Biomedical Engineering and Nursing – BS/BSN Dual Degree – 206 Credits

In most cases, courses listed in bold must be taken in the exact semester indicated; all other courses are interchangeable.

Duquesne University is pleased to announce the FIRST dual undergraduate degree in biomedical engineering and nursing in the U.S. Biomedical Engineers are charged with advancing healthcare treatment for diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. A health care background with requisite clinical experience will greatly enhance a biomedical engineer’s ability to solve clinical problems. The dual BME/BSN degree is cost effective as it provides additional clinical knowledge and skills via a holistic nursing approach in a five-year format.

The biomedical engineer/nursing major will gain a deep clinical perspective and will learn to develop technologies and solve real clinical problems as a result of this novel and forward-thinking dual degree program. Nurses are in the best position to assess the functional health status and technology needs of patients given their close interactions with patients. The biomedical engineering/nursing major will develop technologies to assist patients and create efficiencies for nurses in the hospital, outpatient, and home care arenas, and also develop life-saving technologies for developing countries in a cost-effective manner.

Fall of 1st Year – 17 Credits
- BMED-100 Intro to Biomed Engineering (3 cr.)
- BRDG-103 IPE Health Research Skills (1 cr.)
- CHEM-121/L/R Gen Chemistry I/Lab/Rec (4/1 cr.)
- MATH-115 Calculus I (4 cr.)
- PHYS-211/L/R General Analytical Physics I/Lab/Rec (3/1 cr.)

Spring of 1st Year – 16 Credits
- BMED-110 Intro to Programming for Engineers (3 cr.)
- CHEM-122/L/R Gen Chemistry II/Lab/Rec (4/1 cr.)
- MATH-116 Calculus II (4 cr.)
- PHYS-212/L/R General Analytical Physics II/Lab/Rec (3/1 cr.)

Fall of 2nd Year – 18 Credits
- BIOL-111/L Biology I/Lab (4/0 cr.)
- BIOL-207/8 Anatomy and Physiology I/Lab (3/1 cr.)
- BRDG-101 Writing and Analysis (3 cr.)
- BMED-201 Biomed Electronics & Instr I (3 cr.)
- MATH-215 Calculus III (4 cr.)

Spring of 2nd Year – 17 Credits
- BIOL-112/L Biology II/Lab (4/0 cr.)
- BIOL-209/10 Anatomy and Physiology II/Lab (3/1 cr.)
- BRDG-102 Writing and Literature (3 cr.)
- BMED-202 Biomed Electronics & Instr II (3 cr.)
- MATH-314 Differential Equations (3 cr.)

Fall of 3rd Year – 18 Credits
- BMED-210 Thermodynamics (3 cr.)
- BMED-310 Biomedical Signals and Systems (3 cr.)
- BMED-430 Engineering Computation (3 cr.)
- EQ- Essential Questions Small Sem. (3 cr.)
- MATH-301 Intro Probability & Statistics I (3 cr.)
- UPNS-103 Nutrition for Wellness (3 cr.)

Spring of 3rd Year – 19 Credits
- BMED-203/4 Introductory Microbiology/Lab (3/1 cr.)
- BMED-220 Introduction to Biomaterials (3 cr.)
- BMED-320 Biofluid Mechanics (3 cr.)
- BRDG-105 Foundational Ethics Course (3 cr.)
- MATH-302W Intro Probability & Statistics II (3 cr.)
- UPNS-113 Human Development (3 cr.)
Fall of 4th Year – 16 Credits
- UPNS-119 Contemporary Prof. I Nursing & Tech (3 cr.)
- UPNS-124 Cultural Issues in Health Care (3 cr.)
- UPNS-200 Fund. of Nursing Practice (6 cr.)
- UPNS-218 Health Assessment (4 cr.)

Spring of 4th Year – 18 Credits
- Competency- Communication & Creative Expression (3 cr.)
- Competency- Social & Historical Reasoning (3 cr.)
- UPNS-309 Pharmacology (3 cr.)
- UPNS-323 Adult Health and Illness (6 cr.)
- UPNS-411W Nursing Ethics Across the Lifespan (3 cr.)

Summer of 4th Year – 12 Credits
- BMED-490 Research in Biomedical Engineering (3 cr.)
- BMED Elective (3 cr.)
- THEO or PHIL course as needed (3 cr.)
- UPNS-431 Enhancing Quality and Safety Through Evidence Based Practice and Technology (3 cr.)

Fall of 5th Year – 17 Credits
- BMED-440W Biomedical Engineering Capstone I (5 cr.)
- BMED Elective (3 cr.)
- Competency- Cultural Fluency & Responsivity (3 cr.)
- UPNS-326 Pathophysiology for Nursing Practice (3 cr.)
- UPNS-339W Genetics in Nursing & Health (3 cr.)

Spring of 5th Year – 20 Credits
- BMED-441W Biomed Engineering Capstone II (5 cr.)
- BMED Elective (3 cr.)
- UPNS-344 Nursing for Children’s Health (3 cr.)
- UPNS-348 Nursing for Maternal-Newborn Health (3 cr.)
- UPNS-355 Behavioral Health (3 cr.)
- UPNS-356 Population Health (3 cr.)

Summer of 5th Year – 18 Credits
- UPNS-400 Critically Ill Adult (6 cr.)
- UPNS-453 Transitions to Professional Practice (3 cr.)
- UPNS-462 Leadership and Management Theory and Practice in Clinical Environments (6 cr.)
- UPNS-460 Advanced Clinical Concepts in Gerontology (3 cr.)

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