

RADFORD UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF NURSING

The undergraduate program in nursing leads to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The major builds upon a broad core curriculum foundation in liberal arts, basic and applied sciences, and behavioral and social sciences. The program prepares professional nurses who can function in a variety of settings. The program is approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing and has full accreditation by CCNE. Graduates qualify for the NCLEX-RN examination.

ADMISSION APPLICATION

Two applications are required – one to the University and one to the School of Nursing.

1. Applicants must be admitted to Radford University prior to admission to the upper division major. The university application can be found at <http://www.radford.edu/admissions>. It can be submitted electronically. You may also request a Radford University application for admission to the university from:
Office of Admissions, P. O. Box 6903, Radford University, Radford, VA 24142, Toll Free 1-800-890-4265, 540-831-5128 TDD
E-mail: admissions@radford.edu

2. School of Nursing Application: Submit School of Nursing application for Fall admission to the Radford Campus by **November 15** deadline or for Spring admission to the Roanoke Campus (at the Roanoke Higher Education Center) by **August 1** deadline. The School of Nursing application can be downloaded from the School of Nursing website: www.radford.edu/nursing. You will need to print a copy of the application, complete and submit to the School of Nursing. The application cannot be submitted electronically. You may also pick up an application from the School of Nursing, Waldron Hall, 3rd Floor. Admission to the upper division on both campuses is limited and competitive.

The program in nursing is demanding both academically and physically. Students admitted to the upper division must meet the ethical and technical standards of professional nursing, health records, criminal background checks, and urine drug testing are required. Due to the rigorous program, upper division students are discouraged from working outside of school for more than 10 hours per week.

Each student is responsible for all of their own transportation at their own cost. Students will need their own car because there is no reliable public transportation. Students may carpool but some clinical rotations require students to drive themselves.

APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Requirements for admission into the School of Nursing are based on requirements in place at the time of application to the BSN Program.

At the time of application deadline (November 15 or August 1) students may have no more than two (2) of the following science courses to complete: Chemistry 120, Biology 334 Microbiology, Biology 310 A&P and Biology 311 A&P. Students transferring from a college or university in which Chemistry is taught in two (2) semesters must complete the two semesters in order to receive credit at Radford University for Chem 120. Students must be within 6 hours of completing their Gen Ed requirements before admission to the upper division nursing major.

Students must have a cumulative GPA of 2.8 or above on a 4.0 scale to be considered for admission to the nursing major. Only applicants with a cumulative or combined GPA of 2.80 or above will be considered in the admission pool for upper division; however, the GPA required to be competitive for admission may be considerably higher than 2.80. Students offered admission to the nursing major must maintain the 2.80 GPA. If the GPA goes below the 2.80 students will not be allowed to start the nursing major.

Students with a confirmed completed baccalaureate degree may use their pre-requisite courses GPA for admission consideration. The School of Nursing will need an official transcript from the college with the confirmed date of degree completion.

Students offered admission to the nursing major Fall Semester, must earn a grade of "C" or above on pre-requisite courses taken during the Spring Semester. If student earns a grade of "C-" or below **or withdraws from** pre-requisite courses during the Spring Semester, the offer of admission can be revoked by the School of Nursing. If offer of admission is revoked, the School of Nursing will notify student by e-mail or phone call. Students offered admission to the nursing major Spring Semester, must pass all pre-requisite courses with a grade of "C" or above at the end of the Fall semester. If student earns a grade of "C-" or below **or withdraws from** pre-requisite courses during the Fall Semester the offer of admission will be revoked by the School of Nursing. All pre-requisite courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or above before students can start the nursing major.

Students who enter Radford University as full-time freshmen with a declared pre-nursing major who have earned a cumulative GPA of 3.50 on a minimum of 24 semester hours credit at Radford University and have no prior history (either while a student at Radford University or prior to enrollment) of violations involving honor code, conduct, criminal charges or convictions, alcohol or substance violations, will receive a priority admit status at the end of the second semester of enrollment, contingent upon maintaining a 3.50 GPA, completing coursework according to the School of Nursing Guidelines [listed in the catalog] and having no infractions of the Radford University Honor Code. Priority Admit Status will be revoked in the event of a violation of the Radford University Honor System, alcohol or substance abuse infractions, criminal charges or convictions or if the GPA goes below 3.50. In addition, the Radford University Admission Committee reserves the right to revoke a priority admission status of a student any time additional information is provided that would indicate a violation of the above mentioned selection criteria.

Applications can be denied because of previous felony or misdemeanor charges or convictions. If admitted to the nursing major, students are required to do a Criminal Background Check and drug screening. If the Criminal Background Check and/or drug screen shows issues of concern, the School of Nursing will take appropriate action which could include dismissal. The information will be shared with the clinical agencies that the School of Nursing uses for clinical placements. The clinical agencies will determine eligibility for clinical at the agency. If the clinical agency refuses to allow a student in clinical, the student will be dismissed by the School of Nursing.

Students who have been unsuccessful in a previous nursing program may apply to the School of Nursing if it has been at least 2 years since last enrollment in the program in which the student was unsuccessful. The student must not have had any conduct or honor code violations and must provide a letter of good standing from the previous nursing program director. The student should provide a letter with the application explaining the previous experience in the nursing program and how the student plans to be successful in the future. All transcripts from the previous nursing program must be supplied. If the student is accepted, the student will be required to take all nursing courses. The School of Nursing may request further documentation from previous nursing program.

SAMPLE CURRICULUM

Freshman Year			
<u>Semester 1 (16)</u>		<u>Semester 2 (16)</u>	
Foundational Writing	3	Foundational Math	3
*BIOL 310 A&P 1	4	*BIOL 311 A&P 2	4
*SOCY 110 Intro to Soc	3	PSYC 121 Intro to PSYC	3
Humanistic/Artistic Exp	3	Humanistic/Artistic Exp	3
Elective	3	Elective	3
Sophomore Year			
<u>Semester 1 (16)</u>		<u>Semester 2 (16)</u>	
*PSYC 230 Dev. Psych	3	*BIOL 334 Microbiology	4
*CHEM 120 Chem for Life	4	*STAT 200/130 Statistics	3
*NUTR 214 Nutrition	3	*NURS 321 Patho	3
Writing Intensive	3	Writing Intensive	3
Elective	3	Elective	2-3
Junior Year			
<u>Level I (17)</u>		<u>Level II (14)</u>	
NURS 340 Assessment	3	NURS 362 Research	3
NURS 345 Foundations	6	NURS 364 Adult I	6
NURS 352 Mental Health	5	NURS 366 Women's Health	5
NURS 368 Pharmacology	3		
Senior Year			
<u>Level III (15)</u>		<u>Level IV (14)</u>	
NURS 443 Peds	5	NURS 451 Community	5
NURS 444 Gero	5	NURS 453 Leadership	3
NURS 448 Adult II	5	NURS 454 Practicum	4
		NURS 457 Transition	2

* Nursing Pre-requisite courses

Within the first four academic semesters, there is flexibility in the ordering of courses with the following exceptions:

- BIOL 310 must be completed before 311
- PSYC 121 is a prerequisite at RU for PSYC 230
- Foundational Math must be taken before Statistics
- BIOL 311 must be completed before NURS 321
- ENG 111 must be completed before writing intensives

Core Curriculum Requirements for Upper Division: Please consult the current Radford University Undergraduate Catalog for clarification of courses in the sample curriculum. Undergraduate catalog is available on the Internet: <http://www.radford.edu/Catalog/index.html>

NURSING MAJOR

Required

Pre-Requisite Course to the nursing major

*NURS 321 Pathophysiology

Level I

NURS 340 Health Assessment
NURS 345 Foundations of Nursing Practice
NURS 352 Mental Health Nursing
NURS 368 Pharmacology

Level II

NURS 362 Nursing Research
NURS 364 Nursing of the Adult I
NURS 366 Nursing of the Childbearing Family I

Level III

NURS 443 Nursing of Children
NURS 444 Gerontological Nursing
NURS 448 Nursing of the Adult II

Level IV

NURS 451 Community Health Nursing
NURS 453 Leadership in Nursing
NURS 454 Clinical Nursing Practice
NURS 457 Transition to Licensure

THE UNIVERSITY

Radford University is committed to individualized instruction within medium size classes, maintenance of high academic standards and excellence in teaching and advising students.

FINANCIAL AID

Scholarship and loan funds are available through the Radford University Financial Aid Office.
Office of Financial Aid
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Radford, VA 24142
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<https://www.radford.edu/content/financial-aid/home.html>

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