Nursing RN-BSN

Degree Requirements: 120 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, Math, and Technology
Any traditional lab sequence (BIOL, CHEM, & PHYS)
STAT 1401 Elementary Statistics

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
NTFS 2530 Nutrition and Health

Major Requirements

Courses Completed at Georgia Southern University 28
NURS 4301 Conceptual Basis of Nursing
NURS 4302 Health Assessment
NURS 4303 Complementary Therapeutic Modalities
NURS 4310 Community Health Nursing
NURS 4311 Complex Nursing Concepts
NURS 4312 Nursing Leadership and Management
NURS 4313 Nursing Research
NURS 4314 Critical Analysis of Nursing Concepts

Proficiency Hours Granted by Georgia Southern University 29

Complete all of the following:
NURS 3101 Skills and Essentials of Nursing Practice
NURS 3103 Professional Nursing Practice
NURS 3104 Pharmacology I
NURS 3107 Adult Health Nursing I
NURS 3108 Mental Health Nursing
NURS 4109 Women’s and Children’s Nursing

Elective 3
Select 3 credit hours in Electives

Minor - Optional

Total Credit Hours 120

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, RN 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 application.
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:
      i. current American Heart Association CPR for Health Care Providers' certification;
      ii. health professions student liability insurance

Progression Requirements

1. 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 Program Director at scarey@georgiasouthern.edu