

COURSE SELECTION

FRESHMAN

- Acquaint yourself with the nursing school course and application requirements. Students must make a "C" or better in ALL pre-nursing courses.
- Gateway Courses: BIOL 1020/1021, CHEM 1030/1031

SOPHOMORE

- Stay on track with prerequisite courses.
- Students typically apply to the upper division during their sophomore year.
- Must have a 2.5 GPA, 3 nursing sciences and 22 or fewer hours left to complete in order to be eligible to apply.
- Gateway Courses: BIOL 2500, BIOL 2510, BIOL 3200

JUNIOR

- Begin upper division coursework and clinicals. Basic theoretical concepts and skills are learned. Critical thinking and time management is crucial to success in the upper division.
- Gateway Courses: NURS 3123, NURS 3130, NURS 3120

SENIOR

- Complete remaining upper division coursework. Take advantage of nursing study abroad opportunities before you graduate.
- Gateway Courses: NURS 3320, NURS 4910

ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

- Meet with an advisor regularly to discuss your plan of study
- Seek academic support early! Take advantage of free resources to improve academic performance, including Study Partners, Supplemental Instruction and academic coaching. (auburn.edu/academicsupport)
- Discuss with your advisor your parallel plan



Miller Hall, home of Academic Advising for the School of Nursing.

- Work with the Career Center for help with the nursing interview.
- Attend an application information session to learn about the nursing application process.
- Continue to take advantage of free academic support resources.
- Meet with nursing level coordinator to work on any areas where you may need remediation.
- Early in senior year begin researching the process for taking the NCLEX examination for the state you wish to be licensed in.
- Work with the Career Center to update your resume.

GAIN EXPERIENCE

- Seek out opportunities to shadow nurses in different specialty areas.
- Use LinkedIn (linkedin.com/alumni) to identify past graduates in your major.
- Contact them to set up informational interviews and shadowing opportunities to gain further understanding of your major in the world of work.



- Add applicable experience to your resume by doing volunteer work. Contact Auburn's Center for Community Service to explore opportunities related to healthcare (auburn.edu/service).
- Continually evaluate your personal preferences during your clinicals. This will make it easier to choose a specific medical concentration to pursue.
- 200 preceptorship hours need to be completed in your final semester and will give you one-on-one experience with an RN in various hospital units across the United States.

GET INVOLVED

- Join the National Student Nurses Association. This organization is available to nursing and pre-nursing students. Offers scholarship opportunities and discounts for members.



- Join the American Nurses Association and Alabama State Nurses Association, which is free to National Student Nurses Association members and offers access to publications and professional resources
- Students with competitive GPAs and strong professional and leadership skills may be invited to join Sigma Theta Tau, a nursing honor society.
- Join a nursing organization specific to your specialty area of choice.
- Advocate for nursing and your specialty
- Get involved with state and regional nurse lobbying

CAREER PLANNING

AUBURN UNIVERSITY CAREER CENTER

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With the expansion of healthcare the need for qualified nurses has risen. Nursing and other allied healthcare occupations have high demand. You will need to ensure that you perform well in your courses and gain sufficient experience through your clinicals and preceptorship.

NURSE EDUCATOR

MINIMUM EDUCATION: M.S.N.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$42.5K - \$71.6K

MEDICAL SURGICAL REGISTERED NURSE

MINIMUM EDUCATION: A.D.N.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$45.0K - \$85.0K

NEONATAL NURSE PRACTITIONER

MINIMUM EDUCATION: M.S.N.

ENTRY LEVEL SALARY RANGE: \$59.0K - \$150.0K

These are just three options out of many that nursing majors pursue. For more career options be sure to check out "What Can I Do With a Major In..." on auburn.edu/career.



Mary Martin Hall, home of the Auburn University Career Center