RN-BSN

Degree Requirements: 120 Credit Hours

See Core Curriculum for required courses in Area A1 through Area E.

### Area A1 - Communication Skills (6 Credit Hours)
Select 6 credit hours from Area A1 of Core Curriculum

### Area A2 - Quantitative Skills (3 Credit Hours)
Select 3 credit hours from Area A2 of the Core Curriculum

### Area B - Global Engagement (4 Credit Hours)
HIST 1112 World History II: Emergence of Modern Global Community

Elective- any non-nursing course

### Area C - Humanities, Fine Arts, and Ethics (6 Credit Hours)
Select 6 credit hours from Area C of the Core Curriculum

### Area D - Natural Sciences, Math, and Technology (11 Credit Hours)
Chemistry I or Biology I

Chemistry II or Biology II

Environmental Science/Lab or other Area D2 of the Core Curriculum

### Area E - Social Sciences (12 Credit Hours)
Social Science elective

Select 9 additional credit hours from Area of the Core Curriculum

### Area F - Courses Appropriate to Major (18 Credit Hours)
BIOL 2240 Microbiology

CHFD 2137 Lifespan Development

KINS 2511 Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory

KINS 2512 Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory

KINS 2531 Human Anatomy and Physiology I

KINS 2532 Human Anatomy and Physiology II

STAT 2232 Introduction to Statistics II

### Major Requirements (60 credit hours)

#### Courses Completed at Georgia Southern University (28 Credit Hours)
NURS 3135 Critical Inquiry: Nursing Research
NURS 3139 Conceptual Basis of Nursing: Health Promotion Throughout Life
NURS 3235 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan
NURS 4132 Complementary Therapeutic Modalities
NURS 4133 Complex Nursing Concepts
NURS 4160 Nursing Leadership and Management: Principles and Practice
NURS 4225 Critical Analysis of Nursing Concepts for the RN
NURS 4355 Community Health Nursing

#### Proficiency Hours Granted by Georgia Southern University (29 Credit Hours)
NURS 3121 Professional Practice Competencies and Terminology
NURS 3160 Introduction to Professional Practice
NURS 3163 Nursing Care of Adults
NURS 3252 Mental Health Nursing
NURS 4351 Nursing Care of Developing Families
NURS 4352 Nursing Care of Children

### Elective (3 Credit Hours)
Carryover form Area D

Select 2-3 credit hours of non-nursing electives

### Minor - Optional

Total Credit Hours

120

1. For Area D1 a sequence of Chemistry I and 2 or Biology I and II is required unless otherwise approved by program director. Courses substitutions may apply if approved by the program director.

2. The RN-BSN Program is a participant in the Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Model for registered nurses returning for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree. After successful completion of 6 credit hours (grade of C or higher) of junior level RN-BSN nursing courses, students will be awarded 29 hours of proficiency credit.

### Program Admission Criteria
RN-BSN Program applicants must meet the University entrance requirements as described in the University Undergraduate Catalog. All applicants must apply for admission to both the University and the School of Nursing RN-BSN Program. Once admitted to the University, students should contact the School of Nursing RN-BSN Program for advisement. Requirements for admission into the School of Nursing RN-BSN Program are based on requirements in place at the time of application to the Program. In order to be considered for admission to the RN-BSN Program, applicants must have met the following requirements:

1. Attained admission to Georgia Southern University and requested official transcript(s) for all college work attempted, assuring that the transcripts have been received in the Admissions Office by the announced deadline.

2. Achieved a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better on all attempted course work or a minimum of 2.7 for provisional admission (full admission granted after earning a "B" or better in 6 credit hours of nursing courses).

3. Completed all Area D and Area F courses with a minimum grade of "C" and have no more than 10 credit hours of core courses left to complete. All core courses must be satisfied before or during the last semester of the RN-BSN Nursing Program.

4. Hold current Georgia RN licensure in good standing (proof of licensure will be validated by the RN-BSN Program).

5. Submitted the online RN-BSN.

6. RN applicants must have met the following requirements after admission to the RN-BSN Program and before enrollment in the first nursing course:

a. Participated in the RN-BSN Program orientation session. This orientation replaces the required University SOAR Orientation

b. Meet RN-BSN Program Clinical Course requirements of:
   - current American Heart Association CPR for Health Care Providers' certification;
   - health professions student liability insurance

### Progression Requirements
RN-BSN students must earn a minimum grade of "C" in all required nursing courses in the major in order to progress in the nursing program. For students admitted under provisional acceptance, a
minimum grade of “B” must be earned in the first 6 credit hours of coursework or the student will be unable to progress and will be dismissed from the RN-BSN Program.

2. After withdrawal from a nursing course for any reason, a student’s ability to continue or to progress in the nursing program will be contingent on a review of the student’s record and approval of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee.

3. If approved, a nursing student may repeat a required nursing course only one time.
   a. A student who earns a “D” or an “F” in a required nursing course and wishes to continue in the major must write a letter directed to the RN-BSN Director requesting permission to continue in the nursing major. Students should submit the letter a minimum of one week prior to the anticipated date of reentry to the program. Requests to repeat a course are considered by the School of Nursing Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee on an individual basis and the student is notified in writing of the decision of the Committee. If approval is granted, the student may repeat the course at its next offering pending space availability.
   b. Students given permission to repeat a required nursing course will be expected to complete a supplemental study program to remediate any areas of deficit identified by the student’s prior performance in the course. Approval for repeating a required nursing course and for progression in the nursing program is dependent on the reasons for unsuccessful performance in the course. Denial of a request to repeat a required nursing course will result in the dismissal of the student from the nursing program. The student will be notified in writing of the Undergraduate Student Affairs Committee’s decision.
   c. After failure of two required nursing courses, the student will be dismissed from the nursing program.

4. Dismissal from the nursing major does not affect the ability of the student to progress in the University in another major.

5. Strict adherence to the American Nurses’ Association Nursing: Scope & Standards of Practice is required of all nursing students. Nursing students who are Registered Nurses are held accountable to the Georgia Nurse Practice Act for Registered Nurses. Failure to comply with these professional standards will result in review and action by the School of Nursing faculty and could result in the student’s dismissal from the nursing program.

6. Throughout the program, students are responsible for maintaining a current Georgia nursing license and professional liability insurance.

7. Students are responsible for paying a graduation fee in the final semester of the program, and any optional graduation expenses such as a nursing pin or academic regalia.

Advisement and Other Information

For advisement or additional information, contact the RN-BSN Secretary, at (912) 478-5166 or jstuart@georgiasouthern.edu or the program Director at scarey@georgiasouthern.edu

The School of Nursing Programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education and approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing.