

NURSING - B.S.N.

College of Nursing

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Description

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in Nursing prepares practitioners for professional nursing, helps them understand their role in society and prepares them for graduate study. The program emphasizes professional knowledge, skills and compassionate nursing practices. Students begin with courses that demonstrate the core foundations of the nursing profession and its historical roots. The capstone preceptorship exposes students to research and professional-practice concepts that will ensure their abilities to be nurse leaders and healthcare advocates.

Throughout the curriculum, students study life-span and cultural diversity issues while applying evidence-based practice to their profession.

The Nursing major includes the following optional concentration:

- The **Accelerated Second Degree** concentration is for students who hold a bachelor's degree and wish to pursue the B.S.N. degree in an accelerated manner.

Students in the B.S.N. degree have the opportunity to pursue a dual degree with the Master of Science in Nursing degree. The combined B.S.N./M.S.N. degree program is available for undergraduate Kent State nursing students who have completed 60 credit hours and meet specified GPA requirements early in their undergraduate studies. Qualified students may apply for admission into the M.S.N. degree after gaining approval from the appropriate graduate faculty program director. Following graduation and passing the state licensing examination (NCLEX-RN), students' M.S.N. application may be activated for admission into the selected master's concentration.

Fully Offered At:

- Geauga Campus (Nursing major only)
- Kent Campus (Nursing major and Accelerated Second Degree concentration)
- Salem Campus (Nursing major only)
- Stark Campus (Nursing major only)
- Trumbull Campus (Nursing major only)

Accreditation

The B.S.N. degree in Nursing at Kent State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791.

Admission Requirements

The university affirmatively strives to provide educational opportunities and access to students with varied backgrounds, those with special

talents and adult students who graduated from high school three or more years ago.

Freshman Students: Admission to the Nursing major is selective; the process is competitive, and acceptance is never guaranteed. Prospective applicants must have completed high school mathematics, biology and chemistry. In addition, students must have achieved one of the following:

- Minimum 2.7 overall high school grade point average (on a 4.0 scale); and a minimum 22 ACT composite or a minimum 1100 SAT score.
- Minimum 3.0 overall high school grade point average (on a 4.0 scale); and a minimum 21 ACT composite score or a minimum 1060 SAT score.
- Minimum 3.3 overall high school grade point average (on a 4.0 scale); and a minimum 20 ACT composite score or a minimum 1010 SAT score.

Transfer Students: Admission to the Nursing major requires minimum 30 credit hours, a minimum 2.750 overall GPA in all coursework and a minimum 2.750 GPA in the required sciences—BSCI 21010, BSCI 21020, BSCI 20021, BSCI 30171 and CHEM 10050, CHEM 10055 or CHEM 10060—including a minimum C grade in each course. Effective spring 2020, students who have failed out of another nursing program are not eligible for admission the four-year Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

Transfer students who have successfully completed minimum 12 credit hours at Kent State University will be evaluated on their Kent State overall GPA only along with the previously described admission criteria. Transfer students from another accredited B.S.N. degree who have completed at least one laboratory or clinical course must have achieved the following for admission to Kent State's B.S.N. degree:

- Minimum 3.200 overall GPA in all college-level coursework
- Minimum 2.75 GPA for the required (or equivalent) science courses in Kent State's B.S.N. degree
- Minimum C grade on the first attempt in all nursing courses in the current nursing curriculum
- Good academic standing at current college or university

Admission to the Accelerated Second Degree concentration: Admission to the concentration requires a completed bachelor's degree with a minimum overall 2.75 GPA. Accelerated students must have all college-level core and nursing prerequisite courses complete:

- Anatomy and Physiology (BSCI 21010 and BSCI 21020)
- Microbiology (BSCI 20021 or BSCI 30171)
- Genetics (BSCI 30050 or BSCI 30156)
- Chemistry (CHEM 10050, CHEM 10055 or CHEM 10060)
- Psychology (PSYC 11762)
- Human Growth and Development (NURS 20950)
- Sociology (SOC 12050)
- Statistics
- Mathematics (MATH 10772, MATH 11010, MATH 10773, MATH 10774, MATH 12002, MATH 10775, MATH 12011, MATH 11009, MATH 12012 or MATH 11012)
- Nutrition (NUTR 23511)
- Minimum 2.75 overall GPA and minimum 2.75 science GPA
- Minimum C grade in all science and mathematics courses

English Language Proficiency Requirements for International Students: All international students must provide proof of English language

proficiency (unless they meet specific exceptions) by earning a minimum 525 TOEFL score (71 on the Internet-based version), minimum 75 MELAB score, minimum 6.0 IELTS score or minimum 48 PTE Academic score, or by completing the ELS level 112 Intensive Program. For more information on international admission, visit the Office of Global Education's admission website.

Program Learning Outcomes

Graduates of this program will be able to:

1. Meet educational eligibility requirements to take the registered nurse licensing examination (National Certification and Licensure Exam).
2. Acquire competencies based on professional standards to assume the role of the professional nurse and for career advancement, including graduate studies.
3. Apply the nursing process in providing evidence-based, culturally sensitive care to promote health and adaptation of individuals, families, groups and communities.

University Requirements

All students in a bachelor's degree program at Kent State University must complete the following university requirements for graduation.

NOTE: University requirements may be fulfilled in this program by specific course requirements. Please see Program Requirements for details.

Destination Kent State: First Year Experience	1
Course is not required for students with 25 transfer credits, excluding College Credit Plus, or age 21+ at time of admission.	
Diversity Domestic/Global (DIVD/DIVG)	2 courses
Students must successfully complete one domestic and one global course, of which one must be from the Kent Core.	
Experiential Learning Requirement (ELR)	varies
Students must successfully complete one course or approved experience.	
Kent Core (see table below)	36-37
Writing-Intensive Course (WIC)	1 course
Students must earn a minimum C grade in the course.	
Upper-Division Requirement	39 (or 42)
Students must successfully complete 39 upper-division (numbered 30000 to 49999) credit hours to graduate. Students in a B.A. and/or B.S. degree in the College of Arts and Sciences must complete 42 upper-division credit hours.	
Total Credit Hour Requirement	120
Some bachelor's degrees require students to complete more than 120 credit hours.	

Kent Core Requirements

Kent Core Composition (KCOMP)	6
Kent Core Mathematics and Critical Reasoning (KMCR)	3
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (KHUM/KFA) (min one course each)	9
Kent Core Social Sciences (KSS) (must be from two disciplines)	6
Kent Core Basic Sciences (KBS/KLAB) (must include one laboratory)	6-7
Kent Core Additional (KADL)	6
Total Credit Hours:	36-37

Program Requirements

Major Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA)		
BSCI 20021	BASIC MICROBIOLOGY (min C grade for either course)	3
or BSCI 30171	GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	
BSCI 30050	HUMAN GENETICS (min C grade for either course)	3
or BSCI 30156	ELEMENTS OF GENETICS	
NURS 20025	PHARMACOLOGY AND ALTERATIONS IN PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING I (min C grade)	3
NURS 20950	HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS (min C grade)	3
NURS 30010	PARENT AND NEWBORN NURSING (min C grade)	4
NURS 30020	HEALTH CARE OF CHILDREN (min C grade)	4
NURS 30025	PHARMACOLOGY AND ALTERATIONS IN PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING II (min C grade)	3
NURS 30035	NURSING OF ADULTS ACROSS THE LIFESPAN (min C grade)	9
NURS 30050	BASIC NURSING INFORMATICS (min C grade)	2
NURS 30070	HEALTH CARE POLICY (WIC) (min C grade) ¹	3
NURS 40010	NURSING OF THE CRITICALLY ILL (min C grade)	4
NURS 40020	COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING (min C grade)	4
NURS 40030	PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSING (min C grade)	4
NURS 40045	INTEGRATION OF LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT IN NURSING (ELR) (min C grade)	6
NUTR 23511	SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)	3
Statistics Elective, choose from the following:		3-4
MATH 10041	INTRODUCTORY STATISTICS (KMCR) (min C grade)	
NURS 31010	APPLICATIONS FOR STATISTICAL FINDINGS FOR EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE (min C grade)	
PH 30002	INTRODUCTORY BIostatISTICS (min C grade)	
PSYC 21621	QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN PSYCHOLOGY I (min C grade)	
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
BSCI 21010	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB) (min C grade) ²	4
BSCI 21020	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II (min C grade) ²	4
CHEM 10050	FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY (KBS) (min C grade in either course)	3-4
or CHEM 10055	MOLECULES OF LIFE (KBS)	
or CHEM 10060	GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Mathematics Elective, choose from the following (min C grade):		3
MATH 10772	MODELING ALGEBRA PLUS (KMCR)	
MATH 10773 & MATH 10774	ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS STRETCH I and ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS STRETCH II (KMCR)	
MATH 10775	ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS PLUS (KMCR)	

MATH 11009	MODELING ALGEBRA (KMCR)	
MATH 11010	ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS (KMCR)	
MATH 11012	INTUITIVE CALCULUS (KMCR)	
MATH 12002	ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR)	
MATH 12011	CALCULUS WITH PRECALCULUS I (KMCR)	
MATH 12012	CALCULUS WITH PRECALCULUS II (KMCR)	
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Humanities and Fine Arts (minimum one course from each)		9
Kent Core Additional or General Elective		3
Additional Requirements or Concentration		
Choose from the following:		20
Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration		
Accelerated Second Degree Concentration		
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

- ¹ Students who travel abroad can opt to take NURS 40089 to fulfill the NURS 30070 requirement.
- ² Students who have successfully completed ATTR 25057 (or EXSC 25057) and ATTR 25058 (or EXSC 25058) with a minimum C grade may use those courses in place of BSCI 21010 and BSCI 21020.

Additional Requirements for Students Not Declaring a Concentration

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Major Requirements (courses count in major GPA) (min C grade required in all courses)		
NURS 10060	INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE	3
NURS 20020	FOUNDATIONS OF ASSESSMENT AND COMMUNICATION IN NURSING ¹	3
NURS 20030	FOUNDATIONS OF NURSING INTERVENTIONS ¹	5
NURS 40005	PROFESSIONAL NURSING DEVELOPMENT	3
NURS 40872	INTRODUCTION TO EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE	3
NURS 45060	NCLEX REVIEW PREPARATION	3
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		20

- ¹ Students admitted into LPN to BSN sequence will take NURS 20040 instead of NURS 20020 and NURS 20030.

Accelerated Second Degree Concentration Requirements

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Concentration Requirements (courses count in major GPA) (min C grade required in all courses)		
NURS 20040	FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING	8
NURS 40025	PROFESSIONAL AND EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE	3
NURS 45075	NCLEX SUCCESS	2
Additional Requirements (courses do not count in major GPA)		
General Electives (total credit hours depends on earning 120 credit hours, including 39 upper-division credit hours)		7
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		20

Progression Requirements

- Students must meet the following requirements in order to be admitted to the Professional Nursing Sequence:
 - Students are eligible to make application during the semester in which they anticipate completing or have completed, 30 credit hours.
 - Students must have a 2.750 overall GPA, and a 2.750 GPA in the required sciences (BSCI 21010; and BSCI 21020; and BSCI 20021 or BSCI 30171; and CHEM 10050 or CHEM 10055 or CHEM 10060) to be eligible for admission.
 - Students must earn a 2.000 (grade of C) in each of the prerequisite science courses (BSCI 21010; and BSCI 21020; and BSCI 20021 or BSCI 30171; and CHEM 10050 or CHEM 10055 or CHEM 10060) to be eligible for admission.
 - Completion of one of the following math courses with a grade of C or better: MATH 10772, MATH 10773, MATH 10774, MATH 10775, MATH 11009, MATH 11010, MATH 11012, MATH 12002, MATH 12011 or MATH 12012.
- All students in the B.S.N. degree must have a minimum overall 2.000 GPA each semester to continue in the program; failure to achieve this GPA each semester will result in not permitted to continue in the program.
- All students in the B.S.N. degree must have earned a minimum C grade in each science course required in the B.S.N. curriculum. All required chemistry and biology courses must be successfully completed with a minimum C grade to graduate with the B.S.N. degree.
- Students in the traditional and accelerated concentration must have a minimum C grade in each of the sophomore nursing courses to progress to the junior nursing sequence.
- Students in the traditional and accelerated concentration must have a minimum C grade in each of the junior nursing courses (NURS 30010, NURS 30020 and NURS 30035) to progress to the senior nursing sequence.
- Students in the traditional and accelerated Nursing major must have a minimum C grade in each of the senior nursing courses (NURS 40005, NURS 40010, NURS 40020, NURS 40030, NURS 40045 and NURS 40872) to progress and graduate.
- Students in the accelerated Nursing concentration and LPN to BSN sequence may take junior- and senior-level courses concurrently as specified by their curriculum.
- Students in the traditional Nursing major may take a maximum of two clinical courses each semester.
- Students in the accelerated Nursing concentration and LPN to BSN sequence are permitted to take three clinical courses each term, as specified by their curriculum.
- Students in the accelerated concentration and LPN to BSN sequence who do not earn a C or better in any nursing courses, will be transferred to the traditional BSN course schedule.

LPN to BSN Sequence: LPN students who are pursuing the nursing major will need to complete all core and prerequisite coursework to be admitted to the Professional Nursing Sequence. Admission is competitive and is never guaranteed. Admission checklist for the Professional Nursing Sequence for LPN to BSN students:

- Students are eligible to make application during the semester in which they anticipate completing, or have completed the core courses, along with:

- NURS 10060 INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE
- BSCI 21010 ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB)
- BSCI 21020 ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II
- BSCI 20021 BASIC MICROBIOLOGY or BSCI 30171 GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY
- BSCI 30050 HUMAN GENETICS or BSCI 30156 ELEMENTS OF GENETICS
- Chemistry electives (CHEM 10050 FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY (KBS) , CHEM 10055 MOLECULES OF LIFE (KBS) or CHEM 10060 GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS))
- MATH elective, (Choose one: MATH 10772 MODELING ALGEBRA PLUS (KMCR) , MATH 11010 ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS (KMCR) , MATH 10773 ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS STRETCH I , MATH 10774 ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS STRETCH II (KMCR) , MATH 12002 ANALYTIC GEOMETRY AND CALCULUS I (KMCR) , MATH 10775 ALGEBRA FOR CALCULUS PLUS (KMCR) , MATH 12011 CALCULUS WITH PRECALCULUS I (KMCR) , MATH 11009 MODELING ALGEBRA (KMCR) , MATH 12012 CALCULUS WITH PRECALCULUS II (KMCR) , or MATH 11012 INTUITIVE CALCULUS (KMCR))
- PSYC 11762 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)
- NURS 20950 HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
- NUTR 23511 SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)
- SOC 12050 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)
- Approved Statistics Elective
- UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE
- Students must have a 2.750 cumulative GPA, and a 2.750 science GPA
- Students must earn a C grade or better in all science and math courses.
- Unrestricted LPN license
 - Priority Admission is given to students with two or more years of practice as an LPN

The Dean may review the student's educational files to determine if adequate progression has been made.

Graduation Requirements

Minimum Major GPA	Minimum Overall GPA
2.000	2.000

- Minimum C grade is required in all specified NURS, BSCI, CHEM and Kent Core MATH courses.
- Students in the Nursing program must earn a combined minimum 2.750 GPA in BSCI 21010, BSCI 21020 **and** BSCI 20021 (or BSCI 30171) **and** CHEM 10050, CHEM 10055 or CHEM 10060.

Roadmaps

- Nursing Major (no concentration)
- Accelerated Second Degree Concentration

NURSING MAJOR (NO CONCENTRATION)

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester One		Credits
!	BSCI 21010 ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB)	4
	CHEM 10050 FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY (KBS) or CHEM 10055 or MOLECULES OF LIFE (KBS) or CHEM 10060 or GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	3-4
	NURS 10060 INTRODUCTION TO PROFESSIONAL NURSING PRACTICE	3
	UC 10097 DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
!	Mathematics Elective	3-5
Credit Hours		14
Semester Two		
	BSCI 21020 ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II	4
	BSCI 20021 BASIC MICROBIOLOGY or BSCI 30171 or GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	3-4
	PSYC 11762 GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
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Credit Hours		16
Semester Three		
Requirement: Students must be admitted to the Professional Nursing Sequence to progress.		
	BSCI 30050 HUMAN GENETICS or BSCI 30156 or ELEMENTS OF GENETICS	3
!	NURS 20020 FOUNDATIONS OF ASSESSMENT AND COMMUNICATION IN NURSING	3
	NURS 20950 HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	3
	SOC 12050 INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
	Kent Core Requirement	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Four		
	NURS 20025 PHARMACOLOGY AND ALTERATIONS IN PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING I	3
!	NURS 20030 FOUNDATIONS OF NURSING INTERVENTIONS	5
	NUTR 23511 SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)	3
	Statistics Elective	3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Five		
Requirement: minimum overall 2.000 GPA		
	NURS 30025 PHARMACOLOGY AND ALTERATIONS IN PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING II	3
!	NURS 30035 NURSING OF ADULTS ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	9
	NURS 30070 HEALTH CARE POLICY (WIC)	3
Credit Hours		15
Semester Six		
!	NURS 30010 PARENT AND NEWBORN NURSING	4
!	NURS 30020 HEALTH CARE OF CHILDREN	4
!	NURS 30050 BASIC NURSING INFORMATICS	2
	NURS 40872 INTRODUCTION TO EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE	3

Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		16
Semester Seven		
Requirement: minimum overall 2.000 GPA		
	NURS 40005 PROFESSIONAL NURSING DEVELOPMENT	3
!	NURS 40020 COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING	4
!	NURS 40030 PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSING	4
Kent Core Requirement		3
Credit Hours		14
Semester Eight		
!	NURS 40010 NURSING OF THE CRITICALLY ILL	4
!	NURS 40045 INTEGRATION OF LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT IN NURSING (ELR)	6
!	NURS 45060 NCLEX REVIEW PREPARATION	3
Kent Core Requirement or General Elective		3
Credit Hours		16
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120

Accelerated Second Degree Concentration

This roadmap is a recommended semester-by-semester plan of study for this major. However, courses designated as critical (!) must be completed in the semester listed to ensure a timely graduation.

Semester Prerequisite		Credits
BSCI 20021	BASIC MICROBIOLOGY	3
or	or GENERAL MICROBIOLOGY	
BSCI 30171		
BSCI 21010	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY I (KBS) (KLAB)	4
BSCI 21020	ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY II	4
BSCI 30050	HUMAN GENETICS	3
or	or ELEMENTS OF GENETICS	
BSCI 30156		
NURS 20950	HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	3
NUTR 23511	SCIENCE OF HUMAN NUTRITION (KBS)	3
PSYC 11762	GENERAL PSYCHOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
SOC 12050	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY (DIVD) (KSS)	3
CHEM 10050	FUNDAMENTALS OF CHEMISTRY (KBS)	3
or	or MOLECULES OF LIFE (KBS)	
CHEM 10055	or GENERAL CHEMISTRY I (KBS)	
or		
CHEM 10060		
Mathematics Elective		3
Statistics Elective		3
Kent Core Composition		6
Kent Core Humanities or Fine Arts		3
Kent Core Humanities		3
Kent Core Fine Arts		3
Kent Core Additional		3
General Electives		7
Credit Hours		60

Semester One

Requirement: combined minimum 2.750 GPA in CHEM 10050 or CHEM 10055 or CHEM 10060; and BSCI 21010; and BSCI 21020; and BSCI 20021 or BSCI 30171

NURS 20040	FUNDAMENTALS OF NURSING	8
NURS 30050	BASIC NURSING INFORMATICS	2
NURS 30070	HEALTH CARE POLICY (WIC)	3
UC 10097	DESTINATION KENT STATE: FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE	1
Credit Hours		14

Semester Two

NURS 20025	PHARMACOLOGY AND ALTERATIONS IN PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING I	3
NURS 30025	PHARMACOLOGY AND ALTERATIONS IN PHYSIOLOGICAL FUNCTIONING II	3
NURS 30035	NURSING OF ADULTS ACROSS THE LIFESPAN	9
Credit Hours		15

Semester Three

NURS 30010	PARENT AND NEWBORN NURSING	4
NURS 30020	HEALTH CARE OF CHILDREN	4
NURS 40020	COMMUNITY HEALTH NURSING	4
NURS 40025	PROFESSIONAL AND EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE	3
Credit Hours		15

Semester Four

Requirement: minimum overall 2.000 GPA

NURS 40010	NURSING OF THE CRITICALLY ILL	4
NURS 40030	PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSING	4
NURS 40045	INTEGRATION OF LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT IN NURSING (ELR)	6
NURS 45075	NCLEX SUCCESS	2
Credit Hours		16
Minimum Total Credit Hours:		120