



Nursing Curriculum Worksheet (2024 – 2025) CLOSED MAJOR

This worksheet outlines the required courses for this major. Students are expected to be familiar with general education and major-specific requirements for their intended major as outlined in the Clemson Undergraduate Catalog. Additionally, students must satisfy any Tri-County prerequisites for the courses below. To complete Bridge program requirements, students must earn 30 credits at Tri-County and a 2.5 GPA during their Bridge year (fall, spring, and optional summer, if needed). Students should consult the backside of this worksheet, the Undergraduate Catalog, and the Bridge Academic Guide for Clemson course equivalencies and alternative courses if students wish to enroll in other courses or if any of the following requirements have been met through dual enrollment or AP/IB credit. Advising worksheets are supplemental planning aids and are for informational purposes only.

Note: This major is not immediately accessible to Bridge students due to enrollment restrictions. Students wanting to apply to change their major to Nursing should continue to take courses in their current major that can lead to a career of choice. There are no guarantees of admission or acceptance to the School of Nursing.

SUGGESTED CORE COURSE SEQUENCE

Fall Semester

BIO 101¹

ENG 101 or ENG 103

PSY 201

Arts & Hum. (Non-Lit.) Req.²

Social Science Req.³

Total Hours: 16

Advising Notes:

Spring Semester

CHM 110¹

ENG 102 or Arts & Hum. (Lit.) Req.⁴

MAT 120

SPC 200 or SPC 205

Elective Credit (3 hrs.)⁵

Total Hours: 16

Advising Notes:

¹ Students must take BIO 101 + CHM 110 during their Bridge year to meet pre-requisite requirements to enroll in BIOL 2220 (Anatomy & Physiology) and MICR 2050 (Microbiology) in the fall of their sophomore year. BIOL 2220 and MICR 2050 are offered only in the Fall semester at Clemson.

² See the reverse side of this worksheet for suggested courses to fulfill this requirement.

³ Nursing requires PSYC 2010 as the first social science requirement. HIS 201 or PSC 201 are strongly recommended as they satisfy the REACH requirement for graduation.

⁴ If ENG 101 + 102 is taken for the English Composition requirement, ENG 102 should be taken instead of the A&H Literature requirement.

⁵ Take 3 additional hours of courses listed in the Bridge Student Academic and Advising Guide that will transfer to Clemson.



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Advising worksheets are supplemental planning aids. While every effort is made to ensure accuracy, the student's responsibility is to understand and meet degree requirements in the applicable Undergraduate Catalog. Contact Clemson adviser **Leigh Spooner** (rspoone@clemson.edu) and **Deja Kenion** (dkenion@clemson.edu) for additional information about this worksheet.

General Education Requirements	Tri-County Courses	Clemson Equivalent Courses
Communication (6 total credits): <i>Developing and expressing ideas.</i>		
A. English Composition: 3 – 6 credits	ENG 103 or ENG 101 + ENG 102	ENGL 1030 or ENGL 1999 + 1030
B. Oral Communication: 3 credits	SPC 200 or SPC 205	COMM 1500 or COMM 2500
Ways of Knowing (19 total credits): <i>Employing intellectual inquiry.</i>		
C. Arts & Hum. (Lit.): 3 credits	<i>Select one course from the following:</i> ENG 201, ENG 202, ENG 205, ENG 206, ENG 208, ENG 209, or ENG 220	<i>Select one course from the following:</i> ENGL 2140, ENGL 2130, ENGL 2120, or ENGL 2150
D. Arts & Hum. (Non-Lit.): 3 credits	<i>Select one course from the following:</i> ART 101, ART 107, HSS 205, MUS 105, PHI 101, PHI 105, or PHI 110	<i>Select one course from the following:</i> ART 2100, AAH 1010, STS 1010, MUSC 2100, PHIL 1010, PHIL 1020, or PHIL 1030
E. Mathematics: 3 credits	MAT 120	STAT 2300
F. Natural Science w/lab: 8 credits	BIO 101* CHM 110*	BIOL 1030/1050 CH 1010
	<i>*Students must complete BIO 101 + CHM 110 during their Bridge year to meet pre-requisite requirements to enroll in BIOL 2220 (Anatomy & Physiology) and MICR 2050 (Microbiology) in the fall of their sophomore year. BIOL 2220 and MICR 2050 are only offered in the Fall semester at Clemson. See notes on page 3 for more information.</i>	
G. Social Sciences: 6 credits	PSY 201	PSYC 2010
	<i>Select one course from the following:</i> ANT 101, ECO 210, ECO 211, HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 201*, HIS 202, PSC 201*, SOC 101, or SOC 205	<i>Select one course from the following:</i> ANTH 2010, ECON 2120, ECON 2110, HIST 1720, HIST 1730, HIST 1010, HIST 1020, POSC 1010, SOC 2010, or SOC 2020
<i>*HIS 201 or PSC 201 strongly recommended as they satisfy the REACH req. for graduation.</i>		
Global Challenges (6 total credits): <i>Exploring global, local, regional, national, international, virtual, or philosophical challenges.</i>		
H. Global Challenges: 6 credits	<i>Select one course from the following:</i> BIO 209, GEO 102, HIS 122, or PSC 220	<i>Select one course from the following:</i> ENSP 2000 + ENSP 2999, GEOG 1030, HIST 1220, or POSC 1020
	<i>Students will take a minimum of 6 credit hours, selected from two different fields (unless interdisciplinary), and at least three hours at the 3000-level or above</i>	

Note: This major is not immediately accessible to Bridge students due to enrollment restrictions. If the School of Nursing grants a change of major after the student matriculates at Clemson, the student will complete NURS 1400 at Clemson. In consultation with the Nursing adviser, an acceptable substitution will be taken to cover NURS 1020 requirement.



Nursing FAQs & Change of Major Application Overview

What is a closed academic program?

A closed academic program is an academic program that is not immediately accessible to Bridge students because of enrollment restrictions. Students interested in one of these academic programs must request a change-of-academic program application from the appropriate department after enrolling at Clemson. Upon enrollment at Clemson, the opportunity to change to one of these academic programs cannot be guaranteed.

What are the sciences required for Nursing?

Currently, the Nursing major requires **CH 1010, BIOL 1030/1050 OR BIOL 1100, MICR 2050 OR 3050, BIOL 2220, and BIOL 2230**. Students are encouraged to take the sophomore-level science courses at Clemson (BIOL 2220, 2230, and MICR 2050/3050). *BIOL 2220 and MICR 2050 are offered only in the Fall semester at Clemson.* Please refer to the current Undergraduate Catalog for information concerning the Nursing curriculum.

What criteria are considered as part of the selection process?

The selection committee looks at each student's overall Clemson GPR and grades in any transfer courses. In addition, success in science and math courses in the nursing curriculum is stressed. Students who earn grades of "C" or lower in science and math courses may decrease their chances of being chosen. Priority is also given to students who have completed most courses not restricted to nursing majors within the first two years of the Nursing curriculum. *BIOL 2220, BIOL 2230, and MICR 2050 should be taken at Clemson.* Please refer to the current Undergraduate Catalog for information concerning the Nursing curriculum.

When is the best time to apply?

Typically, if students have been following the nursing curriculum, the best chance to apply and be accepted to change their academic program is during the spring (January) of their sophomore year or second year or once a student has earned 45 or more credits toward the nursing curriculum.

What are my odds of getting into Nursing as a change of academic program student?

Based on the selection criteria, it isn't easy to gauge the competitiveness of each applicant pool. All students who want to change to nursing should know there are limited spaces each January. The School of Nursing has consistently received more applicants than we have space, making this process highly competitive. We have had anywhere from 45-85 qualified applicants for approximately 30 spaces. Average Clemson GPR of change of major students accepted by year:

- 2024: 3.76 GPA
- 2023: 3.60 GPA
- 2022: 3.54 GPA
- 2021: 3.63 GPA

Change of Major Application Overview

Applications are available once a year during January. Applications are available on the School of Nursing websites during this time and submitted electronically.

Change of Major Application Overview cont.

1. Minimally, students must have a 2.75 Clemson GPR and two of the five sciences that are required in the nursing curriculum completed with a grade of a "C" or better to be eligible to apply. Please note that admission is more competitive than the minimum. Students are typically chosen to have four of the five or all five of the sciences completed and a GPR at or above 3.0, depending on the applicant pool. All science coursework must be completed when students begin the nursing major as a change of major student.
2. Students who earn grades of "C" or lower in science and math courses may decrease their chances of being chosen. Students may not obtain more than two Ds or Fs in courses outlined in the nursing curriculum. For the School of Nursing, using academic forgiveness counts as an attempt. Students who apply academic forgiveness to two or more courses in the nursing curriculum may be disqualified from the application process. Students should exercise caution when withdrawing from courses in the semesters preceding application.
3. Students are eligible to apply for a change of major into Nursing only twice at Clemson University. Previous applications through the admissions process (first-year students or transfer) are not counted in this total.
4. Admission to the School of Nursing is not guaranteed; there are always more change of major applicants than there are clinical spaces.
5. Students who successfully change their major into Nursing should expect to add an extra semester to their intended graduation timeline. Once accepted, the first Fall semester comprises the NURS courses (and NUTR 2050) not taken during the first and second years. The first of the four clinical semesters begin the following Spring semester. Students can "mirror" or "shadow" the first years of the nursing curriculum except for any NURS courses and NUTR 2050 (Note: NUTR 2030 cannot be used for NUTR credit towards nursing.)
6. It is highly recommended that students pursuing a change of academic program to the nursing program follow a parallel plan and the Nursing curriculum that can lead to a career of choice. Note that minors do not necessarily lead to the completion of degree requirements. Students should work with academic advisors in the parallel major plan to determine specific requirements for that degree program.

What can I do to guarantee my acceptance as a change of major into the Nursing program at Clemson?

Nothing, there are no guarantees of admission or acceptance. All students should follow a parallel plan that can lead to a career of choice if they are not admitted to the Nursing program.

The School of Nursing does not look at: letters of recommendation, work or volunteer experience, number of times applied to the program (if under two times total), or student status (ROTC, Honors, student-athlete, etc.). Students are encouraged to focus on factors in the selection process listed in the Undergraduate Catalog to make them competitive with other accepted students.