Program Overview

The Baccalaureate in Nursing Science offers outstanding undergraduates the opportunity to enter the healthcare environment with an education founded upon the theory and practice of nursing. Completion of the program’s curriculum will lead to a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree in Nursing Science.

Nurse Professionals are independently licensed members of interdisciplinary teams who work with people of all ages, cultural backgrounds, and lifestyles to help them achieve the highest level of wellness possible. Graduates of the Program in Nursing Science are prepared to serve as generalists in professional nursing practice and to collaborate with other healthcare providers in clinics, hospitals, outpatient, and community health settings.

The undergraduate program prepares students for success in academia as well; graduates are poised to attain advanced degrees in Nursing Science and other health related fields. The undergraduate curriculum is designed to provide theory and research-based clinical practice focusing on critical thinking, compassion, and clinical expertise. Moreover, the combination of nursing science curriculum with related disciplines including biological, social, behavioral, pharmacological, and biomedical sciences will prepare students to address the span of healthcare needs and to be leaders in the healthcare and academic environments.

A selective major at UC Irvine, the BS in Nursing Science is a four-year program for students who are admitted as freshmen, and a two-year program for transfers/2nd baccalaureate students. Students complete two years of basic sciences before commencing the upper-level nursing science courses in the junior and senior years. Upon completion of the program, students attain a BS degree and are prepared and eligible to take the California Board of Registered Nursing NCLEX-RN licensing examination.

Admission

Freshmen: Students who wish to be considered for the major must first also be admitted to UC Irvine. Students interested in entering as freshmen must complete two years of high school laboratory science providing fundamental knowledge in two of these three core disciplines: biology, chemistry and physics. Advanced laboratory science classes that have biology, chemistry or physics as prerequisites and offer substantial additional material may be used to fulfill this requirement. Students must earn Cs or higher to fulfill their subject requirements. Students with the highest combination of overall grade point average (GPA), and scores on the SAT or ACT examinations will be given priority.

Transfer/2nd Baccalaureate: The number of transfer/2nd baccalaureate students that can be admitted to the Nursing Science major is limited and selective. In addition to satisfying University requirements for admission with advanced standing, eligible applicants seeking admission into the Nursing Science major must complete all prerequisite courses with a B or higher. Transfers/2nd Baccalaureate students looking to complete these courses at a California Community College should refer to www.assist.org for approved and articulated courses. Applicants must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher to be considered. Students with the highest overall GPA and satisfactory completion of course prerequisites will be given priority.

All applicants: In addition to academic history, volunteer experience in a healthcare setting, leadership activities, honors/awards, recommendation letters and a personal statement are important factors in admission selection. Students must complete the standard UC Irvine General Application and the Nursing Science Supplemental Application by November 30 to be eligible for the following fall entry. These applications are both online and are available through the UC Irvine Admissions website.
Freshman Year

Fall Quarter
- Chem 1A General Chemistry (1st in series) 4
- Bio 93 DNA to Organisms 4
- Psych 7A/P9 4
- General Education 4

Winter Quarter
- Chem 1B General Chemistry (2nd in series) 4
- Soc 1 Intro 4
- General Education 4

Spring Quarter
- Chem 1C General Chemistry (3rd in series) 4
- Chem 1LC General Chemistry Lab 2
- General Education 4

Summer Session
- Chem 1LD General Chemistry Lab 2

Sophomore Year

Fall Quarter
- Bio 97 Genetics 4
- Chem 51A Organic Chemistry 4
- Philosophy 4/5 4
- PH 1 Prin Public Health 4

Winter Quarter
- Bio 98 Biochemistry 4
- Statistics 4
- General Education 4

Spring Quarter
- Nur Sci 100 Human Anatomy 4
- Nur Sci 100L Human Anatomy Lab 2
- Bio M122 Microbiology 4
- General Education 4

Summer Session
- Bio E109 Human Physiology 4

Junior Year

Fall Quarter
- Nur Sci 110W Frameworks for Professional Nursing 5
- Nur Sci 112A Foundations for Professional Practice 3
- Nur Sci 114A Pharmacology 2
- Nur Sci 118A Pathophysiology 2
- CS 120D Development Psychology 4

Winter Quarter
- Nur Sci 112LB Foundations for Professional Practice 4
- Nur Sci 125 Research Methods & Applications in Health Care 4
- Nur Sci 114B Pharmacology 2
- Nur Sci 118B Pathophysiology 2
- Nur Sci 135 Older Adult Health Care 2

Spring Quarter
- Nur Sci 120 Adult Health Care 4
- Nur Sci 120L Adult Health Care Practicum 4
- Nur Sci 140 Human Behavior & Mental Health Care 4
- Nur Sci 140L Human Behavior & Mental Health Care Practicum 4

Senior Year

Fall Quarter
- Nur Sci 130 Maternity 4
- Nur Sci 130L Maternity Practicum 4
- Nur Sci 132 Pediatrics 4
- Nur Sci 132L Pediatrics Practicum 3

Winter Quarter
- Nur Sci 150 Critical Care 3
- Nur Sci 150L Critical Care Practicum 3
- Nur Sci 160 Leadership and Management in Health Care 2
- Nur Sci 160L Leadership and Management in Health Care Practicum 2
- Nur Sci 179A Scholarly Concentration 2

Spring Quarter
- Nur Sci 170 Community-Based Health Care 3
- Nur Sci 170L Community-Based Health Care Practicum 3
- Nur Sci 175L Clinical Preceptorship 8
- Nur Sci 179B Scholarly Concentration 2

*The courses in bold are pre-requisite requirements for students admitted as transfers/2nd baccalaureates for Fall 2013.

2 Soc 1, 2, 3, 31, 66, Anthro 2A, 2D, 133A, 134D will meet this requirement.
3 Philosophy 4, 5 will meet this requirement.
4 Stats 7, 8, Soc 10A, Soc Sci 9A will meet this requirement.

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