

**Nursing**  
**Bachelor of Science**  
2025-2026

**General Areas of Service:** Registered nurses (RNs) practice in a wide range of settings, including hospitals, ambulatory care centers, medical offices, community health centers, rehabilitation centers, long-term care facilities, home health agencies, schools, and the military. While about 55% of RNs work in hospitals, the proportion working in outpatient, community, and primary care settings is steadily growing as care continues to shift beyond the hospital. Nurses work with diverse populations across the lifespan, serving individuals, families, and communities. They practice in specialized areas such as critical care, emergency care, pediatrics, obstetrics, and mental health, as well as in community-based settings including public health clinics, schools, home health, and outreach programs.

Registered nurses (RNs) provide and coordinate direct patient care, interpret patient information, and make critical decisions about necessary actions. They also promote health, provide counseling, and educate patients and the public. Focused on caring for the whole person addressing physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual needs nurses offer teaching, guidance, and emotional support to patients and their families. As vital members of the interdisciplinary health care team, registered nurses (RNs) collaborate closely with other health care professionals to deliver treatment and care for patients with a wide range of health conditions. A growing area of nursing is case management in which nurses support patients with multiple chronic illnesses in managing their own care and preventing hospitalization.

**Professional Training:** To practice nursing, graduates must pass the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). To be eligible for the exam, graduates must complete a board-approved nursing program. Walla Walla University offers a four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. After passing the NCLEX-RN, nurses can practice as professional nurses or pursue advanced education. About 41% of employers require a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree, and 77% prefer it (AACN Annual Survey, 2023).

**Denominational Opportunities:** As the largest non-profit Protestant healthcare organization in the United States, the Adventist Health System has job opportunities for nurses and other healthcare professionals. Denominational wages and other benefits are highly competitive with those of other healthcare organizations.

**Job Outlook:** The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects RN employment to grow about 6% from 2023 to 2033, with roughly 194,500 job openings annually and faster than the average for all occupations. There is high demand for RNs, including ICU, ER, medical-surgical, and case management roles, and many new graduates, such as those from WWU, report receiving multiple job offers. (See [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov).)

**Earnings:** Because of increased demand for nurses, salaries have risen significantly. In May 2024, the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported a median annual wage of \$93,600 for registered nurses. The lowest 10% earned less than \$66,030 and the highest 10% earned more than \$135,320 (see [www.bls.gov](http://www.bls.gov)).

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## Suggested Degree Path

TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED: 192 cr. GENERAL STUDIES REQUIREMENTS: 64-69 cr. [See the Undergraduate Bulletin for Details](#)

The chart below details one suggested path a student may take to complete a bachelor's degree in Nursing.

Cognates are listed in *italics* (no grade lower than C will apply).

### Freshman Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Anatomy & Physiology ( <a href="#">BIOL 121</a> )	4
General Psychology ( <a href="#">PSYC 130</a> )	4
Intro to Analytical Writing ( <a href="#">ENGL 121</a> )	3
General Studies	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

  

Winter Courses	Hours
Anatomy & Physiology ( <a href="#">BIOL 122</a> )	4
Intro to Research Writing ( <a href="#">ENGL 122</a> )	3
Human Nutrition ( <a href="#">HLTH 220</a> )	4
General Studies/ Elective	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

  

Spring Courses	Hours
Anatomy & Physiology ( <a href="#">BIOL 123</a> )	4
Developmental Psychology ( <a href="#">PSYCH 215</a> )	4
General Studies/Electives	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

### Sophomore Year

Fall Courses	Hours
*Intro to Nursing ( <a href="#">NRSG 201</a> )	3
*Fundamentals in Nursing ( <a href="#">NRSG 202</a> )	5
Survey of Chemistry ( <a href="#">CHEM 105</a> )	5
General Studies/Electives	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

  

Winter Courses	Hours
*Health Assessment & Nursing Process ( <a href="#">NRSG 203</a> )	4
Intro to Statistics ( <a href="#">MATH 106</a> )	4
General Studies/Electives	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

  

Spring Courses	Hours
*Pharmacology in Nursing ( <a href="#">NRSG 213</a> )	4
Microbiology ( <a href="#">BIOL 222</a> )	5
Research Writing ( <a href="#">ENGL 223</a> )	3
General Studies	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

### Junior Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Major Nursing Course ( <a href="#">NRSG 321/331/344</a> )	8
Pathophysiology ( <a href="#">NRSG 354</a> )	5
General Studies	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

Winter Courses	Hours
Major Nursing Course ( <a href="#">NRSG 321/331/344</a> )	8
Evidence-based Practice ( <a href="#">NRSG 327</a> )	3
General Studies	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

Spring Courses	Hours
Major Nursing Course ( <a href="#">NRSG 321/331/344</a> )	8
General Studies	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

### Senior Year

Fall Courses	Hours
Major Nursing Course ( <a href="#">NRSG 421/437/441</a> )	8
Leadership in Nursing ( <a href="#">NRSG 431</a> )	3
General Studies	3
Electives	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

Winter Courses	Hours
Major Nursing Course ( <a href="#">NRSG 421/437/441</a> )	8
Issues & Trends in Nursing ( <a href="#">NRSG 445</a> )	3
Interpreting Lab Values OR Nursing Practicum ( <a href="#">NRSG 475</a> OR <a href="#">490</a> )	2
General Studies	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

Spring Courses	Hours
Major Nursing Course ( <a href="#">NRSG 421/437/441</a> )	8
NCLEX Review ( <a href="#">NRSG 450</a> )	3
General Studies	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>

\*Also available on Portland Campus in summer.