



Dordt University 2025-2026 Concepts-Based Nursing Curriculum

Semester-by Semester Plan

Core Program Courses: Yellow Supporting Courses: Green Nursing Courses: Orange

Concepts: Learning and Adaptation (Year 1)						
Freshman	Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	MATH 115^	Algebra for College*	3.0	CORE 120^	English Composition	3.0
	CORE 100	Kingdom, Identity, and Calling	1.5	CORE 145^	Western Culture in Global Context	3.0
	CORE 140^	Roots of Western Culture/Worldviews	3.0	CORE 150^	Biblical Foundations	3.0
	BIO 203	Human Biology I (Includes Lab)	4.0	BIO 204	Human Biology II (Includes Lab)	4.0
	PSYC 204^	Lifespan Development	3.0	SOC 201^	Sociology and Social Justice	3.0
	NURS 180	Introduction to Nursing Practice	1.0	NURS 190	Understanding Nursing Education	1.0
	Total Credits		15.5	Total Credits		17.0
Concepts: Wellness and Health Promotion (Year 2)						
Sophomore	Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	CORE 110^	Communication Foundations	3.0	BIO 302	Microbiology (Includes Lab)	4.0
	CORE 135^	Lifetime Activities (Activity Component)	0.5	PSYC 224^	Psychopathology	3.0
	CHEM 102	General, Organic and Biochemistry	3.0	NURS 202	Health Promotion in Community (Includes Lab)	4.0
	BIO 210^	Nutrition	3.0	NURS 212	Health Promotion in Community (Clinical) T Th	3.0
	NURS 201	Wellness in Self and Others (Includes Lab) (CORE 130)	3.0	NURS 208	Pharmacology in Nursing Practice I	2.0
	NURS 207	Professionalism in Nursing Practice	2.0	NURS 217	Standards of Nursing Practice	2.0
	Total Credits		14.5	Total Credits		18.0
Concepts: Chronic and Predictable (Year 3)						
Junior	Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	CORE 135^	Lifetime Activities (Activity Component)	0.5	CORE 200^	Introduction to Christian Philosophy	3.0
	CORE 16X^	Introduction to the Arts	3.0	STAT 131^	Introductory Statistics	3.0
	NURS 203	Chronic Illness Dynamics (Includes Lab)	4.0	NURS 204	Dimensions of Predictable Health Conditions (Includes Lab)	4.0
	NURS 213	Chronic Illness Dynamics (Clinical) T Th	4.0	NURS 214	Dimensions of Predictable Health Conditions (Clinical) MWF	4.0
	NURS 218	Pharmacology in Nursing Practice II	2.0	NURS 228	Pharmacology in Nursing Practice III	2.0
	NURS 310	Faith and Cultural Aspects in Health Care (CORE 275)	3.0	NURS 237	Healthcare Systems and Nursing Practice	1.0
	Total Credits		16.5	Total Credits		17.0
Concepts: Acute and Complex (Year 4)						
Senior	Fall Semester			Spring Semester		
	CORE 135^	Lifetime Activities (Activity Component)	0.5	CORE 35X^	Calling, Task, and Culture	3.0
	CORE 180^	Responding to Literature	3.0	NURS 302	Integration and Readiness	2.0
	NURS 301	Care of Acute and Complex Patients (Includes Lab)	4.0	NURS 312	Nursing Preceptorship	4.0
	NURS 311	Care of Acute and Complex Patients (Clinical) MWF	4.0	NURS 317	Leadership in Nursing Practice	2.0
	NURS 325	Health Assessment (Includes Lab)	3.0	NURS 390	Professional Practice Development in Society (CORE 317)	3.0
	Total Credits		14.5	Total Credits		14.0

Pre-Requisite: Certified Nursing Assistant

Applicable fees beyond tuition will be applied as needed for NCLEX Prepreparation Materials/Courses

Required Academic Competencies: Math ACT >21 (or MATH 100 (4.0)/115 (3.0) required*); Foreign Language: 2 years

[^] denotes courses that can be taken in different semesters than planned

Optional Biomedical Science Minor: Add *BIO 357 Medical Terminology* (1.0 credit) to the above curriculum.

Refer to an additional curriculum grid if interested in adding a Spanish Minor

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