

RN/BSN PROGRAM OF STUDY

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Approved 2/26/2010

**Bachelor of Science in Nursing for RNs (RN/BSN)
Non-Teaching
Degree Code 563 A**

Department of Nursing

The RN/BSN Degree is a program designed to provide the opportunity for RNs to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. Students must meet the general requirements for admission to Appalachian State as a transfer student; provision of evidence of an earned Associate Degree in Applied Science or Diploma in Nursing from an accredited institution; possession of a current unrestricted and unencumbered license to practice nursing in North Carolina and/or compact state. Students who are accepted and enrolled in the RN/BSN program must complete the following course requirements with a minimum grade of "C" in each course.

I. REQUIRED CORE44 hours

English Composition (6 SHS)

Two English composition courses

Humanities/Fine Arts (12 SHS)

One literature course required

One fine arts course required

Two additional courses from: art, dance, drama, foreign language, music, literature, interdisciplinary humanities, philosophy, and religion.

Social/Behavioral Sciences (12 SHS)

One history course

An introductory course in sociology

An introductory course in psychology

An additional course from: anthropology, economics, geography, history, political science, psychology, and sociology *

Mathematics (6 SHS)

Introductory mathematics course (survey, college algebra, trigonometry, calculus, etc.)

Introductory statistics course (does not have to be math prefix)*

Natural Sciences (8 SHS)

Human Anatomy & Physiology with Lab*

II. COGNATE COURSES 18*

- Human Anatomy & Physiology if not taken as part of the Required Core (8)
- Microbiology with lab (4)
- Developmental Psychology or Human Growth and Development if not taken as part of the Required Core (3)
- College level Statistics if not taken as part of the Required Core (3)

***Courses in the Cognate may also count as part of the Required Core, and additional hours needed are made up in General Electives to total the 124 degree requirements**

III. MAJOR NURSING COURSES..... 60

NURSING COURSES (30 sh)

Junior Level Courses:

- NUR 3000.....(3) Nursing Informatics
- NUR 3011.....(4) Concepts of Professional Nursing (W)
- NUR 3021.....(4) Health Assessment
- NUR 3031.....(3) Nursing Care of Older Adults

Senior Level Courses:

- NUR 4011.....(3) Nursing Research *
- NUR 4021.....(4) Nursing Care of Communities *
- NUR 4029.....(4) Nursing Leadership and Management
- NUR 4032.....(5) Professional Nursing Synthesis (CAP)

A minimum grade of "C" or higher is required in each nursing course before proceeding to the next nursing course; however, an overall GPA of 2.50 is required in the nursing courses at the end of the junior year and every semester thereafter.

NOTE: Only one course may be repeated (one time) during progression through the nursing curriculum.

***UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THE THIRD SEMESTER OF THE PROGRAM, THE STUDENT WILL RECEIVE 30 HOURS OF VALIDATED CREDIT FOR PRIOR NURSING COURSES AND CLINICAL COMPETENCIES (30 SH).**

IV. ELECTIVES (as needed to meet the 124 sh requirement)3-17

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS: 124