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Jesuit education and the education of professional nurses at Gonzaga University go hand-in-hand. Both focus on serving others with excellence, knowledge, skill, sensitivity, and ethical integrity. Both center on care for the whole person, not only as a physical being, but also as an intellectual and spiritual individual. Both are dedicated to social justice for all people. Nurses pursue this dedication through the delivery of health care.

Professional nurses strive to promote, maintain, and restore the health of others. As nurses are the health care providers who most directly help individuals during illness, the practice of nursing is active and complex. It requires a well-developed sense of self and the ability to accept and appreciate differences in others. Professional nursing values independent decision-making as well as collaboration with others, whether they are clients or other health care professionals.

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Because nursing is built on a solid foundation in the basic and behavioral sciences and is informed by ethical principles, the professional nurse must be broadly educated. The ability to think critically and communicate well is just as essential to the profession as competence in the science of nursing. Thus, Gonzaga's Nursing program incorporates liberal learning as well as technical expertise. The combination of a liberal arts foundation and professional study gives students the best of both worlds: a strong academic background combined with a state-of-the-art scientific specialty.

The Department of Nursing offers several options for students with various educational backgrounds, from the incoming freshmen with no previous nursing experience, to the transfer student who may already have an associate degree, to a professional nurse seeking to complete graduate work.

For the incoming freshman or transfer student, the Department of Nursing offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). During the first two years at Gonzaga, students complete their GU core classes and nursing prerequisites. First-year students must indicate Nursing as their desired major on the Application for Admission. Students will first be notified of their admit status to the University and then will learn of their admit status to the Nursing program a few weeks later. Students interested in nursing must have a strong academic record including science and math courses, above average standardized test scores, and an understanding of the field of nursing. Once accepted to the BSN program, students begin coursework and clinical experiences in a variety of community and health care settings. The program also prepares students to take the

National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) after graduation—a requirement for licensure as a registered nurse.

Continuation to the upper division BSN program is contingent upon successful completion of the first two years of college coursework. More specifically, students are expected to have above a 2.9 cumulative GPA with no science course under a C and allowing for only one repetition of a science course.

Two nursing cohorts begin each year: one in the fall semester and one in the spring. There are often spots available to transfer students in the spring semester cohort, while fall semester offers very few transfer opportunities for nursing students.

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Transfer students admitted to Gonzaga University are eligible to apply to the upper-division nursing major. They must have completed the Gonzaga nursing prerequisites, or they must be completed by the end of the term in which the application is submitted. Admission to the University does not guarantee progression to the upper-division nursing major. To be eligible for the upper-division nursing major, transfer students must:

- Meet all Gonzaga University admission requirements for transfer students
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.9 on a 4.0 scale
- Maintain a C or better in all nursing prerequisite courses
- Meet algebra proficiency requirements at the community college level, either through proficiency testing or completion of an intermediate algebra course

## Nursing Prerequisite Courses

The following courses are a combination of the Gonzaga Core Curriculum and the required nursing pre-requisites for admission to the upper-division nursing program:

English 101 - English Composition  
English 102 - Literary Genres  
Philosophy 101 - Critical Thinking  
Philosophy 201 - Philosophy of Human Nature  
Philosophy 301 – Ethics  
Philosophy 455 - Healthcare Ethics (taken senior year)  
Religious Studies 100  
Religious Studies 200  
Religious Studies 300  
Speech 101  
Biology 101/L - Diversity of Life  
Biology 170/L – Microbiology  
Chemistry 101/L - General Chemistry  
Human Physiology 224 – Nutrition  
Human Physiology 241/L - Anatomy/Physiology I  
Human Physiology 242/L - Anatomy/Physiology II  
Psychology 101 - General Psychology  
Sociology 101 – Sociology  
Social Justice Elective  
Nursing 200 – Professional Nursing in a Complex Adaptive System  
Nursing 210 – Growth & Development

## Graduate Programs

Gonzaga's Nursing Department offers a Master's of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.) for individuals with a current R.N. license and a baccalaureate degree. There are four options available for students pursuing a master's degree:

- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric/Mental Health Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Nurse Educator
- Health Systems Leader

In addition, a Post-Master's Certificate in Nursing (P.M.C.N.) is offered for nurses with a master's degree in nursing and a current R.N. license. Finally, Gonzaga offers the C.R.N.A. (Nurse Anesthetist) program through the School of Education.

Please contact the Department of Nursing for more information about graduate programs.

## The Potential

As our country faces a shortage of nursing professionals, the demand for Gonzaga nursing graduates continually increases. A wide variety of career opportunities await Gonzaga nursing graduates in hospitals, public health departments, community clinics, home health care agencies, private medical practices, and schools of nursing. Many students choose to continue their education and re-

ceive their M.S.N. degrees at institutions across the nation.

## The People

Gonzaga prides itself on the close relationships that exist between students and their professors. All students in the nursing program will have an advisor who works specifically with them and is familiar with their particular program requirements. Advisors ensure that nursing students are fully engaged in a liberal and humanistic education that prepares them for the nursing profession.

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