

Nursing

Program Overview

Capital University's School of Nursing is committed to developing professional nurses who combine strong clinical skills and knowledge with critical thinking and sound clinical judgment—essential qualities in today's dynamic healthcare environment. Rooted in the liberal arts, the program emphasizes respect for the worth and dignity of every individual, preparing graduates to provide compassionate, patient-centered care. Students gain hands-on experience through practice in on-campus skills labs and advanced simulation facilities, as well as at affiliated healthcare partner institutions. Capital is also proud to be an American Holistic Nurses Credentialing Corporation (AHNCC) Endorsed School, reflecting our commitment to whole-person care and holistic nursing education.

Experiential Learning

At Capital University, nursing students benefit from rich, hands-on learning experiences across a variety of healthcare settings. Individualized instruction, advanced care simulations, and a senior clinical practicum support the development of critical thinking and clinical judgment. Students also have opportunities to participate in faculty-mentored research and explore international and off-campus study programs to better understand global healthcare systems.

Clinical Experiences

The program includes over 600 hours of clinical experiences that span the human lifespan and take place in diverse healthcare environments. With an average faculty-to-student ratio of 1:6, students receive close guidance and personalized feedback. These high-quality clinical experiences ensure that graduates are well-prepared to provide safe, competent, and compassionate care.

Direct Entry Admission

Capital University offers a direct entry pathway into the nursing program for qualified students. Applicants who meet the admission criteria are guaranteed placement in the nursing major without the need for a separate application process. To be eligible, high school students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, have successfully completed two laboratory science courses, and have completed math through Algebra II.

Transfer Admission

Transfer students are eligible for direct entry if they meet the following requirements: a minimum weighted cumulative GPA of 2.7 and a minimum of C or better in all required science courses completed within the past five years. Additionally all coursework must be from a regionally accredited college or university. Students currently enrolled in another nursing program must also submit a letter of recommendation from their program administrator.



What Our Grads Are Doing Now:

Pediatric Nursing

Emergency Room Nursing

Public Health Nursing

Perioperative Nursing

Medical Surgical Nursing

Women's Health Nursing

You'll Be Prepared To:

- Use critical thinking and clinical judgment in the process of clinical reasoning to answer, impact, or solve clinical problems, questions, or issues
- Demonstrate the holistic caring practice of professional nursing
- Communicate effectively to collaborate with clients and inter-professional teams
- Facilitate transitions for self and clients
- Demonstrate cultural competence
- Function within a variety of systems

Accreditation and Affiliations

- Approved by the Ohio Board of Nursing
- Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
- Endorsed by the American Holistic Nurses Certification Corporation

Facilities

Our facilities include two well-equipped skills labs with 16 hospital beds and modern examination rooms, both of which provide students with hands-on opportunities to practice skills prior to entering clinical sites. Also available are three simulation rooms, which are equipped with infant, child, and adult high-fidelity human patient simulators. Students also have access to state-of-the-art simulation facilities at partnering agencies. These resources provide students with experiences in lifelike scenarios of a variety of patient care situations.

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Four Year Sample Curriculum

First Year, Fall

Intro to Nursing
Biochemistry
Psychology
Oral Communication
Elective

First Year, Spring

Ethics
Biology for Nursing
Academic Composition
Elementary Statistics
Elective

Second Year, Fall

Lifespan Development
Anatomy and Physiology
Microbiology
Cultural Pluralism
Religion

Second Year, Spring

Human Nutrition
Anatomy and Physiology
Nursing Concepts
Health Assessment

Third Year, Fall

Acute Health Alterations
Pathophysiology
Pharmacology
Nursing Research

Third Year, Spring

Parent and Newborn Nursing
Nursing of Children
Pathophysiology
Humanities

Fourth Year, Fall

Leadership in Practice
Professional Healthcare
Informatics and Technology

Fourth Year, Spring

Psychiatric Nursing
Community Health
Advanced Nursing Concepts
Global Systems
NCLEX Review

All courses subject to availability and advisor approval. All undergraduates must demonstrate that Signature Learning goals have been met.

Program Specific Organizations

Ohio Student Nurses Association

Theta Theta Chapter of Sigma, Int.

Capital University Student Nurses Association

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