

RN to BSN Completion Program Course Requirements and Offerings

PREREQUISITE COURSES

(a minimum of a “C” grade must be earned in each prerequisite course)

- A minimum of 14 semester credits in the Natural Sciences to include the following:
 - A minimum of 6 semester hours of Anatomy, Biology, Physiology, or Pathophysiology*
 - A minimum of 3 semester hours of Microbiology
 - A minimum of 3 semester hours of Chemistry
 - A minimum of 2 semester hours of Pharmacology
- Introduction to Psychology
- Introduction to Sociology or equivalent
- Fundamentals of Oral Communication or equivalent
- English Composition (6 credit hours) or equivalent
- Information Technology series (IT102, 103, 104) or equivalent or proficiency exam
- Behavioral Statistics or equivalent

*The student may select from the following courses if the number of hours is below 6 credits:

- BI235 (4) Human Anatomy and Physiology I
- BI236 (4) Human Anatomy and Physiology II
- BI229 (4) Essentials of Anatomy and Physiology
- BI195 (4) Biological Science

All pre-requisite courses must be met before students may enroll in upper division nursing courses. Students who do not meet the requirements may petition the nursing program directed by completing a petition form, and their academic records will be reviewed on an individual basis.

CORE COURSES

26 Credit Hours

- NR 365 Nursing in a Globalized World (3)
- NR 380 Nursing Informatics (2)
- NR 400 Nursing Transitions (3)
- NR 415 Nursing Research (3)
- NR 475 Community Health Nursing (6) 4 Lecture + 2 Clinical
- NR 480 Nursing Leadership and Management (6) 4 Lecture + 2 Clinical
- Professional Elective (3)

Total Nursing Core Hours (26 credits)

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

Each student must meet the general education requirements of the College. Requirements may vary depending on transfer evaluation of previous college coursework.

RN to BSN Completion Program Course Descriptions - 23 Credit Hours plus a 3 credit hour professional elective

NR 365 Nursing in a Globalized World (3)

This course will focus on the global aspects of health care delivery. Country comparisons will be completed and students will provide an analysis of a selected country's health care system. The U.S. health care delivery system will be studied in relation to its increasing diverse population groups. Administrative, workforce, client, and funding issues will be addressed.

NR 380 Nursing Informatics (2)

This course will review the evolution of nursing informatics and beginning concepts used in the management and processing of data, including the information and knowledge to support nursing practice. Students will be introduced to the hardware, software, databases and communication systems. Concepts related to information literacy, computerized information systems, evaluation of online health resources, issues and trends in informatics and emerging technologies will be explored.

NR 400 Nursing Transitions (3)

This course is designed for the RN who is making the transition to baccalaureate nursing. The course focuses on gathering, analyzing, and synthesizing information obtained in the delivery of health care and on looking beyond the medical field into other areas that may impact the health and well-being of clients.

NR 415 Nursing Research (3)

This course focuses on nursing research in the context of evidence-based practice. Nursing theories and nursing literature will be examined in relationship to nursing practice. Students will be expected to critically evaluate articles in the nursing literature. Ethical considerations will also be discussed.

NR 475 Community Health Nursing (6) (4 Lecture + 2 Clinical)

Clinical – 90 clock hours

This course focuses on maintaining the health and well-being of individuals and groups of individuals. Topics for discussion include a collaborative approach to health care, transcultural nursing, health promotion activities, quality assurance, and the evolution of community nursing.

NR 480 Nursing Leadership and Management (6) (4 Lecture + 2 Clinical)

Clinical – 90 clock hours

This course focuses on managerial and leadership principles in the health care setting. Topics for discussion include strategic planning, organizational structure and culture, communication, conflict resolution, budget planning and evaluation, human resource issues, power and politics, and teambuilding.