

What to Expect When You Start Nursing School

Nursing school is a completely different learning experience and environment than any other you may have known. Instead of just going to class one, two or three times a week you may attend lecture only once a week but for several hours at a time. Along with lecture, there will also be skills lab time as well as clinical time in the hospital or another healthcare facility. You are expected to obtain your clinical assignment and review the evening prior to the next day's clinical. You are also required to do community volunteer work. All of this on top of the normal tests, quizzes, exams, papers and paperwork that is expected in higher education.

To help you get an idea of what each nursing course may require each semester, we have formatted a brief description of the courses and their requirements. Please note: these are only the primary nursing courses. If you are taking other courses, those classes will take additional time. Remember, this information can change at any time. These course numbers take effect Fall 2009. The course numbers in parenthesis are the previous ones.

Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours	Semesters Offered	Lecture Hours/wk	Lecture Day	Clinical Hours/wk	Clinical Locations	Volunteer Hours	Other
N191 (N100)	Fundamentals of Nursing	5	Fall & Spring	3hrs/wk	Tues or Wed	8hrs/wk (W or Th or F)	PH,PHM POH	4	Online testing and studying
N192 (N118)	Maternity Nursing	4	Spring & Summer	4hrs/wk	Tues	16hrs/wk (W & Th)	PH	4	2 hours Childbirth classes
N193 (N217)	Child Health Nursing	4	Fall & Spring	4hrs/wk	Wed	16hrs/wk (Th & F) AM or PM	PH, CMC, Pediatricians' offices	4	Formal 15 page paper
N193 (N124)	Medical/Surgical Nursing I (common health of adults & older adults)	6	Summer & Fall	4hrs/wk	Tues	16hrs/wk (W & Th)	PH	4	Clinical paperwork
N291 (N219)	Medical/Surgical Nursing II (Adult nursing)	6	Fall & Spring	3hrs/wk	Wed	16hrs/wk (Th & F)	Various	4	4 page teaching project, clinical incident reports,
N292 (N228)	Medical/Surgical Nursing III (complex adult nursing)	8	Fall & Spring	6.5hrs/wk	Fri	16hrs/wk (T and W)	PH	8	First week meets T, W, Th and F
N293 (N232)	Preceptorship (ease transition from student to novice nurse)	3	Fall & Spring	3hrs/wk	Varies	120 hrs with clinical preceptor	Varies	12+	1 Sim Lab exp, 1 prof. meeting, 4 journal entries
N294 (N240)	Leadership (Intro to leadership, management, ethics/ legal issues)	3	Fall & Spring	3hrs/wk	Varies	N/A	N/A	20	1 project that includes class work. Run in coordination with N292 & N293