

# Programs

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## Nursing, B.S.

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### (63 credits)

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing, under the department of Nursing, is designed to provide learners with the foundations of nursing practice and leadership with emphasis on problem-solving and clinical judgment.

Students will apply and be considered for admission to the nursing program during their first year and will begin the program at the beginning of their sophomore year. The nursing courses are designed in a cohort model of novice to expert where students complete all semester courses successfully before moving on to the next semester. Students complete additional general education courses during the 3 years, or 6 semesters, of the nursing program. Each semester of the nursing program includes hands-on clinical experience with actual patient care in a variety of settings. Each nursing lecture integrates NCLEX-RN (National Council Licensure Exam for Registered Nurses) preparation activities and practice exams.

Our Bachelor of Science in Nursing consists of 126 credit hours, which includes general education classes, nursing classes and clinical experience.

Upon completing the program of study in Nursing, students will:

- Integrate nursing knowledge with the liberal arts educational foundation to care for clients across the human lifespan.
- Responsibly apply scientific knowledge to reduce risk and limit disease in individuals and communities.
- Utilize patient care technologies in the healthcare environment by embracing the need to be a lifelong learner.
- Communicate effectively and respectfully with clients, families, and other healthcare providers in a complex healthcare environment.
- Demonstrate nursing leadership skills that exemplify the Dominican Order identity through the four pillars; study, prayer, community, and service.

### ***Admission Requirements***

New nursing cohorts begin twice per year in the fall and spring. Each new nursing cohort will consist of students admitted directly from high school and those admitted through a competitive holistic admission process. Competitive candidates will have preferential admission if all previous college credits were completed at Albertus Magnus College.

Minimum requirements for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program will include the following:

- Successful completion of 27 credits from nationally or regionally accredited institutions of higher education approved by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).
- Minimum cumulative college grade point average of 3.0.
- Minimum cumulative college grade point average of 3.0 for science courses taken in the last 5 years.

## ***Transfer Credits***

Refer to the [Transfer Credits](#) section for specific information on Albertus Magnus College's transfer credit policy. For students entering the Nursing program, courses will be reviewed for transferability to meet general education requirements.

**Acceptance of transfer and substitute credits** in nursing to meet prerequisite coursework and requirements of the curriculum will be determined by the Director of Nursing. Applicable transfer and substitute credits expire after 5 years. A student who transfers into the nursing program at Albertus Magnus College will be required to repeat any nursing or other required courses which are not considered comparable to the Albertus Magnus College Nursing Program curriculum or in which the grade earned does not meet the minimum requirement. No advanced standing into nursing will be granted. Transfer students must meet the same standards as other students in the program. Questions should be submitted to [nursing@albertus.edu](mailto:nursing@albertus.edu).

## ***Accreditation***

Albertus Magnus College is fully accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

## ***Program Format***

All nursing courses will be held on-ground at Albertus Magnus College. Practical lab sessions will take place in the nursing skills lab and high fidelity simulation scenarios will take place in the simulation lab. Hands-on clinical experience will take place in various healthcare settings, such as hospitals, clinical, nursing homes, and community health centers.

## ***Good Standing***

To remain a nursing student in good academic standing, all students must earn a grade 77 or above in all required nursing courses and meet the College's [Good Standing](#) policy. Nursing students cannot pass/fail any nursing courses. The Registrar notifies the Director of the Nursing Program of the students who earned less than a 77 or who received a grade such as a WA, W, WP, WF, UF or I in any required nursing course. This notification occurs within 24 hours of receipt of the official grade being submitted by faculty.

A nursing student must repeat, at the next available opportunity, any nursing courses with a final failing grade of 76 or less. Nursing students are allowed no more than 2 attempts for any nursing course and a maximum of 2 failing grades in nursing courses. Failure to meet these requirements will lead to dismissal from the nursing program.

## ***Good Professional and Clinical Standing***

Clinical hours are reported to our accrediting body and are required of all students. Each nursing clinical course has a prescribed number of contact hours. It is expected that students will complete all nursing clinical course hours. Certification to the Connecticut Department of Public Health for taking the NCLEX requires the verification that students have met the prescribed clinical hours.

## ***PROGRAM OF STUDY***

### ***Prerequisite Requirements (29 credits)***

#### **YEAR ONE**

##### **Fall (14 credits)**

BI 206	Human Anatomy & Physiology I
BI 206L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Laboratory
MA 117	Biostatistics: Math for Healthcare
PY 111	Introduction to Psychology
EN 106	Written Expression I
CC 102	College Success Seminar

##### **Spring (14 credits)**

BI 207	Human Anatomy & Physiology II
BI 207L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Laboratory
CH 231	General Organic Biochemistry
CH 231L	General Organic Biochemistry Laboratory
EN 107	Written Expression II
SC 114	Nutrition for Health and Fitness: The Science of Wellness

\*Pre-nursing students must complete CPR for 1 credit.

### ***Required Correlatives (4 credits)***

#### **YEAR TWO**

##### **Fall (4 credits)**

BI 215	Microbiology
BI 215L	Microbiology Laboratory

**Major Requirements (63 credits)****YEAR TWO****Fall (9 credits)**

NR 223	Foundational Nursing
NR 223C	Foundational Nursing Clinical
NR 213L	Health Assessment Laboratory

**Spring (12 credits)**

NR 226L	Nursing Skills Laboratory
NR 256	Mental Health
NR 256C	Mental Health Clinical
NR 261	Nursing Pathophysiology

**YEAR THREE****Fall (9 credits)**

NR 271	Medical-Surgical Nursing I
NR 271C	Medical-Surgical Nursing I Clinical
NR 282	Nursing Pharmacology

**Spring (12 credits)**

NR 327	Maternal Child Nursing Care
NR 327C	Maternal Child Nursing Care Clinical
NR 338	Evidenced-Based Practice with Nursing Research
NR 243	Nursing Informatics

**YEAR FOUR****Fall (12 credits)**

NR 237	Community Nursing
NR 237C	Community Nursing Clinical
NR 350	Medical-Surgical Nursing II
NR 350C	Medical-Surgical Nursing II Clinical

**Spring (9 credits)**

NR 375	Professional Nursing Practice
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NR 375C Professional Nursing Practice Clinical

NR 391 Nursing Leadership

***WRITING IN THE DISCIPLINE DESIGNATED COURSE***

NR 338 Evidenced-Based Practice with Nursing Research