OVERVIEW
The Undergraduate BSN combines rigorous academics and state of the art clinical practice experiences in a research intensive setting. Students utilize evidence-based practice to provide the most comprehensive patient care. Nursing courses are taken concurrently with courses in various other schools within the University, contributing to the development of the liberally educated professional.

Faculty utilize the Anatomy and Physiology Lab, Nursing Skills Lab, and Peter M. Winter Institute for Simulation Education and Research, a world class multidisciplinary training and research facility, to enhance hands-on learning. Clinical rotations are held at nationally renowned healthcare facilities; most are completed at the six local major teaching hospitals and/or more than 50 community healthcare facilities in the greater Pittsburgh area. Students have the opportunity to participate in funded faculty research projects.

Graduates of the program are generalists with the necessary foundation for graduate nursing education and continuing professional development. Students who successfully complete the BSN curriculum qualify to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) for professional licensure as a registered nurse.

High school graduates are directly admitted to the freshman class of the four-year, full-time pre-licensure baccalaureate nursing program. Graduates with a baccalaureate degree in another discipline may consider the Accelerated 2nd Degree BSN. Registered nurses, who are graduates of diploma or associate degree nursing programs, may consider the RN Options-Early Admission to MSN or DNP or RN to BSN.

CURRICULUM FORMAT
Full-time (8 terms) - Students may have the opportunity to accelerate during Years 2 and 3 summer terms
945 clinical hours
Year 1
- Core scientific concepts and theories related to understanding nursing practice
Year 2
- Clinical study in a variety of settings focusing on health promotion and identification of risk factors
- Clinical nursing skills are first practiced in the School’s Skills and Human Simulation Labs
Year 3
- Care of individuals and families of all ages who are experiencing the stress of illness
- Clinical experiences take place in acute and specialized care settings
Year 4
- Care of individuals, families, and communities experiencing more complex illnesses and problems
- Culminating clinical course that provides students with a transition into clinical practice
- Special topic electives and/or independent studies in areas of the student’s interest

OBJECTIVES
The objectives of the BSN Program are designed to meet the Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice, established by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN) to provide a curriculum development framework as well as a definition of competencies universally expected of BSN graduates.

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ADMISSION CRITERIA
The Admissions Committee carefully considers the overall academic performance of each applicant, including SAT or ACT score, high school rank, degree of difficulty of courses taken and science course grades.

The School of Nursing reserves the right to require additional information. College students may apply for internal or external transfer for a limited number of seats in the freshman class. Undergraduate BSN applications are submitted to and evaluated by the Office of Admissions & Financial Aid (412-624-7488 / oafa.pitt.edu).

Minimum High School Requirements:
- English
- Mathematics (Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, Trig., etc.)
- Social Sciences
- Laboratory Science (Chemistry required)
- Academic Electives

4 years
4 years
3 years
3 years (with 2 of these courses in junior or senior year)
5 total (Statistics, Computer Science, non-laboratory Science, etc.)

CURRICULUM: UNDERGRADUATE BSN (124-125 credits)

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YEAR 1

Pathophysiology Foundations of Nursing Care
Foundations of Nursing Practice I
Foundations of Nursing Practice I Clinical
Pharmacology and Therapeutics
Intro to Genetics & Molecular Therapeutics
Elective
(17.5 credits)

YEAR 2

Pathophysiology Foundations of Nursing Care
Foundations of Nursing Practice I
Foundations of Nursing Practice I Clinical
Pharmacology and Therapeutics
Intro to Genetics & Molecular Therapeutics
Elective
(17.5 credits)

YEAR 3

Nursing Care of Mothers, Newborns, & Families
Nursing Care of Mothers, Newborns, & Families Clinical
Nursing Care of Children & Families
Nursing Care of Children & Families Clinical
Anthropology/Culture: American or Foreign
Ethics in Nursing and Health
(15 credits)

YEAR 4

Community Health Nursing
Community Health Nursing Clinical
Adv Clinical Problem Solving
Adv Clinical Problem Solving Clinical
Senior Special Topics Elective
(13.5-14.5 credits)

(Placement of nursing courses varies in Years 3 and 4)

A series of Kaplan Preparation Practice Tests are integrated throughout the nursing program. A Diagnostic Prep, Predictor exam, and 4 day Kaplan Review are scheduled at end of program to provide students with prep resources to take the National Nursing License.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
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