



Nursing Department

**Policy #004**

**Graduation Requirements for the BSN Program**

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**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to provide information regarding the graduation requirements associated with the Heritage University BSN program.

**AUDIENCE**

This policy applies to all Heritage University Nursing Department (HUND) students.

**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

- A. Beginning with the 2025-2026 academic year Heritage University catalog, a total of 135 credits will be required for the BSN degree of which nursing courses represent 75 credit hours, or 138-139 credits when including the GUCR of "World Language."
- B. All courses that meet the requirements for the BSN degree must be completed with no less than an 80% (this is a B- with the Nursing Program Grading Scale).
  - a. A grade of "C+" may be accepted as a minimum grade for non-nursing courses prior to admission to the BSN Program. Please refer to Nursing Policy #001 Selection and Admission to the BSN Program and Nursing Policy #008 Progression for more information.
  - b. Please see Nursing Policy #008 Progression for consideration (by a convened APRG Committee meeting) of a "C+" grade for students currently admitted to the BSN program on a case-by-case basis.

Students submit their application for graduation no later than the beginning of Fall semester of the senior year (Undergraduate Graduate Application, [https://myheritage.heritage.edu/ICS/Students/Registrar/Registrar\\_Documents/](https://myheritage.heritage.edu/ICS/Students/Registrar/Registrar_Documents/)). Advisors, including case managers, and students utilize a degree audit advising tool each term when meeting with students so that they can track and ensure progress towards the BSN degree.

Students also need to meet General University Graduation Requirements for Baccalaureate Degrees, which can be found in the current HU Catalog (<http://catalog.heritage.edu/>).

Listed below are the requirements to obtain the BSN degree including the General University Course Requirements (GUCR) according to one possible 4-year study plan.

**Pre-Nursing Pathway (1-2 Years)**

Semester 1 (Fall)			Semester 2 (Spring)		
BIOL 111	General Biology I	3	BIOL 340	Human Anatomy	3
BIOL 111L	General Biology I Lab	1	BIOL 340L	Human Anatomy Lab	1
CHEM 101	Intro to Chemistry	3	CHEM 202	Organic and Biochemical Processes of the Human Body	4
CHEM 101L	Intro to Chemistry Lab	1	CHEM 202L	Organic and Biochemical Processes of the Human Body Lab	1
ENG 101	English Composition I	3	ENG 102	English Composition II	3
MATH 140	College Algebra	3	NURS 100	PreNursing Pathway	0
MATH 140L	College Algebra Lab	1	PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
NURS 114W	Personal Knowledge Development	2	UNIV 101	Foundations/Success I	3
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>		
<b>17</b>			<b>18</b>		

**Sophomore**

Semester 3 (Fall)			Semester 4 (Spring)		
BIOL 322	Microbiology	3	NURS 206W	Ethical Nursing Practice	2
BIOL 322L	Microbiology Lab	1	NURS 207	Relationship Based Nursing Practice	2
BIOL 341	Physiology	3	NURS 292L	Health and Physical Assessment Lab	3
BIOL 341L	Physiology Lab	1	NURS 300A	Pharmacology for Nursing	3
MATH 221	Introduction to Probability and Statistics	3	NURS 300AL	Pharmacology for Nursing Lab	1
MATH 221L	Introduction to Probability and Statistics Lab	1	NURS 310	Pathophysiology for Nursing	3
NURS 205*	Aesthetics of Nursing Practice	3			
NURS 208	Empirics of Nursing Practice	3			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>		
<b>18</b>			<b>14</b>		

**Junior**

Semester 5 (Fall)			Semester 6 (Spring)		
NURS 209L	Nursing Procedures Lab	2	HIS 102W	World Civilization	3
NURS 215	Nutrition for Nurses	2	NURS 312	Physiological Concepts in Clinical Reasoning 1	3
NURS 215L	Nutrition for Nurses Lab	1	NURS 312L	Physiological Concepts in Clinical Reasoning 1 Lab	2
NURS 216	Thinking Like a Nurse	3	NURS 314	Psychosocial Concepts in Clinical Reasoning	3
NURS 306	Family Nursing Inquiry	3	NURS 314L	Psychosocial Concepts in Clinical Reasoning Lab	2
NURS 306L	Family Nursing Practice Lab	1	PHIL 210	Logic and Critical Reasoning	3
PSY 325W	Human Growth and Development	3			
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>TOTAL</b>		
<b>15</b>			<b>16</b>		

**Junior-Senior Summer**

Semester 7 (Summer)					
NURS 316	Physiological Concepts in Clinical Reasoning 2	3			
NURS 316L	Physiological Concepts in Clinical Reasoning 2 Lab	2			
NURS 321L	Physiological Concepts in Clinical Reasoning 3 Lab	2			
SPAN 110	Spanish for Health Professionals (or other World Language 3-4 cr)	3			
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>		

**Senior**

Semester 8 (Fall)			Semester 9 (Spring)		
NURS 304**	Quality, Safety, and Informatics in Nursing Practice	3	ENG 324W	Writing in the Health Sciences	3
NURS 307	Policy, Power, and Politics of Nursing	3	NURS 318	Nursing Leadership and Management	3
NURS 317	Community Oriented Nursing Inquiry	4	NURS 417	Community-based Collaborative Action Research	2
NURS 317L	Community Oriented Nursing Practice Lab	2	NURS 418L	Professional Role Integration	4
NURS 323L	Physiological Concepts in Clinical Reasoning 4 Lab	3	PHIL 310W	Philosophy and Culture	3
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>		<b>TOTAL</b>
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**Total Credits: 135 (w/o World Language) – 138-139 (w/ World Language)**

**Nursing Credits: 75**

\*NURS 205 fulfills the General University Education Requirements for a Performing Arts course, and is cross-listed under DRMA

\*\*NURS 304 fulfills the General University Education Requirement for a Technology course.

**CITED AND RELATED POLICIES**

**Cited**

- Nursing Policy #001 Selection and Admission to the BSN Program
- Nursing Policy #008 Progression

**Related**

- Nursing Policy #018 Grading and Evaluation of Student Performance
- Nursing Policy #036 Evaluation and Grading of Student Clinical Competencies
- Nursing Policy #033 Student Rights and Responsibilities

**WAC**

Washington State Legislature. (2016). WAC 246-840-519. *Student requirements in all approved nursing education programs.* <https://app.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-840-519>

Washington State Legislature. (2016). WAC 246-840-531. *Clinical and practice experiences for students in approved nursing education programs*. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-531>

Washington State Legislature. (2016). WAC 246-840-537. *Curriculum for approved nursing education programs*. <https://app.leg.wa.gov/WAC/default.aspx?cite=246-840-537>

#### **REFERENCES**

Heritage University. (n.d.) *Catalog*. <http://catalog.heritage.edu/>

#### **FORMS**

Heritage University. (n.d.) *Undergraduate Graduate Application*. [https://myheritage.heritage.edu/ICS/Students/Registrar/Registrar\\_Documents/](https://myheritage.heritage.edu/ICS/Students/Registrar/Registrar_Documents/)

#### **POLICY REVIEWERS**

Proposed revisions of this policy should be reviewed by:

- 1) Admission, Progression, Retention and Graduation Committee [initiating committee]
- 2) Bylaws, Policies, and Handbooks Committee
- 3) Nursing Faculty Assembly
- 4) Heritage University Undergraduate Curriculum Committee

Nursing Director Signature:

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