

## SAMPLE CURRICULUM – FULL TIME

### SEMESTER I - 16 WEEKS (All courses occurring concurrently)

Course Number	Course Title	Weeks	Credits	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Hours Per Week	Total Credits Per Term
N101	Professional Concepts of Nursing	16	3 (3 Theory)	45 Theory			23.4	16
N102	Foundational Concepts of Nursing	16	9 (4 Theory/ 5 Clinical)	60 Theory		225 Clinical Hours		
	Anatomy and Physiology I*	16	4 (3 Theory/ 1 Lab)	45 Theory	30 Lab			

### SEMESTER II - 16 WEEKS (All courses occurring concurrently)

Course Number	Course Title	Weeks	Credits	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Hours Per Week	Total Credits Per Term
N201	Physiological Concepts of Nursing	16	10 (5 Theory/ 5 Clinical)	75 Theory		225 Clinical Hours	26.3	17
	Anatomy and Physiology II*	16	4 (3 Theory/ 1 Lab)	45 Theory	30 Lab			
	Growth and Development*	16	3 (3 Theory)	45 Theory				

### SEMESTER III - 16 WEEKS (All courses occurring concurrently)

Course Number	Course Title	Weeks	Credits	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Hours Per Week	Total Credits Per Term
N301	Complex Individual and Family Nursing Concepts	16	11 (6 Theory/ 5 Clinical)	90 Theory		225 Clinical Hours	27.1	18
	Microbiology*	16	4 (3 Theory/ 1 Lab)	45 Theory	30 Lab			
	College Writing*	16	3 (3 Theory)	45 Theory				

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## SEMESTER IV - TWO CONSECUTIVE 8 WEEK SESSIONS

(Successfully completing the first 8 weeks is required to progress to the 2nd 8 weeks)

### 1ST 8 WEEKS

Course Number	Course Title	Weeks	Credits	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Hours Per Week	Total Credits Per Term
	Biomedical Ethics*	16	3 Theory (3 Theory)	45 Theory				
N320	Advanced Nursing Concepts	8	7.5 (5 Credits Theory/ 2.5 Clinical)	75 Theory		112.5 Clinical Hours		

### 2ND 8 WEEKS

Course Number	Course Title	Weeks	Credits	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Total Hours Per Week	Total Credits Per Term
N340	Transition Into Nursing Practice	8	5.5 (1.5 Theory/ 4 Clinical)	22.5 Theory		180 Clinical Hours		
N360	NCLEX Prep Course	8	2 (2 Theory)	30 Theory				

26.2 (1st 8 wks)  
31.8 (2nd 8 wks)  
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\* These courses are delivered through Chatham University for students at UPMC Shadyside School of Nursing and St. Margaret School of Nursing. Mercy Hospital School of Nursing students take these courses through Carlow University.

\*\* Per the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Education, a credit hour is a unit of measure, not necessarily an indicator of transferability of credit. The receiving institution decides whether to accept credits for transfer.

### CREDIT CALCULATIONS

1 Theory Credit = 15 Contact Hours

1 Clinical Credit = 45 Contact Hours

1 Lab Credit = 30 Contact Hours  
(as per Chatham University)

Total Weeks: 64 (4 Semesters)

Total Credits: 69 (48 Nursing/21 Support Courses)

Total Hours: 1725

▪ Theory: 667.5; Lab: 90; Clinical: 967.5

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