

REGISTERED NURSE

Nurses ensure protection, promotion, and optimization of health and abilities. Further they help with the prevention of illness and injury, facilitation of healing, alleviation of suffering through the diagnosis and treatment of human response.

CAREER DESCRIPTION*

- » National average salary: \$75,330
- » National projected job growth: 9%
- » Many work in hospitals and physician offices
- » Provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and public about various health conditions, and provide advice and emotional support to patients and their family members

TYPICAL EDUCATION**

- » Years of school (including undergraduate): 4
- » Approximate cost: \$34,140
- » Average entering GPA: 3.7
- » Typical-entry level education: Bachelor's Degree

NEARBY SCHOOLS

- » University of Nebraska Medical Center
- » Clarkson College
- » College of Saint Mary
- » Creighton University
- » Midland University
- » Nebraska Methodist College

COMPETITIVE APPLICANTS ALWAYS...

- » Maintain a competitive academic record
- » Take BIOL 1060 Intro to Medical Careers and Ethics
- » Obtain health care experience as a CNA
- » Shadow professionals in the field

WHAT PRACTICING PROFESSIONALS SAY



To do what nobody else will do, in a way that nobody else can, in spite of all we go through; is to be a nurse."

-Rawsi Williams, RN



Through all the challenges in the 21st century, nurses remain the backbone and lifeblood of healthcare. I am passionate about nursing and am confident nurses will continue to have myriad of opportunities that will help build successful careers."

-Keith Carlson, BSN, RN, NC-BC



I like being in the ER because I love not knowing what is going to walk through the door. I love fixing and helping people feel better. It's very rewarding to watch someone come in by EMS barely hanging on and then see that they have discharged home relatively normal.

-Heidi Willis, BSN, RN

*Data and information from Bureau of Labor Statistics.

**Data and information from UNMC.

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Click the links for requirements from the schools listed below:

Clarkson College	College of Saint Mary	Creighton University
Midland University	Nebraska Methodist College	University of Nebraska Medical Center

Prerequisites vary by program. Students are responsible for ensuring all entrance requirements are met.

UNMC Prerequisites - 58 total credit hours

S = Spring, F = Fall, M = Summer

Biological Sciences (minimum credits: 12)			
Course	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites
+BIOL 2440 – Microbiology	4	F, S, M	High school Biology & Chemistry
AND			
+BIOL 2740 – Human Physiology & Anatomy I	4	F, M	High school Biology & Chemistry
+BIOL 2840 – Human Physiology & Anatomy II	4	S, M	BIOL 2740
OR			
+BMCH 2400 - Human Physiology & Anatomy I	4	F, S	
+BMCH 2500 - Human Physiology & Anatomy II	4	S, M	BMCH 2400

Chemistry (one course with lab)			
+CHEM 1140 & 1144 – Fund of College Chemistry & Lab	5	S, F, M	MATH 1220 or MATH 1310
OR			
+CHEM 1180 & 1184 – General Chemistry I & Lab	4	S, F, M	MATH 1320 or CHEM 1140/1144

Mathematics (one course)			
+ MATH 1220 – College Algebra	3	S, F, M	MATH 1210
OR			
+MATH 1320 – Pre-Calculus Algebra	3	S, F, M	MATH 1220

More advanced math courses can be used instead of College Algebra, but they must have a letter grade.

Statistics (one course)			
+PSYC 3130 – Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	3	S, F, M	MATH 1120, 1220, 1310 or 1530
+SOC 2130 – Social Statistics	3	S, F, M	MATH 1120, 1130, 1220, 1310 or 1530
+STAT 3000 – Statistical Methods I	3	S, F, M	MATH 1310 or 1220
+PA 3000 – Applied Statistics	3	S, F, M	MATH 1310 or 1220
+Other statistics courses can fulfill the requirement as well but should be approved by an admissions advisor.*			

English Composition (minimum credits: 6)			
ENGL 1150 or 1154 – English Composition I	3	S, F, M	AP score of 3 or by EPPE exam
ENGL 1160 or 1164 – English Composition II	3	S, F, M	ENGL 1150/1154 or AP score 4 or EPPE

Social Sciences (minimum credits: 9)			
PSYC 1010 – Introduction to Psychology	3	S, F, M	None
+PSYC 2500 – Life Span Psychology	3	S, F, M	PSYC 1010
SOC 1010 – Introduction to Sociology	3	S, F, M	None

Ethics (minimum credits: 3)			
PHIL 2030 – Introduction to Ethics	3	S, F, M	None
PHIL 1020 - Contemporary Moral Problems	3	S, F, M	None
PHIL 2300 – Human Values in Medicine	3	S, F, M	None

Nutrition (minimum credits: 3)			
+HEKI 3090 – Applied Nutrition	3	S, F, M	None

Recommended Free Electives (minimum credits: 3-5)			
BIOL 1060 – Intro to Medical Careers and Ethics	2	S, F, M	None
HEKI 2000 – Medical Terminology	1	S, F, M	None
OR			
BIOL 1160 – Medical Terminology	2	S, F, M	None
OR			
Course(s) of your choosing	3-5		

Categorical Coursework (minimum credits: 12 with one course from each category on following page)		
Humanities	3	None
Family & Human Behavior	3	None
Political Science/Social Organization	3	None
Culture/Race/Ethnicity/Gender	3	None

CNA License
Various CNA courses can be found here. UNO currently does not offer a CNA course.

+All designated courses must be completed within 7 years of beginning the nursing program at UNMC. They must have a letter grade. No CLEP, AP, or Pass/Fail grades will be accepted.

Additional UNMC Nursing Information

Students applying to UNMC must have the following:

- ✓ A college cumulative prerequisite grade point average of 3.0 or higher
- ✓ No grade lower than a C+ in any prerequisite course
- ✓ A maximum of 12 credit hours that are non-graded (AP, CLEP, or Pass/Fail)
- ✓ 12 out of the 17 required prerequisite courses completed by the time of application
- ✓ Two letters of recommendation
- ✓ Current CNA certification

UNMC Nursing has five locations: Omaha, Lincoln, Norfolk, Kearney, and Scottsbluff.

Nursing Timeline	
Freshman Year	Obtain CNA certification Take 7-10 Nursing pre-requisites.
Sophomore Year	Apply to UNMC Nursing ASAP when 12/17 prerequisites are completed. Applications open in October and are due in February. Continue completing prerequisites.
Junior Year	Work on BSN/RN at UNMC.
Senior Year	Complete BSN/RN at UNMC.

Students can also contact Denise Ott, UNMC's Student Coordinator at denise.ott@unmc or at 402-559-4110.

Categorical Coursework

The courses listed below are meant to serve as *a sample* of courses that are accepted under each requirement; this is not an exhaustive list. Students are encouraged to reach out to UNMC to see if a course that is not listed here will be accepted for a specific category.

Humanities (Choose one)

ART 1010	Art Appreciation	ENGL 2250	The Short Story		
ART 1040	Cross Cultural Survey of Art	ENGL 2310/2320	British Literature	PHIL 1010	Intro to Philosophy
ART 2050/2060	Survey of West. Art History	ENGL 2450/2460	Amer. Literature	PHIL 1210	Critical Reasoning
CMST 1110	Public Speaking Fund.	HUMN 1110	Pers. US/Am. Culture	REL 1010	World Religions
CFAM 1000	Special Topics in the Arts	HUMN 1200	Autobio Read/Wrtg		
ENGL 1010/1020	Genre Studies	MUS 1050/1070/1080/1100	Music of the People	RELI 2150	Hebrew Scriptures
ENGL 1200	Autobiographical Reading & Writing	MUS 1090	Music Appreciation	RELI 2190	Modern Middle East
ENGL 2000	Topics in Lang & Lit	JMC 3700	Visual Com. & Culture	THEA 1010	Intro to Theater
ENGL 2110	Creative Nonfiction	JMC 1050	Film Hist. Appreciation	THEA 1090	Oral Interp. of Lit.

Family and Human Behavior (Choose one)

TED 2300	Hum. Growth & Lrng.	PSYC 3430	Personality & Adjustment	PSYC 4470	Mental Hlth/Aging
TED 2200	Human Relations for Bias-Free Classroom	PSYC 3520	Child Psychology	SOC 2150	Marriage & Family
GDRH 2120	Social Issues	PSYC 3540	Adolescent Psychology	SOC 2800	Major Social Issues
GERO 2000*	Intro Gerontology	PSYC 4020	Learning	SOC 3450	Social Psychology
GERO 3070	Death & Dying	PSYC 4210	Sensation & Perception	SOC 3610	Soc Organization
GERO 4350	Issues in Aging	PSYC 4440	Abnormal Psychology	SOC 3690	Social Stratification
GERO 4850	Hospice & Other Serv.	PSYC 4460	Psyc Adult Dev/ Aging	SOC 3800	Work & Society
PSYC 3410	Clinical Psychology				

*required course for Clarkson College

Political Science/Social Organization (Choose one)

ECON 1200	Intro to US Econ	GEOG 1000	World Regional Geog.	PSCI 1000	Intro to Political Sci.
ECON 2200	Microeconomics	HIST 1000/1010**	World Civilization	PSCI 1110	American Govt
ECON 2220	Macroeconomics	HIST 1110/1120	American History	SOC 3610	Social Organizations

**Nebraska Methodist College requires a course from the HIST department

Culture/Race/Ethnicity/Gender (Choose one)

ANTH 1050	Intro Anthropology	ENGL 2230	Ethnic Literature	WGST 2010/2020	Intro. to Women's & Gender Studies
ANTH 3210	Cultures of African People	ENGL 2470	Native American Lit	WGST 3750	Gender & Communication
ANTH 3220	Peoples & Cultures of North America	GEOG 1020	Human Geography	CHIN	Chinese
ANTH 3260	World Culture & People	LLS 1000	Intro. Latin Am. Studies	FREN	French
ANTH 3910	Physical Anthropology	LLS 1010	Latin Am. Studies/Soc.	GERM	German
BLST 2000	Black Experience in Society	LLS 1020	Latin American Studies/Humanities	JAPN	Japanese
BLST 2010	Intro. Black Studies	NAMS 1100	Intro. Native Am Studies	RUSS	Russian
BLST 2100	Black Amer. Culture	SOC 3840	World Population & Social Issues	SPAN	Spanish
MUS 1080	Music of the People: the World	SOC 3900	Race & Ethnicity		