



UNIVERSITY OF SIOUX FALLS



LPN TO BSN

The LPN to BSN option is designed for current licensed practical nurses (LPNs) who want to complete the requirements for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

LIFE CREDITS

LPN's entering the BSN program get **30 credits** towards graduation based on their current LPN status.

USF recognizes what you have already accomplished while supporting your education and career goals.

Major in Nursing (BSN)

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Registered Nursing (RN) workforce is expected to grow from 3.1 million in 2021 to 3.3 million in 2031, an increase of 195,400.

The University of Sioux Falls offers an exciting, flexible and hands-on nursing program designed to give you the tools you need to be a competent, compassionate nurse. **All theory courses in the LPN to BSN program track are offered online** to accommodate the working adult student. The baccalaureate degree in nursing at the University of Sioux Falls is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Upon completion of this program, you are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse.

What can I do with a degree in nursing?

With a nursing degree from USF, you will be prepared to work in hospitals, clinics, home healthcare agencies, skilled nursing facilities, schools and other areas within the healthcare field. In addition, you may decide to pursue an advanced degree in the field of nursing, which will increase your salary and marketability:

JOB TITLE	MEDIAN NATIONAL WAGE	MEDIAN SD WAGE
Registered Nurse	\$77,600	\$60,550
Certified Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)	\$195,610	\$195,380
Nurse Midwife	\$112,830	NA
Nurse Practitioner and Family Neruse Practitioner	\$120,680	\$102,060
Nursing Teacher, Postsecondary	\$77,440	\$63,740

* Data published by U.S. and S.D. Departments of Labor at the Career One Stop: careeronestop.org

Four Year Sample Plan

Nursing (BSN)

YEAR ONE

Theory courses delivered online, simulation and clinical experiences on-site.

FALL		SPRING	
Course	s.h.	Course	s.h.
BIO314: Human Physiology	4	NUR323: Applied Pathophysiology	4
CHE121: Introduction to Chemistry	4	NUR200: Nursing Foundations for the LPN to BSN Student	4
Liberal Art Course:	7	Liberal Art Course:	6
Total	15	Total	14

SUMMER		FALL	
Course	s.h.	Course	s.h.
NUR327: Pharmacology for Nurses	4	NUR345: Medical-Surgical Nursing LPN to BSN	4
NUR305: Cultural, Spiritual and Ethical Dimensions of Holistic Care	3	Liberal Art Course:	9
Liberal Art Course:	9		
Total	14	Total	15

YEAR TWO

Theory courses delivered online, simulation and clinical experiences on-site.

SPRING		SUMMER	
Course	s.h.	Course	s.h.
NUR416: Pediatric Nursing LPN to BSN	2.5	NUR354: Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3
NUR415: Maternal Newborn Nursing LPN to BSN	2.5	NUR424: Public Health Nursing	4
NUR432: Mental Health Nursing	4	Liberal Art Course:	6
Liberal Art Course	6		
Total	15	Total	13

FALL	
Course	s.h.
NUR441: High-Acuity Nursing	5
NUR451: Management, LEadership and Professional Issues	4
NUR431: Nursing Capstone	3
Total	12

Learning Outcomes

The USF nursing major will enable you to achieve the following:

- Actualize the Christian values of love, compassion and servant leadership in nursing practice.
- Utilize evidence-based practice within an ethical framework to guide person-centered care, building on a foundation of the arts and sciences.
- Demonstrate clinical judgement by recognizing and analyzing assessment cues, performing appropriate actions and evaluating and reflecting on the outcomes of those actions.
- Integrate intentional communication and information technologies to enhance the healthcare experience and strengthen outcomes.
- Demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning in order to respond to complex systems of healthcare.
- Apply knowledge for nursing practice across multiple spheres of care, recognizing the impact that the social determinants of health have on populations.
- Promote health across the lifespan, appreciating diversity in all its forms.
- Model and appreciate the importance of self-reflection and the fostering of well-being while developing a capacity for both formal and informal leadership.

Admission Requirements

- School of Nursing application
- One essay question
- Three professional references
- Approved background check
- Minimum cumulative college GPA of 2.75
- Active unencumbered LPN license
- *By the time the first nursing course begins
- Personal interview (if requested)

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

CREDIT AWARDED FOR LPN COURSEWORK (30 S.H.)

PREREQUISITE SCIENCE COURSES (8-12 S.H.)

BIO314	Anatomy (if anatomy not taken as part of LPN coursework)
BIO315	Human Physiology
CHE121	Introduction to Chemistry

NURSING CORE COURSES (50 S.H.)

NUR200	Nursing Foundations for the LPN to BSN Student*
NUR305	Cultural, Spiritual and Ethical Dimensions of Holistic Care
NUR323	Applied Pathophysiology
NUR327	Pharmacology for Nurses
NUR345	Medical-Surgical Nursing LPN to BSN*
NUR354	Evidence-Based Nursing Practice
NUR424	Public Health Nursing*
NUR431	Nursing Capstone*
NUR432	Mental Health Nursing*
NUR441	High Acuity Nursing
NUR415	Maternal Newborn Nursing LPN to BSN
NUR416	Pediatric Nursing LPN to BSN*
NUR451	Management, Leadership and Professional Issues

NURSING SUPPORTIVE COURSES (6 S.H.)

PSY201	General Psychology
PSY211	Human Development
EXS220	Nutrition

LIBERAL ARTS COURSE REQUIREMENTS (36-40 S.H.)

**Course includes a lab or clinical*



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