

# NURSING ENDORSEMENT PROGRAMS

## COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH SCIENCES

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### Nursing Education and Nursing Administration Endorsement Programs Description

The College of Nursing and Health Sciences endeavors to provide curricula that encourage individuals to pursue their nursing vocation as the future needs of the nursing profession come into view. The Nursing Education and Nursing Administration endorsement programs fit with the university's mission to provide Christ-centered higher education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society.

These programs provide an alternative for students who do not have the resources or desire/interest to complete an MSN or a post-graduate certificate (PGC). The Nursing endorsement programs will serve to develop nurse-educators and leaders for the future by providing opportunities for practicing nurses with a minimum of a bachelor's degree to achieve higher levels of education and training in order to expand their career opportunities. For example, bedside nurses or APRNs who would like to move into academia will benefit from education courses. Those who would like to move into administration or healthcare leadership will benefit from nursing administration courses.

### Mission Statement

To prepare graduates for advanced professional nursing practice with specific functional and clinical abilities.

### Program Outcomes

The nursing education endorsement prepares nurses for educator positions in various settings such as staff development, patient education, schools, and colleges. The nursing administration endorsement prepares nurses for a variety of administrative and leadership positions in health care delivery systems.

### Schedule

Endorsement programs consist of nine credit hours of core coursework. Core courses are offered online in the fall and spring, each with an optional two-credit hour clinical practicum that requires in-person clinical time with a preceptor. Practicums may require a time commitment of more than one day per week to meet the minimum number of required clinical hours.

### Admission Requirements:

1. Completed Union University College of Nursing and Health Science supplemental application with application fee of \$50.
2. Completion of an ACEN or CCNE accredited and state-approved nursing program according to track specific options. Applicants with a previously earned bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing must complete or show evidence of completion of the designated courses for the specific track or program.
3. Last 60 hours GPA 2.8 on 4.0 scale (minimum).
4. Official transcripts from all post-secondary institutions must be submitted. Transcripts must be received in a sealed envelope from all previous academic institutions attended.
5. Proof of current unencumbered RN licensure in state of residence and eligible for licensure as an RN in Tennessee

## Academic Standards, Requirements for Progression, Probation, and Dismissal

Students must maintain an overall B average. After completion of 9 graduate hours at Union University, a graduate student whose cumulative GPA from courses completed at Union University for graduate credit is below 3.0 will be placed on academic probation. A student placed on academic probation has one semester to increase his or her cumulative GPA to 3.0 or greater to be removed from a probationary status. If the student fails to increase his or her cumulative GPA to or greater during the following semester, the student will be dismissed from the graduate program.

Students will also be dismissed without opportunity for probation if they:

- Receive an "F" (i.e., any grade below a "C") in any course

## Course Descriptions: Biology (BIO)

### 500. Advanced Pathophysiology (2)

Building on a basic knowledge of pathophysiology, the student

**538. Clinical Strategies for Nurse Educators (3)**

Prerequisites: NUR 544, and BIO 500.

An overview of clinical management of patients throughout the lifespan. Opportunities are provided for students to integrate theory, research and evidence based practice in a specialized

**579PF. External Domestic Study Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed**

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to registering.

**580. Study Abroad Programs (1-4)**

All courses and their application must be defined and approved prior to travel.

**580PF. Study Abroad Programs (Pass/Fail) As Needed**

All courses and their applications must be defined and approved prior to travel.

**585-586-587. Special Studies in Nursing (1-6)**

Group studies which do not appear in the College course

**627A. Primary Care of Adult/Geriatric Populations:  
Acute Management (4)**

**627C. Primary Care of Children: Acute Management (4)**

Prerequisite: NUR 544; Pre- or Corequisite: NUR 622 and  
BIO 500.

The purpose of this course is to develop advanced practice

**654. Management of Acute and Chronic Mental Health Disorders: Adult and Geriatric Populations (4) Su**

Prerequisites: NUR 544, NUR 622

Corequisite: NUR 652

This course will examine the major psychopathologies in children and adolescents including epidemiology, cultural and spiritual beliefs, specific assessment issues and tools, as well as evidence-based therapies. Interventions include psychopharmacologic as well as psychotherapeutic approaches (including psychotherapy) and combinations of therapies in the care of children and adolescents with mental health disorders. The psychiatric and emotional health of children, adolescents and their parents/ caretakers will be explored through developmental, interactional, behavioral, and psychobiological models. This course will also address health promotion and legal/ethical aspects in the treatment of children and adolescents. Clinical experiences will facilitate the implementation and evaluation of therapeutic interventions in a variety of clinical settings.

**655. Independent Study (1-4)**

Individual research and study under the guidance of a graduate faculty member.

**691. Nurse Anesthesia Clinical Residency (1)**

This clinical course will expose the student to specialty types of anesthetic type management in the areas of obstetrics, pediatrics, cardiology and neurology. In addition, the student will develop the understanding of complex anesthetic management through interaction with patient simulation.

**693A. Nursing Administration Practicum II (2)**

Prerequisite: NUR 593.

This course will integrate didactic material from previous courses with administrative practice. The focus is the dynamic combination of administrative theory, quality management, health care economics, organizational behavior, and information systems through mentoring and field experience. Emphasis will be placed on developing practice and decision-making skills that are excellence driven, Christ-centered, people-focused, and future-directed. Graded Pass/Fail.

**695B. Nursing Administration Practicum III (2)**

Prerequisites: NUR 593, 693A

A practicum experience designed for synthesis of theory and practice where students develop, implement, and evaluate advanced practice leadership strategies in a health care systems

