



This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding “critical courses” for this particular Program of Study.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade ¹	Major GPA ²	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (17 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 101 Critical Reading and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW		
!	CHEM 102 Fundamental Chemistry II	4	C		PR	1 yr. high-school chemistry, <i>or</i> CHEM 101 <i>or</i> 111	
!	BIOL 243 & Lab – Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4	C		CC-SCI		
!	PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology <i>or</i> SOCY 101 Introductory Sociology	3	C		CC-GSS		
	UNIV 101 The Student in the University (<i>or other elective</i>) <i>or</i> MATH 111/111i (<i>if required per placement test</i>)	3	C		PR		
Semester Two (16 Credit Hours)							
!	ENGL 102 Rhetoric and Composition	3	C		CC-CMW CC-INF		
!	STAT 110 Introduction to Statistical Reasoning	3	C		CC-ARP		
!	BIOL 244 & Lab – Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	C		CC-SCI	BIOL 243 & Lab	
!	PSYC 420 Survey of Developmental Psychology <i>or</i> SOCY 305 Sociology of Families (<i>cross-listed WG.ST 305</i>)	3	C		CR	PSYC 101 (<i>PSYC 420 only</i>); SOCY 101 (<i>SOCY 305 only</i>)	
	Carolina Core CMS Requirement	3	C		CC-CMS		
Semester Three (16-17 Credit Hours)							
!	BIOL 250 & Lab – Microbiology	4	C		CR	College-level biology & chemistry	
!	NURS 212 Evolution of Nursing Science	3	C		MR		
!	NURS 216 Biophysical Pathology	3	C		MR	CHEM 102 & BIOL 243, 243L, 244, 244L	
	STAT 201 Elementary Statistics <i>or</i> MATH 122 Calculus for Bus. Admin. & Soc. Sciences ³	3	C		CC-ARP	MATH 111/111i; <i>or</i> STAT 110 (<i>STAT 201 only</i>); <i>or</i> math placement exam	
	Foreign language ⁴ <i>or</i> other Carolina Core Requirement ⁵	3-4	C		CC-GFL		
Application for Nursing Upper Division must be submitted by the November deadline.							
Semester Four (12-15 Credit Hours)							
	NURS 220 Clinical Nutrition	3	C		MR	NURS 216	
	Foreign language ⁴ <i>or</i> other Carolina Core Requirement ⁵	3	C		CC-GFL		
	Carolina Core GHS Requirement ⁵ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁶	3	C		CC/PR		
	Carolina Core AIU Requirement ⁵ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁶	3	C		CC/PR		
	Carolina Core VSR Requirement ⁵ <i>or</i> Approved Elective ⁶ (<i>only if needed to meet CC requirements or hours to graduate</i>)	0-3	C		CC/PR		
Semester Five (16 Credit Hours)							
	NURS 311 Introduction to Health Assessment	3	C		MR	Coreqs: NURS 312 & 314	
	NURS 312 Foundations of Nursing Practice	5	C		MR	Coreqs: NURS 311 & 314	
	NURS 313 Nursing Care of the Older Adult	3	C		MR	NURS 311 & 312	
	NURS 314 Clinical Reasoning in Nursing Practice	2	C		MR	Coreqs: NURS 311 & 312	
	NURS 324 Chemical Therapeutics	3	C		MR	CHEM 102 & NURS 216; Coreqs: NURS 311, 312, 313, & 314	
Semester Six (16 Credit Hours)							
	NURS 400 Evidence Based Practice	3	C		MR CC-INT	STAT 110 & NURS 314	
	NURS 412 Acute Care Nursing of Adults I	5	C		MR	NURS 311, 312, 314, & 324	
	NURS 424 Maternal/Newborn Nursing	4	C		MR	NURS 311, 312, 314, & 324; Coreqs: NURS 412 & 425	
	NURS 425 Nursing of Children & Families	4	C		MR	NURS 311, 312, 314, & 324; Coreq: NURS 424; Coreq/Prereq: NURS 412	
Semester Seven (14 Credit Hours)							
	NURS 411 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	5	C		MR	NURS 311, 312, 314, & 324; Coreq: NURS 412	
	NURS 422 Acute Care Nursing of Adults II	5	C		MR	NURS 324 & 412	
	NURS 431 Family & Community Health Nursing	4	C		MR		
Semester Eight (12 Credit Hours)							
	NURS 428 Nursing Leadership & Management	4	C		MR	Coreq: NURS 435	
	NURS 435 Senior Nursing Capstone Practicum	8	C		MR	Successful completion of all clinical courses	

Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum LIFE & Institutional GPA
120	67	15-21	32-38	3.0

1. Regardless of individual course grades, students must maintain a minimum 3.000 cumulative LIFE and Institutional GPA.
2. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
3. Students who do not place into the required ARP courses must complete the necessary prerequisites before continuing with the required Carolina Core ARP courses.
4. Students in the College of Nursing are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language by a score of 2 or higher on the foreign language placement test, or credit equivalent to USC 109 and 110 courses, or credit equivalent to the USC 121 course.
5. The [Carolina Core](#) provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students.
6. No elective courses of a remedial and developmental nature may apply as credit toward the 120 hours minimum.

Program Notes:

- Students must have a “C” or better grade in all critical courses and a cumulative 3.000 or higher progression, institutional, and LIFE GPA in order to be eligible to apply to Upper Division. Grade forgiveness will not be recognized in the GPA calculation.
- Admission into the baccalaureate degree in nursing major does not guarantee admission to the upper division. Admission to the upper division is a competitive process and the meeting of minimum admission criteria (GPA 3.0) does not guarantee admission to the upper division. Students who are not accepted to the upper division should talk with their advisor regarding the feasibility of reapplication. If the student chooses to reapply to upper division, the student must submit a new application for the next admission date and must compete with the new applicant group.
- The last 30 credit hours toward your degree must be earned in residence at the University of South Carolina-Columbia.

University Requirements: Bachelor’s degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the [Carolina Core](#) page on the University website.

Codes:	
CC	Carolina Core
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences
CC-INF	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-INT	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-SCI	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-VSR	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CR	College Requirement
MR	Major Requirement
PR	Program Requirement

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.