

THE WILLIAM PRESTON TURNER

SCHOOL OF NURSING

Lander University's William Preston Turner School of Nursing is committed to preparing individuals to provide holistic nursing care in a variety of settings to diverse clients across the lifespan. The purpose of the baccalaureate program is to prepare graduates within a liberal arts environment in for the professional nursing roles of care provider, leader, consumer of research, candidate applicant for advanced study studies, and contributing member of the nursing profession.

The graduates are prepared to:

1. Apply the nursing process according to the Neuman Systems Model to promote an optimal level of wellness through the use of primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention/intervention strategies for individuals, families and communities;
2. Synthesize nursing theory with knowledge from selected other disciplines as a basis for care giving, communication, therapeutic interventions, and critical thinking;
3. Use appropriate problem-solving approaches in varied settings to promote wellness for diverse client systems;
4. Demonstrate leadership strategies to advance nursing practice and the nursing profession;
5. Utilize nursing research findings to improve the quality of nursing practice;
6. Incorporate established standards of professional nursing as the foundation for own nursing practice; and
7. Prelicensure program graduates are eligible to take the licensing examination to qualify as registered nurses.

Accreditation

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is approved by the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina and is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791.

Curriculum

The prelicensure nursing curriculum is designed for completion in four academic years. Registered nurses may complete an RN-BSN option (see pages 272-273). Prelicensure students may be admitted to the nursing major following completion of 30 semester hours college credit. Students must successfully complete required English, science, and mathematics courses to be considered for admission to the major.

NURSING MAJOR

Admission Requirements

Application to the University must be made before applying to Nursing. The William Preston Turner School of Nursing criteria for admission, progression, and graduation differ from those of other colleges within the University. The nature of nursing as an applied discipline requiring mastery of complex academic and clinical knowledge for entry into practice necessitates different specific criteria.

Application Procedure to Lander University

Application materials are obtained from the Lander University Admissions Office or an application can be completed online. The completed application must be returned to the Admissions Office. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that all materials are submitted by required deadlines.

Students who meet the admission qualifications listed below are admitted into prenursing or as a nursing applicant. Following successful completion of courses required in the freshman year, students are admitted into the nursing major at the sophomore level, and progress through the program of study based on meeting the MINIMUM progression requirements at each level. (In the event there are more qualified applicants than available space, admission will be determined by the nursing faculty based upon current admission criteria at the time of application.

Eligibility to become licensed as a registered nurse in South Carolina

Students are advised that the following requirements apply to persons seeking to become licensed as registered nurses in South Carolina:

1. Age – at least eighteen years (filing of birth certificate required).
2. Completion of all requirements for graduation from an approved educational program of nursing.
3. The State Board of Nursing for South Carolina “has determined that criminal convictions or pending criminal charges for any of the following crimes should be treated as prima facie evidence that an applicant or lapsed licensee is unfit or unsuited to engage in the profession of nursing:
 - a. Crimes of violence (e.g. murder, manslaughter, criminal sexual assault, crimes involving the use of deadly force, assault and battery of a high and aggravated nature, assault and battery with intent to kill)
 - b. Crimes involving the distribution of illegal drugs
 - c. Crimes that involve moral turpitude (excluding fraudulent checks and shoplifting)” (See South Carolina Board of Nursing website <http://www.lnr.state.sc.us>).
 - d. The Board of Nursing requires a criminal background check as part of the application process to take the NCLEX-RN.
4. Earned a passing grade on the NCLEX-RN examination.

Requirements to qualify for admission to prelicensure

A. Prenursing Students

Score a combined verbal and quantitative SAT score of at least 1080 or better, or an ACT score of 22 or better.

The combined verbal and quantitative SAT score of at least 1080 or ACT 22 is required because these tests are established indicators of academic ability. The prenursing curriculum coursework emphasizes chemistry, math, and other applied sciences which require a high level of cognitive ability.

B. Nursing Applicants

1. Those students who do not score at least 1080 on the SAT or at least 22 on the ACT will be classified as a “nursing applicant”. As a nursing applicant a student may still become eligible for the nursing major. If a student chooses to retest on the SAT or ACT and makes at least a 1080 on the SAT or a 22 composite score on the ACT prior to entering Lander University, he/she can be reconsidered for acceptance into prenursing.
2. All transfer students and second degree students are admitted to Lander as nursing applicants.

Nursing major application process

Students who wish to be considered for admission to the nursing major as a sophomore must apply in writing to the William Preston Turner School of Nursing. New classes are admitted twice each year, once in the fall and once in the spring. Applications for admission to the major are due by April 30 for fall admission and by October 15 for spring admission. Applications may be downloaded from the William Preston Turner School of Nursing website.

Applicants must meet all 5 of these requirements to be considered for admission to the nursing major as a sophomore. A student applying for admissions to the nursing major must meet the requirements under the catalog current at the time of application to the major.

1. “C” or better in seven required courses - ENGL 101 and ENGL 102, MATH 121 or MATH 123 or MATH 141, CHEM 105 or CHEM 111, CHEM 106 or CHEM 112, BIOL 202 (Human Anatomy) and BIOL 203 (Human Physiology). ***Please note that effective Fall 2016, students must have completed their required science and math courses listed above plus MATH 211 and BIOL 204 within 7 years prior to the date of admission to the major***

A grade of “C” or above is required in mathematics, writing, chemistry, and biology and required nursing courses. However applicants should note that the School of Nursing considers the grades from the most recent attempt of these courses (if a student obtains a “C” or above in a required course but chooses to repeat the course and obtains a lower grade, the repeat grade stands. Nursing education is a cumulative process, in which the prerequisite course sequence establishes a foundation for subsequent content mastery in nursing courses and successful entry into practice.

2. GPA requirement

- a. If a current Lander student (prenursing or other majors): Must have taken at least 30 semester hours of college-level coursework earning a Lander Institutional GPA of at least 2.6 and a GPA of at least a 2.6 on REQUIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES as listed above in #1 INCLUDING THOSE TAKEN AT ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
- b. If a transfer student: At least 30 semester hours of college-level coursework including 12 semester hours at Lander with a cumulative Lander Institutional GPA of at least 2.6 and a GPA of at least a 2.6 on REQUIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES as listed above in #1 INCLUDING THOSE TAKEN AT ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
- c. If already possess a baccalaureate degree (**must first be admitted to Lander University**): at least cumulative GPA of 2.6 (not rounded) on previous baccalaureate degree college work AND a GPA of at least 2.6 on REQUIRED PREREQUISITE COURSES as listed above in #1 INCLUDING THOSE TAKEN AT ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; otherwise, must meet transfer student GPA requirements (listed in b. above).

3. Earned grade requirement

- a. Students must not earn a grade below “C” in any one required course, more than once each, at any institution of higher education; and
- b. Must not earn a grade below “C” in more than two (2) required courses taken at any institution of higher education. The following courses are considered required courses: ENGL 101, ENGL 102, MATH 121, MATH 123, MATH 141, MATH 211, BIOL 202, BIOL 203, BIOL 204, CHEM 105, CHEM 106, CHEM 111, CHEM 112, Anatomy and Physiology I and II if taken at a technical or community college and any required nursing course. A grade of less than “C” in any of these courses will be counted when applying the earned grade policy. (Exception: NURS 232 is not included in the earned grade policy.)

4. Students wishing to pursue a nursing degree from Lander with any failures of nursing courses from other nursing programs will be considered on a case by case basis with the following considerations:

- a. Students with any failure of a nursing course from another institution will be required to complete ALL of the nursing curriculum at Lander. Failures of required nursing courses, regardless of institution, will count in the Earned Grade Policy.
- b. Students may be asked to furnish a letter from the previous nursing school’s dean or chair speaking to their eligibility for readmission or progression in their program.
- c. Students may be asked to participate in an interview with Lander nursing faculty.

Providing requested documents or participating in an interview does not guarantee admission into Lander University William Preston Turner School of Nursing.

5. Application to Nursing Major submitted by the respective deadline (April 30 or October 15)

- a. Deadline for completed applications for fall admission is April 30. Admission decisions are made by May 31.
- b. Deadline for completed applications for spring admission is October 15. Admission decisions are made by November 1.

6. TEAS V REQUIRED – Applicants seeking admission to nursing must include a score from the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V) with their application. Applicants meeting all admission criteria, including a score of “Proficient” or above on the TEAS V, are considered first in the admission screening process. If all other admission criteria are met, applicants scoring below “Proficient” are considered for admission on a space

available basis. Applicants are allowed multiple attempts on the TEAS V. Applicants who fail to include a score from their TEAS V with the nursing application are not considered for admission.

7. Completion of clinical agency health screening requirements are due to the vendor assigned by the William Preston Turner School of Nursing by July 17 for fall admission or December 1 for spring admission; any student not meeting this deadline may forfeit his/her seat in the class.

Admission is contingent on maintaining a GPA of at least 2.6 and “C” or higher in all required courses. Students admitted to the nursing major will start sophomore nursing courses, complete 6 semesters of nursing courses in sequence, and graduate in three years (In the event there are more qualified applicants than space available, admission to the major will be determined by the nursing faculty based on admission criteria in force at time of application.

Requirements for progression in the nursing major

1. Maintain a cumulative Lander grade point average (institutional) of 2.6 (not rounded) assessed each semester including summers. (Note: Second degree students must maintain a 2.6 GPA based on the second degree coursework only, not including coursework from the prior degree.)
2. Complete the following required courses on schedule with a grade of “C” or better:

MATH 211

BIOL 204 and NURS 304

NURS 165, 232, 233, 235, 240, 242

NURS 303, 345, 346, 392, 393

NURS 408, 409, 412, 417, 460, 499

Students must adhere to the earned grade limitations as listed in the section on Nursing Major Application Process and Graduation Requirements.

A grade of “C” or above must be earned in all required courses prior to enrolling in subsequent nursing courses.

3. Complete and submit required annual documentation of clinical agency health screening requirements to the vendor assigned by the William Preston Turner School of Nursing at the time of admission to the nursing major providing coverage for the complete academic year, including summer as applicable, by July 17 or December 1 each year.
4. Maintain enrollment at Lander University during both semesters of the academic year, or be on official temporary leave status.
5. Meet all affiliated clinical agencies’ requirements for negative criminal background checks and drug screenings. (Students denied access to clinical sites as a result of criminal background checks and/or drug screenings will be ineligible to continue in the nursing major).
6. Earn Level II competency on specified ATI test or successfully complete the ATI remediation plan.
7. Following successful completion of NURS 232, each student is required to pass a Medication Calculation Test (MCT) to assess medication administration competency. Students must complete the Medication Calculation Tests with 95% accuracy at the beginning of each clinical semester in which the student will be enrolled in a nursing course with a clinical laboratory component. The student has a maximum of three attempts to pass the competency exams. A student who is unable to meet the 95% competency by the third exam will not be allowed to remain in a clinical course for that semester. The student must drop the clinical nursing course(s) by the University Drop/Add date. It is the student’s responsibility to determine if they need to add other classes. The student will be designated as out-of-sequence and must apply for readmission to the program/class on a space-available basis.

Requirements for Admission and Progression

Students enrolled in an undergraduate nursing program must meet specific requirements to enter into and progress through the nursing education program. Progression through the nursing education program occurs in three stages: (1) Initial Status (freshman year), (2) Provisional Status (sophomore year), and (3) Formal Status (junior and senior year). Program specific requirements must be met before students move from one stage to the next. The progression for each program is explained below. (Transfer and second degree students please note special sections.)

Nursing Major Admission and Progression

Progression through the undergraduate nursing program occurs in three stages:

- I. Initial Status (Freshman Year),
- II. Provisional Status (Sophomore Year), and
- III. Formal Status (Junior and Senior years).

Students must meet specific requirements to progress to Provisional Status. Major specific requirements must be met before students move from one stage to the next. The progression for each status is explained below. Transfer and second degree students please note: Admission and Progression Policy, Section II, Letter B, Numbers 2 and 3 (Progression to Provisional Status Requirements).

I. Initial Status (Freshmen Year) Requirements

- A. Requirement: Meet the university requirements for admission
- B. Preferential seating for required science courses
 1. Students who score a 1080 on the SAT or 22 on the ACT will be given preferential seating in the required science courses. SAT and ACT scores are required because these tests are established indicators of academic ability. The nursing curriculum coursework emphasizes chemistry, math, and other applied sciences which require a high level of cognitive ability.
 2. Those students who do not meet the above requirements may be able to register for seating in the required courses if space is available. If a student chooses to retest on the SAT or ACT and makes at least a 1080 on the SAT or at least a 22 composite score on the ACT prior to entering Lander University, the student can be reconsidered for preferential seating.
- B. Information for progression to Provisional Status
 1. Progression to Provisional Status is selective. Students meeting the requirements described in II. A-C will be ranked by GPA earned from the seven prerequisites. The top forty (40) students will be offered Provision Status contingent upon meeting the requirements in II. D.
 2. Students progressing in the nursing major may only have two unsuccessful required courses, regardless of where or when the student took the course. These courses include the seven prerequisites and all major program nursing courses (NURS or NURN).
 3. The student who has a grade of less than “C” on three courses required in the nursing major will be ineligible to progress to provisional status in the nursing program and ineligible to remain in the nursing program dismissed from the nursing major. The student is ineligible upon the third unsuccessful required course. For example, if a student with Initial Status earned less than “C” in CHEM 105, BIOL 202, and MATH 121, they would be ineligible to progress to Provisional Status and ineligible to remain in the nursing program the student would be dismissed from the nursing major.

* An additional example would be if a student with Provisional Status made less than a C in CHEM 105, MATH 211, and NURS 165 they would be ineligible to continue in the nursing program.

II. Provisional Status (Sophomore Year) Requirements

- A. Grade Requirements: “C” or higher in the seven required prerequisites: ENGL 101 and ENGL 102; MATH 121 or MATH 123 or MATH 141; CHEM 105 or CHEM 111; CHEM 106 or CHEM 112; BIOL 202 (Human Anatomy), and BIOL 203 (Human Physiology).
- B. GPA and Credit Hour requirements:
 1. A current Lander student:
 - a. Must have taken at least 30 semester hours of college-level coursework
 - b. Must have a Lander Institutional GPA of at least 2.8
 - c. Must have a GPA of at least a 2.8 on the seven required prerequisite courses as listed above II. A INCLUDING THOSE TAKEN AT ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

2. A transfer student:
 - a. At least 30 semester hours of college-level coursework including 12 semester hours at Lander
 - b. Must have a cumulative Lander Institutional GPA of at least 2.8
 - c. Must have a GPA of at least a 2.8 on seven required prerequisite courses as listed above in II. A. INCLUDING THOSE TAKEN AT ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.
3. A student who already possesses a baccalaureate degree:
 - a. Must first be admitted to Lander University
 - b. Must have at least cumulative GPA of 2.8 (not rounded) on previous baccalaureate degree college work
 - c. Must have a GPA of at least 2.8 on seven required prerequisite courses as listed above in II. A. INCLUDING THOSE TAKEN AT ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION; otherwise, must meet transfer student GPA requirements (listed in II.2.b and c above).
- C. TEAS V requirement: Students must score a level of “Proficient” or above on the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS V) to progress to the Provisional Status. Students are allowed multiple attempts on the TEAS V.
- D. Screening requirement: Progression to Provisional Status is contingent upon completion of clinical agency health screening requirements by specified deadline to include but not limited to: negative drug screen, clean background check, and documented ability to complete core performance standards.
- E. Progression Requirement: Students may have only one unsuccessful (grade of “D” or “F”) major program nursing course (NURS or NURN). This does not include elective or General Education nursing courses. Upon the second grade of less than “C” in a major program nursing course (NURS or NURN), the student will be dismissed from the nursing major. The student who earns a grade of less than “C” on three courses required in the nursing major (seven required prerequisites, MATH 211, BIOL 204, and major program nursing courses) will be dismissed from the nursing major. For example, if a student earned less than a “C” in CHEM 105, BIOL 202, and MATH 211, the student would be dismissed from the nursing major. An additional example would be if a student earned less than a “C” in CHEM 105, MATH 211, and NURS 165, they would be dismissed from the nursing major.
- F. Students wishing to pursue a nursing degree from Lander University with any failures of nursing courses from other nursing programs will be considered on a case-by-case basis with the following considerations:
 1. Students with any unsuccessful nursing courses (“D” or “F”) from any other institution will be required to complete ALL of the nursing curriculum at Lander.
 2. Students may be asked to furnish a letter from the previous nursing school’s dean or chair speaking to their eligibility for readmission or progression in their program.
 3. Students may be asked to participate in an interview with Lander nursing faculty. Providing requested documents or participating in an interview does not guarantee admission into Lander University William Preston Turner School of Nursing.

III. Formal Status (Junior and Senior Years)

Nursing education is a cumulative process, in which the prerequisite course sequence establishes a foundation for subsequent content mastery in nursing courses and successful entry into practice.

- A. Progression requirement: Students must earn a grade of “C” or higher in all Provisional Status nursing coursework, including MATH 211 and BIOL 204.
- B. Students must continue to earn a grade of “C” or higher in all major program nursing courses (NURS or NURN) to progress in the major.
- C. Students progressing through the major may have only one unsuccessful major program nursing course (NURS or NURN). This does not include elective or General Education nursing classes. Upon the second grade of less than “C” in a major program nursing course (NURS or NURN course), the student is dismissed from the nursing major.

- D. Meet all affiliated clinical agencies' requirements for negative criminal background checks and drug screenings. (Students denied access to clinical sites as a result of criminal background checks and/or drug screenings will be ineligible to continue in the nursing major).
- E. Earn Level II competency on specified ATI test or successfully complete the ATI remediation plan.
- F. Following successful completion of NURS 232, each student is required to pass a Medication Calculation Test (MCT) to assess medication administration competency. Students must complete the Medication Calculation Tests with 95% accuracy at the beginning of each clinical semester in which the student will be enrolled in a nursing course with a clinical laboratory component. The student has a maximum of three attempts to pass the competency exams. A student who is unable to meet the 95% competency by the third exam will not be allowed to remain in a clinical course for that semester. The student must drop the clinical nursing course(s) by the University Drop/Add date. It is the student's responsibility to determine if they need to add other classes. The student will be designated as out-of-sequence and must apply for readmission to the program/class on a space-available basis.

Out-of-Sequence Students

Any student who fails to meet the cumulative Lander institutional grade point average requirement each semester will be reclassified by the school of nursing as "out-of-sequence" and must reapply to the William Preston Turner School of Nursing to be reconsidered for readmission to the Provisional or Formal Status upon attainment of the requirements and space availability in that class. Exceptions to the above requirements will be considered based on a written letter of petition to the nursing faculty.

Following admission to the nursing major, Students who earn a "D" or lower in a required nursing, science, or mathematics course will be classified internally as "out-of-sequence". Such students may rejoin the sequence **on a space available basis** when course prerequisite criteria and progression criteria have been successfully met. A student who earns less than a "C" in a nursing course and has an Lander institutional GPA below 2.8 as a result of the grade, may repeat the nursing course the next semester (if the student has not violated the earned grade requirement policy listed under Graduation Requirements), but may not progress in the major until all progression criteria have been met. In the event there is insufficient space available in that class, the student who is out-of-sequence is obliged to make alternative academic decisions (i.e., delay major, change major, take other courses, etc.).

Students already progressing in the class have priority for space in a class. Students returning to resuming the nursing program after having been out of sequence as a result of withdrawal, violation of earned grade requirement, or Lander institutional GPA less 2.8 must make application for readmission Provisional or Formal Status by completing the *Readmission to Major for Out-of-Sequence Students Nursing Out-of-Sequence Form*. A readmission decision will be made by the Nursing Faculty Organization. Students must be advised by their nursing faculty advisor before registering for any nursing courses.

Graduation Requirements

1. Completion of Lander University requirements for graduation.

In addition students:

2. Must complete required nursing, mathematics (MATH 121 or MATH 123 or MATH 141, and MATH 211, writing (ENGL 101 and ENGL 102), and science (CHEM 105 or CHEM 111 and CHEM 106 or CHEM 112, BIOL 202, BIOL 203, and BIOL 204) courses with a minimum grade of "C", **INCLUDING COURSES TAKEN AT ANY INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION**;
3. Must complete required nursing major courses within five years prior to graduation;
4. Must not earn a grade of less than "C" in any one required course, more than once each, at any institution of higher education; and
5. Must not earn a grade below "C" in more than two (2) required courses taken at any institution of higher education; only one of which may be a required nursing course major program nursing courses (NURS or NURN courses). (Students wishing to repeat required nursing courses major program nursing courses (NURS or NURN courses) in which a grade of "C" or above was earned must request approval by letter of petition to the nursing faculty.)

Nursing program graduation requirements exceed those of the university as indicators that the student has developed a current (within five years after admission to the sophomore level) and comprehensive nursing knowledge base supported by an adequate foundation in science and mathematics.

Honors for Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Lander University offers an opportunity for honors in the William Preston Turner School of Nursing. The purpose is to promote development of the graduate nurse as scholar, leader, and world citizen. The requirements for nursing honors include:

1. Lander institutional GPA of 3.3 or higher in both overall coursework and nursing courses upon graduation.
2. Completion of nursing honors synthesis project (NURS 480 or NURN 480) that exemplifies scholarship within the discipline of nursing through discovery (research), practice (application), teaching, or integration.

This project will be guided by the nursing faculty member who is selected by the student and agrees to serve as the student's mentor for the honors project. The faculty mentor will serve as the course coordinator for NURS/NURN 480 during the student's Senior II semester. Students are encouraged to select the faculty mentor in the Junior II semester. Students interested in participating in the nursing honors opportunity must submit a typed proposal on the appropriate form to the selected faculty mentor for the project by the official midterm of the Senior I semester. The proposal will be presented to NFO by the student's mentor for the project and must be approved by a majority vote of the nursing faculty.

The project will be of sufficient quality to receive three (3) hours credit in NURS 480 or NURN 480: Nursing Honors Synthesis, and will be submitted for publication in a professional journal or be submitted for presentation in a professional meeting, and will be presented to nursing faculty, students, and practicing nurses. The faculty mentor will be responsible for assuring that all criteria, including required GPA upon graduation, are met in order for the student to receive nursing honors.

THE WILLIAM PRESTON TURNER SCHOOL OF NURSING POLICIES FOR PRELICENSURE AND RN-BSN STUDENTS

Faculty Advisors

A faculty advisor is assigned to each student for academic planning. A nursing faculty advisor is assigned to each nursing major for academic planning. The advisor serves as a resource person for academic and other concerns related to student experiences while enrolled in the nursing program.

NURS/NURN Hours Required for Transfer Students

A maximum of 93 semester hours will be accepted for graduation credit for students transferring from regionally accredited four year colleges. Students must complete at least 25% (30 hours) of the total semester hours through instruction by Lander University. (Lander University policy)

1. Prelicensure nursing students who are allowed to transfer nursing credits from other institutions must complete a minimum of 23 semester hours (including 7 laboratory hours*) of required nursing major courses through Lander University in order to earn a Bachelor of Science degree at Lander University.
2. RN-BSN students who transfer nursing credits from other institutions must complete a minimum of 12 semester hours in required nursing courses through instruction at Lander University in order to earn a Bachelor of Science degree.

*A laboratory hour is defined as the semester hour credit allocated for the campus or clinical laboratory component of required nursing courses. For example, NURS 412 or NURN 412 (four semester hours) allocates 2 credit hours to lecture and 2 credit hours to clinical laboratory.

The nursing courses required for transfer students will be determined on an individual basis based on review of transcript(s) and/or course syllabi by the Dean/Associate Dean with input from the Nursing Faculty.

Special Expenses

In addition to University tuition and fees, nursing students will have additional expenses.

Core Performance Standards

In order to perform safe patient care, students must meet core performance standards and functional abilities for admission and progression, as published by the Southern Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing (SCCEN). Copies are available in the [Nursing Student Handbook](#) from the William Preston Turner School of Nursing website.

Drug Screening

Students are required to comply with drug screen requirements as documented in the *Nursing Student Handbook*.

Petitioning

Students have the right to request an exception to the application of academic policies of the William Preston Turner School of Nursing. To do so, the student must submit the request in writing to the Dean of Nursing.

Scholarships/Awards

All nursing students are eligible to be considered for scholarships available through the William Preston Turner School of Nursing. These scholarships are listed in the *Nursing Student Handbook*. Additional information is available from faculty advisors.

Student Organizations and Activities

All nursing students are encouraged to participate in the pre-professional nursing organization through membership in the local, state, and national levels of the Student Nurses' Association. Annual dues are approximately \$35.00 to \$45.00. Registered nurse students are encouraged to participate in the American Nurses Association.

The William Preston Turner School of Nursing provides the academic base for the Mu Zeta Chapter of the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International. Students are invited to membership based on academic and leadership criteria in their senior year.

Nursing students are encouraged to join University student organizations and committees.

Regulations for Clinical Nursing Courses

In addition to the regulations of the University as a whole, the following additional regulations apply to students in nursing. These provisions are required to meet regulations of health care agencies used for clinical laboratory experiences.

1. Attendance at Clinical Laboratories

Students must meet all William Preston Turner School of Nursing requirements for clinical nursing courses, as listed on the Initial Health Screening Form and the Annual Update Form. These requirements must be met each year by July 17 (fall semester) and December 1 (spring semester). Students are required to attend all nursing laboratories with absences permitted only because of sickness or other unavoidable occurrences.

2. Criminal Background Checks and Drug Screenings

Students must complete a criminal background check and drug screening annually and must report to the Director of the William Preston Turner School of Nursing any arrests and/or criminal charges or convictions filed subsequent to completion of the criminal background check.

3. Health Requirements

In addition to meeting the health requirements of the University, students taking clinical nursing courses are required to provide evidence of initial 2-step tuberculosis (TB) screening (PPD), then annual single-step TB screening (PPD); annual 10-panel drug screen; documentation of rubella (German measles) immunization or immune titer (if titer is negative for rubella, vaccine is required); evidence of varicella (chicken pox) immunizations or immune titer (if titer is negative for varicella, vaccine is required); and current immunization against tetanus and pertussis, influenza, and Hepatitis B, and an initial physical examination by a nurse practitioner or physician. Students must submit a health update annually. These documents, as well as proof of completing the American Heart Association Healthcare Provider BLS CPR course, must be submitted to the vendor assigned by the William Preston Turner School of Nursing by the required deadline date.

4. **Insurance Requirements.**

Students enrolled in clinical nursing courses must carry tort and professional liability insurance and personal health and accident insurance.

5. **Transportation to Clinical Practice Sites**

Each student is responsible for transportation to and from hospital and other clinical resources. Each student is expected to have access to an automobile to allow participation in client care in local and surrounding communities.

BSN COMPLETION OPTION FOR REGISTERED NURSES

Lander University offers an option for licensed registered nurses to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree with learning experiences concentrated in physical assessment, community health, nursing leadership, and research. The nursing courses in the BSN completion option for Registered Nurses are offered in an asynchronous online format. The online option features web based delivery of nursing courses that will enable students to attend class at home and at any time of day via the Internet. Graduates will acquire professional level knowledge and skills to practice nursing in traditional and diverse settings and to enter graduate study in nursing and related fields. The option is a part of the BSN nursing program which is approved by the State Board of Nursing for South Carolina and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 887-6791.

Admission and Progression Policies

1. Complete Lander University admission process. Transfer credit from previous schools will be evaluated.
2. Complete Admission to RN-BSN Option application and submit to William Preston Turner School of Nursing. Applications to RN-BSN option are available through the William Preston Turner School of Nursing website (<http://www.lander.edu/nursing>) or the Lander Admissions Office.

Requirements for admission as RN-BSN student.

1. Maintain a current nursing license as an RN in state where student will be doing clinicals.
2. Earn "C" or higher in 6 required courses – ENGL 101, ENGL 102, BIOL 202 (Human Anatomy), BIOL 203 (Human Physiology) (2 semesters combined A&P course accepted from South Carolina Technical Schools), BIOL 204 (Microbiology), and MATH 211 (Statistics).
3. Achieve cumulative GPA of at least 2.8 (not rounded) at last school attended.
4. Submit application to the Admissions Office of Lander University prior to applying for admission to the nursing program.
5. Submit application to the school of nursing by respective deadline (April 30 for fall, and October 15 for spring).

Additional information about RN-BSN option:

1. Most RN's choose to take classes on a part-time basis.
2. May start online nursing courses (NURN 307) in the fall or spring semester, although some required courses are only taught online once a year.
3. Must complete all required nursing, biology, and general education courses, including a minimum of 30 semester hours from Lander in order to graduate.
4. Articulation agreements are in force with some SC Technical Colleges.

Requirements for progression in the RN-BSN option

1. Earn advanced standing credit that satisfies up to 39 hours of required nursing courses upon the successful completion of the bridging course NURN 307: Professional Transition for Registered Nurses with a grade of B or higher.
2. Maintain institutional (Lander) GPA of 2.8 or higher (not rounded).
3. Complete required nursing, mathematics (MATH 211), writing (ENGL 101, ENGL 102), and science (CHEM 105 or CHEM 111, BIOL 202, BIOL 203, BIOL 204, BIOL 304 or NURN 304) with a minimum grade of "C".
4. Must not earn a grade of less than "C" in any required course from any institution of higher education more than once each and

5. Must not earn a grade less than “C” in more than two (2) required courses from any institution of higher education, only one of which may be a required nursing course.

Requirements for graduation in RN-BSN option

1. Complete curriculum requirements. Refer to Program Requirements worksheet.
2. Must earn at least 25% (30 hours) of total semester hour credit through instruction by Lander University.
3. Must earn a minimum of 12 semester hours of nursing credit through instruction by Lander University.
4. Must complete all degree requirements within five years of admission to the RN-BSN option (entry into NURN 307).

Students enrolled in an on-line degree program are not required to satisfy the FALS requirement but may need to complete elective hours to meet the minimum degree hour requirement.

SCHOOL OF NURSING POLICIES SPECIFIC TO RN-BSN STUDENTS

Student Organization and Activities. Registered nurse students are encouraged to participate in the American Nurses Association and other professional nursing organizations. RN-BSN Nursing students are encouraged to join University student organizations and committees.

Clinical Laboratory Experiences. Clinical experiences for RN-BSN students will be arranged collaboratively with the student, course faculty, and health care agencies. Students are expected to adhere to any arranged schedule unless other arrangements are made prior to a scheduled experience. Unavoidable absences will be made up based on the availability of clinical facilities.

Insurance Requirements. RN-BSN students enrolled in the clinical nursing courses must carry tort and professional liability insurance for coverage as a registered nurse, and must carry personal health and accident insurance.

Partial Exemption for Prior Learning. Partial academic exemption may be earned for documented experiential learning. For example, registered nurse students may exempt components of a course for documented professional certification and work (employment experience). Partial exemption will be determined by the nursing faculty on an individual basis.

2018-209 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

DEGREE: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

MAJOR: NURSING

OPTION: (PRELICENSURE)

Credit Hours

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

(For approved courses see the [General Education section](#).)

A.	Humanities and Fine Arts (6 hours selected from 2 different disciplines)	6
B.	Behavioral and Social Perspectives (6 hours selected from 2 different disciplines)	6
C.	Scientific and Mathematical Reasoning (7 hours selected from 2 different disciplines, 1 lab science required) CHEM 105 or CHEM 111 MATH 211	4# 3
D.	Core Academic Skills ENGL 101 ENGL 102 MATH 121, MATH 123 or MATH 141 Foreign Language LINK 101 FALS 101 (15 FALS-approved events)	3# 3# 3-4# 3 1 0
E.	General Education Electives CHEM 106 or CHEM 112	4#

A sufficient number of additional General Education Electives must be taken to meet a total of 42 hours of General Education Requirements.

(Select from categories A, B, or C; Global Issues and Cultures; Foreign Language; or courses approved for category E)

Δ Global Issues and Cultures: Students are required to take at least one of these courses prior to graduation.

TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS	42
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MAJOR PROGRAM CORE REQUIREMENTS

BIOL 202	4†
BIOL 203	4†
BIOL 204	4†
NURS 232	1†
NURS 233	3†
NURS 235	4†
NURS 242	5†
NURS 345	5†
NURS 346	5†
NURS 392	4†
NURS 393	4†
NURS 408	4†
NURS 409	4†

MAJOR PROGRAM ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

NURS 165	2†
NURS 240	3†
NURS 303	3†
NURS 304	3†
NURS 412	4†
NURS 417	5†
NURS 460	2†
NURS 499	2†
TOTAL MAJOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	75
ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES	3
TOTAL FOR BS DEGREE	120

†Must earn a “C” or better in each course.

Clinical Laboratory Credit Ratio: 1 hour credit for 3 hours contact time per week.

Coursework must include at least 30 hours earned in 300 or above level courses, of which 12 hours must be in the major.

See 4-year major guides for recommended order in which to take courses
<http://www.lander.edu/Academics/Registrar-Office/Resources/Major-Guides.aspx>.

2018-2019 PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

DEGREE: BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
MAJOR: NURSING
OPTION: COMPLETION FOR REGISTERED NURSES

Credit Hours

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

(For approved courses see the [General Education section](#).)

Required for graduation from Lander University (may be taken at any regionally accredited college or university).

A. Humanities and Fine Arts (6 hours selected from 2 different disciplines)	6
B. Behavioral and Social Perspectives (6 hours selected from 2 different disciplines)	6
C. Scientific and Mathematical Reasoning (7 hours selected from 2 different disciplines, 1 lab science required) CHEM 105 MATH 211	4* 3#
D. Core Academic Skills (12-13 credit hours) ENGL 101 ENGL 102 MATH 121, MATH 123 or MATH 141 Foreign Language	3# 3# 3-4 3
E. General Education Electives A sufficient number of additional General Education Electives must be taken to meet a total of 42 hours of General Education Requirements. (Select from categories A, B, or C; Global Issues and Cultures; Foreign Language; or courses approved for category E)	
Δ Global Issues and Cultures: Students are required to take at least one of these courses prior to graduation.	
TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS	42

MAJOR PROGRAM CORE REQUIREMENTS

(Completed as prerequisites or advance placement standing given after completion of NURN 307 with at least a “B”.)

BIOL 202	4*#
BIOL 203	4*#
BIOL 204	4*#
NURS 232	1 !
NURS 233	3 !
NURS 235	4 !
NURS 242	5 !
NURS 345	5 !
NURS 346	5 !
NURS 392	4 !
NURS 393	4 !
NURS 408	4 !
NURS 409	4 !

MAJOR PROGRAM ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

NURN 303	3†
NURN 304	3†
NURN 307	4†
NURN 340	3†
NURN 412	4†
NURN 417	3†
NURN 499	2†
TOTAL MAJOR PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS	73
ADDITIONAL ELECTIVES	5
TOTAL FOR BS DEGREE	120

*Registered nurses may meet the Lander University general education requirement in laboratory science by completing a minimum of 16 hours of laboratory science courses that include 4 hours of chemistry.

Prerequisite courses for admission to the BSN Completion Option

! Earned advanced standing credit based on current nursing license and completion of NURN 307 with a grade of “B” or better

Coursework must include at least 30 hours earned in 300 or above level courses, of which 12 hours must be in the major.

Registered nurses with an Associate Degree in Nursing from a South Carolina technical college are encouraged to contact the School of Nursing at 864-388-8337 for information on current articulation agreements.