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### Purpose

The RN-BSN program permits the registered nurse (RN) student the opportunity to attain the terminal objectives of the undergraduate program. The RN-BSN program supports alternative paths of progression through the BSN curriculum and acknowledges prior learning and professional experiences of licensed RNs. The program plan of the RN-BSN includes courses that must be undertaken and those that may be validated through advanced placement. Credit for no more than 29 advanced placement hours may be awarded upon successful completion of N3701 Professional Nursing Practice, N3702 Issues in Professional Practice, N3703 Management and Leadership, and N3704 Synthesis.

### Policy

Registered nurse students have the option of alternative progression through the BSN curriculum according to the procedures established below

### Procedure

A. Admission Requirements for the RN-BSN applicants.

RN applicants are required to:

- Submit a \$60 non-refundable application fee due at the time of application submission.
- Have a minimum Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.75 or better in the required 60 hours of nursing prerequisites, and a minimum of 3.0 or better in the required science prerequisites.
- Submit one official transcript of all course work from each college or university previously attended directly to the Registrar's Office. Electronic submission is preferred. (If you have previous college coursework from another country other than the USA, you must have coursework evaluated by a Credentialing Service. This information will be used to determine what courses can be used to satisfy the prerequisites. Please submit an official copy of the credentialing service evaluation to the Registrar's Office.)
- To be considered, you must complete at least **40 hours** of the required 60 hours of prerequisite work by the program application deadline. Eight hours of those 40 hours must be from the science prerequisites of Human Anatomy and Physiology, Microbiology, and Chemistry.

- In order to take graduate-level courses, RN-BSN applicants are required to submit an MAT or GRE score. The applicant is required to submit a score of at least 400 on the Miller Analogy Test or a combined minimum score of 1000 on the first two sections and a 3.0 on the writing portion of the Graduate Record Exam (GRE). For the revised GRE, the recommended combined score is 297 with the analytical writing section score remaining at 3.0.
- One official copy of TOEFL score if international applicant. TOEFL scores can be no more than two (2) years old and a minimum score of 550 is required on the paper exam, a minimum score of 213 on the computer-based exam, or a minimum score of 86 on the internet-based exam.

B. Upper Division courses for RN students enrolled in the RN-BSN or RN-MSN tracks.

### Total Credit Hours Taken

Course #	Course Title	Semester Credit Hours	
		RN-BSN	RN/MSN
N3511/3511W	Health Assessment	3	3
N3517/3517W	Pathophysiology	3	
N6151/6151W	Advanced Pathophysiology		3
N3701/3701W	Professional Nursing Practice	4	4
N3702/3702W	Issues in Professional Practice	4	4
N3703/3703W	Management & Leadership	4	4
N3704/3704W	Synthesis: Application for Change into Practice	3	3
N4512/4512W	Research Critique & Utilization	2	
N6101/6101W	Clinical & Epidemiological Research		3
N3601/3601W	Community Health Nursing for RNs	3	3
N3602/3602W	Community Health Project for RNs	2	2
N4526W	Role Transition	2	2
N6102W	Information Systems	1	1
	<b>Total Semester Credits</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>32</b>

Additional Courses which approved RN/MSN students may take:

N5501w Theoretical and Empirical Foundations of Nursing	2
N5506W Statistics in Nursing	2

Note: "W" indicates course is web-based or web-enhanced.

RN-BSN students, upon successful completion of N3701, N3702, N3703, and N3704, will receive advanced placement credit for the following courses:

N3515 Adult Health Care I	6
N3523 Adult Health Care II and Gero	7
N3526 Psychiatric & Mental Health Care	6

N3532 Reproductive Health Care	5
N3536 Child & Adolescent Health Care	5
Total	29

## **FULL TIME SCHEDULE – RN-BSN Program**

### **First Semester**

N3511/3511W	Health Assessment	3
N3701/3701W	Professional Nursing Practice	4
N3517/3517W	Pathophysiology	3
N6102W	Information Systems	1

### **Second Semester**

N3702/3702W	RN Issues in Professional Practice	4
N3703/3703W	Management and Leadership	4
N4512/4512W	Research Critique & Utilization	2

### **Third Semester**

N3601/3601W	Community Health for RNs	3
N3602/3602W	Community Health Project for RNs	2
N3704/3704W	Synthesis	3
N4526W	Role Transition	2

**Total: 31**

## **FULL TIME SCHEDULE – RN-BSNs Approved to Take Graduate-Level Courses**

### **First Semester**

N3511/3511W	Health Assessment	3
N3701/3701W	Professional Nursing Practice	4
N6101/6101W	Advanced Pathophysiology	3
N6102W	Information Systems	1

### **Second Semester**

N3702/3702W	RN Issues in Professional Practice	4
N3703/3703W	Management and Leadership	4
N6101/6101W	Clinical and Epidemiologic Research	3

### **Third Semester**

N3601/3601W	Community Health for RNs	3
N3602/3602W	Community Health Project for RNs	2
N3704/3704W	Synthesis	3
N4526W	Role Transition	2

**Total: 32**

Upon successful completion of the required courses for the BSN degree, the RN- BSN graduate may apply to the MSN Program for admission