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Introduction

The Department of Nursing Student Handbook is a guide of the policies and procedures for progression through the nursing program. Updates to the handbook will be provided to students electronically, should they occur. This handbook is to be used in conjunction with the [Miami University Student Guidebook](#) and the [Miami University Policy Library](#). In addition to the Miami University Department of Nursing Student Handbook, Undergraduate Student Policies shall be enforced. Miami University Publications and Policies are available at <http://miamioh.edu/about-miami/pubs-policies/>.

We welcome you to the nursing program and wish you much success in your educational endeavor.

Mission Statement

Empowering tomorrow's nurse leaders to become exceptional, caring professionals.

Vision Statement

As a program of choice, Miami University's Department of Nursing will provide a student-centered, vibrant, diverse, and inclusive learning environment driven by our department values.

Values

Leadership
Integrity
Excellence
Caring
Collaboration

University Statement Asserting Respect for Human Diversity (Approved by the Board of Trustees, June 25, 2004)

Miami University is a community dedicated to intellectual engagement. Our campuses consist of students, faculty, and staff from a variety of backgrounds and cultures. By living, working, studying, and teaching, we bring our unique viewpoints and life experiences together for the benefit of all. This inclusive learning environment, based upon an atmosphere of mutual respect and positive engagement, invites all campus citizens to explore how they think about knowledge, about themselves, and about how they see themselves in relation to others. Our intellectual and social development and daily educational interactions, whether co-curricular or classroom related, are greatly enriched by our acceptance of one another as members of the Miami University community. Through valuing our own diversity and the diversity of others, we seek to learn from one another, foster a sense of shared experience, and commit to making the University an intellectual home for us all.

We recognize that we must uphold and abide by university policies and procedures protecting individual rights and guiding democratic engagement. Any actions disregarding these policies and procedures, particularly those resulting in discrimination, harassment, or bigoted acts, will be challenged swiftly and collectively.

All who work, live, study, and teach in the Miami community must be committed to these principles of mutual respect and positive engagement that are an integral part of Miami's focus, goals, and mission.

Philosophy

The Department of Nursing supports the University mission to serve society and further knowledge by providing high quality nursing education. As a department, faculty are committed to providing and promoting opportunities for students to continue their formal education. The nursing faculty's commitment to nursing education is based upon beliefs about humanity, the environment, health, teaching-learning, and nursing.

HUMANITY is composed of individuals who are living systems with biopsychosocial spiritual attributes. Human beings are unique and ever-changing as they progress through stages of growth and development. Individuals' behavior patterns and ability to function may be affected by many variables. Some behaviors are predictable, based on developmental social and biological norms, while others are specific to the individual. Human beings are accountable for their own actions and decisions. An individual can be part of a family, group, or community system. Culture refers to the values, beliefs, norms, and practices of these systems. Culturally diverse nursing care appreciates the variability in nursing approaches needed to provide culturally competent care.

The **ENVIRONMENT** consists of an individual's internal and external systems which are in constant interaction. The internal system is composed of the person's psychological, spiritual, and biological components, while the external system is composed of other individuals, families, groups, and communities as well as the circumstances and physical conditions surrounding the individual.

HEALTH is a process of balancing internal and external systems through the optimal use of available resources to achieve one's maximum potential. Attainment of these maximum potential results is optimal health whereas imbalance of internal and external systems results in illness. Care that optimizes health is the right of all individuals, families, and communities and is the shared responsibility of health professionals and clients.

TEACHING-LEARNING is a form of scholarship that includes pedagogical and role modeling activities that serve to communicate the teacher's knowledge effectively to students. Effective teachings empower learners to think critically, apply clinical decision making to clinical situations, become competent, and have a desire for lifelong learning. Reflecting the belief that students learn differently, good teaching incorporates a variety of pedagogical activities and provides flexibility to accommodate different learning styles. While learning sometimes involves careful sequencing of learning that directly builds on prior content, students also learn through experiences that help them relate new knowledge into their professional and clinical repertoire. In a rapidly changing world such as health care, where content becomes quickly outdated, learning experiences must develop students' abilities to be self-directed, gather and analyze information, and integrate knowledge in the pursuit of answers or creative solutions to intellectual and clinical problems. Consistent with the philosophy of Miami University, the scholarship of teaching is of utmost importance in the Department of Nursing, followed by scholarly activities related to discovery and research, and those scholarly activities that build bridges between theory and practice, such as involvement in clinical practice and professional service linkages to the community.

NURSING integrates biological principles, research, theories of behavior, caring, and nursing, to assist individuals, families, and communities to reach optimal health. Nursing is an art and a science. The nursing process, a method of inquiry and decision making, is used by nurses to assess, diagnose, plan, implement, and evaluate nursing care. Therapeutic communication skills are essential components to the art of nursing which also includes the attitude and approach in which care is delivered. Through genuine caring and sensitivity to the individual's uniqueness in a culturally diverse society, the nurse assists individuals, families, aggregates, and communities throughout the life span. The goal is to promote, maintain, and/or restore health to the client.

NURSING PRACTICE is defined as the diagnosis and treatment of human responses to actual or potential health problems. There are three roles used by nurses to practice nursing. They include: provider of care, manager of care, and member of the discipline of nursing.

The roles of the baccalaureate level nurse include the following:

Provider of care : The graduate systematically assesses and interprets data about the health and illness of individuals, families and communities; designs systems of care to promote and maintain the health of individuals, families and communities; uses effective communication skills for the purpose of impacting systems; evaluates the nursing care delivery system and promotes goal-directed change to meet client needs; and integrates basic knowledge of nursing theory, nursing research, and clinical practice to maximize the contribution of nursing to improve health.

Manager of care : The graduate uses scientific principles to prioritize, plan, and organize the delivery of comprehensive nursing care; uses time and resources effectively and efficiently; delegates aspects of care to other nursing personnel, consistent with their level of education and expertise; assures adherence to ethical and legal standards; initiates and monitors referrals to appropriate departments and agencies to provide services and promote continuity of care; and assumes a leadership role in health care management to improve client care.

Member of the discipline of nursing : The graduate acts as a healthcare advocate; promotes collegiality and collectivity among nurses; participates in efforts to address social trends and issues that have implications for healthcare; uses interdisciplinary resources to protect and address ethical and legal concerns; applies theory and incorporates research findings into practice by consulting with nurse researchers regarding identified nursing problems; utilizes knowledge of health care policies and finance; uses resources for continuous learning and self-improvement; promotes self-evaluation and peer review processes; provides leadership in organized professional activities; and promotes consumer awareness of nursing contributions to health promotion and health care delivery.

Conceptual Framework

The conceptual framework consists of an overarching dimension comprised of theory-based practice, evidence-based practice, and holistic health promotion, which is depicted by the outer dotted circle. The concepts of nursing, health, environment, and client systems form the core of the conceptual framework, seen in the overlapping circles. The concepts define the Baccalaureate curriculums, and delineate the content and learning experiences within the programs. This framework is a conceptualization of the knowledge, attitudes, values, and skills perceived by the faculty as essential for nursing practice.

Nursing

Nurses use critical thinking, a purposeful process that enables the thinker to interpret nursing problems, clarify and analyze issues, make valid inferences, generate and assess solutions, analyze and evaluate arguments and monitor one's own thinking. Using a framework of functional health patterns, nursing students assess individual variations of human responses to life transitions and actual or potential health problems. Foundation courses provide understanding of health, biophysiological, psychological, sociological, and cultural concepts. Nursing courses facilitate understanding of health, nursing care, and critical thinking through the nursing process. Nurses gather and analyze data, construct and discern relationships, and apply knowledge to improve individual health outcomes. The learning process requires students to understand contexts of nursing and health care that is inclusive of changes in health care delivery. While learning, they will engage with other learners and health care providers to provide nursing care sensitive to individual needs, use creative problem solving to improve health outcomes and make thoughtful decisions about nursing care.

Opportunities are provided for experiential and discovery learning which promote independent thinking and self-direction as well as shared learning. Nurses use effective communication, a process that involves the ability to transmit, receive, and respond to information through written, oral, nonverbal, and electronic means. The nurse interacts with individuals who are experiencing life transitions which impact health. The nurse assists individuals, alone or within the context of families or groups, with the acquisition of knowledge, understanding, skills, and resources necessary to manage their health. Nurses interact with individuals and demonstrate caring by knowing the meaning of events in the other person's life, being present, doing for, facilitating passage through life transitions and the unfamiliar, and maintaining belief in one's potential. In this interaction, a relationship is established which values each person and allows both the individual and the nurse to identify accountability and responsibility for actions. Nurses utilize therapeutic nursing interventions which are psychosocial and psychomotor strategies used throughout the lifespan to promote health, prevent disease, and respond to health concerns while practicing within the roles of advocate, facilitator, leader, and teacher.

Environment

Human lives are embedded within a sociocultural, physical and temporal environment that is integral to the experience of health. The environment also encompasses an individual's psychological, spiritual and biological components. Nurses collaborate with clients to foster internal and external environments that support health. Nursing is practiced in a variety of settings. Nursing students must critically think about how a change in the environment alters the context of nursing care and affects health outcomes. Preschools, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, health centers, and community-based settings may be used as a learning environment. Baccalaureate nurses apply the nursing process to the community and healthcare delivery systems, through population focused care.

Health

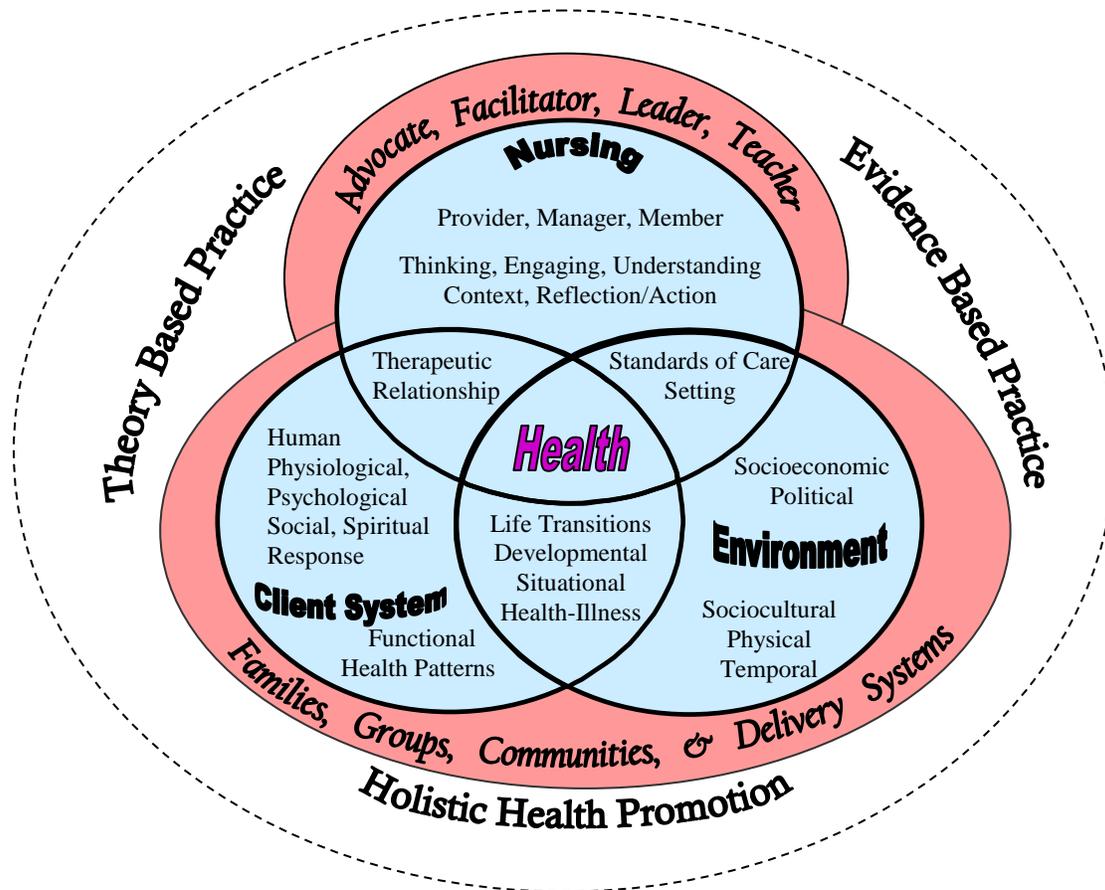
Health is an abstract experience, a dynamic state of interaction between the individual and the internal and external environment that causes changes throughout the life span. Life transitions can have a positive or negative impact on health and health care delivery. Transitions are identified as developmental, situational, and health related. Developmental transitions are those changes encountered at different stages of life. Situational transitions are often related to life circumstances, societal changes, or environmental changes which affect one's ability to function, such as loss of job, homelessness, or disasters. Health-illness transitions are changes that arise from individuals who are at risk for health problems, or are seeking assistance with existing acute or chronic health problems encountered in life. Nurses seek to understand the impact of life transitions on health and their meaning to the individual and use available resources to assist the client to achieve attainment of the client's maximum potential or optimal health. Nurses apply theory and research to help the client achieve optimal health and seek to prevent disease and promote health through a variety of health promotion measures.

Client System

Individuals are living human systems that influence and are influenced by interaction with each other, by life transitions, and by the nature of socioeconomic, political, and environmental forces that impact health and health care delivery. Client systems have functional health patterns that are measurable components of individual health. Baccalaureate nurses view the individual client systems through a holistic perspective and collaborate with the clients to maximize health potential and also provide evidence-based care for the client systems of families, groups, and communities.

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Conceptual Framework



Purposes of Miami University Nursing Program

The purpose of the Miami University Nursing Program is to prepare a professional nurse who can implement the nursing process in a variety of settings in order to restore, maintain, and promote health and prevent disease in a multicultural society. The baccalaureate professional nurse is also prepared to utilize research, change, and leadership skills while being accountable to the client, community and self for actions and competencies within the scope of practice; in addition to assuming responsibility for continuing professional growth.

The Baccalaureate Nursing Program prepares a graduate who can function in many different healthcare settings and in various roles. The nursing courses utilize concepts and theories from the social and natural sciences, nursing, research, and leadership to assist clients (individuals, families and communities) in identifying and meeting health needs. The Baccalaureate Nursing Program also provides a foundation for graduate education.

The Miami University RN-BSN nursing education program provides the opportunity for registered nurses with previous experience and technical backgrounds to obtain the first professional degree in nursing. The program is based on pre-professional requirements which include a broad base of general education, science and humanities as well as nursing courses which are prerequisites to entry into the program (see the Miami Bulletin).

BSN Program Outcomes

The professional nurse graduate of the Baccalaureate Program will be able to:

1. Synthesize knowledge from liberal education, the sciences, and nursing to address the diverse health needs of individuals, families and communities across the lifespan.
2. Integrate nursing research, evidence-based practice and quality improvement principles in the provision of patient-centered and population-focused care.
3. Apply knowledge of health care policy, technology and information management in providing safe care within an evolving healthcare environment.
4. Employ effective leadership and communication skills that promote interprofessional collaboration and mutually beneficial partnerships.
5. Practice with accountability and professionalism to promote health, prevent disease, and provide nursing care across the continuum of healthcare environments.

Transfer of Nursing Courses

Students may receive credit for nursing courses taken at an accredited baccalaureate nursing program. Such courses must have a grade of “C” or higher and be comparable in content to courses required for the BSN at Miami. Students must submit a copy of their course syllabi to the Nursing Department upon being considered for transfer. Decisions about transfer of credit for nursing courses will be made on a case by case basis. The Department Chair and/or the Admission, Progression and Graduation committee will evaluate credit that may apply toward the BSN.

However, not all courses transferred will fulfill specific requirements for all nursing courses. When a transfer student has earned credit at a non-regionally accredited institution, the credit will be transferred only if approved by the Registrar in consultation with the Department Chair of Nursing.

Miami University requires that students must earn 30 credit hours from M.U. to receive a degree from Miami. Students should review [Undergraduate Student Policies](#) from Miami. (Refer to Academic Regulations: Transfer Credits & Graduation Requirements).

Students are required to submit an official transcript for all work passed or failed at any other college or university, prior to or after enrolling at Miami.

It is considered a form of academic dishonesty not to declare these enrollments.

Military Credit

Credit for courses taken at U.S. military services schools will be given on the basis of the (ACE) American Council on Education publication, “*Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experience in the Armed Services*”. To receive transfer credit, you must submit a Joint Services transcript. Students entering the University fall 2012 or after will also be awarded for military training and experience. Nursing or health related courses will be evaluated on a case by case basis. In compliance with the Ohio Board of Nursing Code: 4723-5-12 and Miami University Military Credit policy, applicants with experience as a Military Medic may petition for course credit. This option applies to NSG 261 and NSG 262. To receive military credit for either of these courses, applicants must complete all tests relevant to each course and achieve an average grade of “C” or higher. Successful completion will earn course completion credit for each respective course.

Department of Nursing Grading Scale

The student must achieve a grade of “C” or better in each nursing course to progress through the program and in each required support course. There is no rounding of any grades in any course.

97-100	A+	77-79	C+
93-96	A	73-76	C
90-92	A-	70-72	C-
87-89	B+	67-69	D+
83-86	B	63-66	D
80-82	B-	60-62	D-
		59 or less	F

Study Abroad

The nursing department will make every effort to accommodate students requesting a semester abroad in their junior year. However, the department cannot guarantee that accommodations can be made for all student requests. Early planning is essential for semester abroad. Semester abroad in sophomore or senior year is not feasible unless students wish to delay graduation for additional year. Students interested in study abroad during fall or spring semester of junior year must contact their Nursing Department Advisor in their fall semester sophomore level of the nursing program or sooner to discuss options and preparation criteria. For a change in their Curricular Plan, the student should submit a petition to the Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee.

Progression and Retention

1. Miami Plan requirements for returning Miami University students: If no college work has been completed at Miami for 10 years, the student will complete the Miami Plan education requirements in effect at the time of re-enrollment. An exception to this would be if the student had already completed 75% of the credits for the previous liberal education plan.
2. High School Pre-Admission requirements for students: Students who have not met Miami University pre-admission (high school) requirements may need additional courses in foreign language and math. See the Miami Bulletin under “High School Preparation”. A DAR will indicate those courses if needed.
3. Progression to the sophomore year of the nursing program is contingent upon:
 - a. GPA of 2.7 or greater
 - b. Completion of all year one program requirements with a grade of C or better (Program Requirements by Year).
4. Students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average while enrolled in the nursing program. If grade point average drops to less than 2.0, the student will be dismissed from the nursing program.
5. A grade of “C” or better must be attained in all required (nursing and non-nursing) courses for the program.
 - a. A grade of “C” is acceptable for progression.
 - b. A grade of “C-” or lower in one nursing or non-nursing program requirement course is considered a course failure.
 - c. In all nursing courses there is no rounding of grades.
 - d. With a grade of “C-” or lower in one nursing or non-nursing program requirement course, the student must meet with the Chief Departmental Advisor regarding progression in the program.
 - e. Students may use the Miami University Course Repeat policy to improve their GPA. The University Course Repeat Policy does not dismiss the previous failing grade(s) (“C-” or lower) in courses listed as Nursing Program Requirements.
 - f. Students who withdraw from a Nursing Program Requirement course with a grade of “C-” or lower are recognized as having one course failure in the nursing program.
 - g. All Nursing Program Requirement courses must be taken for a letter grade; these courses may not be taken with a credit/no credit status (PASS/FAIL).
 - h. Even if a course is repeated and a passing grade is achieved, the first instance of a grade below “C” counts as an instance of a course failure for progression purposes.

6. If a student receives below a “C” in two required (nursing or non-nursing) courses (i.e., two different nursing courses, or failing the same course twice), that student will be dismissed from the nursing program and must meet with the Chief Departmental Advisor.
 - a. A grade of “C-” is not acceptable for progression.
 - b. For RN-BSN students, this policy begins upon admission into the RN-BSN program.
7. Testing Courses: Courses categorized by the nursing department as *testing courses* have specific requirements for course grades as follows:
 - a. For all *testing courses*, the student must achieve a passing grade (73% or greater) on the averaged score for all course tests.
 - b. Grades for non-test method of evaluation (which may include participation, prep work, papers, etc.) will be factored into the final course grade only if the student has passed the test portion with an average grade of 73% or higher.
 - c. The syllabus will identify which methods of evaluation are considered tests and which methods of evaluation are considered non-test.
 - d. This policy applies to the following *testing courses*: NSG 261, 262, 349, 351, 353, 361, 363, 451 and 463.
8. In the event of a change in medical or psychological status during the semester, it is highly recommended to seek guidance from the Chief Departmental Advisor to consider the possibility of medical withdrawal process.
9. Scheduling of courses:
 - a. It is the student's responsibility to satisfy the required pre- and co-requisites indicated in the course description and based on the curriculum plan.

Program Requirements by Year

Year One Non-Nursing Program Requirements:

ENG 111, CHM 131, BIO 171, MBI 161 or MBI 111/123, BIO 172

Year Two Non-Nursing Program Requirements:

BIO 325, PSY 111, MBI 361

- b. BSN nursing students are required to progress through the nursing curriculum in an uninterrupted schedule.
 - c. The University’s Course Repeat Policy does not apply to the required nursing curriculum once a student is admitted to the nursing program, as it would make it impossible to progress in an uninterrupted schedule.
 - d. If a student fails a course/clinical, but passes the corresponding co-requisite course, the departmental policy is that the student retakes the co-requisite course/clinical while retaking the previously failed course.
10. Students wishing to alter their curricular progression pattern must submit a letter of petition to the Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee for consideration. In consultation with the Chief Departmental Advisor, the committee will review petitions on a case-by-case basis.
 - a. Change of cohort requests are submitted by students through consultation with the Chief Departmental Advisor.
 - b. Change of cohort requests are reviewed by the Admission, Progression, and Graduation Committee to ensure compliance with progression policies.

11. Students are responsible for meeting all graduation requirements. It is important that students check their DAR each semester to be sure they are on track to complete both nursing and non-nursing course requirements. Students are advised to schedule an appointment through the department administrative support staff to meet with a nursing advisor. Meeting with a nursing advisor is encouraged once per semester.
12. Withdrawal from the BSN nursing program or required nursing course:
 - a. Any student withdrawing from a single nursing course or the entire nursing program is required to schedule a meeting with the Chief Departmental Advisor (CDA) to complete the “Withdrawal of Students from BSN Program” form and to discuss potential progression.
 - b. If the student does not schedule a meeting with the Chief Departmental Advisor, then the CDA will complete the withdrawal form, enter the form into the student’s file, and send a copy to the student.
 - c. If a student is not passing a course at the time of withdrawal, it will count as a course failure.

While students have a right to withdraw from courses or to withdraw from the University, students should be aware that they will be required to reapply to the nursing program if seeking readmission.

13. Readmission decisions will be made by the Admission, Progression, and Graduation Committee. It is the student’s responsibility to submit a letter of petition to the committee for consideration of readmission and potential progression. Readmission is not guaranteed.

Graduation

1. Student must apply for graduation according to dates indicated on their DAR. Students should apply for graduation by November 1 to notify the Registrar of your plan to graduate in the following May. Refer to information on your DAR and the Miami University’s [“Applying for Graduation”](#) website.
2. A student must complete all required nursing courses, including electives, and all Miami Plan Liberal Education requirements
3. A student must have a GPA of 2.0 or higher
4. A student must earn a minimum of 124 credits for a bachelor’s degree
5. A student must have satisfied all Miami fees

BSN Student Readmission

1. A student who withdraws from the BSN program for personal or academic reasons must meet the following criteria to be considered for readmission:
 - a. Submit a petition for readmission to the Admission, Progression, and Graduation Committee
 - b. Achieve a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher
 - c. Submit proof of current health insurance, CPR renewal, TB testing, required immunizations, drug screening, and fingerprints/criminal background checks by the due date set by the department
 - d. If withdrawal was for medical reasons, submit a new “Student Medical History” form and “Return to Clinical/Medical Release” form
 - e. Follow all policies of the student handbook for the year of readmission
 - f. Any other faculty recommendations indicated on withdrawal form
2. A returning student must meet the nursing requirements in effect at the time of readmission.
3. A student who has not been enrolled at Miami for a semester or more will need to re-activate his or her enrollment through the “Returning Former Student” admission process. A student who has not been enrolled at Miami for a semester or more will need to re-activate their enrollment. This re-enrollment must be completed before a student can register for classes.
4. A returning student who has previously been enrolled as a degree-seeking student at any Miami campus will need to complete the [Re-Enrollment Application](#). This application must be submitted 30 days prior to the start of the semester.

Policy for Criminal Background Checks

The clinical agency affiliates of the Department of Nursing require a criminal record check be completed by the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation (BCII) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The Department of Nursing requires an annual criminal record check for all pre-licensure students and a criminal record check prior to enrolling in NSG 420 for RN-BSN completion students. If more than a year passes before the RN-BSN completion student enrolls in the second clinical course, a second criminal record check must be completed.

The first criminal record check for pre-licensure students will take place every year beginning in the summer prior to the sophomore level fall semester for students admitted to the BSN program. The criminal record check must be repeated each year in the summer prior to the following fall semester. RN-BSN completion students should arrange to have the criminal record check completed so that the results reach the nursing office before the beginning of the semester in which they take NSG 420.

Please note that this process may take over a month to complete so students must plan accordingly.

In the Event a Criminal Record Check is Positive for a Pre - nursing or Currently Enrolled Student, the following actions will take place based on the offense:

1. In accordance with the Felony Preclusion Rule of the Ohio Revised Code, the Ohio Board of Nursing denies applicants the opportunity to be licensed as a registered nurse for the following criminal activities: aggravated murder, murder, voluntary manslaughter, felonious assault, kidnapping, rape, aggravated robbery, aggravated burglary, sexual battery, gross sexual imposition, and aggravated arson. If at any point in time a nursing student has a positive criminal record check for any of these named offenses, they will be denied acceptance or dismissed from the program.
2. In the event a criminal record check for a nursing student seeking to be licensed/take NCLEX is positive for ANY felony, ANY crime involving gross immorality or moral turpitude, ANY misdemeanor drug law violation, and ANY misdemeanor committed in the course of practice, the Ohio Board of Nursing would conduct an investigation and a hearing to determine a course of action. The result of the Board's investigation may be either denial of licensure or licensure with a permanent and public notation of sanction. Therefore, a positive criminal record check for an incoming or continuing nursing student will be reviewed by the Department of Nursing and a decision made about whether the student may be admitted or must be dismissed from the program due to the inability to progress through clinical courses.

Students who have positive records are advised to seriously consider whether or not to enroll in the nursing program. Miami University has no opportunity to influence the Ohio Board of Nursing's decision. The Ohio Board of Nursing is unable to give definitive answers regarding its ability to license an applicant prior to entry into or during participation in a nursing program. Students with positive records are taking a chance that they may be denied licensure by the State of Ohio or any other nursing board even if they successfully complete the nursing program at Miami University. In addition, despite admittance to Miami Nursing Program, each clinical agency reserves the right to make a final decision regarding acceptance and placement based on the student's criminal background check. This may prohibit progression through clinical courses and lead to dismissal from the program.

Procedures

Information for students:

- a. Prospective students will be informed of this policy through the following methods
 - i. Printed application materials;
 - ii. Admission letters; and
 - iii. Student Handbook, Department of Nursing

b. Current students will be informed through the following methods

- iv. Student Handbook, Department of Nursing;
- v. E-mail communication; and
- vi. Discussions in the classroom.

1. Mechanism for conducting criminal record review:

- a. The Department of Nursing will facilitate the review by providing information to students, including fees, related to those vendors and state offices that conduct such a review.
- b. Each student is responsible to obtain the criminal record check and request that it be sent to the Department of Nursing by the due date. Each student will sign a waiver that the Department may release all required information to appropriate individuals, institutions, and agencies providing clinical experiences.
- c. Any student whose criminal record check has not been received by the Department of Nursing prior to the start of a required clinical experience will not be permitted to begin said clinical experience. Missed clinical experiences may result in a lower clinical grade or dismissal from the program, according to the Department of Nursing's Attendance Policy, as found in the department's Student Handbook.

2. Type and scope of information to be obtained:

- a. The criminal record check will consist of local and national review of relevant records including county of residence criminal records, residence history, Social Security alert, nationwide sexual offender registry, nationwide healthcare fraud and abuse scan and US Patriot Act violations.

3. Fees and responsibility of payment

- a. Students are responsible to pay the fee for each criminal record check. Fees are paid to the agency conducting the criminal record check.

4. Review of criminal record check

- a. Departmental staff or their designees will receive and review all completed criminal record checks.
- b. Negative results (no criminal activity) will be kept in the student's Department of Nursing electronic records file.
- c. Positive results will be given to the Department Chair to determine any action needed. (i.e.: consultation with any clinical agency personnel, etc.)
- d. Student will be notified by Department Chair of any positive result and whether the student may continue in the original placement, be changed to a different placement, or is unable to be admitted, re-admitted, or to progress in the nursing program. Consideration will be given to the relationship between the conviction and the student's role and responsibilities as a nursing student. Restitution and completion of court-mandated counseling or other requirements will be considered as well as any voluntary treatment verified through official records provided by the student.
- e. An official copy of the positive result and student notification will be placed in the student's file in the Department of Nursing.

5. Confidentiality

- a. A copy of the student's criminal record results will be kept in the student's electronic file with the Department of Nursing. The report will be held in the strictest confidence. Only those individuals who have a need to know related to the student's enrollment and academic progress, e.g., course coordinator, clinical agency, etc. will have access to this information, except in the case of a positive result as addressed in item 4 c: review of positive criminal record result.

Student Responsibilities

Academic Integrity

Academic integrity is an ethical imperative for the discipline of Nursing. It is adhering to the standards of professional behavior. Academic dishonesty **will not be tolerated** in any form. Academic dishonesty is engaging or attempting to engage in any activity that compromises the academic integrity of the institution/nursing department or sabotages the educational process, including completion or assistance in the completion of an academic assignment. An academic assignment is defined as the submission or presentation of any student work for evaluation, grade or academic credit. Academic dishonesty comprises, **but not limited to**, the following acts.

1. Cheating: Possessing or using in any way unauthorized, textbooks, notes, study aids, websites, electronic devices, cheat sheets or soliciting another student's work during an assignment.
Submitting the same assignment to fulfill requirements of two or more courses or a repeated course without approval of the instructor.
Providing answers, information (e.g. Posting of notes on internet), materials to another student not authorized by instructor or using own work to participate in completion of another student's assignment.
2. Plagiarism: Submitting material in part or completely, words/ideas or software/devices as one's own work without accurate and appropriate citations.
3. Fabrication: Falsification or manipulation of data, citation, information, grade on an academic assignment. Changing material on a graded assignment and/or requesting re-grading of a graded for that assignment.
4. Unauthorized collaboration: Working with another individual/s for an academic assignment without permission of the instructor.
5. Misrepresentation: Signing in another student or requesting another student to sign in for one's presence or participation in a class/project.
Adding another student's name or signing one's own name to a group assignment which did not significantly contribute to that work.
6. Gaining an unfair advantage: Taking pictures or making copies of any academic materials without the permission of the instructor.
Retaining or possessing academic assignment materials without permission of the instructor.
Not following the requests of the instructor by removing all personal items (cellphones, I-watches, smart devices, hats, purses etc.) from close proximity during test time.
Asking questions during test time.

Possession, distribution, photographing, or posting of any materials containing information about exam questions from the current semester or previous semester is academic misconduct.

The Department of Nursing will comply with the standards and procedures for undergraduate academic integrity and academic dishonesty as outlined in the Miami University Student Policy Library (rev. July 2019). More information can be found at <http://miamioh.edu/policy-library/students/undergraduate/academic-regulations/academic-integrity.html>

ANY ACADEMIC INTEGRITY ISSUE MAY BE GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL

Academic Misconduct

Honesty is an ethical imperative for the discipline of Nursing. **Academic misconduct in any form will not be tolerated.** Academic misconduct is any act that disrupts the educational process or provides a student with an academic advantage over another student. Academic misconduct includes, **but is not limited to:**

1. The unauthorized possession, copying, distribution, sale, or other transfer of all or any part of an academic exercise, or the answers or solutions to an academic exercise, whether or not the exercise has been administered;
2. Continuing to work on an academic exercise after the specified allotted time has elapsed;
3. Bribing another person to obtain an academic exercise, including answers to questions of an unadministered academic exercise;
4. Failing to adhere to standards of professional behavior established by a faculty member, academic program or college in conjunction with an academic course; or
5. Posting of notes or other materials from a class (whether the student is enrolled in the class or not) on the Internet, whether or not for a fee, if the faculty member has expressly prohibited the posting of such materials.

Possession, distribution, photographing, or posting of any materials containing information about exam questions from the current semester or previous semesters is academic misconduct.

The Department of Nursing will comply with standards and procedures for undergraduate academic dishonesty, as outlined in [Undergraduate Student Policy: Academic Integrity](#).

ANY ACADEMIC INTEGRITY ISSUE MAY BE GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL

Student Conduct

The [Code of Student Conduct](#) at Miami University is intended to foster and protect the central purpose of the University: the free and open exchange of ideas. This Code applies to Miami's undergraduate and graduate students, and student organizations, including Greek organizations. Students are subject to this Code of Student Conduct beginning at summer orientation, during academic terms for which they are enrolled, during breaks between terms, during University holidays and vacations, and during periods of suspension. The Code of Student Conduct outlines the rights and responsibilities of students, behaviors prohibited on and off campus, possible sanctions, and the procedural rights of students and student organizations.

The Code embraces several important values: the rights of free speech and peaceable assembly; the freedom of inquiry and the right to make constructive criticism; the central importance of honesty to this community; and the desire that all students participate on campus in an environment that respects differences of culture, gender, religion, race, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin and ability.

Additionally, while Miami University does not routinely monitor social networking sites and other electronic media, students should be aware that behavior on such sites when reported to the University may be investigated and adjudicated.

If a student, student organization, fraternity or sorority breaks a law that also violates Miami University Standards of conduct, that student may be held accountable by both civil authorities and the University. The University may at its sole discretion elect to pursue disciplinary action against the student in the absence of criminal charges, at the same time as criminal charges are pending, even if the criminal charges involving the same incident are not complete, have been reduced or are dismissed.

Professional Behavior in the Classroom and Harassment Policy

The Nursing Department promotes an atmosphere of mutual respect among members of the academic community; therefore, incidents of harassment in the classroom will not be tolerated (Code of Conduct of [MU Policy Library](#)).

Respect for human diversity is an essential element of the Miami University community. Miami University strongly opposes and will not tolerate harassment or discrimination on the basis of sex (including sexual harassment, sexual violence, sexual misconduct, domestic violence, dating violence, or stalking), race, color, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, pregnancy, military status, or veteran status. This prohibition extends to harassment or discrimination, based on the protected status listed above, including the creation of an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working, educational, or living environment. This policy also prohibits discrimination in employment based on genetic information as prohibited by the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA). (2020-2021 Miami University Student Guidebook, Page 4)

The rights of both faculty and students to an environment that is conducive to effective teaching-learning need to be protected within the Department of Nursing. Any act or conduct which threatens to interfere with or disrupt the educational process or other legitimate functions of the University or which endangers the health, safety, or property of any member of the Miami campus/community is deemed inappropriate. Your growth as a professional stems from the kinds of behavior you exhibit within both the classroom as well as the clinical settings. Therefore, students need to be mindful to avoid activities during class time that could be distracting for the teacher or student peers such as texting, use of cell phones, side-bar conversations, playing games on the computer, rudeness, etc. When distracting behaviors occur in the classroom, students may be asked to leave the classroom for the remainder of that class period. Students having non-professional, distracting or harassment behaviors in the classroom, lab, clinical or course-related setting may be issued a *Significant Incident*.

Significant Incident

Students may receive a “*Significant Incident*” report for a single incident or an ongoing pattern of clinical or classroom behavior that is below the expected standard. Disruptive behavior and/or behaviors that are below standards undermine the learning process both in clinical and in the classroom. Additional information about student conduct is found in the Miami University Undergraduate Student Policies at <http://miamioh.edu/about-miami/pubs-policies/>. Any violation of the Academic Integrity Policy, Student Conduct Policy, or Social Media Policy may result in a Significant Incident being issued.

A Significant Incident is:

Any incident that reflects unsatisfactory performance in providing nursing care, managing care, or as a member of the discipline. This behavior may or may not have resulted in immediate harm to an individual but was identified by a faculty member as significant enough to warrant documentation and continued monitoring through a written behavioral modification plan.

One significant incident, or a pattern of significant incidents, may result in counseling of the student, remediation of the student’s skills in the Nursing Resource Center, failure of the course, and/or dismissal from the program. Faculty involved in the situation/teaching of the course in which the problem is identified shall review the student’s overall performance and meet with the student to discuss the incident as well as recommendations for improvement or consequences of the behavior. Documentation of the incident will be reviewed with the student and then placed in the student’s file. The student will also receive a copy. The chair of the Department of Nursing will be notified of Significant Incidents and provide further documentation as needed.

Social Media Policy

Activities on social media sites, private or via group, in any setting whether it is in a clinical or community that are deemed to be defamatory, harassing, obscene, profane, unprofessional, or in violation of any law will not be tolerated and are subject to disciplinary action. Inappropriate social media behaviors are strictly

prohibited and will be handled through hearings with the chair of the department and the chair of the Admission, Progression, and Graduation committee.

All students at Miami University are expected to follow the policies outlined in the *Miami Student Handbook* and to adhere to all applicable university privacy and confidentiality policies. This policy applies specifically to the Department of Nursing and nursing students' responsibility to protect client privacy and confidentiality at all times through all means of communication which includes social media and other communication channels. Confidential and sensitive information is protected under FERPA and HIPAA. Students are required to follow the protection outlined in these laws and under the guidelines identified in this policy. This policy follows the guidelines outlined in the National Council of State Boards of Nursing's White Paper: *A Nurse's Guide to Use of Social Media* (2018).

Policy Guidelines:

- Protect sensitive and confidential client and clinical information at all times. Do not share, disseminate or post information, images, and other information gained in the nurse-client relationship with anyone outside of the immediate clinical requirements. If there is a client care related need to share this information, consult with your clinical faculty member.
- Pre and Post conferences are learning experiences in which students may share with each other, under the guidance of their faculty member, specific clinical issues. Personal information needs to be protected even in these learning circumstances. It is expected that confidentiality will be maintained during the clinical conference and further discussion in a public forum is not to occur.
- It is a violation of privacy to transmit by way of electronic media any client-related images. Do not take photos or videos of patients on personal devices, including cell phones.
- If photographs are taken in the clinical setting/simulation as part of a clinical project, all required permission from the client and agency must be followed and the student must delete any electronic forms of these images. Posting or sharing of any images from a clinical or simulation experience online is not permitted. Students should avoid being in photographs taken by patients and family members while in the clinical setting.
- Clinical experiences are not to be discussed in public places and via electronic media, even if patient and personal information are not identified; this includes and is not limited to social media sites, email, text, blogs, twitter, and class sites. Limiting access to postings through privacy settings will not ensure privacy.
- Use of PDAs and other devices employed for social media requires permission from clinical faculty and must not violate privacy and confidentiality.
- Students must follow the agency's policy regarding cell phone use in the agency. Cell phones are to be silenced while in the clinical setting. Personal phone calls or texting are not permitted while in the client area.
- Information concerning clients and their family, as well as, information regarding clinical rotations are not to be posted in any online forum.
- Identification and discussion of health care institutions, staff, and community resources used in clinical or other nursing courses must be avoided. Any concerns about agencies used in nursing education must be shared with the department or an appropriate faculty member. Defamatory and malicious comments about agencies, the community, and resources within the community are not to be posted in any online forum.
- Private health care information cannot be removed from the health care setting via paper or electronic devices such as computers, flash drives, PDAs, etc.
- If a student identifies themselves as a Miami University nursing student on their Facebook or other online site, they should include a disclaimer that the views expressed do not represent Miami University or the Department of Nursing.

Consequences:

- Patient privacy and confidentiality are ethical and legal obligations for nursing students. Students are legally responsible for following the rules outlined in HIPAA and FERPA and are subject to liability if they fail to adhere to these laws.
- Violation of this policy will result in disciplinary action through the Department of Nursing which may include failure in a course and/ or dismissal from the program.
- Students are legally liable for online posts and commentary deemed harassment, racist, obscene, libelous, defamatory, proprietary, or which violate copyright.
- Future employers may conduct web searches prior to offering a nursing position. Professionalism in online posts can result in a positive outcome for the nursing applicant.

Changes of Name, Address, and Phone

It is the student's responsibility to notify both the Nursing office, One Stop, and Nursing faculty with any name, address, or phone number changes within one week of the change.

Miami Email Policy ([Miami University Publications and Policies](#))

A Miami University-provided email address (UniqueID@miamioh.edu) is an official means of communication. Students are responsible for all University communication sent to their Miami email address. It is expected that students check their e-mail account on a frequent and consistent basis. To ensure that students remain current with University-related communications, students are strongly encouraged to check their email at least two times a week. Students are advised to respond to all official University communications as directed in each communication (e.g., responding in person, by surface mail, or by email). Students should not assume an email response is a satisfactory substitution when directed otherwise. Furthermore, students should follow Miami University's policy on Responsible Computing Policy Publications and Policies.

Students are subject to this email policy beginning at summer orientation, during academic terms for which they are enrolled, during breaks between terms, during University holidays and vacations, and during periods of suspension.

Students may forward their Miami email to another email address (e.g., @gmail or @hotmail). However, Miami University is not liable for any problems that may result from forwarding Miami email to another account (e.g., problems with spam filters, full mailboxes, or loss of attachments). Students should understand that forwarding their University email may have the unintended consequence of exposing their privacy information to third parties because Internet email is handled in a public fashion.

Faculty members determine how they will use email in their classes. Faculty may wish to include their e-mail expectations in the course syllabus. The distribution of mass communications is restricted to University departments and offices for University business. External requests for mass communications will not be honored.

As stated in the policy titled "Responsible Computing Policy", "The University employs various measures to protect the security of its computing resources and users' accounts. However, users should be aware that the University does not and cannot guarantee such security."

Furthermore, individuals are advised to exercise caution when sending sensitive or FERPA-protected student information via email. In addition, individuals are reminded that some University information is not appropriate for email communication.

Department of Nursing Program Requirements

Initial Program Requirements

- Hospitalization Insurance
- TB Screening – Skin or Blood Test
If positive skin test, then obtain blood test. If positive blood test, obtain chest x-ray. Submit all results.
- Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis (TDAP, Adacel) - Immunization Proof * See below
- Rubella Immunization Proof
- Mumps Immunization Proof
- Rubeola Immunization Proof
- Hepatitis Series (completed by start of 2nd semester)
- Chickenpox History, Titer, or Proof of Immunization
- Seasonal Influenza Vaccine by designated date
- 10 Panel Urine Drug Screening
- Physical Exam (indicating fit for duty and free of communicable diseases)
- CPR Certification (see approved courses)
- Criminal Background Checks (state and federal)

Recurring Program Requirements

- Hospitalization Insurance
- TB Test (skin or blood)
- Seasonal Influenza Vaccine
- CPR Certification
- Criminal Background Checks
- 10 Panel Urine Drug Screening
- Annual Physical Exam (indicating fit for duty and free of communicable diseases)

Our clinical agencies require us to have on file for each student certain medical information/documentation, proof of current CPR certification, insurances, drug screening, and criminal record checks.

If these documents are not on file electronically with the Department of Nursing by the required deadline, the student may be issued a Significant Incident and is NOT permitted to attend clinical or lab and may receive a grade deduction.

Requirements must be submitted by the designated due date.

*Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis: Choose one of the following options to fulfill the TDAP requirement:

- Option 1: Previous primary vaccine series as a child (DTP or DTaP) & 1 dose of acellular pertussis (TDAP) as an adolescent or adult. TDAP is a one-time adult dose. It can be given at any interval after Tetanus-Diphtheria Vaccine. TDAP was not available prior to 9/2005. TD, and DTaP will not fulfill this requirement.
- Option 2: Td Tetanus-Diphtheria immunization every 10 years following the adult cellular pertussis vaccine TDAP).

Program requirements are subject to change based on agency requirements.

RN-BSN students must submit the following prior to enrolling in NSG 420:

- Liability Insurance for licensed RN (not nursing student)
- Hospitalization Insurance
- Most recent TB Test (within 1 year prior to NSG 420 enrollment)
- CPR Certification from approved CPR course list
- Criminal Background Checks (within 1 year prior to NSG 420 enrollment)
- Seasonal Influenza Vaccine
- 10 Panel Urine Drug Screening

Dress Code for Clinical Experiences

All students must be properly attired in the clinical setting. Dress/uniform requirements may change from course to course depending on the clinical agency's policies. Students must be in compliance with clinical agency policies for attire and appearance, for example: piercings, tattoos, artificial nails, etc. Faculty will inform the students as to the acceptable attire and professional appearance for each agency and clinical experience. Acute care uniform colors are: red top, black pants and black, grey or white shoes. Students will receive full details on the specific, approved uniform colors and styles and should not purchase uniforms until this time.

Professional Liability Insurance

Professional liability insurance is provided by Miami University for students during their pre-licensure course assignments. This policy does not cover students if they are working for an organization.

Student Health

After acceptance into the pre-licensure program, students must present a Miami University Department of Nursing Medical History Form with physical examination results from a healthcare provider regarding health status. The Department of Nursing medical history form is included with the orientation materials, and must be completed and submitted electronically to the Nursing Department by the designated due date.

Students must comply with complete immunization requirements as set forth by the Department of Nursing and clinical agencies. Program requirements may change following publication of this handbook; students will be required to comply with the directives of the program.

CPR Certification

Students must successfully complete an approved CPR course **annually** while enrolled in the Department of Nursing. The CPR course should be one of the following:

- ✓ Basic Life Support for HealthCare Provider (BLS) by the American Red Cross
- ✓ Basic Life Support (BLS Provider) by the American Heart Association
- ✓ Basic Life Support (BLS –RQI Program) by the American Heart Association
- ✓ Basic Life Support (BLS) by the American Safety and Health Institute

It is required that pre-licensure students show proof of **annual** CPR certification in Health Care Provider level of CPR training. Students must submit, electronically, their proof of CPR certification by the designated due date. This proof will be either a scanned copy of students' CPR certification card or a signed form by an authorizing person (i.e., staff development instructor from hospital) indicating that the student successfully completed the applicable CPR certification program. This form is included in the new student orientation packet. The annual CPR renewal requirement will be waived for those students holding a current CPR Instructor Certification. CPR class must occur in summer in order for the student to be current during the upcoming academic year.

RN-BSN students must submit proof of CPR certification in the term preceding their enrollment in NSG 420.

Department of Nursing-Drug Testing Policy and Procedure

Miami University is committed to the safety of its students, staff, faculty in all facets of their education, including clinical and field placements. Safety in the delivery of care to patient/client populations is of paramount importance. The use of “alcohol and other substances potentially places patients, the public, and nurses themselves at risk for serious injury or death” (International Nurses Society on Addictions, 2017). Protecting patients from potential harm caused by an impaired nurse is a professional responsibility, as indicated in the American Nurses Association (ANA) Code of Ethics, Provision 3.6 (ANA, 2015).

This policy applies to all Miami University (“University”) students admitted to the Nursing Program (“Program”) and is effective immediately. All University students admitted to the Program are required to complete clinical coursework at a hospital, clinic, nursing home, or other healthcare facility in order to complete their degree requirements. The purpose of this Policy is to notify students and faculty of the University’s requirement that all students in the Program submit to an annual drug screen as outlined in this policy and test negative before engaging in clinical activity associated with the Program (“Clinical Activity” or “Clinical Activities”).

Clinical agencies affiliated with the University have drug and alcohol policies and require that nursing students comply with their drug testing policies in the same manner as their employees (e.g. 10 drug panel testing). Clinical sites have the right to refuse any student for clinical placement based on concerns about that student’s ability to deliver safe practice.

It is the policy of Miami University to comply with federal and state laws and regulations dealing with the usage and detection of drugs. This Policy is subject to change at the sole discretion of the University and is meant to supplement other relevant University policies.

This Policy is in addition to any drug and alcohol testing policies and procedures at the clinical sites, and while students are engaging in clinical activities at hospitals, clinics, nursing homes, or other facilities on behalf of the Program, the drug and alcohol testing policies and procedures of the hospital, clinic, nursing home, or facility will also govern.

Definitions-

For the purposes of this Policy, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

A. “Drugs” means all of those drugs that may be tested for. These include, but are not limited to: amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cocaine, fentanyl, hydrocodone, Cannabinoids, methadone, methaqualone, opiates (Codeine, Morphine, Heroin, etc.), oxycodone, phencyclidine (PCP), propoxyphene and tramadol. Some clinical site guidelines may be more stringent and require 12 panel drug screening tests.

B. “Student” means any student enrolled in the Program at the University.

C. “Medical Review Officer (MRO)” is a nationally certified, licensed medical doctor or osteopath responsible for receiving laboratory results under this policy who has knowledge of substance abuse disorders and has appropriate medical training to interpret and evaluate confirmed positive test results, medical history, and any other relevant biomedical information. Access to the MRO is through the agency contracted to complete the testing.

D. “Test Positive for Drugs” is the level identified by the MRO in accordance with guidelines established for healthcare workers.

Policy and Procedures

Prior to participation in any clinical course Students in the Program will be required to complete an Acknowledgement and Consent to Testing form (see Appendix A), submit to a Drug screen through a designated lab at the designated time and place and at the expense of the Student, and test negative for Drugs before engaging in any Clinical Activity.

The testing policies and procedures of the testing facility are to be followed for specimens. If the testing is at a Miami University facility, the testing will be completed by an outside contracted agency according to their established procedures.

The specimens will be sent to the laboratory for testing. The laboratory will test the primary specimen for Drugs, and if it tests positive based on cut-off levels established by the lab, the lab will perform a confirmation test of the primary specimen. If the confirmation test is positive, the lab will report the positive test result to the MRO describing which Drugs were detected. The MRO will contact the Student who tested positive, and the Student may provide an explanation for the positive test result. The MRO may request verification for any prescription medications.

If the Student declines the opportunity to discuss a positive test result with the MRO or fails to contact the MRO within three days of notification, the MRO may report the Drug test as positive to the Department of Nursing. If the MRO is not able to contact the Student within ten calendar days of the date on which the MRO received the confirmed positive test result from the laboratory, the MRO may report the Drug test as positive to the Department of Nursing. In all of these cases after receiving notification from the MRO, the Department of Nursing will contact the Student to confirm that they have received notification from the MRO, refer the Student to this policy and clarify the Student's plans to respond.

If a Student provides an explanation for a positive Drug test result, the MRO will determine whether a valid medical explanation exists. If a determination is made in the MRO's discretion that there is a legitimate medical explanation, the Drug test results will be recorded as negative and reported to the Department of Nursing. If the MRO determines that there is not a legitimate medical explanation, the Drug test results will be recorded as positive and reported to the Department of Nursing.

By participating in the Drug screening process, the Student is authorizing release of the Drug test results in accordance with this policy.

Consequences

A. Refusal to Test - If a Student fails to produce the requested sample by the date and time designated, the Student will be treated as if the test result was positive.

B. Negative Test Result- If the Drug test is negative, the Student will be allowed to participate in Clinical Activities.

C. Positive Test Result- Any Student who engages in conduct prohibited by this policy, tests positive for Drugs, or who does not comply with any notice, request, or procedure provided for hereunder, will be withdrawn from all clinical courses and corresponding co-requisite courses, and may be dismissed from the Program. Even if the Student is not dismissed from the Program, the Student will not be permitted to participate in Clinical Activities until the Student undergoes the rehabilitation process set forth below. In addition, future participation in Clinical Activities is dependent on the length of time needed for the rehabilitation process and the outcome of their petition for change in progression. The Student may also be subject to discipline pursuant to the Code of Student Conduct, up to and including dismissal from the University.

Rehabilitation

If the Student is not dismissed from the Program, the Student will be required to sign a Student Agreement (See Appendix B) to undergo a professional evaluation by a mutually agreed upon independent, certified drug and alcohol counselor for evaluation and treatment at the Student's expense.

If the Student refuses to obtain a substance use evaluation or sign the Student Agreement allowing the Program access to recommendations from the evaluation, this will result in the inability to continue in the clinical Program in any affiliated agency until these are completed.

Students for whom no treatment recommendations are made will be referred to an education program related to substance use such as those on alcohol or marijuana use, at the Student's expense. The Student will need to provide documentation that the educational program was completed. A return to a clinical placement or activity in an affiliated agency will require a Student be retested for Drugs, at the Student's expense, and will require a negative drug screen. The Department Chair or designee will review the certified alcohol and drug counselor's evaluation, completion of the education program and repeat drug screening results and make a determination regarding the Student's ability to continue their clinical activities at that point in time. Consideration will be given to the nature of the substance use, impairment, treatment recommendations, and affiliated agency requirements. The guidelines and processes regarding program progression will apply as described below. The process for unannounced drug screens will apply as described below.

In the case of a Student that receives a recommendation to complete treatment, the Student must complete the treatment prescribed by the approved counselor at the Student's expense. Upon completion of the treatment plan, the counselor must conduct a follow-up evaluation and issue a report to the Department Chair.

If the counselor reports that the Student successfully completed the treatment plan and is ready to engage in Clinical Activities, the Student will be retested for Drugs at the Student's expense. If the Drug test is positive, the Student will be dismissed from the Program.

A return to any clinical placement or activity in an affiliated agency will require a negative drug screen and satisfactory recommendations by the certified drug and alcohol counselor to resume clinical studies. If the Drug test result is negative and the student receives the positive recommendation of the health care provider to resume clinical studies, the Student can submit a written request to engage in Clinical Activities and will be eligible to enroll in clinical coursework depending on Chair of the Nursing Program review, GPA, compliance with Nursing Program Requirements, space availability, and acceptance by clinical sites. Because of the time that is required to complete treatment and testing, it is possible that the Student will be delayed and need to re-work his/her plan of study with an academic counselor. As provided in the Progression and Retention section of the Miami University Dept of Nursing Student Handbook, the Student will meet with the Chief Departmental Advisor to review a potential revised progression plan and then submit a petition to the Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee to determine if the revised plan will be accepted and the Student's progression will continue.

After a Student has completed the required treatment plan prescribed by the health care provider, has a negative Drug screen and is participating in Clinical Activities, unannounced Drug testing may occur periodically until the Student graduates from the Program. The Student will be notified of the designated time and place for the Drug screening which will be completed, at the Student's expense, on the day of notification.

If a positive Drug screen occurs, or if the Student fails to complete a Drug test as requested or otherwise comply with this policy, the Student will be dismissed from the Program. An unlicensed Student may need to report violations of this policy in accordance with applicable laws in the state in which the Student is seeking licensure. Any professional licensed Student who violates this policy may be reported to the Ohio Board of Nursing.

Confidentiality- The University will take reasonable measures to ensure individual privacy under this Policy including, without limitation, keeping all Drug test results confidential to the extent possible. Drug test results will be released in accordance with this policy and applicable federal and state laws and regulations. Impaired practice violates the Nurse Practice Act (Ohio Revised Code 4723.28) and qualifies for disciplinary action which might include revoking the RN license. Ohio and most other states have established an alternative to discipline program for the chemically dependent nurse: Ohio Revised Code 4723.35 – Substance Abuse Disorder Monitoring Program and Ohio Administrative Code Chapter 4723-6 Alternative Program for Chemical-Dependency/Substance Use Disorder Monitoring.

Grievance and Appeal Procedures

Any Student may seek redress for any complaints related to the application or enforcement of this Policy through applicable University academic grievance policies and procedures.

If a student is unable to progress in the program in an uninterrupted manner, as required, they may be dismissed/forced to withdraw from the program. Students impacted by a positive Urine Drug Screening should refer to program policies on the following topics within this Student Handbook: 1) Progression and Retention, 2) BSN Student Readmission, and 3) Students' Rights.

Access to Records

The University will maintain records relating to this policy as required by law. Upon written request to the Department Chair, a Student will be provided copies of records pertaining to their Drug tests.

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Acknowledgement and Consent to Testing and Information Sharing

I, _____, acknowledge that by enrolling in the Miami University Nursing Program (Program) that I am required to complete clinical coursework at a hospital, clinic, nursing home or other health care facility in order to complete my degree requirements and that a negative drug test is required for clinical placement. I hereby agree and consent to giving the University's drug testing agency a urine sample for drug testing. I understand that the drugs I may be tested for include but are not limited to amphetamines, barbiturates, benzodiazepines, cocaine, fentanyl, hydrocodone, cannabinoids, methadone, methaqualone, opiates (Codeine, Morphine, Heroin, etc.), oxycodone, phencyclidine (PCP), propoxyphene and tramadol. I further acknowledge and understand that some clinical site guidelines may be more stringent and require 12 panel drug screening tests.

I understand that if I receive a positive drug test, I will not be allowed to participate in any Clinical Activities, will be withdrawn from all clinical courses and the corresponding co-requisite courses, which will affect my progression through the nursing curriculum. I also understand that I may be dismissed from the Program and may be subject to discipline, up to and including dismissal from the University under the Code of Student Conduct.

I understand that per the "Progression and Retention" section of the Miami University Department of Nursing Student Handbook that nursing students are required to progress through the nursing curriculum in an uninterrupted schedule. I understand that withdrawal from clinical courses and the corresponding co-requisites would result in an interruption of my progression. I understand that I can petition to request a change in my progression, but it will be at the discretion of the Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee and that I should reference the Handbook for policies and procedures. I understand that my readmission to the Nursing program is not guaranteed.

I understand that if I am permitted readmission by the Admission, Progression, and Graduation Committee, I will need to sign an agreement outlining the requirements for an evaluation to determine if treatment is required by a certified drug and alcohol counselor, at my own expense. I understand that I will need to demonstrate that I have successfully completed any recommended treatments or programs.

I consent to the University sharing the results of my drug test with any clinical placement for the purposes of making or terminating any clinical placement.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

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Nursing Student Agreement

Pursuant to the Department of Nursing's Student Drug Testing Policy Prior to Participation in Clinical Activities ("Policy"), because of a positive drug test or other violation of the Policy, I agree to undergo a professional evaluation by a certified drug counselor to determine drug dependency and to participate in a recommended treatment plan.

I understand that payment for the evaluation, treatment, and follow-up care will be my responsibility. If no treatment is recommended by the counselor, I will submit written evidence of such to the Department Chair or designee and submit a written request for reinstatement in Clinical Activities, as defined in the Policy. If this process cannot be completed in time for the start of the Clinical Activities, I understand that I will need to collaborate with the Chief Departmental Advisor to develop a petition for change in progression plan that has to be submitted for approval to the Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee.

If the counselor recommends a treatment plan, I understand that I must complete the plan and then submit a written request to engage in Clinical Activities, written evidence of completion of the treatment plan, acknowledgment from the counselor that I am able to safely engage in Clinical Activities, completion of a urine drug screening at my expense and the terms of any required follow-up care to the Department Chair or designee. I understand that I will not be allowed to be registered for clinical courses and corresponding co-requisites during my treatment. If this process cannot be completed in time for the start of the Clinical Activities, I understand that I will need to collaborate with the Chief Departmental Advisor to develop a petition for change in progression plan that has to be submitted for approval to the Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee.

I realize that a second positive drug test or further violation of the Policy will result in dismissal from the Program.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Witness Signature: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name: _____

Professional Accountability for Program Requirements

Students are expected to attend each assigned lecture, seminar, clinical and campus laboratory experience. Students should review Undergraduate Student Policies, <https://miamioh.edu/policy-library/students/undergraduate/index.html>, on exceptions to attendance for religious observances.

Clinical attendance – Clinical and lab hours are mandatory; hours of planned and delivered hours for each course are submitted to the Ohio Board of Nursing. Clinical and laboratory absences must be made up to meet course by course expectations. If circumstances preclude clinical attendance, the student is required to personally speak with their clinical instructor by telephone prior to the clinical experience. Sending a text message to faculty is not acceptable. Following Miami University Policy, onsite clinical make-ups will not be required for University cancellations (i.e.: inclement weather). All other missed clinical hours are required to be made-up.

All missed clinical days and incidents of tardiness are considered occurrences. Listed below are the consequences of occurrences during the clinical course.

- First occurrence = documentation of occurrence, verbal warning and points reflected on Clinical Performance Evaluation Tool (CPET) and Creighton Competency Evaluation Instrument (C-CEI).
- Any additional occurrences = documentation of significant incident, points reflected on CPET, C-CEI, and 10% reduction in overall clinical course grade per occurrence
- Two or more absences will result in course failure
- Any no show, no call occurrence will result in documentation of a significant incident

Emergent and Non-Emergent Situations – A student who is acutely ill may pose a significant risk to themselves or to others in the clinical unit and classroom. Students who are acutely ill should refrain from attending class, clinical and laboratory experiences. Absences, even for illness, may result in a student's inability to meet course learning objectives and pass a course.

Clinical experiences provide students with opportunities to apply the art and science of nursing with clients and families, and are necessary to fulfill the objectives of the course.

Students must make arrangements with clinical faculty to make up clinical absences. Faculty have the right to change/alter the clinical or lab experience for educational effectiveness.

1. In case of Medical Emergency in the Classroom or Laboratory Setting

If a medical emergency arises:

- Direct someone to call 911
- Render first aid/CPR if properly trained

2. In case of Medical Emergency in the Clinical setting

If a medical emergency arises:

- Follow clinical agency policy and procedure

3. Medical Non-emergency illness or injury occurs in the Classroom, Clinical or Laboratory Settings

If a medical non-emergency condition arises in the classroom, clinical or laboratory settings:

- Students are responsible for immediately reporting non-emergency medical illnesses or injuries during class, laboratory or clinical time to faculty.
- Within the clinical setting the instructor or lab supervisor will determine in accordance with clinical agency policy if the student may continue with learning activities.

The student will be allowed to continue with learning activities if the:

- illness is not contagious to others
- injury/illness is self-identified by the student as minor and does not require immediate medical attention
- illness or injury does not disrupt learning activities for student or others

The student will be released from learning activities if the:

- illness has the potential of being contagious to others
- illness or injury requires professional health care
- illness or injury disrupts learning activities for self or others

When the student is released from class, laboratory or clinical, it is counted as an absence according to the Attendance Policy. The instructor or lab supervisor will recommend a visit to the student's health care provider. The student will assume financial responsibility for his or her own health care needs. The student is responsible for arranging their own transportation from the clinical setting. As soon as possible, the student should contact the faculty or lab instructor regarding how to make-up the required clinical or laboratory time.

Documentation of Health Status for Participation in Clinical Experiences

I. Clinical Experiences

- A. Any student returning to participate in a clinical experience following an incident that alters their physical or mental ability is required to submit a *Return to Clinical* form to their health care provider.
 1. These incidences include, but are not limited to:
 - a. Bodily injury
 - b. Illness resulting in hospitalization
 - c. Surgical procedure
 2. The health care provider must verify on the *Return to Clinical* form that the student is functionally able to safely perform nursing care.
 3. Completion of the *Return to Clinical* form is required of all applicable students, including instances in which the illness or injury occurred/was resolved prior to the first day of the clinical experience.
 4. The completed *Return to Clinical* form must be on file in the Department of Nursing prior to the first day of the student's next clinical experience.
 5. Contact the Department of Nursing Administrative Support Staff to obtain a *Return to Clinical* form.
- B. Failure to inform faculty and submit proper documentation of the incident will result in the student being unable to return to clinical, thereby resulting in a clinical absence.
 1. See Clinical Attendance policy under Professional Accountability for Program Requirements.

II. Lab and Simulation Experiences

- A. Any student returning to participate in a lab or simulation experience following an incident that alters their physical or mental ability is required to inform faculty of the change in health status.
 1. These incidences include, but are not limited to:
 - a) Bodily injury
 - b) Illness resulting in hospitalization
 - c) Surgical procedure

Proper instructor notification ensures the student is able to safely practice nursing care within the lab and simulation setting.

Clinical Placement Information

The Department of Nursing at Miami University strives to ensure that each student has excellent clinical learning experiences. This becomes a challenging goal given today's complex and competitive health care environment where clinical facilities must meet the needs of learners from a growing number of educational units. Therefore, each semester many factors will impact the locations, dates, and times of clinical course offerings. A few of those factors include availability of faculty, availability of locations/units within a location, and numbers of students.

In order to provide each student with the required learning opportunities, **all students must remain flexible and be prepared for clinical placement in a variety of settings, at a variety of times.** This preparation must entail the following:

- Plans for transportation independently on clinical days to facilities;
- Plans surrounding clinical travel that include the ability to travel up to 1.5 hours one-way (from campus) to a clinical facility;
- Flexibility to accommodate changes in clinical scheduling, even last-minute changes;
- Ability to be at a clinical agency on a variety of days, times of day, evenings or nights, and possible weekends, especially in NSG 464;
- Willingness to adjust times/days of support or elective courses in order to attend assigned nursing classes.
- All of our clinical agencies require us to have on file for each student certain medical information/documentation, proof of CPR certification, drug screening results, insurances, and criminal record checks. If these documents are not on file with the Department of Nursing by the required deadline, the student is NOT permitted to attend Clinical, and is considered absent without excuse.

The Department of Nursing reserves the right to adjust clinical schedules when necessary.

Safe Practice in the Clinical Laboratory Courses

Department Policy Regarding Safe Practices

Providing care for clients is a privilege and requires attention to matters of safety. The Department has adopted the following policy to assure safe patient care is delivered by nursing students in the clinical experiences:

A student who reports to the clinical unit unable to perform safely will be dismissed from the clinical experience site and issued a Significant Incident.

Faculty may also be required to follow agency policies as specified by clinical agreements.

Ohio State Law Regarding Student Conduct While Providing Nursing Care

(Taken from Rules Promulgated from the law regulating the practice of nursing – Ohio Board of Nursing, 4723-5-12.)

1. A student shall, in a complete, accurate, and timely manner, report and document nursing assessments or observations, the care provided by the student for the patient, and the patient's response to that care.
2. A student shall, in an accurate and timely manner, report to the appropriate practitioner errors in or deviations from the current valid order.
3. A student shall not falsify any patient record or any other document prepared or utilized in the course of, or in conjunction with, nursing practice. This includes, but is not limited to, case management documents or reports, or time records, or reports, and other documents related to billing for nursing services.
4. A student shall implement measures to promote a safe environment for each patient.
5. A student shall delineate, establish, and maintain professional boundaries with each patient.
6. At all times when a student is providing direct nursing care to a patient, the student shall:
 - a. Provide privacy during examination or treatment and in the care of personal or bodily needs; and
 - b. Treat each patient with courtesy, respect, and with full recognition of dignity and individuality.
7. A student shall practice within the appropriate scope of practice as set forth in division (B) of section 4723.01 and division (B) (20) of section 4723.28 of the Revised Code for a registered nurse, and division (F) of section 4723.01 and division (B)(21) of section 4723.28 of the Revised Code for a practical nurse;
8. A student shall use universal and standard precautions established by Chapter 4723.20 of the Administrative Code;
9. A student shall not:
 - a. Engage in behavior that causes or may cause physical, verbal, mental or emotional abuse to a patient;
 - b. Engage in behavior toward a patient that may reasonably be interpreted as physical, verbal, mental or emotional abuse;

10. A student shall not misappropriate a patient's property or:
 - a. Engage in behavior to seek or obtain personal gain at the patient's expense;
 - b. Engage in behavior that may reasonably be interpreted as behavior to seek or obtain personal gain at the patient's expense;
 - c. Engage in behavior that constitutes inappropriate involvement in the patient's personal relationships; or
 - d. Engage in behavior that may reasonably be interpreted as inappropriate involvement in the patient's personal relationships;

For the purpose of this paragraph, the patient is always presumed incapable of giving free, full, or informed consent to the behaviors by the student set forth in this paragraph.

11. A student shall not:
 - a. Engage in sexual conduct with a patient;
 - b. Engage in conduct in the course of practice that may reasonably be interpreted as sexual;
 - c. Engage in any verbal behavior that is seductive or sexually demeaning to a patient;
 - d. Engage in verbal behavior that may reasonably be interpreted as seductive or sexually demeaning to a patient;

For the purpose of this paragraph, the patient is always presumed incapable of giving free, full, or informed consent to sexual activity with the student.

12. A student shall not, regardless of whether the contact or verbal behavior is consensual, engage with a patient other than the spouse of the student in any of the following:
 - a. Sexual contact, as defined in section 2907.01 of the Revised Code;
 - b. Verbal behavior that is sexually demeaning to the patient or may be reasonably interpreted by the patient as sexually demeaning.
13. A student shall not self-administer or otherwise take into the body any dangerous drug, as defined in section 4729.01 of the Revised Code, in any way not in accordance with a legal, valid prescription issued for the student, or self-administer or otherwise take into the body any drug that is a schedule I controlled substance.
14. A student shall not habitually indulge in the use of controlled substances, other habit-forming drugs, or alcohol or other chemical substances to an extent that impairs ability to practice.
15. A student shall not have impairment of the ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing care because of use of drugs, alcohol, or other chemical substances.
16. A student shall not have impairment of the ability to practice according to acceptable and prevailing standards of safe nursing care because of a physical or mental disability.
17. A student shall not assault or cause harm to a patient or deprive a patient of the means to summon assistance.
18. A student shall not obtain or attempt to obtain money or anything of value by intentional misrepresentation or material deception in the course of practice.

19. A student shall not have been adjudicated by a probate court of being mentally ill or mentally incompetent, unless restored to competency by the court.
20. A student shall not aid and abet a person in that person's practice of nursing without a license, practice as a dialysis technician without a certificate issued by the board, or administration of medications as a medication aide without a certificate issued by the board.
21. A student shall not prescribe any drug or device to perform or induce an abortion, or otherwise perform or induce an abortion.
22. A student shall not assist suicide as defined in section 3795.01 of the Revised Code.
23. A student shall not submit or cause to be submitted any false, misleading or deceptive statements, information, or document to the nursing program, its administrators, faculty, teaching assistants, preceptors, or to the board.
24. A student shall maintain the confidentiality of patient information. The student shall communicate patient information with members of the health care team for health care purposes only, shall access patient information only for purposes of patient care or for otherwise fulfilling the student's assigned clinical responsibilities, and shall not disseminate patient information for purposes other than patient care or for otherwise fulfilling the student's assigned clinical responsibilities through social media, texting, emailing, or any other form of communication.
25. To the maximum extent feasible, identifiable patient health care information shall not be disclosed by a student unless the patient has consented to the disclosure of identifiable patient health care information. A patient shall report individually identifiable patient information without written consent in limited circumstances only and in accordance with an authorized law, rule, or other recognized legal authority.
26. For purposes of paragraphs (C) (5), (C) (6), (C) (9), (C) (10), (C) (11), and (C) (12) of this rule, a student shall not use social media, texting, emailing or other forms of communication with, or about a patient, for non-health care purposes or for purposes other than fulfilling the student's assigned clinical responsibilities.

Clinical Performance Evaluation Tool

The Department of Nursing utilizes the Clinical Performance Evaluation Tool (CPET) to evaluate and grade students' clinical performance. A calculated score is generally reviewed with the student at mid-term and at the end of the course. A passing grade of 73% or higher must be achieved in clinical performance. Grades for other assignments are factored into the final course grade if the student has passed the clinical portion of the course. Categories of performance include: "Not achieving Standards", "Progressing towards Standards", "Achieving Standards", and "Exceeding Standards".

The Creighton Competency Evaluation Instrument (C-CEI®) is an instrument used to gauge the effectiveness of clinical learning in simulation environments. The C-CEI instrument will be used for simulations throughout the curriculum.

Student Injury

Students are responsible for all expenses that occur because of injury or illness. Health insurance is required of all students. In case of injury or infectious disease exposure at the clinical site, student must follow the clinical site's protocols as defined in clinical agreements with Miami University. Emergency treatment and follow-up may be required. Students with questions about clinical site protocols should talk with the clinical faculty member.

Health Services, Guidance and Counseling Services

For personal illness, physical or psychosocial, students are encouraged to seek care at the health care provider of their choice. Hamilton and Middletown campuses have counselors available who address both academic issues and personal issues and have resources external to the University for referrals. Appointments may be made with the campus counselors by contacting Regionals Student Life. Contact 513-785-3211 (Hamilton Campus) or 513-727-3431 (Middletown Campus) or 513-529-4634 Division of Student Life: Student Counseling Service (Oxford) to request an appointment.

Disability Services

Students with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations. Student Disability Services (SDS) registration should be completed prior to the provision of accommodations. Please contact SDS at 513-785-3211 (Hamilton campus) or 513-727-3431 (Middletown campus) or 513-529-1541; 7-1-1 (TTY-TDD); 513-529-8595 (fax) Miller Center for Student Disability Services (Oxford) to request an intake appointment to complete registration and request accommodations.

Students who have completed ODS registration are **encouraged to meet with faculty during week 1 of class** to discuss accommodation plans for the course.

Bloodborne Pathogens Exposure Control Protocol

Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) and Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

– Education and Management

- a. Prior to any exposure to clients/patients and as prerequisite to clinical preparation, students will receive instruction on universal precautions for blood and body borne infections in accordance with applicable Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. Information regarding personal health habits, HBV and HIV prevention, and risk behaviors will also be given. Exposure control education will be provided in the first semester nursing courses and will be continually reinforced. Documentation indicating that each student has been provided this information will be kept on file in departmental offices.
- b. All nursing personnel are ethically and professionally obligated to provide client/patient care with compassion and respect for human dignity. No nursing personnel may ethically refuse to treat a patient solely because the patient is at risk of contracting, or has an infectious disease such as HIV, AIDS, or HBV. Students and faculty should understand and follow rules of confidentiality as stated under Patient Rights in this handbook.
- c. Clinical supervision is to be managed to ensure strict compliance in all clinical learning experiences.

Students Who Are Hepatitis B (HBV) or HIV Positive

- a. Students who are Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) or HIV positive or who have AIDS must follow the CDC guidelines and universal precautions.
- b. Students who know they are infected should be encouraged to voluntarily inform the Chair of the Department of Nursing. The Chair will begin a process to assess the need for necessary modifications/accommodations in clinical education or job functions. Such modifications will be crafted on a case-by-case basis by the Chair in consultation with the most expert faculty.
- c. Clinical settings that pose additional risk to the personal health of HIV positive students and faculty should be identified. Such persons should be advised of these risks and urged to consult their health care provider to assess the significance of the risks to their own health.
- d. Any modification of clinical activity of HBV positive or HIV positive students will take into account the nature of the clinical activity, the technical expertise of the infected person, the risks posed by HBV or HIV carriage, functional disabilities, and the transmissibility of simultaneously carried infectious agents.

Testing Guidelines for HBV and HIV

Nursing students have ethical responsibilities to know their HBV and HIV status and have an obligation to be tested if they believe they may be at risk for HBV or HIV antibody. While the testing decision should be voluntary for the individual, there may be instances in which testing could be required.

Students may choose where to receive testing. Testing records will be kept separately from academic files and are accessible only on a need-to-know basis with the student's written consent. Release of data without written consent constitutes cause for disciplinary action.

The Department of Nursing supports the principle of confidentiality and individual rights in conjunction with the CDC guidelines on exposure to bloodborne disease.

Hepatitis B Vaccine Immunization

In accordance with Department of Nursing and clinical agency policies, all nursing students are required to present documentation of a completed series of HBV immunizations preferably upon admission to the nursing program, or if time does not permit, the first two of a series of three must be completed within the semester after admission. If the student declines to complete the series due to health reasons, a declination form must be signed.

Universal Precautions

Universal precautions will be followed at all times, including in the Nursing Resource Center. This method of infection control requires the student to assume that all human blood and specified human body fluids are infectious for HBV, HIV, and other bloodborne pathogens. Where differentiation of types of body fluids is difficult or impossible, all body fluids are to be considered as potentially infectious.

Post-Exposure Protocol for Prophylaxis of HBV and HIV

The use of personal protective equipment, appropriate engineering controls, and proper work practices must be continually reinforced among faculty and students to prevent exposure incidents to blood or other potentially infectious materials (OPIM). However, if an incident occurs, faculty and students should report the incident as soon as possible and be thoroughly familiar with the procedures for testing, evaluation, and treatment. A potential exposure incident can include:

- Percutaneous inoculation – needle stick or sharps
- Non-needle percutaneous injury – open cuts or abrasions
- Direct mucous membrane contact – accidental splash
- Non-intact skin contact with blood or OPIM

Initial Response to Exposure

- a) Immediately apply first aid as appropriate:
 - Allow to bleed freely; clean with 70% alcohol (for needle stick/puncture injury)
 - Wash thoroughly with soap and water
 - Mucous membrane: flush copiously with water
 - Eyes: irrigate and/or flush copiously with water
- b) Document the incident, including:
 - Route of exposure
 - How and when exposure occurred
 - Identify source individual, if known
 - Report exposure immediately to Nursing Faculty and appropriate supervisor at the clinical agency

Post Exposure Response by Students

In the event a student receives a needle puncture injury or other parenteral contact, the guidelines of the affiliating agency shall be followed. It is the responsibility of the student sustaining the injury/exposure to report and follow the criteria established by the facility. The University will not accept responsibility for expenses incurred.

Such responsibility lies with the student involved. However, all such incidents must be immediately reported to the instructor.

- a) Any student on clinical rotation who has a needle puncture shall be sent to their physician, or if they wish to the Emergency Room, or other health care agency.
- b) Student and instructor should determine immediately if the incident involved a clean or used needle.
- c) Injuries sustained with needles that have not been used on patients or their blood products require careful cleansing. Ice should be applied to the wound if needle contained a vesicant chemotherapeutic agent. Tetanus prophylaxis should be individualized.
- d) If a student reports a potential exposure incident to blood or OPIM, the following CDC guidelines should be followed. A student should be tested for HIV to establish seronegativity first, followed by a retest at 6 weeks, 3 months, 6 months, and 1 year.

The Department of Nursing Accident Report Form should be completed and taken by student to the health care provider for appropriate testing and possible treatment. A copy of the completed Accident Report form shall be kept in a confidential file in the Nursing Office. If the student elects to not follow the guidelines, they must sign the declination statement.

Legal/Ethical Guidelines

Students' Rights-Grievance Procedures for Students

For student concerns or a grievance, the first step is at the department level. If the student wishes to appeal the decision beyond the departmental level, the student may contact the divisional grievance committee. The following are the steps/procedure at the Department of Nursing level for students if they have concerns and a grievance.

“In all cases the student should first meet with the instructor to voice a complaint and to receive an explanation and possible redress. If the student is not satisfied with the explanation, he or she should confer with the chair of the department and ask for a review of the grade through the departmental grievance procedure.....[The] student should recognize the difference between questioning a grade and charging an instructor with a violation of the Statement of Good Teaching Practices. The latter is a serious act and should neither be undertaken lightly nor should the desire to have a grade reviewed and changed be the primary motivation. A student initiating a grievance procedure should be aware that the University Senate has ruled that the final determination of a student's grade remains with the instructor, regardless of the outcome of any appeal procedure.”

<https://miamioh.edu/policy-library/students/undergraduate/academic-regulations/academic-responsibilities-and-academic-grievance-policy-undergrad.html#grievance-procedure>

The following is the Academic Grievance Policy that students are to follow at the Department of Nursing level.

1. **Initial Steps for Resolution:** If a student approaches the Chair with a grievance, such as a request for a grade review or a charge of violation of the Statement of Good Teaching Practices as stated in the *Miami University Policy Library*, the Chair will ascertain whether the student has discussed the situation with the faculty person involved.

If no discussion has occurred the Chair will recommend the student do so before proceeding with any grievance procedure. The Chair also has the option of meeting with the student and faculty person to help reach a resolution if all parties agree.

2. Formal Procedure: To initiate a formal grievance procedure, the student will provide the Chair with a signed written statement of the grievance. The Chair will forward a copy of the student's grievance to the instructor promptly after receiving it, together with a request for information relevant to the situation. The instructor shall also forward to the Chair a written reply to the student's statement. The written statements and any other relevant materials shall then be forwarded to an Academic Grievance Committee.

- a. Academic Grievance Committee: The Chair shall appoint three representative faculty to serve as the committee and secure an administrator from outside the department to serve as hearing officer if a hearing is deemed necessary. These persons should not be teaching on the same teaching team as the faculty person against whom the complaint was filed.

The Committee shall meet and examine the forwarded materials and determine whether the matter can be decided without a hearing. If a hearing is not required, the committee shall write a recommendation regarding the grievance within a reasonable period of time. The report is then sent to or discussed with the Chair of the Department. The Chair will forward copies of the report to the student and instructor.

- b. In the case of a request for a grade change: If the Academic Grievance Committee believes the grade should be reviewed further or changed, they will make such recommendations to the Chair. The Chair will discuss the recommendations with the instructor. The instructor has the final decision on grades and does not have to change the grade as recommended.
- c. In the case of a student filing charges of violation of Good Teaching Practices: The Academic Grievance Committee will make a determination as to whether such practices were violated, and put in writing any recommendations regarding this, which is to be submitted to the Chair. The Chair makes the final departmental decision regarding violation of Good Teaching Practices. The student may appeal the decision to the College of Liberal Arts and Applied Science grievance committee.

3. Student Appeals Decision: "If the student wishes to appeal the decision beyond the departmental level, the student may submit to the divisional grievance committee a written, dated, and signed complaint stating the name of the instructor, the course, the provision(s) of the Good Teaching Practices alleged to have been violated, a brief description of the incident(s) giving rise to the grievance, and the remedy requested. The student should also provide any materials supportive of the complaint. Review the [Miami University Policy Library](#) for additional information.

Students' Rights-Grievance Procedures for Students Hearing Procedures

If the Academic Grievance Committee determines a hearing is necessary, the following procedures will be utilized to conduct the hearing. In addition to the three faculty members on the committee, another person representing the University administration will be asked to conduct the hearing as the department chair designee.

1. The department chair designee will communicate the date, time, and location of the hearing to all members of the committee, the student, and the faculty member involved in the grievance. If either party is bringing witnesses, that party is responsible to communicate the date, time, and location of the hearing to those witnesses.
2. The hearing will be closed to only those persons who are members of the Academic Grievance Committee, the department chair designee, the student, the faculty member, and any witnesses or advisors to the student and faculty member.
3. The student and the faculty member may also bring an advisor who is a member of the University community to the hearing. Said member of the University community must be a faculty member, administrator or Student Affairs staff member. Neither party is permitted to bring an attorney.
4. The student and the faculty member will submit copies of any documentation they wish the Committee to consider, and a list of witnesses they expect to bring, to the department chair designee at least 5 days prior to the scheduled hearing. The department chair designee will then provide the student and the faculty member with a copy of the documents and witness list submitted by the other.
5. The student and the faculty member may bring witnesses who are able to provide testimony directly related to the specific issues. Character witnesses whose only purpose is to attest to the student's personality are not generally necessary and, in the interest of time, may not be permitted to provide testimony. Formal Rules of Evidence will not apply. The Hearing Committee will receive only that information determined to be relevant or important in light of the totality of the circumstances.
6. At the beginning of the hearing, the department chair designee will advise the student and the faculty member of the following procedures:
 - a) Each party may make a brief opening statement.
 - b) The student has the first opportunity to provide information and call witnesses. The members of the Committee and the involved faculty member may ask questions of the student and the witnesses.
 - c) The faculty member may then provide information and call witnesses. The members of the Committee and the student may ask questions of the faculty member and the witnesses.
 - d) Witnesses will remain outside the hearing room when not providing information or responding to questions.
 - e) Each party may make a closing statement.
 - f) The Academic Grievance Committee may deliberate at the close of the hearing or at another time convenient to the members of the committee. The deliberation is not open to the student, the involved faculty member, or any of the witnesses. The department chair designee may sit in during the deliberations at his/her discretion.
 - g) The Academic Grievance Committee shall produce written findings and recommendations and submit this document to the department chair designee within 5 days of the hearing.
 - h) The department chair designee shall send the written findings and recommendations to the student, the involved faculty member and the department chair within 2 days of receiving said document.

Student Accountability

Faculty expect that classroom and clinical learning will be conducted in an environment of mutual respect. Faculty have the right to expect that student's performance will reflect the identified educational outcomes at the appropriate level. Faculty will adhere to Miami University's regulations on academic conduct as described in *The Miami Bulletin: The Student Handbook*.

The Department of Nursing expects students enrolled in the program to model the standards, goals, and ideas of the profession held by the American Nurses Association, Ohio Board of Nursing, Miami University, and HIPAA regulations. The Department of Nursing believes that the educational experience, whether academic or clinical, fosters intellectual pursuits, develops socially responsible learners, ensures academic freedom and protects individuals' rights. All students are expected to act in a manner that is consistent with professional standards.

Cheating, plagiarism, or other forms of academic misconduct will not be tolerated. Professional misconduct, in the manner of lack of student's integrity, judgment, preparation or performance of safe care as a nursing student, will not be tolerated. A significant incident provides for student/faculty input and defines the follow-up evaluation measures.

Testing Environment

Students must place all belongings along walls; remove hats/caps; place cell phones, smart devices, I-watches, and all other blue-tooth enabled devices with other personal belongings along wall.

Make-up Tests

Except for extreme circumstances, students are expected to take all course tests during the scheduled time of administration. Students are expected to notify course faculty ahead of time if they must be absent from an exam whether that exam is administered in an online format or via paper and pencil format. It is preferred that one-week notice is provided when possible and appropriate rationale for the absence provided. Notification is required per face-to-face communication, telephone, or through Miami University e-mail. When a student misses an exam without prior notice, faculty reserves the right to award a grade of "0" for that test. Faculty also reserve the right to administer the makeup test in a different format.

Student Resources

Optional Course: NSG 325 – Problem-Based Approaches in Nursing

The course uses problem-based approaches to foster critical thinking skills for the provision of safe, effective nursing care. It incorporates strategies to analyze complex nursing applications. Prerequisites: NSG 251 and NSG 252 or permission of the Instructor.

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Student Organizations

Student Representation

The Nursing Department believes that student representation and participation is an important student right, and that this voice should have an important impact upon the activity within the Department. Students are encouraged to participate in the Nursing Student Association, the Student Advisory Council, or other University organizations.

Student Nurses Association (SNA)

The Student Nurses Association is organized to foster an understanding of the nursing program and to stimulate and encourage professional behavior of members. Membership is open to all students interested in nursing. Its goal is to promote fellowship and mentoring of future and current nursing students and to promote health and service on campus and in the local community.

Regional Chapter of American Assembly for Men in Nursing

Men in Nursing is a group which focuses on the diversity in nursing of gender, race, ethnicity, and ideas. The group addresses these issues through the collaborative efforts of all individuals.

Student Advisory Council (SAC)

The Student Advisory Council consists of volunteer Nursing students within the program. Its goal is to be a formal intermediary platform for direct communication between students and faculty related to curriculum, governance, admissions, and progression in the Miami Nursing program. The functions are:

1. To provide an official channel of communication and cooperation between students and faculty.
2. For the faculty in the department of Nursing to seek student input and share issues of mutual interest that include, but are not limited to, academic programs, non-curricular programs, student services, campus facilities, and policies and procedures with direct impact on students.
3. Students submit recommendations, general student concerns and ideas of improvement to the faculty of the appropriate standing committees. Currently students attend Curriculum Committee Meetings, and Admission-Progression-Graduation Meetings. Other meetings may be attended at the discretion of the Chair of the department.
4. Two students are to attend each meeting - 1 being the student chair and another member. Ideal membership is 1-2 students at each level (sophomore, junior, senior), from all campuses. The proposed chair and co-chair would be agreed upon by the Student Advisory Council and faculty advisor, who would then present to Faculty Org and the department chair for finalization.
5. SAC chair is to contact students in the sophomore, junior, and senior levels in the fall semester or as needed to encourage committee membership.
6. The council will meet as needed and keep records of their meetings, which will be sent to MUH nursing office for recordkeeping at the end of each semester.
7. SAC chair is to send a record of all committee members to MUH nursing office for recordkeeping as needed.
8. SAC members will have a designated faculty advisor to assist them in their roles.

Scholarships

Students in the Department of Nursing are eligible for Miami University Regional Campus and Department of Nursing Scholarships annually.

The REGIONAL CAMPUS scholarship awards are made possible through the generous support of donors to Miami University. These awards vary from \$100 to \$5,000. Awards are made at the discretion of the regional Campus Scholarship committee based on the availability of funds.

The DEPARTMENT OF NURSING scholarship awards are made possible through the generous support of donors and Nursing Alumni. These awards vary based on the availability of funds and are awarded at the discretion of the Department of Nursing Scholarship committee. Students enrolled in Nursing course work will receive email notification of the online application process spring semester. Nursing students will be assigned to a cohort beginning Junior year. The following four-year curriculum plans offer examples of the specific schedules that will be offered.

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Second Year: Fall 2020; 16-17 CREDITS		Spring 2021; 15-16 CREDITS	
**MBI 361 or **BIO 325	Epidemiology (3) or Pathophysiology (4)	**MBI 361 or **BIO 325	Epidemiology (3) or Pathophysiology (4)
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NSG 251	Therapeutic Communication in Nursing (3)	NSG 432	Population Focused Nursing Care – <i>Clinical</i> (2)
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NSG 261	Health and Physical Assessment (3)		
Third Year: Fall 2021; 17 CREDITS		Spring 2022; 14 CREDITS	
NSG 349	Introduction to Principles of Pharmacology in Nursing (3)	NSG 363	Nursing Care of Children (3)
NSG 365	Nursing Research (3)	NSG 364	Nursing Care of Children – <i>Clinical</i> (2)
NSG 351	Nursing of Childbearing Family (3)	NSG 353	Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations I (3)
NSG 352	Childbearing Family – <i>Clinical</i> (2)	NSG 354	Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations I – <i>Clinical</i> (3)
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Fourth Year: Fall 2022; 15 CREDITS		Spring 2023; 13 CREDITS	
NSG 361	Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations II (3)	NSG 435 (MPC)	Challenges in Health Care Delivery (3)
NSG 362	Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations II – <i>Clinical</i> (3)	NSG 463	Nursing Care of Clients Experiencing Multi-System Health Alterations (3)
NSG 402	The Professional Nurse Leader (3)	NSG 464	Nursing Care of Clients Experiencing Multi-System Health Alterations - <i>Clinical</i> (5)
NSG 451	Nursing Care of Clients with Mental Health Disorders & Their Families (3)	NSG 465	Nursing Senior Seminar (2)
NSG 452	Nursing Care of Clients with Mental Health Disorders & Their Families - <i>Clinical</i> (3)		

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NSG 261	Health and Physical Assessment (3)		
Third Year: Fall 2021; 17 CREDITS		Spring 2022; 15 CREDITS	
NSG 349	Introduction to Principles of Pharmacology in Nursing (3)	NSG 353	Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations I (3)
NSG 365	Nursing Research (3)	NSG 354	Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations I – <i>Clinical</i> (3)
NSG 351	Nursing of Childbearing Family (3)	NSG 451	Nursing Care of Clients with Mental Health Disorders & Their Families (3)
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Fourth Year: Fall 2022; 14 CREDITS		Spring 2023; 13 CREDITS	
NSG 361	Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations II (3)	NSG 435 (MPC)	Challenges in Health Care Delivery (3)
NSG 362	Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations II – <i>Clinical</i> (3)	NSG 463	Nursing Care of Clients Experiencing Multi-System Health Alterations (3)
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*CHM 131 (MP IVB)	Chemistry of Life Processes (4)	*MBI 123	Experimenting with Microbes (1)
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NSG 261	Health and Physical Assessment (3)		
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NSG 263	Community Health Nursing (3)	NSG 351	Nursing of Childbearing Family (3)
NSG 432	Population Focused Nursing Care – <i>Clinical</i> (2)	NSG 352	Childbearing Family – <i>Clinical</i> (2)
NSG 353	Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations I (3)	NSG 363	Nursing Care of Children (3)
NSG 354	Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations I – <i>Clinical</i> (3)	NSG 364	Nursing Care of Children – <i>Clinical</i> (2)
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ABBREVIATION KEY

MP-AW = Advanced Writing MPF = Global Miami Plan Foundation MP-ICP = Intercultural Perspectives
MPF I = English Composition MPF IIA = Creative Arts MPF IIB = Humanities
MPF IIC = Social Science MPF III = Global Perspectives MPF IVA = Biological Science
MPF IVB = Physical Science MPC = Miami Plan Capstone
MPF V = Mathematics, Formal Reasoning, Technology ***Recommend STA 261 for MPF V if planning on graduate school*

EXCEPTIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCES

Our hospital and clinical agencies are located in the Oxford, Cincinnati, Hamilton, Fairfield, Middletown and Dayton areas, including:

Atrium Medical Center	Fort Hamilton Hospital	Mercy Health West Hospital
Bethesda North Hospital	Lindner Center of HOPE	Miami Valley Hospital
Cincinnati Children's Hospital	McCullough-Hyde Memorial Hospital	The Christ Hospital
Dayton Children's Hospital	Mercy Health Fairfield Hospital	West Chester Hospital (UC Health)

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Our students have multiple opportunities to partner with organizations to improve health and safety in the local communities. These include projects to improve mental health access, women's health and education, and pediatric health screening.

CAREER OPTIONS

All graduates will be qualified to take the National Council Licensing Examination- RN (NCLEX-RN) to become a licensed registered nurse (RN) in Ohio or any other state. The BSN program prepares graduates for roles in all areas of nursing, including acute care settings in medical-surgical, maternal newborn, operating room, emergency, and intensive care. Other non-acute care settings that attract our graduates include home care, school nursing, rehab facilities, extended care facilities, health clinics, and public health roles. The BSN also provides a pathway for nurse leadership roles and entry into a master's program in advance practice nursing. Nurses with a Master's degree in Nursing may pursue roles as a nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, nurse anesthetist, nurse educator, nurse researcher, or nurse administrator.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must earn a minimum of 124 credit hours and achieve an overall GPA of 2.0. The nursing program requires a grade of C or better in all nursing courses and all non-nursing program required courses: BIO171, BIO172, BIO325, ENG111, MBI361, PSY111/112, CHM131 (or equivalent) and MBI161 (or equivalent). Students who earn a grade below a C in two or more of these courses will be dismissed from the nursing program. It is expected that students complete required courses by level/year (as outlined above) in order to progress to the next level. It is the student's responsibility to stay on track with program requirements.

MISCELLANEOUS COSTS

In addition to the fees below which are associated with the Nursing program, individual courses may have additional required materials, subject to change. These estimated fees include, but are not limited to:

Nurse Pack	\$ 120	Parking Fees at Clinical Agencies	\$ 30
Uniform	\$ 120	State Licensing Fee	\$ 75
Nursing Books	\$1,000	NCLEX-RN Exam Fee	\$ 200
Lab Fees	\$2,000	CastleBranch Program Set-Up Fee	\$ 35
Health Insurance	variable costs	Graduation Fee	\$ 60
Immunizations	variable costs	HESI Access across 6 semesters & includes a 4 day review course at the completion of the program	\$1,011
Criminal Record Checks	\$ 300	Laptop computer	variable costs
CPR	\$ 240		
Drug Screening	\$ 120		

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BSN Program Required Nursing Course Descriptions

NSG 251 Therapeutic Communication in Nursing

Examines and develops skills in communication that the nurse uses in working with clients across the lifespan and with other health care professionals. Consideration is given to factors affecting the nurse-client relationship, including self-awareness and cultural awareness. Theory and evidence are examined as foundations for therapeutic communication in nursing practice.

NSG 252 Foundations of Professional Nursing

Introduces the student to the role of the nurse as a partner in health promotion with others within the health care system. Nursing is studied in light of its historical roots, educational trends, professional/political power, theory and research, and the profession's role in the changing health care delivery system. Major theories, concepts, trends, and issues that impact the nursing profession today are addressed. Applications of theories regarding socialization into the professional role are emphasized.

NSG 261 Health & Physical Assessment

Designed to develop transcultural health assessment skills across the life span. Content and practice focuses on developing cognitive and psychomotor skills associated with obtaining a complete data base through history taking and physical assessments. Students will identify assessment findings that fall outside accepted parameters of normal for pediatric, adult, geriatric and pregnant populations.

NSG 262 Fundamentals of Professional Nursing Practice

Develops skills in nursing therapeutics and evidence-based practice to promote holistic health. Through use of critical thinking skills, students will apply psychomotor skills and nursing therapeutic interventions.

NSG 263 Community Health Nursing

Develop nursing skills in assessment, program planning, and interventions to promote the health of communities and vulnerable populations. Builds a foundation for designing nursing strategies for individuals, families and populations by integrating health promotion and disease prevention concepts, nursing and public health theory.

NSG 349 Introduction to Principles of Pharmacology in Nursing Practice

Introduces the student to the nursing application of basic pharmacology throughout the lifespan. Emphasis is placed on the application of pharmacological knowledge through clinical decision making in nursing practice.

NSG 351 Nursing of Childbearing Family

Examines theory and evidence-based practice as the basis for planning care for the childbearing family. Emphasis is placed on health promotion integration for families in transition, acknowledging physiological, sociocultural, political and economic forces within the health care system.

NSG 352 Childbearing Family – Clinical

Addresses the nursing role as provider of care for childbearing families. Theoretical principles and evidence-based practice are applied to the planning of and providing care for the childbearing family. Emphasis is placed on health promotion integration for childbearing families.

NSG 353 Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations I

Examines holistic nursing care of adults. Emphasis is on therapeutic nursing care to promote, maintain, and restore health in adults within the context of the family and community. Focus is on medical-surgical health alterations common to adults.

NSG 354 Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations I – Clinical

Addresses providing holistic nursing care to adults and their families in a variety of settings. Students will focus on health promotion, risk reduction, and health restoration activities in examining medical-surgical health alterations common to adults.

NSG 361 Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations II

Examines holistic nursing care of adults and their families. Emphasis is on therapeutic nursing care to promote, maintain, and restore health in adults within the context of the family and community. Focuses on medical-surgical health alterations common to adults.

NSG 362 Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations II – Clinical

Addresses providing holistic nursing care to adults and their families in a variety of settings. Students will focus on health promotion, risk reduction, and health restoration activities in examining medical-surgical health alterations common to adults.

NSG 363 Nursing Care of Children

Examines theory and evidence-based practice as the basis for planning nursing care for the child within the context of family and community. Emphasis is placed on health promotion, psychological and physiological needs as well as the dynamic interplay of culture, socioeconomic, ethical and legal issues, and spiritual beliefs.

NSG 364 Nursing Care of Children – Clinical

Addresses application of theory and evidence-based practice in caring for the child within the context of family and community. Emphasis is placed on health promotion, psychological and physiological needs as well as the dynamic interplay of culture, socioeconomic, ethical and legal issues, and spiritual beliefs.

NSG 365 Nursing Research

This course introduces the baccalaureate nursing student to the research process and its application in the discipline of nursing. Emphasis will be placed on critiquing published studies, understanding the research process, and developing skills to apply research findings in the practice setting.

NSG 402 The Professional Nurse Leader

Synthesizes roles and responsibilities of the baccalaureate nurse by establishing a theoretical foundation for developing leadership skills applicable in all areas of the health care system.

NSG 432 Population-Focused Nursing Care - Clinical

Students apply theory and principles of population-focused care to examine public health issues of vulnerable or disenfranchised populations. Using data, information technology and input from community members, students design, implement and evaluate evidence-based nursing interventions.

NSG 435 Challenges in Health Care Delivery

Provides opportunity to synthesize and apply accumulated knowledge to a specific topic or project related to health care delivery. Students with varying academic and experiential backgrounds work in small groups to research and analyze a topic or situation from various perspectives. Each group develops one of the following: a position paper, a manuscript ready for submission for publication, or a plan for action relative to a specific situation or problem.

NSG 451 Nursing Care of Clients Experiencing Mental Health Disorders and Their Families

Examines theory and evidence-based practice in the nursing care of clients experiencing mental health disorders and their families. Emphasizes application of the nursing process and therapeutic communication skills in the promotion of mental health. Concepts of group dynamics and family systems are addressed.

NSG 452 Nursing Care of Clients Experiencing Mental Health Disorders and Their Families – Clinical
Addresses providing care to clients experiencing mental health disorders and their families in a variety of settings. Emphasis is on application of the nursing process and therapeutic communication skills. Promotion of mental health, concepts of group dynamics and family systems are addressed.

NSG 461 Nursing Care of Older Adults

Examines holistic nursing care of the aging client. Health and wellness needs of the older adult and the impact of aging on the individual, family, and community are evaluated. Focus is on promoting functional ability and quality of life of the older adult.

NSG 463 Nursing Care of Clients Experiencing Multi-System Health Alterations

Examines multi-system health alterations that affect individuals and families across the life span. Students will synthesize prior learning as they analyze the multiple factors contributing to major health alterations. Emphasizes the way in which individuals as members of families and other social groups adapt to the trajectory of the disease process and complex health alterations. The student is guided to examine the role of the nurse as a member of the interdisciplinary team that provides services for disease prevention, health restoration and rehabilitation.

NSG 464 Nursing Care of Clients Experiencing Multi-System Health Alterations – Clinical

Addresses providing care to groups of clients with multi-system health alterations and their families. Focuses on refining clinical decision-making skills, implementing evidence-based interventions, and measuring client outcomes in evaluating the therapeutic effectiveness of care provided. Facilitates the transition from student to graduate nurse through preceptored experiences and faculty guidance.

NSG 465 Nursing Senior Seminar

Seminar course designed to assist the graduating senior nursing student to transition from student role to registered nurse (RN) role. The course utilizes a nationally normed standardized testing product in preparation for the RN licensure examination. This course focuses on assisting the student to evaluate his/her results and develop individualized remediation plans to foster success on the licensure examination. The course incorporates a comprehensive review. Prerequisite: last semester of senior BSN program.

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Nursing Course	Semester Credits	Theory Hours	Laboratory Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Contact Hours
NSG 251 Therapeutic Communication in Nursing	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 252 Foundations of Professional Nursing	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 261 Health & Physical Assessment	3	30	30	0	60
NSG 262 Fundamentals of Professional Nursing Practice	4	60	36	24	120
NSG 263 Community Health Nursing	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 349 Introduction to Principles of Pharmacology in Nursing Practice	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 351 Nursing Care of Childbearing Family	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 352 Nursing Care of Childbearing Family Clinical	2	27	8	25	60
NSG 353 Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations I	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 354 Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations I Clinical	3	10	0	80	90
NSG 361 Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations II	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 362 Nursing Care of Adult Clients with Health Alterations II Clinical	3	13	5	72	90
NSG 363 Nursing Care of Children	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 364 Nursing Care of Children Clinical	2	10	2	48	60
NSG 365 Nursing Research	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 402 The Professional Nurse Leader	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 432 Population-Focused Nursing Care Clinical	2	32	0	28	60
NSG 435 Challenges in Health Care Delivery	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 451 Nursing Care of Clients Experiencing Mental Health Disorders and Their Families	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 452 Nursing Care of Clients Experiencing Mental Health Disorders and Their Families Practicum	3	17	1	72	90
NSG 461 Nursing Care of Older Adults	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 463 Nursing Care of Clients with Multi-System Health Alterations	3	45	0	0	45
NSG 464 Nursing Care of Clients with Multi-System Health Alterations Clinical	5	9	9	132	150
NSG 465 Nursing Senior Seminar	2	30	0	0	30
Various nursing electives	3	45	0	0	45
Total Hours	74	913	91	481	1485

BSN Program Nursing Elective Options - Course Descriptions

NSG 301 Theory-Based Nursing Practice

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NSG 302 Intermediate Clinical Nursing Practicum

This course provides students with a concentrated clinical experience at a local health care facility that will focus on improving their skills to plan, implement, and evaluate the nursing care they provide. Students care for a group of clients over consecutive days and have a nurse mentor thus fostering collegial and interdisciplinary relationships. The faculty member will evaluate the student more in-depth in the application of knowledge, selection of priorities and consistency of care.

Prerequisites: NSG 262

NSG 311 Health Promotion Across the Lifespan

Helps baccalaureate nursing students shift their focus from illness-oriented care to health and wellness promotion. Students are introduced to content about assessment for wellness and intervention for health promotion throughout the life span. Open to all majors.

NSG 317 Teaching Strategies in Health Care

Designed to develop knowledge and skill in teaching clients and their families on a one-to-one basis as well as in group situations. Content related to theories of learning, assessment of learning needs, teaching strategies, and evaluation of teaching explored in detail. Emphasizes the role of a nurse as a teacher. Employs experiential teaching strategies. Students learn to teach by experimenting with different teaching strategies, as well as by modeling techniques used by the instructor. (Required for RN-BSN program, elective for BSN). Open to all majors.

NSG 321 – U.S. Health Care System and Culture

This course is designed to provide the student with an overview regarding factors that influence health care systems in the United States. A seminar/discussion format will be used to help students examine the culture of health care, various health care delivery systems, as well as roles of providers of care and key stakeholders. Students will also explore select contemporary and legal/ethical issues that arise in the evolving health care system. Open to all majors. Prerequisite: Junior standing.

NSG 341 Caring and Terminal Illness

Elective course that explores concepts of professional nursing care in relation to terminal illness. Foci include symptom control, family support, attitudes towards death and dying, and concept of biomedical ethics.

NSG 343 – Health Care Informatics

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NSG 399 – Global Health Perspectives and Challenges in Central America

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NSG 399C - Caregiving in a Crisis: Humanitarian Aid Workers, Luxembourg

This course examines the evolution, priorities and current challenges of international humanitarian aid for global health. Students will examine humanitarian organizations, with special attention given to the role and impact of healthcare workers. Course activities will include visits to local and international NGO headquarters and guest speakers in Luxembourg, The Netherlands, and Geneva, Switzerland.

NSG 418 – Perspectives of Chronic Disease

Examines complex health problems that affect individuals and families across the lifespan. Students analyze the multiple factors contributing to major chronic health problems of contemporary American society. Emphasis is given to the way in which individuals as members of families and other social groups adapt to the trajectory of the disease process. The course also examines the role of the nurse as a member of the interdisciplinary team that provides services for disease prevention, health restoration, and rehabilitation. Open to all majors.

NSG 441 – Health and Aging: Current Perspectives and Issues

This elective course examines issues of health status and health care delivery for the older population. Topics include perceptions of health, major health problems in later life, strategies for working with older persons experiencing functional and sensory changes of aging, patterns of health-services utilization, projected health needs, and ethical issues related to health care for the elderly. (BSN and RN-BSN programs)

Independent Studies are available. Please see a faculty member for information.

**Miami University
Department of Nursing
RN-BSN Program
(Beginning with 2018, catalog year 2019)**

Prerequisites for Admission to Program

1. RN licensure without restrictions
2. GPA of 2.0
3. Associate Degree Nursing Courses (28 hours)
*28 credit hours must be from an NLN accredited AD nursing program. Graduates of non-accredited AD programs, proprietary programs and diploma programs may meet this requirement by successfully completing NSG 301, NSG 311, and NSG 313.

Nursing Program Requirements

Non-nursing Requirements: 6/7 hours (F – Fall; S – Spring; W - Winter)

BIO 232 (S, W)	Human Genetics (3) OR
BIO 325 (F, S)	Pathophysiology (4) 15-week course
MBI 361 (F, S)	Epidemiology (3) 15-week course

Nursing Course Requirements: 30 hours (F – Fall; S – Spring)

NSG 301 (F)	Theory-based Nursing Practice (3)
NSG 311 (F)	Health Promotion Across Lifespan (3)
NSG 313 (F)	Assessment of Well Individual (2)
NSG 317 (S)	Teaching Strategies in Health Care (3)
NSG 331 (F)	Introduction to Nursing Research (3)
NSG 402 (S)	The Professional Nurse Leader (3)
NSG 418 (F)	Perspectives of Chronic Disease (3)
NSG 430 (S)	Community Health Nursing (4)
NSG 435 (S)	Challenges in Health Care Delivery (3)
NSG Elective	See below (3) 15-week course

All of the above RN-BSN courses run as online, 6-week sprint courses. Some nursing electives run as full semester/15-week courses, while others run in the 6-week sprint format.

Nursing Elective Options: 3 hours

NSG 321	U.S. Healthcare System and Culture (3)
NSG 341	Caring and Terminal Illness (3)
NSG 343	Healthcare Informatics (3)
NSG 399	Global Health Perspectives and Challenges in Central America (3-6)
NSG 441	Health and Aging: Current Perspectives and Issues (3)
NSG 477	Independent Study (arranged with faculty)

University Requirements

Global Miami Plan for Liberal Education: All students who enter Miami in fall 2015 and thereafter are required to complete the following Global Miami Plan requirements:

Foundation I. English Composition (3 hours)

ENG 111 or ENG 109

Foundation II. Fine Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences (9 hours)

A. Creative Arts (3)

B. Humanities (3)

C. Social Science (3)

Foundation III. Global perspectives (6 hours)

Study Abroad (6) or

Global Courses (6)

Foundation IV. Natural Sciences (6 hours, must include one laboratory course)

Biological Science (3) *Recommend MBI 161 to meet Thematic Sequence: 'MBII'

Physical Science (3)

Foundation V. Math, Formal Reasoning, Technology (3 hours)

*Recommend STA 261 if planning to go to graduate school

Thematic Sequence (9 hours) Thematic sequence requirement is met by completing related courses (at least 9 hours) in an approved Thematic Sequence outside the student's department of major.

Recommend Thematic Sequence: MBII Biomedical Science: MBI 161, BIO 232 or BIO 325, MBI 361; other thematic sequence options are available.

Advanced Writing Course (3 hours) Met through program requirement NSG 301

Experiential Learning Met through program requirement NSG 430

Intercultural Perspectives (3 hours) Met through program requirement NSG 430

Senior Capstone (3 hours) Met through program requirement NSG 435

TOTAL CREDITS NEEDED FOR GRADUATION: 124 hours

Recommended sequencing of courses for fall start (to graduate in 3 years):

Fall 1	Spring 1	Fall 2	Spring 2	Fall 3	Spring 3
NSG 301	NSG 317	NSG 313	NSG 430	NSG 331	BIO 232
NSG 311	NSG 402	NSG 418	MBI 361	NSG Elective	NSG 435

Recommended sequencing of courses for spring start (to graduate in 3 years):

Spring 1	Fall 1	Spring 2	Fall 2	Spring 3	Fall 3
NSG 317	NSG 301	NSG 430	NSG 313	NSG 435	NSG Elective
NSG 402	NSG 311	MBI 361	NSG 331	BIO 232	NSG 418

Students may take courses on a part-time basis (one course at a time) or full-time (16-18 credits at a time). Please see an advisor for help in planning your schedule.

Students must achieve at least a "C" in all nursing program required courses: core requirements (MBI 361, BIO 232 or BIO 325) and all nursing course requirements. Students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average while enrolled in the nursing program.

The nursing department reserves the right to change the curriculum, as necessary, as allowed by the Ohio Board of Nursing's rules. As communicated to all currently admitted students, the RN-BSN program will be suspended at the close of the Spring, 2021 term. All coursework, including Miami Plan requirements, must be completed successfully by the close of that term in order to graduate from Miami University's RN-BSN program.

RN-BSN Program Nursing Course Descriptions

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NSG 313 - Assessment of The Well Individual

Facilitates development of physical assessment skills appropriate to performing a screening physical examination as part of a comprehensive nursing assessment. Content and practice focuses on developing student's ability to obtain a complete data base, identify physical assessment findings that fall outside accepted parameters of normal, and analyze data to formulate nursing diagnoses. (RN-BSN program)

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Provides foundation for systematic study of nursing and health related problems using research process. Emphasis is placed on critiquing published studies, understanding the research process, using evidenced based literature and developing skills in research utilization in the practice setting. (RN-BSN program)

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NSG 420 - Focused Practicum in BSN or Expanded Nursing Roles

In this clinical course, students will design their own practicum experience in which they will work with a preceptor in a role appropriate to the Bachelors or Masters prepared nurse. Students will negotiate with faculty and preceptors to develop experiences and activities that will meet their own learning needs. Roles selected could include, but not be limited to leadership, research, health promotion, cultural diversity exploration, specialized inpatient or outpatient care, advanced practice nursing, or community activism. Prerequisites: NSG 301, 311, 313 and 331.

NSG 430 - Community Health Nursing

This course provides a theoretical background and a practicum experience in community health nursing. The course is based on the synthesis of evidence-based practice, nursing theory, and on the physical, behavioral and public health sciences. Emphasis is on the promotion and maintenance of the health of populations. The course assists students to recognize and analyze the interrelationship among individuals, families, population groups and the community in determining the health status of each with a special focus on vulnerable populations. The practicum allows students to apply theory to practice. Open only to RN-BSN students. IC. Prerequisite or Co-requisite: MBI 361.

NSG 435 - Challenges in Health Care Delivery

Provides opportunity to synthesize and apply accumulated knowledge to a specific topic or project related to health care delivery. Students with varying academic and experiential backgrounds work in small groups to research and analyze a topic or situation from various perspectives. Each group develops one of the following: a position paper, a manuscript ready for submission for publication, or a plan for action relative to a specific situation or problem. Open to all majors. Prerequisite: senior standing.

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