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 one of 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

Group I: English Composition and Literature (2 courses)
A. C or better in ENGL 103 4
B. Literature course (from either ENGL or MDFL Depts.) 4

Group II: History (2 courses)
A. HIST101, 102, or 103 4
B. HIST101, 102, 103 or a HIST course above 103 4

Group III: Humanities and Social Sciences (3 courses)
A. Select one course from one of the following seven areas:
   ART, CMAT, DANC or THEA, MDFL, MUSC, PHIL
   _______________________________ 3/4
B. Select one course from one of the following eight areas:
   ANTH, CADR, ECON or FINA, ENVR, Human GEOG, POSC, PSYC, SOC
   _______________________________ 3/4
C. Select one course from either Group IIIA or IIIB (course must be from a different area than previously selected)
   _______________________________ 3/4

Group IV: Natural Science, Math and Computer Science (4 courses)
A. CHEM or PHYS (with lab): 4
B. BIOL334 - Pathophysiology (Grade of C or better) 3
C. MATH155 - Statistics 3

Group V: Health Fitness (1 course)
FTWL106 - Lifelong Fitness and Wellness 3

PROBLEM REQUIREMENTS

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 the following 2 series of courses (circle courses taken):
NURS440 - Senior Seminar 3
   (Corequisite: NURS 441)
NURS441 - Internship 3
   (Corequisite: NURS 440)

OR
NURS 442 - Nursing Leadership and Management (fall) 2
NURS 443 - Nursing Leadership Practicum (fall) 2
NURS 490 - 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/Prerequisite: MATH 502)
MATH502 - Applied Statistics 3

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Matriculated students and advisors should consult the Academic Requirements Report in GullNet before and after registering for classes each semester to track academic progress.
TRACK COURSES

Complete 1 the following tracks:

Healthcare Leadership Track

Complete the following 7 track courses (21 credits):

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Nurse Educator Track

Complete the following 8 track courses (24 credits):

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THESIS/CAPSTONE/INTERNSHIP

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

• NURS 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):

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