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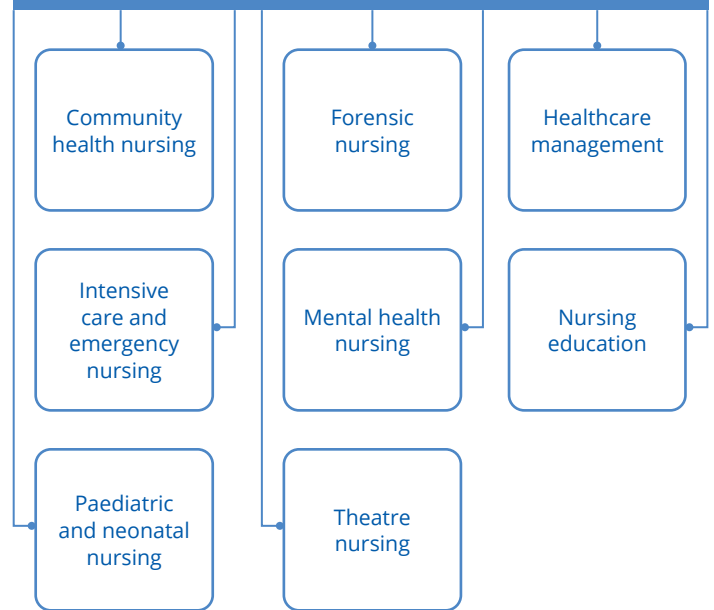
The nursing profession equips students with skills that will help improve patients' health and enrich their lives. A considerable number of nursing graduates from the University of Pretoria occupy managerial positions in and outside South Africa.



What does the programme entail?

- Theoretical and clinical general nursing and midwifery training. Integrated health leadership education in an interdisciplinary context.
- Supplementary knowledge including anatomy, physiology, psychology and pharmacology.

Career opportunities



Who is the ideal candidate?

The ideal candidate for the Bachelor of Nursing Science programme is someone who is a caring and compassionate person with resilience and perseverance.



What makes this programme unique?

- Nursing is a rewarding career and there are plenty of employment opportunities in this field.
- The programme is accredited with the South African Nursing Council.



Structure of the programme

- **Core modules:** Nursing studies, Nursing practice education, Integrated health leadership
- **Fundamental modules:** Anatomy, Physiology, Medical Terminology, Pharmacology, Psychology, Microbiology.



'My name is Angel Mbatha, and I'm a final year Bachelor of Nursing Science student at the University of Pretoria. I have always envisioned myself providing selfless, compassionate, and quality care to people who absolutely need it the most.'

I will forever be grateful that my chosen path allows me to do this for the rest of my life. Nursing, to me, has always been about healing people more than treating their ailments. Healing doesn't only take the form of medication and treatment but involves holding your patients' entire well-being and happiness close to your heart. That is what nursing means to me: completing others. I am privileged to have the opportunity to serve my purpose through the gift of nursing.'

Angel Mbatha – Bachelor of Nursing Science



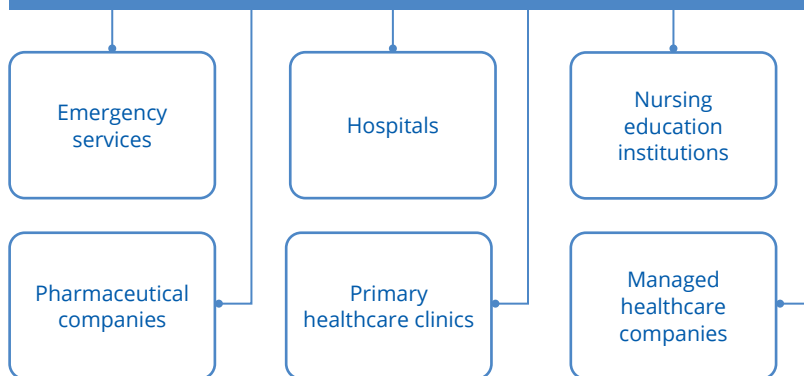
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‘Studying nursing has been a challenging yet rewarding experience. Each semester has challenged me with new courses, practicals, and clinicals. Specifically, I have enjoyed experiencing the working environment in many different spaces, such as the NICU, emergency, and midwifery departments. I have enjoyed learning new things and working on skills that help me grow as a nursing student to help me become a better nurse. I have found that the most difficult part of my journey has been maintaining a balance between taking care of my family and myself as well as getting clinical hours done. Although nursing school can be stressful, I am proud of the path I decided to take and enjoy working to better the lives of others around me.’

Rebecca Cadman – Bachelor of Nursing Science

Which companies employ our graduates?



Minimum admission requirements

Programme	Minimum requirements for NSC and IEB for 2026			
	Achievement level			APS
	English Home Language or English First Additional Language	Mathematics	Life Sciences (not Physical Sciences)	
School of Healthcare Sciences				
Bachelor of Nursing Science [4 years]	4	4	4	28

For advice on a second-choice programme, please consult a Student Advisor. To make an appointment, send an email to carol.bosch@up.ac.za.

Selection is based on a candidates' final Grade 11 examination results.

Careers: General nursing and midwifery

Email healthsciences@up.ac.za

NB: Please refer to the Faculty of Health Sciences Postgraduate brochure for more information on the postgraduate degree requirements.



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Minimum requirements for
applicants with a school
leaving certificate not issued
by Umalusi (South Africa)



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Refer to the International undergraduate prospectus at www.up.ac.za/programmes > Undergraduate > Admission Information or [click here](#) for more information.

- The closing date for applications for programmes in this faculty is 30 June.
- Meeting the minimum admission requirements does not guarantee admission into a programme.

FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES Programmes	Minimum requirements for 2026									
	Achievement level									
	Compulsory subjects	GCSE #		HIGCSE NSSC HL	AS Level	A Level	IB		KOMBI ABITUR	KCSE
		The qualifications in the two columns below will be considered only for conditional admission. If final AS and/or A levels have been completed, these two columns will not apply. It can also not be used for final admission and/ or registration.			GCE CIE NSSC AS	GCE CIE CGCE UACE WAEC ZGCE	IB SL	IB HL		
CIE	UK	GCE CIE NSSC OL CGCE UCE NECO WAEC WASSCE ZGCE								
Bachelor of Dental Surgery	English	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery** [Also referred to as MBChB]	Mathematics	B	5	2	B	D	5	4	70-79%	B+
	Physics	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
	Chemistry	C	4	3	C	E	4	3	60-69%	B
Bachelor of Oral Hygiene										
Bachelor of Occupational Therapy	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Physiotherapy	Mathematics	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Radiography in Diagnostics	Physics	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Dietetics	Chemistry	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Sports Science	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
	Mathematics	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
	Physics/ Chemistry	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Clinical Medical Practice [Also referred to as BCMP]	combination or Biology*	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
Bachelor of Nursing Science	English	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
	Mathematics	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+
	Biology	D	3	3	D	E	2	2	50-59%	C+

English must be on the A and/or AS Level for final admission before registration.

* A PHYSICS/CHEMISTRY combination, or BIOLOGY and another subject on the A or AS Level

** Applicants who are not South African citizens and come from countries that have medical schools will not be considered for placement in the Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery programme [also referred to as MBChB], except where intergovernmental agreements are in place.