

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 median salary: \$86,070
- » National projected career growth: 6%
- » Many work in hospitals and physician offices
- » Provide and coordinate patient care, educate patients and the 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
- » Average Entering GPA: 3.7
- » Typical-entry level education: Bachelor's Degree
- » CNA Required
- » TOFEL may be required for non-native English speakers

NEARBY SCHOOLS

- » University of Nebraska Medical Center
- » Clarkson College
- » Nebraska Methodist College
- » College of Saint Mary
- » Midland University
- » Bryan College of Health Sciences

COMPETITIVE STUDENTS 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 PROFESSIONAL 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."

-Rawsy 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 a 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

UNO Health Careers Resource Center
307 Allwine Hall | 402.554.5980
unohealthcareers@unomaha.edu
cas.unomaha.edu/hcrc

*Data and information from the Bureau of Labor Statistics

**Data and information from UNMC

Last update: 9.2024

The University of Nebraska does not discriminate based on race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, pregnancy, sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, disability, age, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, and/or political affiliation in its education programs or activities, including admissions and employment.

Click here for requirements from the schools listed below:

University of Nebraska Medical Center	Clarkson College
Nebraska Methodist College	College of Saint Mary
Midland University	Bryan College of Health Sciences

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

*Most schools prefer science classes to be taken in-person versus online.

UNMC's Prerequisites

S = Spring, F = Fall, M = Summer

*Biological Sciences (minimum credits: 12)			
Course	Credits	Semester	Prerequisites
BIOL 2440 The Biology of Microorganisms & Lab	4	F, S, M	High school Biology and Chemistry
AND			
BIOL 2740 Human Anatomy & Physiology I & Lab	4	F, S, M	High school Biology and Chemistry
BIOL 2840 Human Anatomy & Physiology II & Lab	4	F, S, M	BIOL 2740
OR			
BMCH 2400 Human Physiology & Anatomy I & Lab	4	F, S	
BMCH 2400 Human Physiology & Anatomy I & Lab	4	F, S	BMCH 2500

*Chemistry (one course with lab)			
CHEM 1140/1144 Fund of College Chemistry & Lab	5	F, S, M	MATH 1300 or 1320
OR			
CHEM 1180/1184 General Chemistry I & Lab	4	F, S, M	MATH 1300 or 1320 or CHEM 1140 & 1144

*Mathematics (once course)			
MATH 1300 College Algebra with Support	4	F, S, M	
OR			
MATH 1320 Pre-Calculus Algebra	3	F, S, M	ACT 22 or ALEKS 4

*Statistics (one course)			
BIOL 2020 Statistics for Life and Environ. Science	3	F, S	MATH 1120, 1130, 1300, or 1320
PSYC 3130 Statistics for Behavioral Sciences	3	F, S, M	MATH 1120, 1300, 1320, or STAT 1530
SOC 2130 Social Statistics	3	F, S, M	MATH 1120, 1300, 1320, or STAT 1530
STAT 1530 Elementary Statistics	3	F, S	ACT 19 or ALEKS 4
STAT 3000 Statistical Methods I	3	F, S	MATH 1300 or 1320
CRCJ/SOWK/PA 3000 Applied Statistics	3	F, S, M	MATH 1300 or 1320
Other statistics courses can fulfill the requirement as well but should be approved by an admissions advisor.			

English Composition (minimum credits: 6)			
ENGL 1150 English Composition I	3	F, S, M	AP Score 3, ACT 14-26, HS GPA 2.3+
ENGL 1160 English Composition II	3	F, S, M	AP Score 4, ENGL 1140 or 1150, or ACT 27+ or Reading or English ACT score of 29+

Social Sciences (minimum credits: 9)			
PSYC 1010 Introduction to Psychology	3	F, S, M	
*PSYC 2500 Lifespan Psychology	3	F, S, M	PSYC 1010
SOC 1010 Introduction to Sociology	3	F, S, M	

*Nutrition (minimum credits: 3)			
HEKI 3090 Applied Nutrition	3	F, S, M	

Ethics (minimum credits: 3)			
PHIL 2030 Introduction to Ethics	3	F, S	
PHIL 2300 Biomedical Ethics	3	F, S	
PHIL 1020 Contemporary Moral Programs	3	F, S, M	

Recommended Elective (minimum credits: 3-5)			
BIOL 1060 Intro to Medical Careers and Ethics	2	F, S	
BIOL 1160 Terminology of Human Health & Disease	2	F, S	
OR			
HEKI 2000 Medical Terminology	1	F, S, M	
OR			
Course(s) of your choosing	3-5		

Categorical Coursework (minimum credits:12 with one course from each category on the following page)			
Humanities	3		
Family and Human Behavior	3		
Political Science/Social Organization	3		
Culture/Race/Ethnicity/Gender	3		

CNA License			
Various CNA courses can be found here . Currently, UNO 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
- ✓ UNMC will accept dual enrollment credit, but not Advanced Placement
- ✓ 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.

All locations have an August start date. Lincoln and Kearney also offer a January start date.

Nursing Timeline	
Freshman Year	Obtain CNA certification and 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 contact Natalie Floreani, UNMC's Student Services Coordinator, at nfloreani@unmc.edu or 402.559.4113.

Information for students interested in pursuing more education after the BSN:

- ✓ Students interested in the Nurse Practitioner route click [here](#) for more information.
- ✓ Here is another link for information on the Nurse Practitioner Program at [UNMC](#).

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	MUS 1090	Music Appreciation
ART 1040	Global Indigenous Art	ENGL 2310/2320	Intro to British Literature I/II	JMC 1500	Journalism & Media Communication
ART 2050	Survey of West. Art History I	ENGL 2450/2460	American Literature I/II	JMC 1050	Film History and Appreciation
ART 2060	Survey of West. Art History II	HUMN 1110	Pers. US/Am. Culture	PHIL 1010	Intro to Philosophy
CMST 1110*	Public Speaking Fundamentals	MEDH 1000	Intro to Medical Humanities	PHIL 1210	Critical Reasoning
ENGL 1010/1020	Intro to Genre Studies	MUS 1050****	Music of the People: The Beatles	RELI 1010	Intro to World Religions
ENGL/HUMN 1200	Autobiographical Reading & Writing	MUS 1070****	Music of the People: Rock & Pop	RELI 2150	Hebrew Scriptures
ENGL 2000	Topics in Language and Lit	MUS 1080****	Music of the People: The World	RELI 2190	The Modern Middle East
ENGL 2110	Intro to Creative Nonfiction	MUS 1100	Music of the People: Jazz		

*Strongly recommended course for ESL students planning to attend UNMC

Family and Human Behavior

TED 2300	Hum. Growth & Learning	PSYC 3430	Personality and Adjustment	SOC 2150	Sociology of Families
TED 2200	Human Relations Bias Free Classroom	PSYC 3520	Child Psychology	SOC 2800	Major Social Issues
GDHR 2120	Social Issues	PSYC 3540	Adolescent Psychology	SOC 3450	Social Psychology
GERO 2000**	Intro to Gerontology	PSYC 4020	Learning	SOC 3610	Applied Organizational Soc
GERO 3070	Death and Dying	PSYC 4210	Sensation & Perception	SOC 3690	Social Inequality
GERO 4350	Issues in Aging	PSYC 4440	Abnormal Psychology	SOC 3800	Work and Society
GERO 4850	Hospice & Other Services	PSYC 4460	Psychology of Adult Dev.		
PSYC 3410	Clinical Psychology	PSYC 4470	Mental Health & Aging		

**Required course for Clarkson College

Political Science/Social Organization (Choose one)

CRCJ 1010	Survey of Criminal Justice	GEOG 1000	World Regional Geography	PSCI 1000	Intro to Political Science
ECON 1200	Intro to the US Economy	HIST 1000/1010***	World Civilization I/II	PSCI 1100	American Government
ECON 2200	Microeconomics	HIST 1110/1120***	American History	PSCI 2500	Comparative Politics
ECON 2220	Macroeconomics	HIST 2030***	History of Medicine	SOC 2100	Social Problems

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

Culture/Race/Ethnicity/Gender (Choose one)

ANTH 1050	Intro to Anthropology	ENGL 2470	Native American Literature	WGST 2010/2020	Intro to Women's & Gender Studies
ANTH 3210	Cultures of African People	GEOG 1020	Human Geography	WGST 3750	Gender & Communication
ANTH 3220	Peoples & Cultures of N. Am.	HUMN 1110	Pers. US/Am. Culture	CHIN	Chinese
ANTH 3260	World Culture & People	LLS 1000	Latin America: An Intro	FREN	French
ANTH 3920	Essentials of Archaeology	LLS 1010	Intro to Chicano-Latino Stud.	GERM	German
BLST 1000	Intro to Black Studies	LLS 1020	Intro to Chicano-Latino Stud.	JAPN	Japanese
BLST 2100	Black American Culture	NAMS 1110	Native American Studies	RUSS	Russian
MUS 1080****	Music of the People: The World	SOC 3840	World Pop. & Social Issues	SPAN	Spanish
ENGL 2230	Socio-Cultural Rep in Literature	SOC 3900	Race & Ethnic Relations in the US	SPED	ASL

****UNMC only accepts one "Music of the People" course. One can be taken for the Humanities or one can be taken or the Culture/Race/Ethnicity/Gender categorical course.