

A.S. NURSING

The Associate of Science degree in Nursing at The University of South Dakota was founded in response to the healthcare needs of the community. With a shortage in nursing expected to intensify in years to come, an Associate of Science degree in Nursing from The University of South Dakota can lead to job security in a promising and fulfilling career. This flexible program offers two program options – the Day program option and the Internet option. Graduates of this program are eligible to take the National Council of Licensing Examination (NCLEX_RN) for licensure as a registered nurse (RN).

Students offered conditional acceptance into the nursing program must complete a criminal background check, which may be reviewed before final acceptance is granted if the student has any pending or criminal charges. Also, the purchase of a specific computer is required upon final admittance into the nursing program. For more information please visit the USD Nursing website at www.usd.edu/nursing.

The University of South Dakota Associate of Science Nursing Program has full status approval by the South Dakota Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting commission. For more information on accreditation, contact:

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HOW TO APPLY

There is a two step process to gain admittance into the USD Nursing program:

1. Apply to The U online at www.usd.edu/future. You must be accepted by January 1 for Fall Admission and July 1 for Spring Admission.
2. Apply to the Nursing Program (download application at www.usd.edu/nursing). The deadlines for complete applications to be considered for admission to the Sioux Falls program are: Fall Admission: February 1
Spring Admission: August 1 (Internet Option Only)

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| Addictions nurses | Ambulatory Care nurses |
| Cardiac and Vascular nurses | Critical Care nurses |
| Dermatology nurses | Emergency/Trauma nurses |
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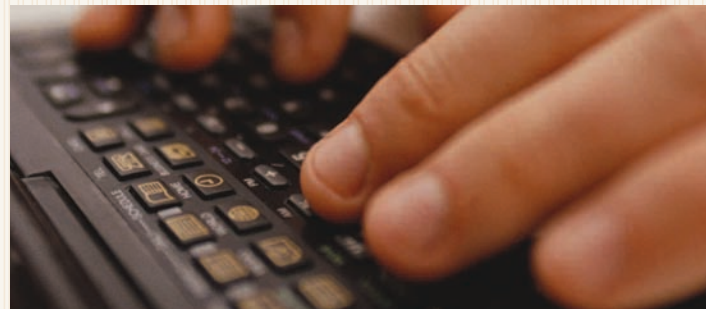
WHAT OUR STUDENTS & GRADUATES SAY

“Through The U’s Nursing program, I learned to be accountable, to work independently and in a team in order to complete the tasks assigned. The unique personalities and teaching styles of the clinical instructors made me grow not only in knowledge of nursing, but as a person.”

Cindy M. Horst Hauge, RN
Vance Thompson Vision

“My Associate of Science degree in Nursing from The University of South Dakota has helped me excel in my nursing career in critical care by preparing me to receive my bachelor’s degree and to pursue a master’s degree in an anesthesia program. The education and training I received was instrumental in preparing me to become a successful critical care nurse.”

Kasey S. Ellis, RN



Required Support Courses		29 credit hours
CHEM 106	Chemistry Survey w/ lab	4
ENGL 101	Composition	3
	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3
¹ PHGY 220	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
² PHGY 230	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3
³ MATH 102	College Algebra	3
MICRO 230	Microbiology	3
SPCM 101	Fundamentals of Speech	3

- 1 Must be taken prior to or concurrent with Nursing 205
- 2 Must be taken prior to or concurrent with Nursing 260
- 3 Must be taken prior to or concurrent with Nursing 281

Admission to the Department of Nursing will be based on an objective evaluation including: ACT/SAT score, high school and post-high school academic records, student GPA (overall must be a minimum of 2.5), Assessment Tests, LPN GAP Test, references, interview, and work experience in the healthcare field.

Required Nursing Courses		35 credit hours
Courses are taken in four sequential semesters. When you take the following courses depends on which program you choose (Day or Internet) and which semester you begin. The nursing courses include clinical and nursing skills lab hours in addition to theory.		

NURS 205	The Practice of Caring (1 st semester)	8
NURS 260	Caring for the Person with Health Promotion & Health Maintenance Needs (2 nd semester)	9
NURS 281	Caring for Persons Across the Lifespan (3 rd semester)	8
NURS 283	Coordination of Care (3 rd semester)	1
NURS 285	Caring for Persons Restorative/Rehabilitative Needs (4 th semester)	9

AA in Nursing Program Total: 65 credit hours
Nursing courses must be completed within five years from the time the student enrolls in the first clinical nursing course.