

Achieve Your Professional Dreams and Goals

GSU Nursing programs prepare nurse leaders who address the challenges of local, regional, national and global healthcare reform. Our nursing programs focus on providing quality, holistic care, creating healing environments and building caring communities. The GSU nursing faculty includes Advanced Practice Nurses, seasoned educators and doctorally-prepared researchers who provide students with an exceptional educational experience.

The Difference a Degree Can Make

A Bachelor of Science in Nursing expands your knowledge of the art, science and practice of nursing as you build on your qualifications and advance your career. If you're an RN with an associate degree or diploma in nursing and an active RN license, consider GSU's online RN to BSN Completion Program.

Built for You – the Working Nurse

The RN to BSN Completion Program is offered in a manner that considers the needs of the working nurse. Our program is delivered through dynamic online classes. The degree can be accomplished in three terms.

Both the undergraduate and master's nursing programs are accredited by the [Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing](#). The RN to BSN Completion Program also incorporates the latest recommendations of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing, www.aacn.nche.edu/index.htm

Next Step!

Take the next step in your career.

- [Apply Now](#)

Application deadlines:

- Fall term – May 1
- Spring term – October 1
- Summer term – February 1

Learn More!

For more information, go to the [Department of Nursing website](#), call 708.534.4040, or email the Department of Nursing at NursingAdvisor@govst.edu.

Nursing courses begin in the Fall and Spring semesters.

FACT

Nurses must be prepared to meet diverse patient needs; function as leaders; and advance science that benefits patients and the capacity of health professionals to deliver safe, quality patient care. (Source: *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*, Institute of Medicine, 2010.)



RN to BSN Completion Program Bachelor of Science in Nursing

College of Health & Human Services

Accreditation

The RN to BSN Program is accredited by the:

[Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing \(ACEN\)](#)

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Program Admission Requirements

In addition to meeting university admissions criteria, applicants must:

1. Have earned an associate's degree in nursing or have graduated from a diploma nursing program;
2. **Be currently licensed as a registered professional nurse.**

Application Statement

Individuals who recently graduated from an associate's degree nursing program and are in the process of obtaining a Registered Nurse license may be admitted conditionally, with the provision that licensure shall be obtained by the end of the first semester of enrollment in order to continue in the program in accordance with policies stated in the Department of Nursing Undergraduate Student Handbook.

Applicants with degrees from countries other than the United States must have their credentials evaluated through the GSU Office of Admissions to determine eligibility for admission. Applicants must assume all responsibility for fees associated with testing. All required credentials must be on file in the Office of Admissions before an applicant can be admitted to the program.

BSN Curriculum

Degree Requirements

Students must meet all university requirements for a bachelor's degree. In addition, all nursing courses must be completed with a grade of "C" or better. A student may repeat only two nursing courses at one time to earn a grade of "C" or better, without being academically dismissed from the degree program.

I. General Education

The curriculum fulfills the general education requirements of the university as stated in the catalog.

II. Required Course/Lower Division Coursework

The following courses must be taken at the lower-division level: Nursing courses (30 hours) (granted for the associate degree nursing coursework as a block).

General Education and Other Required Prerequisite Courses to the RN and BSN Program (55 hours)

Transfer of prerequisite courses is determined by the faculty of the Department of Nursing. Only those courses with a grade of "C" or above are transferable.

Basic Computer Applications (3)*

Statistics (3)*

Human Growth & Development or Life-Span Development (3)*

Humanities Elective (3) *

Fine Arts Elective (3)*

Multicultural Elective (3)*

General Chemistry (4)

Organic Chemistry (4)*

Anatomy & Physiology (4)

Microbiology (4)

General Sociology (3)*

General Psychology (3)*

Writing Intensive Elective (3)*

Written Composition 1 (3)

Written Composition II (3)*

Speech/Oral Communication (3)*

*These 12 courses may be taken at either the lower-division or upper-division level. Individuals may choose to be admitted conditionally and take these courses at the upper-division level. However, this will extend the total time for the program completion at GSU.

Upper-Division Courses (35 hours)

The following courses must be taken at the upper-division level:

NURS 3140 Conceptual Basis for Professional Nursing (3)

NURS 3150 Pathophysiology (3)

NURS 3170 Basic Nursing Informatics (3)

NURS 3300 Health Assessment (3)

NURS 3160 Gerontological Nursing (3)

NURS 4110 Evidence-Based Research (3)

NURS 4120 Public Health Promotion (3)

NURS 4130 Public Health Practicum (3)

NURS 4501 Leadership for Patient Safety (3)

Fine Arts Elective** (3)

Humanities Elective** (3)

Free Elective (2)

*** If the Humanities elective and Fine Arts elective have already been taken at the lower division, these credits may be replaced by upper division electives.*

Total = 120 Hours

Lower Division Nursing Hours = 30 Credit Hours

Maximum number lower division non-nursing/general education hours = 55 credit hours

Number of Baccalaureate credit hours required for BSN Degree = 35 credit hours