

Nursing AAS Degree (RN)

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1st Semester RN Advisement

- NU110 Health Assessment & Promotion (1 cr.) – Lecture
- NU 112 Nursing Concepts (5 cr.) – Lecture and Lab/Clinical
- NU 114 Medication Essentials I (1 cr.) – Lecture Only
- NU 116 Professional Issues (1 cr.) – Lecture Only (meets for 7 weeks)
- **Students must be registered for a total of 5 NU courses** (includes all required lectures, labs, and clinical).
- BIO 131 & Lab Anatomy & Physiology II
- PSY 101 General Psychology
- All courses above must be successfully completed before progressing to 2nd semester nursing courses

2nd Semester RN Advisement

- NU 115 Medication Essentials II (1 cr.) – Lecture Only
- NU 122 Health Restoration I (6 cr.) – Lecture, Lab, & Clinical
- NU 124 Maternal Newborn Nursing (2 cr.) – Lecture & Clinical
- **Students must register for a total of 6 NU courses** (includes all required lectures, labs, and clinical).
- NU 124 clinical meets for a total of 24 hours on weekends (could be Fridays, Saturdays and/or Sundays). Students will be assigned their clinical dates early in the semester.
- BIO 223 & Lab Microbiology **Must be taken concurrently with 2nd semester NU courses if not previously completed.**
- PSY 102 Developmental Psychology **Must be taken concurrently with 2nd semester NU courses if not previously completed.**
- **All courses above must be successfully completed before progressing to 3rd semester nursing courses.**

3rd Semester RN Advisement

- NU 214 Health Restoration II (5 cr.) – Lecture & Clinical
- NU 217 Pediatric Nursing (2 cr.) – Lecture & Clinical
- **Students must be registered for a total of 4 NU courses** (includes all required lectures and clinicals).
- Any remaining general education core requirements

4th Semester RN Advisement

- NU 220 Mental Health Nursing (2 cr.) – Lecture & Clinical
- NU 222 Health Restoration III (7 cr.) – Lecture, Seminar, Clinical
- **Students must be registered for a total of 5 NU courses** (includes all required lectures, seminar and clinicals).
- Any remaining general education core requirements

The Mercy Action Project MAP 100 (0 cr.) must be completed prior to graduation. Students can register for MAP 100 in any semester, including summer session. Summer is a good option for those who do not want to complete MAP while enrolled in their NU courses.

General NU Advising Information

- It is strongly encouraged that students in the Evening Program complete all general education core requirements before starting their Nursing courses. Summer sessions may be used to complete these requirements as well if necessary. Refer to Evening Program Degree Audit for suggested course sequences.
- **Students must register for all of the same section number for each of their Nursing courses each semester. For example, NU 214 D1, NU 214 C1, NU 217 D1, and NU 217 C1. They cannot mix and match sections.**

- Day students must register in **only** day sections and evening students must register **only** in evening sections. No mixing of day and evening sections of nursing courses is allowed.
- In general, day nursing clinicals begin at 7 am and evening nursing clinicals begin at 3 p.m. Students must adjust their work schedules accordingly. Some clinical sites may have different start times.
- Students who have successfully completed the PN program and have their PN license may apply to enter the Nursing program as 2nd semester students.
- Students who need to be enrolled full-time for financial aid reasons may add a General Studies dual degree by submitting a [Change in Status form](#). This allows students to take additional Liberal Arts courses and/or courses that may count towards a future BSN program. This option may be limited depending upon the number of transfer credits the student received at the college.
- Remediation and proactive tutoring is available through the Palisano Learning Center. Tutoring can be set up at any time in the semester and may be individual or in groups. Students can request a tutor at <https://trocaire.mywconline.com/>. Some courses also have Supplemental Instruction (SI).
- Remind students to be sure their required health information for clinical sites is up to date and on file in Castlebranch. Nursing students need to have two trackers, one for the college and one for the nursing program.

Successful Nursing Program Progression

- Refer to the NU AAS Progression Policy.
- Refer to the *Nursing Student Handbook & Policy Guide* for the course repeat policy.
- Failing (C- or below) a combination of 2 of any of the following classes or one of the classes 2 times, results in dismissal from the nursing program.
 - BIO 131, BIO 131 lab, BIO 223, BIO 223 lab, any NU class
- If a student withdraws from any of the above classes, he/she is allowed to repeat that class provided this was the first attempt at the class. **However, a withdrawal does count as an attempt at the course and will be considered as part of the Course Repeat Policy.**
- Students are allowed only 2 attempts per course – failure or withdrawal (of the same course) counts as an attempt.
- Please direct any student who needs to withdraw from a course(s) to the online Withdrawal form available at <https://my.trocaire.edu/withdrawal-form/>. Students should consult with their course instructor and financial aid counselor prior to submitting the form.

Program Transfer to the Practical Nursing Program (PN)

- If a student is unsuccessful and dismissed from the second semester of Nursing but still retains a GPA of 2.5 and meets all admission requirements, the student may apply to transfer into the Practical Nursing program. Having successfully completed the first semester of the Nursing program, the student would begin Practical Nursing with PN 105.
- If a student is unsuccessful and dismissed from the third semester of Nursing but still retains a GPA of 2.5 and meets all admission requirements, the student could apply to begin Practical Nursing with PN 106 and PN 107 and could complete the program in one semester.
- If a student is unsuccessful and dismissed from the fourth semester of Nursing but still retains a GPA of 2.5 and meets all admission requirements, the student could apply to begin Practical Nursing with PN 107 and could complete the program in one semester.