

Natural Science – Nursing Degree Program with Vanderbilt University

Covenant participates in a dual-degree program leading to a Master of Nursing Science at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. Students attend Covenant for three years and apply to Vanderbilt’s graduate school during their junior year. After successfully completing the first two semesters at Vanderbilt, the student would graduate from Covenant with a baccalaureate degree in natural science. After another full year and one term at Vanderbilt, the student would graduate with a master’s degree with a specialty in adult health care, primary care, psychiatric-mental health, perinatal nursing, neonatal nursing, parent, child and adolescent, or nursing administration. Further general information on the Vanderbilt MSN programs can be found at <http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/msn/index.html> and more specific information about the dual degree partnership programs can be found at <http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/msn/snryria.html>.

Important notes: 1) Although Covenant students have been successful in the Vanderbilt MSN admissions process, admission is competitive and is not guaranteed by simply completing Covenant’s program requirements. 2) Because of the rigorous nature of this program, a minimum combined SAT score of 1100 (sum of the critical reading and math section scores), or composite ACT score of 24 is normally required for those entering the program. Interested students with lower test scores should consult the Biology Department chair before registering for courses required in the program. 3) In order to finish the Covenant portion of the dual degree requirements in 3 years, students in the program may need to take the required Microbiology course and a social science elective course during a summer term before enrolling at Vanderbilt. Suitable courses are widely available at community colleges may be available during Covenant’s May term. Before taking a summer course, students should get the course approved for transfer (See Professor Wenger).

Requirements for BA/MSN Dual Degree Program

BIB 111. Old Testament Introduction	3
BIB 142. New Testament Introduction	3
BIB 277-278. Christian Doctrine I, II	6
BIO 111-112. General Biology I, II	8
BIO 220-221. Human Anatomy and Physiology I, II.....	8
BIO 219. Nutrition	3
BIO 242. Cellular and Molecular Biology	4
BIO 340. Microbiology	4
BIO 490. Biology Seminar ‘S’	1
BIO 492. Senior Integration Project.....	2
CHE 103-104. Introductory Chemistry I, II	8
COR 100. The Christian Mind	2

COR 225-226. Cultural Heritage of the West I, II.....	6
COR 325. Global Trends for the 21st Century	3
COR 337. Intercultural Experience	1
COR 340. Christ and Culture Seminar	1
ENG 111. English Composition	3
ENG 114. Introduction to Literature	3
HIS 325. Twentieth Century World History.....	3
PE 151. Concepts in Physical Education.....	2
PE 152. Personal Aerobics and General Fitness.....	1
PSY 100. General Psychology.....	4
PSY 303. Developmental Psychology.....	4
SOC 141. Principle of Sociology, or PSY 344. Abnormal Psychology	3-4
STA 251. Elementary Statistical Methods.....	4
Fine Arts Distribution Requirement	3
Foreign Language I, II.....	8
Total hours before transferring	101-102