphasize the role of the Advanced Practice Nurse in clinical area such as telehealth and mobile health.

MSN 600 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings II

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590, MSN 592, MSN 594
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course will provide the learner with the competencies, knowledge, and skills to assess, diagnose, manage, and treat common and uncomplicated acute and chronic health conditions across the lifespan in primary care settings. Emphasis is placed on the evidence-based, effective, and safe management of patients via health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, diagnosis, pharmacological, and non-pharmacological interventions and approaches. Practice guidelines, conceptual models, and theories will be applied to enhance the care plan and evaluate patient outcomes. Knowledge and competencies learned in this course will be validated in the clinical practicum courses.

MSN 604 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings III

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590, MSN 592, MSN 594
Corequisites:	None

MSN 604 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings III

Requisites:	None
Description:	This course will provide the learner with the competencies, knowledge, and skills to assess, diagnose, manage, and treat common and uncomplicated acute and chronic health conditions across the lifespan in primary care settings. Emphasis is placed on the evidence-based, effective, and safe management of patients via health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, diagnosis, pharmacological, and non-pharmacological interventions and approaches. Practice guidelines, conceptual models, and theories will be applied to enhance the care plan and evaluate patient outcomes. Knowledge and competencies learned in this course will be validated in the clinical practicum courses.

MSN 608 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings IV

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	2 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	30 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590, MSN 592, MSN 594, MSN 604
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course will provide the learner with the competencies, knowledge, and skills to assess, diagnose, manage, and treat common and uncomplicated acute and chronic health conditions across the lifespan in primary care settings. Emphasis is placed on the evidence-based, effective, and safe management of patients via health promotion, disease prevention, assessment, diagnosis, pharmacological, and non-pharmacological interventions and approaches. Practice guidelines, conceptual models, and theories will be applied to enhance the care plan and evaluate patient outcomes. Knowledge and competencies learned in this course will be validated in the clinical practicum courses.

MSN 610 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 1

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4)

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practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 611 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 2

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 612 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 3

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8)

MSN 612 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 3

ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 613 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 4

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 614 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 5

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18

MSN 614 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 5

credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 615 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 6

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 616 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 7

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum

MSN 616 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 7

courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 617 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 8

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 618 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 9

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum

MSN 618 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 9

courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 619 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 10

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours

MSN 621 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 11

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18

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credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 622 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 12

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 623 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 13

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum

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courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 624 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 15

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 625 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 15

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum

MSN 625 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 15

courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 626 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 16

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 627 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 17

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1
Contact Hours:	45 (Online Didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum

MSN 627 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 17

courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

MSN 628 : Advanced Family Health in Primary Care Settings Practicum 18

Delivery Modality:	Distance education and practicum experiences
Semester Credits:	1 semester credit
Contact Hours:	45 contact hours (online didactic)
Outside Preparation:	The learner will complete a total of 45 practicum hours in this course.
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	MSN 580, MSN 582, MSN 584, MSN 586, MSN 588, MSN 590
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	MSN 594, MSN 600, MSN 604, MSN 608
Description:	This one (1) credit hour supervised practicum experience will provide the learner with an opportunity to synthesize and apply advanced practice nursing skills and knowledge regarding the assessment, diagnosis, and management of care among children, adolescents, pregnant women, adults, and older adults in primary care settings. Learners will function under the mentorship of course faculty and work in collaboration with qualified preceptors. In addition, the learner will build academic and clinical advanced practice nursing capacity within the APRN overarching competency areas and role domains including, but not limited to, 1) scientific foundation, 2) leadership, 3) quality, 4) practice inquiry, 5) technology and information literacy, 6) policy, 7) health delivery systems, 8) ethics, and 9) independent practice. NOTE: Learners are responsible for a total accumulation of 18 credits/810 contact hours of practicum experience throughout the entire program. The practicum courses are typically developed in one (1) credit hour/45 contact hour increments to allow for learner flexibility in scheduling and completing the required program practicum hours.

PRACTICAL NURSING CORE COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 106	Distance	5	22	11	4.5	45	45				127.5

PN 106 : Foundations of Practical Nursing-Fundamentals

Delivery Modality:	Distance
Semester Credits:	5
Contact Hours:	127.5
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	SCI 220 and SCI 221

PN 106 : Foundations of Practical Nursing-Fundamentals

Description: This course introduces the fundamental concepts necessary for safe, patient-centered nursing care to a diverse patient population while integrating clinical decision-making, all within the scope of the practical nurse. Critical thinking, clinical judgment, and the nursing process are key foundations to nursing practice. Application of knowledge and practice of skills occurs in a variety of clinical settings providing care to stable patients with common health issues.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 115	Distance	3	45								45

PN 115 : Pharmacology

Delivery Modality: Distance

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: SCI 220, SCI 221, and PN 106 or equivalent

Corequisites: None

Requisites: MAT 100

Description: This course is an overview of the basic principles of pharmacology, including major drug classifications and prototypes of commonly used medications. Principles of medication administration include aspects of best practice for safe, quality, patient-centered care. Central topics include safety, quality improvement factors in the administration of medications, patient teaching, and variations encountered when administering medications to diverse patient populations across the lifespan, all within the scope of a practical nurse.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 125/126	Blended	5	21.5	4	4.5	15	45	67.5			157.5

PN 125/126 : Concepts of Practical Nursing – Health Promotion

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 5

Contact Hours: 157.5

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: SCI 220, SC221, and PN 106 or equivalent

Corequisites: None

PN 125/126 : Concepts of Practical Nursing – Health Promotion

Requisites: PN 115

Description: This course focuses on the role of the professional practical nurse in promoting optimal health for individual clients. The course will discuss basic psychomotor nursing skills and introduce medical/surgical nursing for low-risk clients. This course also provides the learner with techniques for carrying out a physical, psychosocial, spiritual, and cultural assessment to evaluate clients' well-being. The course introduces learners to assessment devices and procedures to collect data. The course focuses on health promotion, health protection, disease prevention, and communication strategies throughout the lifespan, all within the scope of a practical nurse.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 135/136	Blended	3	27.5		2.5		22.5	22.5			75

PN 135/136 : Concepts of Practical Nursing in Care of Specialized Populations

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 3

Contact Hours: 75

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: SCI 220, SC221, and PN 106 or equivalent

Corequisites: None

Requisites: PN 125/126

Description: This course further develops learners' ability to use the nursing process, critical thinking, therapeutic communication, and basic practical nursing skills in caring for clients who demonstrate increasingly less predictable outcomes or a change in health status. Clinical experiences help learners enhance their development of clinical competency in caring for clients. The course will emphasize working collaboratively with other members of interdisciplinary healthcare teams all within the scope of a practical nurse.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 145	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

PN 145 : Concepts of Practical Nursing I

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 6

Contact Hours: 165

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: SCI 220, SC221, PN 106, and PN 125/126 or equivalent

PN 145 : Concepts of Practical Nursing I

Corequisites: None

Requisites: SCI 225 or equivalent

Description: This course focuses on the chronic nature of certain states of being when nursing a client at various stages in life, focusing on the application of the nursing process in meeting needs of clients in various settings, all within the scope of a practical nurse. The course will explore concepts related to emotional problems, pathological reactions to life stresses, and chronic pain. The course emphasizes therapeutic relationships and the development of individualized plans of care. The course will also address communication skills, mental health assessment, various therapeutic forms of balance, and sensory perception. Direct focused client care experiential learning gives learners the opportunity to gain experience with many of these chronic conditions.

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 165	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

PN 165 : Concepts of Practical Nursing II

Delivery Modality: Blended

Semester Credits: 6

Contact Hours: 165

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered:

Prerequisites: SCI 220, SC221, PN 106, and PN 125 or equivalent

Corequisites: None

Requisites: SCI 225

Description: This course emphasizes the provision of professional practical nursing care for clients across the lifespan with acute medical conditions. The learners will build upon knowledge gained in the basic sciences and other prerequisite nursing courses. The course emphasizes decision-making skills, independent functioning, and a family-centered approach, all within the scope of a practical nurse. The course will introduce the learner to the nursing care of acute clients. The course includes application to specific concepts, principles, and theories in various acute care settings.

UPPER-DIVISION GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES**ANT 300 : Cultural Anthropology**

Delivery Modality: Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)

Semester Credits: 3 (Didactic Only)

Contact Hours: 45

Outside Preparation: An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Typically Offered: Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)

ANT 300 : Cultural Anthropology

Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course provides a solid introduction for learners who are new to the branch of cultural anthropology. The course presents learners with all the basic information pertinent to the field. The topics discussed include relevant anthropological theories, ethnocentrism and culture, language and communication, economic and political systems, kinship and descent, marriage and family, gender and sexuality, race and ethnicity, religion and belief systems, the effects of colonialism and industrialization, and globalization.

COM 301 : Oral Communication

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course in speech is designed to develop each learner's ability to communicate effectively in academic, business, and personal lives. The course covers an overview of various models of communication, alongside discussion of the benefits and elements of effective communication processes. The course will discuss both verbal and nonverbal communication, emphasizing development and presentation of a variety of speech types including informative, persuasive, and special occasion.

ENG 311 : Professional and Academic Writing

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	ENG 120 or equivalent
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	This course focuses on the development of professional skills in the research, design, and communication of technical and academic information. Emphasis is placed on audience analysis, clear and effective writing style, and the use of visual elements. These skills are honed through the creation, editing, and peer review of documents written in a variety of professional and academic formats such as letters, emails, persuasive essays, research essays, and cover letters.

**This course replaces ENG 310 in Summer Semester 2023.*

HUM 301 : Applied Ethics

Delivery Modality:	Distance (Online Didactic Instruction)
Semester Credits:	3 (Didactic Only)
Contact Hours:	45
Outside Preparation:	An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour
Typically Offered:	Fall, Spring, and Summer (Subject to Enrollment)
Prerequisites:	None
Corequisites:	None
Requisites:	None
Description:	After a brief introduction to philosophical texts, the Socratic method, and the structure of argumentation, learners will begin their journey to identify, interpret, and then construct solutions to normative ethical theories. Learners will study the fundamental ethical principles from the top three approaches of our time, Utilitarianism, Kantianism, and Virtue Theory. Learners will then apply the leading theories to their discipline, composing arguments for ethical and well-reasoned approaches to critical issues. Overall, this course seeks to build a foundation of philosophy and ethics that learners will incorporate into their chosen nursing field.

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Fall Semester

[Addendum 1: Learner Financial Responsibilities and Academic Program Progress – Late Payment Fees](#)

To better reflect current practices concerning the assessment of fees, the Catalog is amended as follows:

In-Catalog Modification:

Learners who have not satisfied the conditions described in the previous section will be charged a ~~\$50~~ late payment fee on a monthly basis.

Learners who participate in an approved payment plan and fail to make a timely payment will be charged a ~~\$50~~ late payment fee ~~the last date of the month~~ **on a monthly basis**. If the learner pays the past due balance in full within thirty (30) days of the late fee, the College will issue a credit ~~the previously assessed late fee~~ **for one of the previously assessed late fees**.

[Addendum 2: Registration Information – Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\) Policy – Maximum Time Frame and Successful Course Completion](#)

To better align Catalog information with Department of Education requirements, we have added clarifying information concerning Satisfactory Academic Progress policies, including Maximum Time Frame and Successful Course Completion.

In-Catalog Modification:

[Maximum Time Frame](#)

The SAP policy specifies the quantitative standard (pace) at which learners must progress through their program to ensure that they will graduate within the maximum timeframe.

Each learner must successfully complete the educational objectives of the academic program within a maximum time frame not to exceed 150% of the normal program length. To stay within this time frame, learners may attempt a limit of 1.5 times (150%) the number of credits in the program of study. For example, the total credits that may be attempted (maximum program length) for a sixty-eight (68) semester credit program is 102 semester credits, or 150% of sixty-eight (68).

[Successful Course Completion](#)

A learner must complete a certain percentage of credits attempted to achieve Satisfactory Academic Progress. A course is successfully completed if a learner earns a grade of “C” or above in undergraduate programs or “B-” or above in graduate programs. For more information, learners may refer to the Grading System and Grading Scale section of this Catalog.

Learners must maintain a pace of at least 67%. The College calculates the pace at which a learner is progressing by dividing the total number of credits the learner has successfully completed by the total number they have attempted, or by determining the number of credits that the learner should have completed by the evaluation point (end of each semester) to complete the program within the maximum timeframe. The successful course completion rate for each semester is calculated as the number of credits completed divided by the number of credits attempted for all courses. Transferred credits are counted in the calculation as attempted and completed. Withdrawn courses are counted as attempted credits that are not successfully completed. Failed and repeated courses are also counted in the calculation as credits attempted. Foundational course work, non-credit courses, and pass/fail grades have no effect on SAP. The successful course completion rate requirements and academic remedies are detailed in the Satisfactory Academic Progress Table in the corresponding academic program's section.

Addendum 3: Nursing Core Courses with HESI Requirement

To align College testing practices with nationwide standards and clarify expectations regarding HESI scores, the Catalog is amended as follows:

In-Catalog Modification:

A score of 850 on all lower-division nursing core HESI exams is the minimum acceptable score for uninterrupted program progression. To progress in an academic program and/or graduate in a timely manner, according to the original Program Plan, learners must achieve a score of 850 or better on all HESI exams in courses with experiential learning components. Learners will have one (1) attempt for an initial HESI exam and one (1) additional attempt if they are unable to achieve the minimum score of 850. Once a learner achieves the minimum score of 850 on a HESI exam, no further attempts will be granted.

After failing to achieve a score of 850 on the first attempt of a HESI, learners must complete the individualized remediation activities generated in the HESI portal. It is the learner's responsibility to access and complete remediation activities in a timely manner to be prepared to pass the second attempt.

Learners who score between 800-849 on the second attempt will be granted an "IR" (Incomplete, Remediation) grade in the course if remediation generated by the HESI portal is not completed before the last day of the semester. Should the learner fail to complete the customized remediation plan before the end of the add/drop period of the subsequent semester, the "IR" grade will be changed to an "F" and the course must be repeated. Learners who score at or below 849 on the first attempt and fail to achieve 800 or above on the second attempt will fail the course.

*Note: As of the Fall 2024 semester, learners must obtain a minimum score of 850 on either HESI attempt to achieve a passing score in the course. The remediation range of 800-849 will be retired.

**Note: As of Fall 2024, the IR grade will no longer be issued for the purposes of HESI remediation.

A score of 900 on all lower-division nursing core HESI exams is the minimum acceptable score for uninterrupted program progression without mandatory remediation.

First Attempt:

Learners are granted one (1) attempt for an initial HESI exam and one (1) additional attempt if they are unable to achieve a score of 850 or higher on the first attempt.

Learners who score 850-899 on the first attempt may progress to the next course without a second attempt. However, the required remediation, generated in the HESI portal, must be completed before the end of the semester in which the HESI was attempted. Failure to complete remediation will result in an Incomplete Remediation (IR) grade. If a learner receives an IR grade for incomplete remediation and fails to complete the required remediation before the end of the add/drop period of the subsequent semester, the "IR" grade will be changed to an "F", and the course must be repeated.

If learners achieve a score of 849 or lower on the first attempt of a HESI exam, they must complete the required remediation generated in the HESI portal and take the second attempt of the exam. It is the learner's responsibility to access and complete remediation activities before accessing and taking the second attempt. Learners who score at or lower than 849 on the first attempt and fail to take the second attempt will fail the course.

Second Attempt:

Learners who score between 800-899 on their second attempt will be required to complete the required remediation, generated by the HESI portal, to progress to the next course. If the required remediation is not completed before the end of the semester, the learner will be assigned a grade of "IR". If the learner fails to complete the required remediation before the end of the add/drop period of the subsequent semester, the "IR" grade will be changed to an "F" and the course must be repeated.

A learner must achieve a minimum score of 800 on either of the two HESI attempts to progress in the program, provided the learner has completed the required number of HESI attempts and the required remediation.

A learner with a score below 800 on both attempts will be required to repeat the course. Learners with their highest score between 800-849 on either attempt must complete HESI coaching in the subsequent semester.

Exam Scheduling:

Learners must comply with all exam scheduling rules stated below. Additional exam scheduling rules and criteria apply and will be presented within your course. Failure to comply with any of the rules indicated below may result in forfeiture of the exam attempt.

- It is the learner's responsibility to schedule the correct exam for their course.
- A valid United States government identification (ID) is required for testing. If learners do not have a government ID, it is strongly recommended that they begin the process of obtaining one at least a month prior to their exams.
- Exams must be scheduled using the learner's College (nightingale.edu) email address.

Addendum 4: Course Number Changes for Fall 2024

Effective Fall 2024, course numbers for PN 125 and PN 135 are changed to PN 126 and PN 136 respectively to align with updated curriculum and improve course categorization. The old and new course numbers are shown in the table below for reference.

Old Course Code:	New Course Code:	Course Title:
PN 125	PN 126	Concepts of Practical Nursing – Health Promotion
PN 135	PN 136	Concepts of Practical Nursing in Care of Specialized Populations

Effective Fall 2024, the new course numbers listed above will replace the old numbers. Both old and new course numbers will be recognized for the duration of the 2024–2025 academic year to facilitate a smooth transition; however, old course numbers are reserved for learners with special circumstances.

The new course numbers have been added to the sections listed below.

In-Catalog Modifications:

[Learner Kits](#)

Learners will receive a learner supply kit for each of the following experiential learning courses: PN 106; PN 125/**126**; PN 145; PN 165

[PN Program Sample Curriculum](#)

Course Number	Course Name	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
				CBT	ISBP	VCBP		VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 125/ 126	Concepts of Practical Nursing – Health Promotion	Blended	5	21.5	4	4.5	15	45	67.5			157.5
PN 135/ 136	Concepts of Nursing Care of Specialized Populations	Blended	3	27.5		2.5		22.5	22.5			75

[Standardized Exams, Standardized Exam Schedule for Generic PN Learners:](#)

HESI Exam*	Course	Mandatory Remediation HESI Score
PN Specialty: Fundamentals	PN 106	<900
PN Specialty: Pharmacology	PN 115	<900
PN Specialty: Health Assessment Data Collection	PN 125 126	<900
PN Specialty: Data Collection	PN 135	<900
PN Specialty: Medical-Surgical Nursing	PN 145	<900
PN Exit:	PN 165	<900

*Note: Learners who repeat a course or withdraw from the Program may be required to adjust their Program Plan before progressing in the Program.

Learners enrolled in courses with old course numbers (PN 125 and 135) may be required to take the original corresponding HESI exams as shown below:

HESI Exam	Course	Mandatory Remediation HESI Score
PN Specialty: Fundamentals	PN 125	<900
PN Specialty: Data Collection	PN 135	<900

[Course Descriptions](#)

PN 125/126: Concepts of Practical Nursing – Health Promotion

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 125/ 126	Blended	5	21.5	4	4.5	15	45	67.5			157.5

PN 135/136: Concepts of Practical Nursing in Care of Specialized Populations

Requisites: PN 125/**126**

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 135/ 136	Blended	3	27.5		2.5		22.5	22.5			75

PN 145: Concepts of Practical Nursing I

Outside Preparation:

An average of three (3) hours per week for every didactic credit hour

Prerequisites:

SCI 220, SC221, PN 106, and PN 125/**126** or equivalent

Course Number	Delivery Modality	Semester Credits	Didactic Learning			Remote	Experiential Learning				Total
			CBT	ISBP	VCBP	ISB	VCBC	DFC	IP	AFE	
PN 145	Blended	6	35	7	3	30	45	45			165

Thank you for your attention to these changes.

Summer Semester

[Addendum 1: Standardized Exams in Practical Nurse Program \(Curriculum Plan, Standardized Exams\)](#)

To better align HESI exams with curriculum and program objectives, standardized exams for courses in the Practical Nurse program will change. Beginning in Summer Semester 2024, the Pharmacology HESI exam will replace the Dosage Calculation HESI exam in PN 115. The Fundamentals HESI exam will be added to PN 106.

The Fundamentals HESI exam will continue to be administered in PN 125 in Summer Semester 2024. Beginning in Fall Semester 2024, the Health Assessment HESI exam will replace the Fundamentals exam in PN 125. Please refer to the changes as charted below:

In-Catalog modification:

HESI Exam	Course	Mandatory Remediation HESI Score
PN Specialty: Dosage Calculations	PN 115	< 900
PN Specialty: Fundamentals	PN 125†	< 900
PN Specialty: Data Collection	PN 135	< 900
PN Specialty: Medical-Surgical Nursing	PN 145	< 900
PN Exit	PN 165	< 900

HESI Exam*	Course	Mandatory Remediation HESI Score
PN Specialty: Fundamentals	PN 106	< 900
PN Specialty: Pharmacology	PN 115	< 900
PN Specialty: Health Assessment	PN 125†	< 900
PN Specialty: Data Collection	PN 135	< 900
PN Specialty: Medical-Surgical Nursing	PN 145	< 900
PN Exit	PN 165	< 900

*Note: Learners who repeat a course or withdraw from the Program may be required to adjust their Program Plans before progressing in the Program.

†This change will take effect Fall Semester 2024.

Addendum 2: Tuition Waiver for Nightingale College Alumni in Master of Science in Nursing Family Nurse Practitioner (MSN FNP) Program

In the original Catalog publication, the Nightingale College Alumni Tuition Reduction was available to graduate alumni only if they were enrolled in either the MSNED program or the PMHNP program. The Alumni Tuition Reduction now will be offered to College alumni enrolled in all graduate programs, including the MSN FNP program. The following text is added to the Admissions Requirements section of the MSN FNP program as an addendum:

In-Catalog modification:

Nightingale College Alumni Tuition Reduction

A tuition reduction of \$50 per semester credit will be applied to the accounts of the College's associate and baccalaureate degree graduates at the time tuition is charged. The Nightingale College Alumni Tuition Reduction is not applicable to repeat coursework.

Addendum 3: Records Holds (including Graduation, Learner Funding Overview, and Requirements for Reimbursement)

Because of a new regulation from the Department of Education that takes effect July 1, the College will change its policy of holding learners' records for unresolved account balances.

In-Catalog modifications:

Records Holds

A hold will be placed on the learner's records if the account balance is not resolved by 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time on the last Friday of the add/drop period of every academic semester and will remain in place until the account balance is resolved. ~~Records holds prevent future course registration, graduation, and release of academic transcripts.~~

Records holds may prevent learners from future course registration, program re-entry, or admission into another program within the College.

Graduation

A hold is applied against a learner's file for non-payment of tuition and/or fees to the College. ~~No documents, including official transcripts or diplomas, will be released until the learner's account is current.~~ Records holds may prevent graduates from admission to another program within the College.

Learner Funding Overview

Learner Funding Advisors (LFAs) will work with prospective learners individually to explore options to pay the cost of their education. Learners should make all financial arrangements prior to the first day of every semester ~~and must meet all financial requirements at the time of graduation for release of transcripts, diploma, and participation in the commencement ceremony.~~ to prevent a hold on the learner's records. Records holds may prevent future course registration, program re-entry, or admission to another program within the College.

Requirements for Reimbursement (Preparation for Licensure)

Academic transcript clearance is the date when Nursing Education Services clears a learner for graduation. ~~Any holds placed by Learner Funding or Bursar will not change or extend the Academic Clearance date.~~ If a learner is engaged in NCLEX Coaching, that date will start when the NCLEX Coach clears the learner, which will be the Academic Clearance date.

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Summer Semester 2024

Erratum 1: Publication of Licensure Information (Learner Life, Learner Support Services, Employment and Career Support Services)

Some information concerning the College's publication of licensure data is incorrect. Incorrect items have been removed. See below for the corrected text:

In-Catalog modification:

Note: The College publishes its graduates' licensure history by state eligibility on its website as well as the a list of states in which the College has not determined its graduates' licensure eligibility. Note: Learners must have established legal residency or professional practice in a state to apply for licensure in that state.

<https://nightingale.edu/catalog/learner-life/employment-and-career-support-services.html>

Erratum 2: MDC Requirements for LPN to ASN Program (Admissions Requirements, Entrance and Placement Exams)

In the original Catalog publication, the time window during which PN Diploma graduates can enroll in the BSN program without taking the MDC should have been applied to the LPN to ASN program as well as the BSN program. The following text is added:

In-Catalog modification:

Nightingale College graduates of the PN Diploma Program who enroll in the LPN to ASN program within one year of graduation will not be required to take the MDC for the LPN to ASN program. If more than one (1) year lapses from the time of graduation from the PN Diploma Program, learners will be required to take and pass the MDC to be admitted.

<https://nightingale.edu/catalog/prelicensure-programs/lpn-to-asn-program.html>

Erratum 3: CNEA Accreditation Standards in Practical Nurse Program Description

In the program description for the Practical Nurse (PN) program, the Catalog stated that this program meets Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education standards. However, the accrediting body for the PN Program is the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA), not CCNE. The text has been corrected as follows:

In-Catalog modification:

The PN Diploma Program curriculum plan meets the requirements of the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (CNEA).

Spring Semester 2024

Erratum 1: Date of In-Person Graduation Celebrations

The date of the in-person Graduation Celebration was listed as August 23, 2024 in the Academic Calendar at original publication. The 2024 calendar at the beginning of the Catalog also listed the date of the in-person Graduation Celebration as August 23, 2024.

The correct date of the 2024 In-Person Graduation Celebration is August 30, 2024.

Please update your personal calendars to reflect this change. The dates for the 2025 and 2026 In-Person Graduation Celebrations were listed as August 22, 2025 and August 21, 2026 respectively. These dates have not been finalized and now are listed as To Be Determined.

In-Catalog modification:

<https://nightingale.edu/catalog/academic-information/academic-calendar.html>

Erratum 2: Estimated Total Cost for MSN PMHNP Program

In the original Catalog publication, the total estimated cost for the Master of Science in Nursing Psychiatric-Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program was listed as \$39,450.

The updated estimated total program cost of the MSN PMHNP Program is \$34,050.

In-Catalog modification:

<https://nightingale.edu/catalog/postlicensure-programs/msn-ed-program.html>

Erratum 3: MSNEd Tuition

The MSNEd Estimated Total Program Cost was calculated incorrectly at initial publication. The estimated total program cost is \$20,025, not \$20,125.

In-Catalog modification:

<https://nightingale.edu/catalog/postlicensure-programs/msn-ed-program.html>

Erratum 4: Nursing Core Courses with HESI Requirement

The following sentence has been added to the HESI policy for clarification: "Learners who score at or below 849 on the first attempt and fail to achieve 800 or above on the second attempt will fail the course."

In-Catalog modification:

<https://nightingale.edu/catalog/academic-information/nursing-core-courses.html>

Erratum 5: Nursing Core Courses with HESI Requirement

The section titled "Lower-Division Nursing Core Courses with HESI Requirement" should read "Nursing Core Courses with HESI Requirement." HESI Requirements are the same for all nursing courses with HESI requirements, not lower-division nursing courses exclusively.

In-Catalog modification:

<https://nightingale.edu/catalog/academic-information/nursing-core-courses.html>

Erratum 6: Sample Curriculum Plan in RN-to-BSN Track

The Catalog contains a table for standardized exams in the RN-to-BSN Track. Because the RN-to-BSN track does not contain any of these courses, **the following table should not be included within the RN-to-BSN track and has been removed from the Catalog.** The following standardized exams do not apply to RN-to-BSN courses.

In-Catalog modification:

Erratum 7: Unauthorized Use of Artificial Intelligence (Learner Code of Conduct, Process for Dispositional Action)

Unauthorized use of Artificial Intelligence should not have been included in the Level 0 and Level 1 sections. These references have been removed.

In-Catalog modification:

<https://nightingale.edu/catalog/learner-life/process-for-dispositional-action.html>

Erratum 8: MSN 596 Course Description

The MSN 596 Course Description was missing from the initial Catalog publication. The following course description has been added to the Catalog:

In-Catalog modification:

<https://nightingale.edu/catalog/courses/course-listing-msn-pmhnp.html>