

ABOUT THE NURSING PROFESSION AND DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

About the Nursing Profession

1. Who is the nurse?

It is a health discipline consisting of science and art that focuses on protecting, developing and maintaining the health of the individual, family and society, and contributes to the planning, implementation and evaluation of care by evaluating the individual in a holistic way from a biopsychosocial perspective.

The World Health Organization declared 2020 as the “**Year of the Nurse**”.

2. What are the duties, powers, and responsibilities of the nurse?

You can find the duties, authorities, and responsibilities of nurses [here](#).

3. What are the employment areas of nurses?

- Clinical nurse
- Maintenance services manager
- Researcher
- Trainer
- Educator, consultant, and manager in private health-related companies
- Family health centers, schools, nurseries, workplaces
- Home care services, elderly care centers, nursing homes
- Counseling centers
- R&D centers

About the Nursing Department Education Process

1. How many years is the nursing department education period?

Nursing department education period is 4 years.

2. What is the language of education in the nursing department?

Nursing department education language is Turkish.

3. Is there a preparatory class in the nursing department?

There is no preparatory class in our department.

4. Can nursing students benefit from student exchange programs?

Students of our department can benefit from Erasmus+, Farabi and Mevlana exchange programs if they meet the application requirements. Between 2011-2021, 36 students benefited from the Erasmus program in our department. On the website of our department, detailed information about Erasmus+ Nursing Department International Bilateral Agreements, Erasmus mobility numbers and Erasmus Coordinator ship are available. Detailed information and announcements about Erasmus+ Study and Internship Mobility are made during the education period. For more detailed information on this subject, you can visit our University Exchange Programs Unit-Erasmus website. Between 2016-2021, 8 of our students benefited from the Farabi program (Click for detailed information). There are no students who benefit from the Mevlana program (Click for detailed information).

5. Is it possible to do a double major and minor in the nursing department?

Double major and minor programs are not available in the nursing department.

6. Are there university student societies that nursing students can join?

There are student societies established in our university that all students can join. For more detailed information about our university student societies, [click here](#).

[Click](#) here to reach the student societies established by the Faculty of Health Sciences.

7. Are there any sports activities that nursing students can participate in?

Students of our department can participate in Intra-University Sports Activities, Turkey Inter-University Sports Activities, National Sports Activities, and International Sports Activities organized by Gazi University Rectorate Health, Culture and Sports Department. [Click](#) for detailed info.

8. What is the title to be taken after graduating from the nursing department?

Graduates of our department receive the title of "nurse".

9. Is it possible to continue postgraduate education in nursing?

Students who graduate from our department can apply to postgraduate education programs at universities in the country and abroad that provide graduate and doctoral education in the field of nursing, if they meet the prerequisites. At Gazi University Health Sciences Institute, our students can continue their graduate education in the Department of Nursing (Master's, Doctorate), Obstetrics and Gynecology Nursing (Master's), Public Health Nursing (Master's), Nursing Management (Non-Thesis Master's).

About Course Registration and Graduation Requirements

1.What is ECTS?

The European Credit Transfer System (ECTS-ECTS) is a credit system also applied in Turkish universities that have accepted the "Bologna Process" initiated by over 30 European countries in 2001. This system is based on the student's workload. Workload is calculated by measuring the effort that the student will spend in order to reach the defined learning outcomes in hours. It is a value that expresses all of the work (theoretical course, practice, individual study,

seminar, exams, homework, etc.) that a student must do in order to successfully complete any course. In other words, ECTS is important in terms of specifying the total workload of the student and ensuring international standards according to the classical credit system determined according to the weekly course hour calculation.

2.How many ECTS must be taken for each semester and graduation?

Students are required to take 30 ECTS courses as a total of elective and compulsory courses for each semester (fall and spring). Since our department is at the undergraduate level, at least 240 ECTS courses must be taken and successfully completed for 8 semesters.

3.What courses are there in the Department of Nursing?

In the department, 3 groups of courses are taught as non-field elective courses (ADS), vocational elective courses and compulsory courses. Which of these will be taken in which semester is specified in the curriculum? You can access all the courses that must be taken for 4 years from the curriculum on the department web page.

In our education program, there are Non-Field Elective (ADS) courses taught only in the fall semester of the first year and offered by our faculty members from other departments throughout the university. ADS's are for 2 ECTS. If the student is not successful in these courses, he / she can see and choose ADS as the failed course when he/she moves to the second, third or fourth grade. However, apart from this, a student who successfully passes the ADS equivalent of $2 + 2 = 4$ ECTS does not need to choose ADS in the next semesters.

Departmental vocational elective courses cost 3 ECTS and are offered by our department faculty members on subjects directly related to the nursing profession. Except for the fourth year, there are departmental elective courses in the remaining semesters. 100 coded courses (HEM 104, HEM 106 etc.) are offered for first graders, 200 coded courses (HEM 203, HEM 205 etc.) are offered for second grades and 300 coded courses (HEM 311, HEM 313 etc.) are offered for third grades. This should be noted during course registration. Taking the elective courses specified for each semester extra does not provide early graduation.

In case of failing from the A course as a non-field elective, B course can also be taken optionally within the program and quota in the coming years. The same is true for departmental electives. When the elective courses fail, there is no obligation to pass the same course; Instead, another course can be taken from the same group.

Compulsory courses are those that must be taken without a choice. These courses cannot be replaced with each other and must be taken in the specified period. Nursing Vocational Courses Application, which is given in the last year, cannot be taken without taking the courses of Nursing Fundamentals, Internal Medicine Nursing, Surgical Diseases Nursing, Gynecology and Diseases Nursing, Child Health and Diseases Nursing, Mental Health and Diseases Nursing and Public Health Nursing, which are the compulsory vocational courses. In addition, Internal Medicine Nursing and Surgical Diseases Nursing courses cannot be taken in the second year without taking the Fundamentals of Nursing courses in the first year.

Students register for courses each semester, on the dates specified in the academic calendar, together with their advisors.

4.How are semester courses affected in cases such as lateral transfer, vertical transfer, and second undergraduate degree?

The exemption applications of students who graduated from different schools and departments and re-registered to our department are taken, and if the same courses have been taken before, the commission evaluates whether the student will be exempted from these courses. At the end of the examination, the exempted courses, whose contents, and course loads match our department courses, are seen as passed in the student information system and are considered taken for that semester. For example, a student who falls in the spring semester of the first year and has been exempted from 6 ECTS courses before; When choosing the spring courses of the first year, he will not choose these courses, the remaining 24 ECTS equivalent / compulsory courses will be taken, and he will have completed 30 ECTS per semester.

5.How are the exams held in our department and how are our grades calculated?

Our courses in a semester last 14 weeks.

At the end of the first 7 weeks, written exams, called midterm exams, are held in 1 week (usually there is no class this week, only an exam). If there is a clinical practice or laboratory exam within the scope of the course, it is also evaluated, and the first stage is completed. This sum is called the “term grade” and 60% is added to the assessment.

After the following 7 weeks are completed, in the final weeks (it lasts two weeks and the classes are now over, the lesson is not held), written exams are held, called the final exam, which cover the whole semester from beginning to end. Again, if there is a laboratory practice exam within the scope of the course, it is given or if there is a clinical practice, its evaluation is taken, and the second stage is completed. This sum is called “end of term grade” and 40% of it is added to the evaluation.

The course grade is calculated with the sum of the mid-term and end-of-term grades.

6.What is the letter system? How are averages calculated?

The letter system is the coding of notes with letters ranging from AA to FF. The highest response is AA, and it progresses downwards as BA, BB, CB, CC, DC, DD, FD, and FF, respectively. The spacing of the letters is determined by the lecturer of the course, and the grades are reflected in the system over this. For example, AA between 85-100.

In our department, the grade point average (diploma grade) is evaluated over 4.00 . The highest diploma grade is 4.00. In this case, the letter AA corresponds to 4.00 and decreases by 0.5 points to BA: 3.50, BB : 3.00, CB : 2.50, CC : 2.00, DC : 1.50, DD : 1.00, FD : 0.50 and FF : 0.00 .

For example, while the load of the A course is 5 ECTS, the student should pass this course with a BA. While the load of B course is 14 ECTS, the student gets well with CC. While the load of the X course is 8 ECTS, the student will pass with AA, and the load of the Y course will be 3 ECTS, and the student will get well with CB. In this case.

Lesson A $\rightarrow 5 \times 3.50 = 17.5$

Lesson B $\rightarrow 14 \times 2.00 = 28.0$

C lesson $\rightarrow 8 \times 4.00 = 32.0$

D course is calculated as $\rightarrow 3 \times 2.50 = 7.5$ and the total obtained is divided by the ECTS taken and the semester grade point average is calculated as $65 / 30 = 2.17$.

7.How is the course passing? What is conditional pass? What is a bell curve?

to have passed a course unconditionally in our department, the passing grade of that course must correspond to CC. The lecturer of the course decides on the note that CC corresponds to. The letter spacing is distributed considering the class average. In the bell curve system, excluding the highest and lowest grades in the class, the remaining students are averaged, and the passing grade is calculated, but it is the instructor's choice to apply this.

Courses passed with DC and DD are considered conditionally successful. If the student's total retrospective average falls below 2.00 at the end of any semester, the courses passed with DC and DD are deemed to have been failed and must be taken again. These courses can be passed conditionally until graduation. However, if your graduation average is below 2.00, you will not graduate.

8.How can I graduate if my graduation grade is below 2.00 and I have conditional courses?

In such cases, in order to increase the graduation average, one-course or three-course exams can be taken on the dates determined by the university. You can graduate by [entering this exam](#).

9.Is there any obligation to attend classes? Is the report valid in case of absence?

Attendance at our department courses is compulsory and attendance is taken with signature for each course. There is a 70% attendance requirement in theoretical courses and 80% in practical courses. At the beginning of each year, how many weeks of theoretical and how many weeks of practical lessons will be held before the lesson is announced to the students by the faculty member. For example, for the A course taught only theoretically during a 14-week semester, on the basis of 70 % attendance, there is a 4-week absence right, and if the course is not attended in the 5th week, the course is failed.

If a report is received from the theoretical courses (from the state hospital), it is not included in the absence period, while the report is not valid in clinical applications, it is counted as absenteeism.

10. What if I can't take the midterm or final exam?

If the midterm exam cannot be taken with a reasonable justification (illness, death, etc.), an application can be made to the faculty student affairs with a document stating the reason, and in cases where the justification is justified by the faculty board, the midterm exam is given the right to make up for the exam and the exam is held again. No justification is accepted for the final exam and the final exam is not repeated under any circumstances.

11. Is there a make-up exam or summer school in our department?

Our university does not have the right to take a make-up exam. Courses can be taken from the summer school when the necessary conditions are met. Summer school courses are not usually offered in our department. If the student takes a summer school course from another university, the course is considered to have passed by evaluating its suitability (the university entrance score of the school from which the summer school is taken must be higher than the entrance score of our department, and the time and content of the course taken must be the same as the course of our department).

12. How to choose a course in the remaining courses and is there any attendance requirement?

There is an obligation to attend the course, whether it is absenteeism or the failure of the student's grade. While choosing a course, the remaining course is selected first, and then the semester course is selected. In case of conflict in the curriculum, only the remaining course can be taken.

13. What do I need to do to learn from the top?

Students who have completed their first year and have an average of 3.00 and above can take the courses that do not require prerequisites if there is a gap in the curriculum and with the approval of their advisors. However, the total course load to be taken during the semester, including lower or higher courses, cannot exceed 40 ECTS. Courses taken from the top do not create a chance for early graduation.

14. Is there an internship or clinical practice?

There is no internship in our department. Within the scope of vocational compulsory courses (Basics of Nursing, Internal Diseases Nursing, Surgical Diseases Nursing, Gynecology and Gynecology Nursing, Child Health and Diseases Nursing, Mental Health and Diseases Nursing and Public Health Nursing, and sometimes Nursing Management) in the hospital or field (nursing home, nursing home, school, workplace, family health center etc.) application is made. There is no summer internship application. Since there is no internship in our department and according to the decision of YÖK, no fee is paid to the student for the application.

15. Is there an English exemption exam?

Since the language of instruction in our department is Turkish, at the beginning of each academic year, an English proficiency exam (exemption test) is held for students who will study in the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grades to be exempt from the English course. Students are exempted from 1st, 2nd and 3rd year English courses according to the score ranges they get from the exam. Students who do not attend the exam or who fail to attend the exam are required to take the English course in the relevant classes. 4th grade English lessons cannot be exempted.