# Nursing B.S.N.

## Degree Requirements: 124 Credit Hours

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

### General Requirements (Core Areas A - E)  **42**

### Specific Core Requirements

- **Area D - Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Technology**
  - Any traditional lab sequence (BIOL, CHEM, or PHYS)
  - STAT 1401 Elementary Statistics

### Additional Requirements  **4**

### Area F - Courses Appropriate to Major  **18**

- 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
- KINS 2533 Pathophysiology

### Major Requirements  **57**

- NURS 3101 Skills and Essentials of Nursing Practice
- NURS 3102 Health Assessment
- NURS 3103 Professional Nursing Practice
- NURS 3104 Pharmacology I
- NURS 3105 Pharmacology II
- NURS 3107 Adult Health Nursing I
- NURS 3108 Mental Health Nursing
- NURS 4106 Pharmacology III
- NURS 4109 Women’s and Children’s Nursing
- NURS 4110 Community Health Nursing
- NURS 4111 Adult Health Nursing II
- NURS 4112 Leadership & Management Capstone
- NURS 4113 Research
- NURS 4114 Critical Analysis

### Electives

- Select 3 credit hours of Electives from the following  **3**
  - NURS 4115 Nursing and Service Learning in Costa Rica
  - NURS 4116 Honors Project I
  - NURS 4117 Honors Project II
  - NURS 4118 Honors Project III
  - NURS 4119 Independent Study-Undergraduate
  - NURS 4120 Special Topics-Undergraduate
  - NURS 4121 Strategies for Success in Professional Nursing
  - NURS 4122 Foundations of Healthcare Informatics
  - NURS 4123 Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing
  - NURS 4124 Gerontology in the 21st Century
  - NURS 4125 Vulnerable Populations
  - NURS 4126 International Nursing Issues and Trends
  - NURS 4127 Introduction to Forensic Nursing and the Law
  - NURS 4128 Complementary and Integrative Health Approaches
  - NURS 4129 Multiculturalism in Health Care
  - NURS 4130 Home Health Nursing
  - NURS 4131 Population Health Care Strategies
  - NURS 4134 Nursing Perspectives: Then, Now, and the Future
  - NURS 4135 Women and Leadership in Nursing
  - NURS 4136 Nursing Practice in the Military
  - NURS 4137 Pediatric Nursing Externship
  - NURS 4139 Medical-Surgical Oncology Nursing Externship
  - NURS 4140 Medical-Surgical Neuroscience Nursing Externship
  - NURS 4141 Medical-Surgical Complex Medical Nursing Externship
  - NURS 4142 Health Promotion Through the Life Span
  - NURS 4143 Medical Terminology

### Total Credit Hours  **124**

1. Environmental Biology is not an option.

## Admission Requirements

### Admission Criteria to the School of Nursing (SON) Traditional BSN Major

Admission to Georgia Southern University. All transfer credits must be evaluated by the Registrar’s office and posted on the Georgia Southern transcript upon official acceptance to the University.

1. Must be able to meet the Core Performance Standards (See website for details).
2. A minimum overall GPA of 3.0 on all attempted courses on the Program of Study for the SON.
3. Must achieve a score of at least 75% on the HESI Admission Assessment Exam in each of the following subject areas: Anatomy & Physiology, Grammar, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and General Knowledge, and Math.
4. Completed 12 hours of the 20 hours of required lab science course work with a minimum grade of “C” in both the lab and didactic portions of each course.
5. Successful completion of 54 semester hours in appropriate core courses prior to admission.
6. Sciences in Area F must have been completed within the past 5 years.
7. A grade of C or higher is required for Core Areas A, D, and F courses.
8. Post Baccalaureate students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 on grades earned in Statistics, Anatomy and Physiology I & II with labs, Microbiology, Pathophysiology and Lifespan Development to be eligible to apply to the program.
9. All core courses and graduation requirements must be completed before beginning senior II semester of nursing.
10. Students admitted to the nursing major must maintain a minimum overall GPA of 3.0 and a minimum grade of “C” in all area A, D and F courses prior to beginning the first nursing course.
11. Students with outstanding admission requirements must provide proof of meeting the requirements to the Department Secretary before the beginning of the admitted semester. Failure to do so will result in removal from the admitted list.
12. Clinical agencies utilized by the School of Nursing require criminal background checks and/or drug testing prior to acceptance of the student into clinical facilities. Students who do not pass the criminal background check and/or drug test will be unable to attend clinical
courses and therefore will be unable to complete their program of study resulting in course failure. Any fees or cost associated with background checks and/or drug testing are the responsibility of the student.

13. Students who fail out of any nursing program may be considered for readmission to Georgia Southern’s nursing program after a period of 5 years.

**Program Duration Limits**

All courses for the nursing program must be completed within a total of three consecutive calendar years.

**Progression Requirements**

1. Prelicensure students must earn a grade of “C” in all required nursing courses in the major to progress in the nursing program.

2. Prelicensure students earning a grade lower than “C” in a nursing course or withdrawing from a nursing course, must meet with the course coordinator to review the student’s program of study. Before progressing, the student must repeat the course at the next offering on a space available basis. After withdrawal from or earning a grade less than a C in a nursing course, 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. Students who earn an unsatisfactory in a clinical practicum rotation may not continue in any clinical practicum rotation during the same semester until their academic and clinical performance is individually reviewed. An unsatisfactory performance in a clinical practicum rotation represents failure of the course.

4. If approved, a nursing student may repeat a required nursing course only one time. After two required nursing course failures, the student will be dismissed from the nursing program.

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

6. Strict adherence to the American Nurses' Association Nursing: Scope & Standards of Practice is required of all nursing students.

**Readmission**

Application for re-entry after an absence of more than one year will be evaluated on an individual basis. Re-entry is not guaranteed and may include retaking nursing courses completed at a prior time.

**Admission by Transfer**

The School of Nursing at Georgia Southern University welcomes transfer students who meet the admission requirements and the following nursing transfer credit hour conditions. Credit hours for courses taken at schools other than Georgia Southern University will be considered on an individual basis using the following guidelines:

1. Transfer students must apply using the same admission criteria for application as all nursing applicants.

2. Transfer credit hours for non-nursing courses will be evaluated by the Admissions Department of the University.

3. Transfer credit hours for nursing courses will be evaluated by the BSN Program Director.

4. Students having failures (D or less) in previous nursing courses may be considered for admission to Georgia Southern’s nursing program after a period of 5 years.

**Other Program Requirements**

Students are responsible for:

- Transportation for off-campus practicums and field trips.
- The purchase of uniforms, white shoes, stethoscope, and sphygmomanometer.
- Maintaining personal health and accident insurance coverage and health professions student liability insurance.
- Fees for selected achievement tests during junior and senior years.
- Additional expenses which may include the cost of a nursing pin, academic regalia rental, and state board licensing examination fees.

**Honors in Nursing**

To graduate with Honors in Nursing, a student must:

- be admitted to the University Honors Program;
- successfully complete NURS 4116, NURS 4117, and NURS 4118;
- successfully complete and present an Honors Thesis or Capstone Project;
- be in good standing in the University Honors Program at the time of graduation.

**Nursing LPN/LVN - BSN**

**Degree Requirements: 120 Credit Hours**

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**Total Credit Hours** 120
Environmental Biology is not an option.

Following admission to the nursing major, students have the opportunity to challenge by examination a total of 25 hours of course credit.

Admission Criteria to the School of Nursing (SON) Advanced Placement Track (APT) for LPN/LVN to B.S.N.

Program Information

The School of Nursing offers an innovative program, the Advanced Placement Track, whereby the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) is eligible to earn college credit for educational advancement. The faculty recognizes that Licensed Practical Nurses have knowledge and skills which support the opportunity for advanced placement.

Eligibility for advanced placement is based on academic transcripts, licensure verification, basic nursing skills verification, and achieve a score of at least 75% on the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Exam. Students have the opportunity to challenge by examination a total of 25 hours of nursing course credit.

The LPN accepted to Georgia Southern University's School of Nursing is seen by the LPN Advisor for a description of the APT program, consultation, and curriculum planning. Advisement is critical for the LPN to best be prepared to apply for admission to the Baccalaureate Nursing Program (BSN) when core curriculum requirements have been met.

Admission to the BSN program is competitive. The LPN seeking advanced placement must meet the same admission requirements as others. The following is a guide for the LPN planning to earn a BSN at Georgia Southern University. See the School of Nursing website for more detailed information.

After admission to Georgia Southern University, the student will make an appointment with the LPN Advisor. The student will need to bring any previous higher education transcripts to the advisement appointment.

1. The LPN’s transcript will be evaluated and must meet the following requirements to be eligible for admission to the BSN program:
   - Complete 54 semester hours of core curriculum with grades of “C” or better in areas A, D, and F.
   - All applicants must achieve a score of at least 75% on the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) Exam in each of the following areas: Anatomy and Physiology, Grammar, Reading Comprehension, Vocabulary and Knowledge, and Math. Further information is available in the School of Nursing or on our website. An overall GPA of 2.7 in all prerequisite courses.

2. The student will have the opportunity to challenge up to 4 nursing courses (Skills, Adult Health I, Mental Health, Women’s and children’s) for a total of 25 credit hours. Upon acceptance into the nursing program, the student must meet with the LPN Advisor to review challenge options. Students must meet all of the legal requirements for licensure. See Baccalaureate Degree Nursing section in the Georgia Southern University Catalog: Georgia Board of Nursing Legal Requirements.

3. Be aware that science course credits in Core Area F may not have been earned longer than 5 years before the time of admission.

4. A grade of C or higher is required for areas A, D, and F courses. Repeating any course in areas A, D, and F in order to achieve a passing grade of at least a C reduces the student’s chance for admission to the School of Nursing. Repeating more than one course in each (area A, D, and F) to earn a passing grade of at least C makes the student ineligible for admission to nursing.

Advisement

For questions regarding specific undergraduate program requirements, please contact the Waters College of Health Professions Student Success Center.