

Simmons University 16-month Accelerated BSN Curriculum

YEAR ONE		
Fall	Spring	Summer
NUR 295 Fundamental Skills and Health Assessment (4) Lab: 56 hours	NUR 348 Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing (6) Clinical: 168	NUR 333 Maternity Nursing (4) Clinical: 84 hours
NUR 331 Pharmacology (4)	NUR 335 Psychiatric and Mental Health Nursing (4) Clinical: 84	NUR 334 Pediatric Nursing (4) Clinical: 84 hours
NUR 332 Medical Surgical Nursing 1 (4) Clinical: 84 hours	SNHS 410 (3) Research Methods	NURS 387 Community Health (4) Clinical: 84 hours
YEAR TWO		
Fall	Spring	Summer
NUR 455 Clinical Decision Making and Complex Care (4)		
NURS 417 Leadership and Management (3)		
NURS 419 Clinical Capstone Practicum (2) Clinical: 168 hours		

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

International students who need to take 12 credits per semester for their student visa will also take 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. Prerequisites must have been completed in the past ten years.

The prerequisites are:

1. Inorganic Chemistry (fulfilled by CHEM 110 or CHEM 111) **OR** Organic Chemistry (fulfilled by CHEM 110 or CHEM 112)
2. Anatomy and Physiology I (fulfilled by BIO 231)
3. Psychology (fulfilled by AP/IB credit, or PSYC 101)
4. Microbiology (fulfilled by BIOL 123 or BIOL 221)
5. Anatomy and Physiology II (fulfilled by BIOL 232)
6. Lifespan Psychology (fulfilled by PSYC 235 or PSYC 237N)
7. 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- Students who have been excluded from another nursing program or who have retaken or withdrawn from more than one nursing department course are not eligible for the Simmons BSN program.

Curriculum Policy

- Prerequisite courses must be taken at a regionally-accredited institution and may be completed online or in person.
- If you have taken a Child and Adolescent Development course you may also need to take Human Growth & Development. Your Development coursework must cover the entire lifecycle from birth to death; however, courses may be combined (for example, one semester of Child and Adolescent Development and one semester of Adult and Elder Development) to fulfill the prerequisite.
- With the exception of the two Psychology courses and Statistics, all prerequisites must include a lab.

Admission Policy

- You may apply prior to completing your prerequisites.
- You may apply to take your prerequisites in the spring, summer, and fall terms. Simmons prerequisite courses are offered throughout the year, but the selection of courses offered may differ by semester. Therefore, it is important to check the Simmons course schedule. Generally, the schedule is posted ten weeks prior to the start of the new semester. Note that the summer schedule includes courses for the two summer sessions.