Curriculum Descriptions

 **BNURS 360 Critical Reading and Information Literacy in Nursing (5 credits)**Focuses on critical reading, analysis, and source appraisal of scholarly knowledge. Builds skills in conducting systematic information searches of materials and evidence relevant to nursing practice. Basic introduction to reading of varied sources for understanding, academic writing, presentation skills, and reflective writing for academic and professional purposes.
 **BNURS 421 Social Justice in Health (5 credits) SSc, DIV**Examines how multilevel societal factors influence differences in health and the provision of health services. Emphasizes impact of power and inequality on health of individuals, families, communities, and populations. Considers principles and actions of social justice and public health ethics to encourage self-exploration of roles to advocate for social change.

**B NURS 460 Translating Scholarly Knowledge to Nursing Practice (5 credits) Writing**
Focuses on strategies for translating scholarly knowledge to practice. Continue to advance skills in evaluating and synthesis of scholarly literature. Attention to effective communication of evidence through written and oral formats. Prerequisite: minimum grade of 2.0 in B NURS 360.

**BNURS 420 Health Policy and the Organization of Healthcare (5 credits) SSc**Overview of health policy and the organization of healthcare systems including structure, financing, and regulation. Introduces roles and approaches for healthcare professionals to participate in organizational, community, governmental health policy activities. Strategies emphasized include collaboration, partnership, and teamwork to affect policy change and improve service access, delivery, and outcomes.
 **BNURS 422 Team Leadership and Care Coordination (5 credits)**Focuses on the professional nurse's role as leader across the continuum of care. Builds skills for team leadership, delegation, and supervision; Applies interprofessional teamwork and communication skills to coordination of care transitions. Emphasizes identification, reflection and giving voice to self as leader. This course includes practice hours. Prerequisite: minimum grade of 2.0 in each B NURS 360 and BNURS 460.
 **BNURS 423 Ethical and Quality Nursing Care (5 credits) SSc**
Explores strategies to promote ethical and quality patient-centered care as an individual provider, team member, and in collaboration with other disciplines. Provides a foundation of ethical frameworks and quality improvement approaches to support accountability for best practice. Prerequisite: minimum grade of 2.0 in each B NURS 360 and BNURS 460.
 **B NURS 424 Population-Based Health in Community Practice (5 credits) SSc, Writing**
Provides introduction to community health practice emphasizing nurses' roles in population-based care through partnership with community agencies. Discusses socio-cultural, epidemiological, economic, and political influences on community health. Explores the role of professional communication and collaboration in facilitating health promotion, disease prevention, public health, and social justice efforts. Prerequisite: minimum grade of 2.0 in each B NURS 360, BNURS 460, BNURS 421 and BNURS 420. Note: this is the fieldwork practicum includes practice hours.**Travel is required and weekly in-person meetings.**
 **B HLTH Coursework: 10 credits**Investigates a selected topic in Community Health Intervention and Practice. The BHLTH coursework may also satisfy Arts & Humanities (UW’s General Education requirement).

**Credit Requirements**: 45 credits-NCLEX, 35 credits core nursing, 10 credits Health: 90 total credits
**BSN Program Requirements:**  2.0 in each of the courses with no less than a 2.0 cumulative GPA per quarter. NCLEX must be completed by the end of the 2nd quarter in program. [www.uwb.edu/rnbsn/current-students](http://www.uwb.edu/rnbsn/current-students)
Notes: 100 hours of practice hours are embedded within the coursework.