

Pre-Nursing Studies

The curriculum at Covenant College is designed to offer three options for students wanting to become nurses. Students may pursue:

1. an AAS/BA dual degree in conjunction with Chattanooga State Technical Community College (CSTCC),
2. a BSN in a transfer program with several possible nursing schools, or
3. an MSN/BA dual degree with Vanderbilt University.

These pre-nursing programs at Covenant College allow students to gain the benefits of the Christ-centered education offered here. Although our students have been very competitive in gaining admittance to various nursing schools, completion of any of our pre-nursing programs does not automatically guarantee admission to the approved nursing school. Each student must meet the student admissions requirements of the approved institution.

Dual Degree with CSTCC

1. For those students who prefer to remain at Covenant College for four years and also practice nursing as a registered nurse (having an associates degree in nursing), our dual degree program with a local community college is ideal. After four years of study, the student will earn a BA in natural science from Covenant College and an AAS in nursing from CSTCC, and may take the state boards for becoming an RN in the state of Tennessee. Be aware that this degree is not a BSN, and if the student later decides to become a nurse practitioner (MSN), it would necessitate attending a university with a bridge program (similar to section 3 below).

Requirements for the AAS/BA Dual Degree with CSTCC

Core Requirements:

BIB 111. Old Testament Introduction	3
BIB 142. New Testament Introduction	3
BIB 277-278. Christian Doctrine I, II	6
COR 100. Christian Mind	2
COR 225-226. Cultural Heritage of the West I, II	6
COR 325. Global Trends for 21 st Century.....	3
COR 337. Intercultural Experience	1
COR 340. Christ and Culture Seminar	1
ENG 111. English Composition.....	3

Fine Arts Distribution Requirement	3
Foreign Language I, II.....	8
HIS 325. Twentieth Century World History.....	3
Humanities Distribution Requirement.....	3
MAT 141. College Algebra.....	4
Total core hours	49

Major and Supporting Course Requirements

BIO 219. Nutrition	**3
BIO 220-221. Human Anatomy and Physiology I, II ‘W’	**8
BIO 240. Microbiology	**4
BIO 492-493. Senior Integration Paper I, II	2, 1
CHE 103-104. Introductory Chemistry I, II	8
ENG 252. Speech ‘S’	2
NSC 301. Christian Issues in Nursing.....	2
PSY 100. General Psychology.....	**4
PSY 303. Developmental Psychology.....	**4
STA 251. Elementary Statistical Methods.....	4
Total natural science hours	42

Nursing Courses from CSTCC

NS 119. Wellness and Adaptation.....	9
NS 128. Alterations in Health I	8
NS 238. Alterations in Health II.....	8
NS 249. Alterations in Health III.....	9
Total nursing hours	34

Total upper division elective hours.....	5
Total degree hours	130
(A minimum of 126 hours is required)	

***need to be completed before taking nursing courses at CSTCC*

Associate of Arts Degree in Basic Health Sciences

2. The second option leads to a bachelor in nursing science from a four-year nursing school. Covenant participates in a cooperative program with the Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing of Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia; and with Trinity Christian College, Palos Heights, Illinois. Other universities have also accepted our students after their two years of preparation at Covenant. By satisfactorily completing two years in the pre-nursing curriculum at Covenant, the student may apply for admission on the junior level to a school of nursing for completion of the Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Covenant’s pre-nursing curriculum is planned as much as possible on an individual basis to meet the prerequisites of the selected school of nursing; therefore, it is helpful if incoming freshmen provide their advisor with catalogs from one or two nursing schools that they might wish to attend. If an associates degree from Covenant College is desired before transferring, the student should follow the requirements below.

Requirements for Associate of Arts Degree in Basic Health Sciences

Pre-Nursing Curriculum

BIB 111. Old Testament Introduction	3
BIB 142. New Testament Introduction	3
BIB 277-278. Christian Doctrine I, II (audit).....	0
BIO 111-112. General Biology I, II or BIO 220-221. Human Anatomy and Physiology I, II.....	8
BIO 240. Microbiology	4
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
ENG 111. English Composition.....	3
MAT 141. College Algebra or STA 251. Elementary Statistical Methods.....	4
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. Principles of Sociology or SOC 341. Family	3
Fine Arts Distribution Requirement	3
General elective courses required by the selected nursing school such as nutrition, critical health issues, history and social sciences.....	<u>7</u>
Total degree hours.....	65

Dual Degree Program with Vanderbilt University

3. Covenant participates in a dual-degree program leading to a Master of Nursing Science at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee. The student attends Covenant for three years and during their junior year applies to Vanderbilt's graduate school. 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. We recommend students interested in this program have an SAT score of 1100 or better (sum of the critical reading and math section scores).

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 220-221. Human Anatomy and Physiology I, II.....	8
BIO 240. Microbiology	4
BIO 219. Nutrition	3
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
ENG 252. Speech 'S'	2
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 220. Christian Issues in Psychology.....	3
PSY 303. Developmental Psychology.....	4
PSY 344. Abnormal Psychology	4
STA 251. Elementary Statistical Methods.....	4
Fine Arts Distribution Requirement	3
Foreign Language I, II.....	8
Social Science Elective.....	<u>3</u>
Total hours before transferring	97