

# **B.S. in Nursing (RN-to-BSN Completion) Academic Plan of Study**

College of Health and Human Services School of Nursing nursing.uncc.edu

#### **PROGRAM SUMMARY**

Credit Hours: 122Concentrations: DNA

- Declaring the Major: The RN-to-BSN Completion curriculum provides the associate degree or diploma-prepared registered nurse (RN) an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science in nursing degree (BSN). The curriculum is designed to enhance and advance the student's professional nursing career. Applicants must complete nursing prerequisite courses, and general education requirements by the end of the semester of application to the RN-to-BSN Completion program. Registered nurses seeking admission to the curriculum who need to complete nursing prerequisites and/or general education courses may apply for admission to the Pre-RN-to-BSN Completion major.
- Advising (Pre-RN-to-BSN): Suggested to have transcripts reviewed by RN BSN coordinator prior to application.
- Advising (For the Major): School of Nursing RN-to-BSN coordinator.
- Advising (For General Education): Occurs with pre-major advising.
- *Minimum Grades/GPA:* Minimum grade of C in pre-nursing prerequisite courses, Minimum grades of C in nursing major courses. Major GPA of 2.0 required for graduation.
- Teacher Licensure: No
- Evening Classes Available: No
  Weekend Classes Available: No
- Other Information: Distance Education option available.
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### **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at UNC Charlotte is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) through 2021, and approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

The RN-to-BSN Completion curriculum provides the associate degree or diploma-prepared registered nurse (RN) an opportunity to earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN). The curriculum is designed to enhance and advance the student's professional nursing career BSN graduates are prepared to function in a variety of care settings to include hospitals, clinics, public health, home health, hospice and long term care facilities, and may assume leadership and management roles as well because of their education.

Upon completion of the nursing pre-requisite courses and general education requirements, students apply to the RN-to-BSN Completion option for the BSN major. Students are admitted to the RN-to-BSN completion program major twice a year. Decisions on admission are made by the School of Nursing in the Spring for Fall admission and in the Fall for Spring admission. Admission is competitive, and not all students are accepted into the RN BSN Completion Nursing program. Consistent with University policy, the School offers admission to applicants whose credentials present the best qualifications among those meeting minimum requirements.

Minimum criteria for Admission to the RN BSN completion nursing program:

- A current unencumbered license as a Registered Nurse.
- A grade point average of 2.0 or better in all college courses which are eligible for transfer to UNC Charlotte.
- At least a "C" in all required nursing prerequisites.
- Completion of all prerequisites, and general education by the end of the semester prior to the semester for which the application is made.
- Prior to enrolling in RN-BSN program courses students must have the following:

- a. Current unencumbered license to practice as a RN in the United States.
- b. Professional RN Liability insurance.
- c. Meet University Health Requirements.
- d. Cumulative GPA of 2.0 or greater in AAS degree coursework

Areas	Credit Hours	Description
Pre-Major/	31	Required courses in the pre-major will satisfy General Education requirements for Development
Prerequisites		of Fundamental Skills of Inquiry (UWRT 1101) and Inquiry in the Sciences.
Major	31	Required courses also fulfill the General Education Communication Skills requirements (Writing
-		in the Discipline and Oral Communication).
General Education	15	This includes the "Themes of Liberal Education for Private and Public Life" (Liberal Studies)
(not satisfied by other		and Completion of Development of Fundamental skills (UWRT 1102)
major requirements)		, , ,
Credit by Exam	39	Award of 39 credit hours for previous associate degree nursing courses once NURN 3103 is
·		completed satisfactorily with a C or better.
Related Work	0	DNA
Foreign Language	0	DNA
Electives	6	As needed to complete 122 hours total.
<b>Total Credit Hours</b>	122	

## SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY

Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
CHEM 1203	Intro to General, Organic, and Biochemistry I	3	X		
CHEM 1203L	Intro to General, Organic, and Biochemistry I Lab	1	X		
UWRT 1101	Writing and Inquiry in Academic Contexts I	3	X		
UWRT 1102	Writing and Inquiry in Academic Contexts II	3	X		
MATH 1100	College Algebra	3	X		
STAT 1222	Intro to Statistics	3	X		
SOCY or ANTH 1101	Intro to Sociology OR Intro to Anthropology	3	X		
Electives	Electives (BIOL 1110 is prerequisite for BIOL 2273 and 2259)	6			BIOL 1110 is prerequisite for BIOL 2273 and 225
BIOL 2273 or KNES 2168	Anatomy and Physiology I	3	X		
BIOL 2273L or KNES 2168L	Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	1	X		
BIOL 2274 or KNES 2169	Anatomy and Physiology II	3	X		
BIOL 2274L or KNES 2169L	Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	1	X		
BIOL 2259	Fundamentals of Microbiology	3	X		
BIOL 2259L	Fundamentals of Microbiology Lab	1	X		
PSYC 1101	General Psychology	3	X		
LBST 1101- 1105 series	Arts and Society	3	X		
LBST 2101	Western Cultural and Historical Awareness	3	X		
LBST 2102	Global and Intercultural Connections	3	X		
LBST 2211-2213 series	Ethical Issues and Cultural Critique	3	X		

52 Credit Hours

RN-to-BSN Curriculum					
Course Number	Course Title	Credit Hours	General Education	W/O Course	Notes
First Semester					
NURN 3103	Concepts of Professional Nursing Science	3			
NURN 3104	Issues in Cultural Health	1			
NURN 3108	Health Assessment for Nurses	3			
Nursing Elective		3			
Second Semester					
NURN 4100	Aging and Health	3		O	
NURN 4201	Information Technology: Applications in Health Care	2			
NURN 4440	Community Health Nursing	6			
Third Semester					
NURN 4203	Leadership in Nursing Practice	2			
NURN 4450	Design and Coordination of Care for Nurses	6		W	
NURN 4900	Research in Nursing Practice	2			

31 Credit Hours for Year

Credit by Exam after Completion of NURN 3103 with Grade of C or better					
NURS 3201	Introduction to Nursing Science	3			
NURS 3107	Pathophysiology	3			
NURS 3425	Practicum in Concepts of Professional Nursing	2			
NURS 3205	Pharmacology	3			
NURS 3230	Illness and Disease Management	3			
NURS 3250	Nursing Care of the Childbearing Family	2			
NURS 3260	Nursing Care of Children	2			
NURS 3430	Practicum in Illness and Disease Management	3			
NURS 3440	Practicum in Nursing Care of Children and the Childbearing Family	3			
NURS 4120	Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	3			
NURS 4130	Complex Illness and Disease Management	3			
NURS 4420	Practicum in Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing	3			
NURS 4430	Practicum in Complex Illness and Disease Management	3			
NURS 0001	Nursing Elective	3			

39 Credit Hours by Exam

#### **ADVISING RESOURCES**

- General Education Requirements for ALL Students: <u>ucol.uncc.edu/general-education</u>
- Undergraduate Catalog: <u>catalog.uncc.edu</u>
- Central Advising website: <u>advising.uncc.edu</u>
- College of Health & Human Services advising website: <a href="health.uncc.edu/advising-center">health.uncc.edu/advising-center</a>
- University Advising Center website: advisingcenter.uncc.edu