**Program Policies**
- Students may receive up to 60 academic transfer credits from their associate degree program.
- After completing all Non-Nursing Requirements and 12 of the 18 Required Nursing Courses, students having a GPA of 2.75 or greater may apply to the graduate nursing program – acceptance into the graduate nursing program is required to take graduate courses.
- If accepted, and after completion of the remaining 6 Required Nursing Courses, students take the 12 credits of graduate core courses (rather than 12 credits of SU nursing and non-nursing electives).
- Upon completion of their graduate program, students are awarded 30 additional credits based on their active unencumbered Maryland or compact license and receive an M.S.N.
- **Graduate Nursing Program Grading Policy:** A grade of B is required in courses for the program not listed here. The program allows one C/C+ if it is earned from these courses: NURS 515, 525, 526, 542, 544, 560, 561, 570, 571, 575, 576, 580 and 755. Only one course may be repeated during the program to earn a higher grade. The exception are the following courses, which result in dismissal from the graduate program without possibility of repeating if a grade of C/C+ or lower is earned: NURS 590, 592, 593, 594 and 595.
- Students whose GPA falls below a 3.0 in any semester will be placed on academic probation according to University policy.
- Students must maintain a valid license as a registered nurse in the State of Maryland or a compact state. If a clinical site is in a non-compact state, additional R.N. licensure for that state is necessary.
- Students must maintain current clinical and health requirements.
- Students can transfer no more than one-third of the total number of program credits. All transferred credits must have a grade of B or better.

**Non-Nursing Requirements**

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<th>Group I: English Composition and Literature (2 courses)</th>
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<td>A. C or better in ENGL 103</td>
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<td>B. Literature course (from either ENGL or MDFL Depts.)</td>
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<th>Group II: History (2 courses)</th>
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<td>A. HIST101, 102, or 103</td>
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<td>B. HIST101, 102, 103 or a HIST course above 103</td>
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<th>Group III: Humanities and Social Sciences (3 courses)</th>
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<td>A. Select one course from one of the following seven areas:</td>
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<td>ART, COMM, DANC or THEA, MDFL, MUSC, PHIL</td>
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<td>B. Select one course from one of the following eight areas:</td>
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<td>ANTH, CADR, ECON or FINA, ENVR, Human GEOG, POSC, PSYC, SOC</td>
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<td>C. Select one course from either Group IIIA or IIIB (course must be from a different area than previously selected)</td>
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<th>Group IV: Natural Science, Math and Computer Science (4 courses)</th>
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<td>A. CHEM or PHYS (with lab):</td>
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<td>B. BIOL334 - Pathophysiology (Grade of C or better)</td>
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<td>C. MATH155 - Statistics</td>
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<th>Group V: Health Fitness (1 course)</th>
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<td>FTWL106 - Lifelong Fitness and Wellness</td>
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**Program Requirements**

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**Required Nursing Courses (18 credits)**

- RN license is required for enrollment in all nursing theory/clinical course pairs (NURS 430/431, 440/441, 442/443) and may include NURS 490.

**Complete the following courses:**

- NURS319 - Health Assessment 3
- NURS329 - Research Methods 3
- NURS430 - Community Health Nursing 3
  (Corequisite: NURS 431)
- NURS431 - Community Health Nursing Practicum 3
  (Corequisite: NURS 430)

**Complete one of the following 2 series of courses (circle courses taken):**

- NURS440 - Senior Seminar 3
  (Corequisite: NURS 441)
- NURS441 - Internship 3
  (Corequisite: NURS 440)

**OR**

- NURS442 - Nursing Leadership and Management (fall) 2
- NURS443 - Nursing Leadership Practicum (fall) 2
- NURS490 - Independent Study (fall and spring) 2

**Core Courses (12 credits)**

**Complete the following 4 core courses (12 credits):**

- NURS515 - Epidemiology 3
- NURS542 - Qualitative Research in Health Care 3
- NURS544 - Quantitative Research in Health Care 3
  (Corequisite/Preequisite: MATH 502)
- MATH502 - Applied Statistics 3

(Track & Thesis/Capstone/Internship information on back)
Complete 1 the following tracks:

**Health Care Leadership Track**

Complete the following 7 track courses (21 credits):

- NURS525 - Health Care Systems 3
- NURS526 - Health Care Informatics 3
- NURS561 - Health Care Management Seminar 3 (Corequisite: NURS 562)
- NURS562 - Health Care Management Practicum 3 (Corequisite: NURS 561)
- NURS571 - Health Care Leadership Seminar 3 (Corequisite: NURS 572)
- NURS572 - Health Care Leadership Practicum 3 (Corequisite: NURS 571)
- XXX XXX - Graduate-level Elective 3

**OR**

**Nurse Educator Track**

Complete the following 8 track courses (24 credits):

- NURS510 - Advanced Health Assessment: Didactic 3
- NURS522 - Advanced Pharmacotherapeutics 3
- NURS552/BIOL552 - Advanced Human Physiology/Pathophysiology 3
- NURS570 - Theory and Role Development 3
- NURS575 - Curriculum Development and Program Evaluation 3
- NURS576 - Instructional Strategies and Technologies 3
- NURS577 - Advanced Nursing Practicum 3
- NURS578 - Nurse Educator Practicum 3

**THESIS/CAPSTONE/INTERNSHIP**

Registration for these courses (NURS 590, 592, 593, 594, 595) requires a “permission code” after selection of a committee chair.

- **Nursing 590 Thesis** - variable credit - may register for 1-3 credits for a total of 3 credits.
  - Students must be registered for at least 1 credit in NURS 590 in the semester that they defend the thesis.
- **NURS 592 Internship** - 3 credits - Students must be registered for NURS 592 in the semester that they present at the graduate scholarship event.
- **Capstone Project** - 1 credit each course for a total of 3 credits. Students must be registered for NURS 595 in the semester that they present at the graduate scholarship event.

Complete 1 of the following 3 options (3 credits - circle course[s] taken):

- NURS590 - Thesis 3
- OR
- NURS592 - Internship 3
- OR
- NURS593 - Capstone I: Proposal 1
  - NURS594 - Capstone II: Implementation 1
  - NURS595 - Capstone III: Dissemination 1