

CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

College of Health Sciences

Department of Nursing

RN – BSN Track

Nursing Profession

Nursing is a caring profession that will always provide service to society. It is an interactive and deliberate process that enables individuals, families, and communities to achieve the highest level of wellness, enabling them to function in changing environments. Nurses provide primary, secondary, and tertiary services to clients in a variety of community environments, including clients' homes, schools, churches, hospitals, doctor's offices, and clinics.

The nursing program at Chicago State University was initiated in 1972 and has produced more than 1,000 nurses, most of whom are racial minorities. Chicago State University graduates more than 50 percent of all African American nurses with baccalaureate degrees in Illinois. More than 90 percent of the nursing graduates are employed in the Chicago metropolitan area and are contributing to the socioeconomic development of the community.

The mission of the Department of Nursing is to provide educational experiences that empower students, promote competence in the area of professional nursing, strengthen employability in a variety of clinical practice settings within the healthcare community, and develop civic responsibility.

RN- BSN Track Admission

Students with the registered nurse (RN) license can obtain a Bachelor of Science (BSN) degree at Chicago State University. The RN-BSN track is designed to meet the educational needs of the RN as an adult learner, and builds on prior nursing knowledge and experiences. Consistent with the Illinois Articulation Initiative, RN students from state-approved nursing programs will receive 30 hours of nursing credits. For more information, please visit our website at www.csu.edu/colleges/healthsciences

RN students receive 30 semester hours of credit, in accordance with the Illinois Articulation Initiative for the following courses:

Nursing 2300	Pharmacology	3
Nursing 3050	Fundamentals	3
Nursing 3250	Adult Health I	6
Nursing 4200	Mental Health	6
Nursing 3300	Nursing Care of Developing Family	3
Nursing 4000	Adult Health Nursing II	6
Nursing 4050	Nursing Care of Children/Adolescents	3

Chicago State University is a member of the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI). Advance placement credit from any accredited college or university, that is listed on the official transcript of the institution, will be accepted for advanced credit at Chicago State University. . University placement examinations are waived for second baccalaureate degree students and students with Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees.

Admission Requirements

To be admitted into the university, the RN student must meet the following conditions:

- Complete undergraduate admission application into the university.
- Remit the application fee.
- Provide official transcript(s) from each college or university attended.
- Satisfy general admission requirements of the university.
- Obtain waiver for the university placement examinations or developmental courses in English, reading, and mathematics.
- Complete prerequisite courses. (Only course passed with a grade of “C” or better will be accepted).
- Submit a letter of intent, nursing data form, and three letters of reference to the Department of Nursing as part of NURS 3400 course requirements.
- Candidates will have a personal interview with an advisor. Credentials will be reviewed by the Admissions, Progression, Retention and Graduation (APGR) Committee for formal acceptance into the RN-BSN track of the program. Applications and supporting documents from transfer students must be received in NURS 3400 to be considered for admission into the RN-BSN track of the program.
- Students entering the RN-BSN track must complete or transfer in the following courses: ENG 1270, 1280; PSYC 1100, 2000; MATH Greater than 100; SOC 1250; BIOL 2020, 2021, 2059; CHEM 1050; HSC 2190; PHIL 1020 or 1030; and math (college level)

- Courses not transferred may be taken concurrently with nursing courses. The program may be completed in four (4) semesters.

In addition to the academic requirements, applicants must be aware of the following policies:

- Prerequisite courses required for admission may be repeated only once when a grade of D or F has been earned.
- Nursing courses completed in other schools of nursing are not automatically transferable to the nursing curriculum. The APRG Committee will determine course equivalency.
- In conformity with the Illinois Articulation Initiative, students who enter the nursing program with RN licensure will receive 30 hours of nursing credits.
- An updated evaluation of credit form must be submitted with the application packet.

Curriculum Pattern for the RN-BSN Track

Pre-Professional Phase

Freshman Level

Fall Semester

English	1270	3
Mathematics ¹		3
Psychology	1100	3
Sociology	1250	3
Biology	1080	3
		15 hrs.

Spring Semester

English	1280	3
Chemistry	1050	5
Biology	2020	4
Psychology	2000	3
		15 hrs.

Sophomore Level

Fall Semester

Biology	2059	3
Biology	2021	4
Foreign language		3
NURS	2190	3
		13 hrs.

Spring Semester

Philosophy 1020 or 1030		3
Foreign language		3
Psychology	4190	3
Humanities		3
		12 hrs.

Professional Phase

Junior Level

Fall Semester

Nursing	3400	3
Nursing	2200	4
Nursing	3150	3
		10 hrs.

Spring Semester

Nursing	3200	3
Nursing	4100	2
Nursing	3450	3
Nursing	4300	2
		10 hrs.

Senior Level

Fall Semester

Nursing	4500	5
Nursing	4550	2
		7 hrs.

Spring Semester

Nursing	4600	5
Nursing Elective		3
		8 hrs.

Total Credits Hours 90

¹-Any college level math>1000

Accreditation

The Department of Nursing is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR), accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), and is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

Information regarding Chicago State University's Department of Nursing accreditation status may be obtained by contacting:

NLNAC
3343 Peachtree Road NE
Suite 500
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
Phone: (800) 669-1656 ext. 153
www.nlnac.org

Scholarships

A variety of scholarships are available through the Department of Nursing, as well as other local, state, and federal agencies. For more information on scholarships, please call the Department of Nursing at (773) 995-3992 or the Office of Financial Aid at Chicago State University (773) 995-2304.

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Benefit from our experience as educators.

Founded in 1867 as a teacher training school, Chicago State University is the oldest public university in the Chicago metropolitan area.

Find what you're looking for at Chicago State.

The university offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs in five colleges: Health Sciences, Arts and Sciences, Business, Education and Pharmacy—as well as non-traditional and extension courses, an Honors College and one of the best graduate schools in the nation (*According to the U.S. News & World Report*). The university offers two, 15-week semesters (fall and spring) and a summer session.

Learn from award-winning faculty.

Eighty-seven percent of CSU faculty members hold a doctorate or equivalent terminal degree from some of the most renowned universities in the world. Our faculty-student ratio is 1:19, only faculty, not teaching assistants, instruct our students.

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Chicago State attracts students from around the world.

The university's outstanding academic programs attract a culturally diverse student body from the Chicago metropolitan area, the nation and the world. The university's residence life and dozens of student organizations offer a stimulating, living-learning service experience that nurtures personal development and individual success.

Make an impact here—and abroad.

Students benefit from internships and other beyond-the-classroom learning opportunities in metropolitan Chicago and around the world. These experiences expand career options and prepare our students for citizenship and leadership in a global community.

Your future begins now!

Chicago State University welcomes applications from prospective freshmen, transfer, international, non-traditional and professional students. For more information, contact:

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