RN/BSN PROGRAM OF STUDY

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

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

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 CORE ..............................................................44 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.


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

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS: 124