

Accelerated Nursing Program

Curriculum



The Accelerated Nursing program at Concordia College requires students to complete a minimum of 50 semester credits. After completing the program fall semester of the second year, students will be eligible to take the Nursing Candidate Licensure Exam (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse.

First Semester - Summer

Nursing Concepts	NURS-251	4 Credit Hours	Introduction to the major, encompassing concepts integral to the nursing process such as communication, legal issues, values and ethics, spirituality, pain management and immobility issues.
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Second Semester - Fall

Client Concepts	NURS-341	4 Credit Hours	Emphasizes the physiologic, psychologic and pathophysiologic concepts that provide the foundation for professional nursing care.
Health Assessment	NURS-361	4 Credit Hours	Focuses on health assessment and health promotion of individual clients through utilization of the nursing process and basic nursing concepts.
Mental Health Nursing	NURS-302	4 Credit Hours	Synthesis and application of nursing and psychiatric-mental health concepts to promote the wellness of individuals and groups

Third Semester - Spring

Adult Health Nursing I	NURS-342	4 Credit Hours	Focuses on the etiology, pathophysiologic mechanisms and nursing care of adult clients experiencing common disorders of body system function.
Family Nursing I	NURS-352	4 Credit Hours	Focuses on nursing care and health promotion for the childbearing family and includes identification and care of high-risk clients.
Nursing Research	NURS-320	2 Credit Hours	Introduction to the research process and its application to nursing practice.
Pharmacology	CHEM-304	2 Credit Hours	An introduction to the study of the properties, effects, and therapeutic value of drugs. For each major drug group, the pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and adverse drug reactions will be outlined based upon a group prototype. This course gives students the ability to place major drugs into correct therapeutic categories with an understanding of their mechanisms of action, indications, and side effects.

Fourth Semester - Summer

Family Nursing II	NURS-462	4 Credit Hours	Focuses on nursing care of the child-rearing family, that is, viewing the child and family as client. Course content includes care of the child from infancy through adolescence, both hospitalized and within the community, acutely ill and chronically ill; common stressors for the child and family throughout the growing years; and strategies for health promotion for the child and family.
Adult Health Nursing II	NURS-403	4 Credit Hours	Focuses on the etiology, pathophysiologic mechanisms and nursing care of critically ill adult clients.

Fifth Semester - Fall

Nursing Management	NURS-430	2 Credit Hours	Study of concepts and issues related to management in professional nursing.
Adult Health Nursing III	NURS-404	4 Credit Hours	Focuses on the etiology, pathophysiologic mechanisms and organization of nursing care of adult clients experiencing selected complex stressors.
Roles and Issues of Professional Nursing in a Global Society	NURS-423	4 Credit Hours	This capstone course in the nursing major is a synthesis of nursing theory and the professional practice role. Students engage in disciplinary scholarship and a clinical practicum. Historical roots of the discipline, current issues and trends in healthcare, and the complex role of the professional nurse as an interdisciplinary team member within an evolving global healthcare system are discussed and analyzed. The student formalizes a personal philosophy of nursing as vocation and an understanding of the disciplinary mandate of responsible engagement in the world.
Community Health Nursing	NURS-401	4 Credit Hours	Synthesis and application of nursing and public health concepts to promote the wellness of communities, families and individuals.

Clinical Rotations

Concordia retains a ratio of one faculty to seven students in all clinical settings to provide direct supervision and strong mentorship within the clinical environment. Each student participates in over 700 hours of clinical practice experience, all arranged by faculty in the nursing program. Currently, we have contracts with over 15 clinical agencies to provide a variety of clinical experiences for students across specialties and the lifespan. Students are prepared to care for patient populations from the neonatal intensive care unit to elderly populations in acute care, long-term care and home environments. Clinicals are completed in acute care and primary care settings, and community-based settings such as public health, home care, faith-based, and shelters.