SCHOOL OF NURSING

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Undergraduate  
Mission Statement  
UNCG School of Nursing is a learner-centered community preparing nurse generalists, advanced practice nurses, educators, and researchers to make a difference in the lives of individuals, families, populations, and communities.

The School of Nursing offers an undergraduate program leading to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The first two years of study are in general education, basic sciences, humanities, and basic nursing. The majority of work in the junior and senior years is in nursing.

The School of Nursing offers a Master of Science in Nursing degree to prepare persons for a leadership role in nursing education and administration. The School, along with the Bryan School of Business and Economics, offers the M.S.N./M.B.A. The School of Nursing offers the Doctor of Nursing Practice to prepare advanced practice nurses and executive nurse leaders. The School of Nursing offers the Ph.D. in Nursing to prepare nurses as scientists in academia and industry.

Accreditation  
The pre-licensure program offered by the School of Nursing is approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

The B.S.N. program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)  
One Dupont Circle NW  
Suite 530  
Washington, DC 20036-1120  
www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation (http://www.aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation)

Philosophy  
The philosophy of the faculty at the School of Nursing is a statement of the beliefs and values they hold about the discipline and profession of nursing, as well as nursing education. The conceptual framework and the goals of the undergraduate and graduate programs are built upon this philosophy. Nursing is both a practice discipline and a profession. Comprising the discipline is a unique body of knowledge that is integral to nursing practice, nursing education, and nursing administration. The body of knowledge is continuously developed and refined as an outcome of scientific, historical, philosophical, and ethical inquiry. Nursing knowledge is generated about health experiences and behaviors of persons across the life span. Testing and validation of interventions used in nursing practice generates evidence to support best practices. The metaparadigm concepts of person, environment, health, and nursing form the foundation upon which inquiry and the profession are based.

Nurses use knowledge developed by the discipline to promote optimal health in people and to achieve professional goals. Nursing is an essential component of the health care delivery system and includes the promotion of wellness, the detection of alterations in health, and the provision of care for those with illness, disease, or dysfunctions. Professional nursing is characterized by inquiry, caring, and practice. Nurses are professionally, ethically, and legally accountable for the care they provide, and their practice includes independent and collaborative functions.

Nursing education is built upon a foundation of a broad general education and professional nursing curriculum that provides opportunities for learners to attain knowledge and competencies required to practice nursing. Mature learners identify their own learning needs and assume responsibility for continued learning. Effective teachers establish an inviting learner-centered environment that promotes collaboration among themselves and their learners for achievement of educational goals. Baccalaureate education prepares nurses to practice as generalists, while specialty education at the master’s level prepares advanced practice registered nurses, administrators, and educators. At the doctoral level, nurses are prepared as scientists to practice in academia and industry and as advanced practice registered nurses for delivery of healthcare.

Please see complete details on School of Nursing admission, policies, requirements, programs, and courses.

Graduate  
Mission Statement

About  
The School of Nursing offers the Master of Science in Nursing degree program which is designed to prepare persons for leadership roles in nursing education and administration. The School of Nursing also offers two Doctoral degrees—the Doctor of Nursing Practice and the Doctor of Philosophy. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program is designed to prepare advanced practice clinicians and executive nurse leaders. The Doctor of Philosophy program prepares nurse scientists for roles in academia and industry. Admission by The Graduate School does not guarantee admission to a specific concentration.

Accreditation(s)  
The School of Nursing master's and DNP programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education  
One Dupont Circle, NW  
Suite 530  
Washington, DC 20036-1120  
(202) 887-6791

The School of Nursing affiliates with the Raleigh School of Nurse Anesthesia to offer the anesthesia concentration. This affiliated school is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs.

Council on Accreditation of Nurse Anesthesia Educational Programs  
222 South Prospect Avenue  
Suite 304  
Park Ridge, IL 60068-4010
Graduate Programs

- Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Nursing, Nursing Administration, or Nursing Education (12-15)
- Master of Science in Nursing, MSN with Nursing Administration concentration (37) or Nursing Education concentration (38)
- Master of Science in Nursing/Master of Business Administration, MSN/MBA in Health Management (62)
- Doctor of Nursing Practice, DNP with Adult/Gerontological Primary Care Nurse Practitioner concentration, Post-Baccalaureate (73); Nurse Anesthesia concentration, Post-Baccalaureate (107); or Post-Master (30)
- Doctor of Philosophy, PhD in Nursing (57)

Enrollment Requirements for All Graduate Nursing Students

- Evidence of current liability insurance coverage appropriate to concentration or program.
- A three hour chemistry course for anesthesia concentration.
- Competency in basic health assessment prior to NUR 651 Advanced Application of Nursing Concepts in Client Care (in clinical focus area), NUR 713 Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning, NUR 771 Clinical Practicum in Nurse Anesthesia I, and NUR 713L Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Skills Lab.
- Completion of statistics course prior to enrollment in NUR 705 Utilization of Research and Evidence Based Practice.
- An approved criminal background check prior to enrollment in clinical courses, including NUR 614 Information Technology in Nursing Administration, NUR 651 Advanced Application of Nursing Concepts in Client Care (in clinical focus area), NUR 713 Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning, NUR 771 Clinical Practicum in Nurse Anesthesia I, NUR 713L Advanced Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning Skills Lab, NUR 742 Nurse Scientists in Academia and Industry II, and NUR 790 Directed Research.
- Satisfactory completion of Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) for anesthesia students. All other concentrations require Basic Life Support (BLS) prior to enrollment in clinical practica.
- Evidence of all immunizations identified on Parts A and B of the UNCG Health History and Immunization Form, excluding the meningococcal vaccine.
- Other requirements, for example, influenza vaccine and drug screens, may be necessary to meet contractual agreements with affiliating clinical agencies.

Prior to enrollment in directed research, clinical courses, internships, or project/thesis/dissertation coursework, students must provide evidence of current unrestricted North Carolina licensure as a registered nurse or unrestricted RN licensure in a state covered by the multi-state Nurse Licensure Compact. Students who are residents of North Carolina must hold unrestricted North Carolina licensure as a registered nurse.

Students should provide evidence of nursing licensure and BLS to the School of Nursing Office of Student Affairs and evidence of health history and immunizations to the UNCG Student Health Services. Copies of all records should be retained by the student to submit to the School of Nursing credentialing system prior to enrollment in clinical courses.

Students are responsible for all costs associated with their own health care. Students are required to have health insurance through a private source or through the option offered by the University.

Physical and/or Emotional Problems That Do Not Respond to Treatment

Students can be dismissed from the School of Nursing for physical and/or emotional problems that do not respond to appropriate treatment and/or counseling within a reasonable period of time.

Investigation and Evaluation

When faculty members identify a student who presents physical and/or emotional problems that do not respond to appropriate treatment and/or counseling, they immediately suspend the student from the course. Faculty notify the Course Chair and/or Program Director within the School of Nursing. Upon determination by the faculty, Course Chair and Program Director, that the physical and/or emotional problems warrant dismissal from the School of Nursing, the Dean will be notified.

The Dean, in consultation with the faculty, and upon review of the documentation, will make a decision regarding recommending dismissal of the student from the School of Nursing.

The Dean of Nursing will send to the Vice Provost for Graduate Education, written notification of the recommendation. If the Dean of Nursing recommends dismissal from the School of Nursing, the Vice Provost of the Graduate School will notify the student. Should the student wish to appeal the decision, the student will submit a written request to the School of Nursing Appeals Committee. The Dean of Nursing will provide to the committee the accumulated correspondence or documentation related to the issue.

A request for an appeal should occur within seven working days of written notification of the decision from the Vice Provost for Graduate Education.

Hearing Process

The chairman of the School of Nursing Appeals Committee will thereafter notify the student, the faculty member, Course Chair and Program Director as to the time and place for a hearing to determine whether the physical and/or emotional problems warrant dismissal.

The Committee will hold a closed hearing within ten days at which time the faculty member, Course Chair and Program Director will be present and will provide documentation and other oral or written evidence regarding the incident. The student will be present and will be given an opportunity to provide documentation and other oral or written evidence regarding the problem. The student will be allowed an advocate/support person at the hearing; however, the support cannot speak and cannot be an attorney.

Following the factual presentation, the Committee will convene in executive session to determine whether the problem warrants dismissal from the School.

The Committee shall make its recommendation in writing to the Dean of Nursing and forward pertinent documentation. The Committee may recommend dismissal from the School of Nursing major, or reinstatement in the program.

Post Hearing Process

The Dean of Nursing may accept, reject, or modify the Committee's recommendation. The Dean's decision will be made after review of the minutes of the hearing and report to the Committee. If the Dean
of Nursing accepts the Committee's recommendation to dismiss the student from the School of Nursing, the recommendation will be forwarded to the Vice Provost for Graduate Education who will notify the student. The Dean of Nursing will notify the faculty member(s) as to the determination.

A student who has been dismissed may reapply for admission to the School of Nursing.

Policy on Unsafe Practice
The nursing faculty of the School of Nursing have an academic, legal, and ethical responsibility to prepare graduates who are competent as well as to protect the public and health care community from unsafe nursing practice. It is within this context that students can be disciplined or dismissed from the School of Nursing for practice or behavior which threatens or has the potential to threaten the safety of a client, a family member or substitute familial person, another student, a faculty member, or other health care provider.

Student Awareness
All students are expected to be familiar with the principles of safe practice and are expected to perform in accordance with these requirements. Within courses, counseling and advising processes, and other instructional forums, students will be provided with the opportunity to discuss the policy and its implications.

Definition
An unsafe practice is defined as:
An act or behavior of the type which violates the North Carolina Nursing Practice Act, Article 9 of Chapter 90 of the North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS 90-171.37; 90-171.44).
An act or behavior of the type which violates the Code of Ethics for Nurses of the American Nurses Association.
An act or behavior which threatens or has the potential to threaten the physical, emotional, mental or environmental safety of the client, a family member or substitute familial person, another student, a faculty member or other health care provider.
An act or behavior (commission or omission) which constitutes nursing practice for which a student is not authorized or educated at the time of the incident.

Investigation and Evaluation of an Unsafe Practice
When an incident occurs which a faculty member believes may constitute an unsafe practice, he/she shall immediately notify the student and instruct the student to leave the clinical setting. The faculty member will notify the Course Chair and/or Program Director within the School of Nursing.

The Course Chair and/or Program Director will investigate the incident within three working days to determine whether there are grounds for believing that an unsafe practice has occurred. If the incident is minor, the faculty member, in consultation with the person named above, may require remedial work or instruction for the student. If the incident is major, or serial in nature, the Course Chair or Program Director will notify the Dean.

The Dean, in consultation with the involved faculty members, will review the student's clinical performance evaluation(s), academic record and potential for successful completion of the major in nursing. Based upon this careful and deliberate review, a decision to reprimand the student, require withdrawal from the clinical course, or to recommend dismissal of the student from the School of Nursing will be made. The Dean of Nursing will send written notification of the decision to reprimand or to require withdrawal from the clinical course to the student. If the Dean of Nursing recommends dismissal from the School of Nursing, the recommendation will be forwarded to the Vice Provost for Graduate Education for approval and notification of the student.

Should the student wish to appeal the decision, the student will submit a written request to the School of Nursing Appeals Committee. The Dean of Nursing will provide to the Committee the accumulated correspondence documentation related to the issue.

A request for an appeal should occur within seven working days of written notification of the decision from the Dean of Nursing or the Vice Provost for Graduate Education.

Hearing Process
The Chair of the School of Nursing Appeals Committee will thereafter notify the student, the faculty member, Course Chair and Program Director as to the time and place for a hearing to determine whether an unsafe act or behavior occurred and, if so, what resolution to recommend.

The Committee will hold a closed hearing within ten days at which time the faculty member, Course and Program Director will be present and will provide documentation and other oral or written evidence regarding the incident. The student will be allowed an advocate/support person at the hearing; however, the support person cannot speak at the hearing and cannot be an attorney.

Following the factual presentation, the Committee will convene in executive session to determine whether an unsafe practice occurred and to recommend a resolution to the incident. The Committee will base its recommendation on the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Committee shall make its recommendation in writing to the Dean and forward pertinent documentation. The Committee may recommend the following remedies: no finding of an act of unsafe practice; a reprimand to the student; or dismissal from the School of Nursing major.

Post Hearing Process
The Dean of Nursing may accept, reject, or modify the Committee's recommendation. The Dean’s decision will be made after review of the minutes of the hearing and report to the Committee. If the Dean of Nursing accepts the Committee’s recommendation to dismiss the student from the School of Nursing, the recommendation will be forwarded to the Vice Provost for Graduate Education for approval and notification of the student. The Dean of Nursing will notify the faculty member(s) as to the determination.

A student who has been dismissed may reapply for admission to the School of Nursing.

Appeal of Policies
If a student wishes to appeal a policy in the School of Nursing, the student should complete a "Student Appeal Request." The Student Appeals Committee hears student appeals. Students may obtain the request form and discuss the appeals process with the Chair of the Committee, the Associate Dean for Academic Programs, the Director of the DNP Program or the Director of the PhD Program.

Readmission After Withdrawal
Any student who is withdrawn or withdraws from the program must apply for readmission through normal admission procedures.
Undergraduate Honors

For information on Latin Honors (e.g., cum laude), see the topic Graduation with Latin Honors under Steps to Graduation in the Academic Regulations and Policies section of this Bulletin. Lloyd International Honors College offers Nursing students three possible Honors programs: General-Education Honors (freshmen and sophomores), Disciplinary Honors in Nursing (juniors and seniors), and Full University Honors in Nursing. For information about these options, see the topic Honors Programs in the Departments, Programs, and Courses section of this Bulletin.

Program Requirements

GPA
UNCG GPA of 3.30 of higher at graduation

Honors Work
At least 12 s.h. of Honors course work with grades of at least B (3.0) as detailed below.

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Recognition

Students who complete Disciplinary Honors receive a Certificate of Disciplinary Honors in Nursing and have that honor, along with the title of their Senior Honors Project, noted on their official transcripts. Students who complete both General-Education Honors and Disciplinary Honors are distinguished for special recognition and receive a Certificate of Full University Honors in Nursing.
Honors Advisor
For further information, contact the School of Nursing Undergraduate Program Director.