

Simmons University 16-month Accelerated BSN Curriculum

YEAR ONE		
Fall: 16 credits	Spring: 11 credits	Summer: 12 credits
NURS 295 Fundamental Skills and Health Assessment (4)	NURS 346 Medical Surgical Nursing 2 (4)	NURS 333 Maternity Nursing (4)
NURS 331 Pharmacology (4)	NURS 335 Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing (4)	NURS 334 Pediatric Nursing (4)
NURS 332 Medical Surgical Nursing 1 (4)	SNHS 410 Research Methods (3)	NURS 387 Community Health (4)
NURS 404 Advanced Pathophysiology (4)		
YEAR TWO		
Fall: 9 credits	Spring	Summer
NURS 455 Clinical Decision Making and Complex Care (4)		
NURS 417 Leadership and Management (3)		
NURS 419 Clinical Capstone Practicum (2)		

Students with a prior Baccalaureate degree are exempt from the PLAN (general education) requirements.

If a student has already taken a research course at another institution, they may submit a request to the UG program chair for review of the course to fulfill this requirement instead of taking SNHS 410.

NURS 404 is also offered in the summer depending on the level of student interest. Students may wish to take this course in the summer before the start of the program to reduce their workload in the fall of year one.

International students who need 12 credits per semester for their student visa may take SNHS 101 Disability 101, for 1 credit in the spring of year one; and both SNHS 425 Caring for the Caregiver and SNHS 429 Holistic Healthcare for 3 credits in the fall of year 2.

Prerequisites for the Accelerated BSN

All prerequisites are required with a grade of C+ or higher before you can start the accelerated sequence. Final transcripts reflecting this are due on August 1st for a September start.

The prerequisites are:

1. General Biology (fulfilled by AP/IB credit, BIOL 113 or BIOL 123; waived if you have confirmed approval to transfer in A&P I and II as well as Microbiology)
2. Inorganic Chemistry (fulfilled by CHEM 110 or CHEM 111)
3. Organic Chemistry (fulfilled by CHEM 110 or CHEM 112)
4. Anatomy and Physiology I (fulfilled by BIO 231)
5. Psychology (fulfilled by AP/IB credit, or PSYC 101)
6. Microbiology (fulfilled by BIOL 123 or BIOL 221)
7. Anatomy and Physiology II (fulfilled by BIOL 232)
8. Lifespan Psychology (fulfilled by PSYC 235 or PSYC 237N)
9. Statistics (fulfilled by MATH 118)

Retake and Withdraw Policy

- Students who do not achieve the C+ on their first attempt at a prerequisite or nursing department course may retake that course only once.
- Students may not withdraw from more than one prerequisite or nursing department course (except for medical withdraws or other withdraws outside of the student's control).
- All prerequisite and nursing course retakes withdraws should be explained in the essay/ personal statement.
- Students exceeding one prerequisite retake or exceeding one prerequisite withdraw within the past 10 years are not eligible for the Simmons BSN program.
- Students who have been excluded from another nursing program or who have retaken or withdrawn from more than one nursing department course are not eligible for the Simmons BSN program.