

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree Program: RN to BSN

Advance Your Career

We recognize the important role played by nurses. It's often a nurse's care that makes a real difference in a patient's recovery prospects.

The Difference a Degree Can Make

If you're an RN with an Associate's Degree or Diploma in Nursing and a current, valid RN license, consider our RN to BSN program. It's designed to make you a better nurse, with the flexibility, online enhancements, and the most current, comprehensive nursing education available.

The BSN expands your knowledge and understanding of the sciences and of the profession. It enhances your skills far beyond the clinical aspects of nursing. You become a more accomplished nurse, ready and able to ascend the ranks.

Our program is part-time or full-time, with responsive, one-on-one advising, so you can get the attention — and answers — you need when you need them.

You will receive the highest quality education possible. Both the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

The BSN program has incorporated the latest recommendations made by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). These recommendations are found in The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice, adopted in October, 2008.

Learn More!

Take the next step. Visit www.govst.edu/chhs/dn/bsn for more information. For student advising, contact Academic Advisor **Linda McCann** at **708.534.4035**, lmccann@govst.edu.

The program accepts applications year-round. However, nursing courses begin only in the Fall and Spring semesters.

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Employment for **nurses** is expected to **grow more than 27 percent** through 2014. As the profession grows, **nurses** who complete their **BSN** will have **greater opportunity for advancement** and better job prospects*

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2006-07 Edition, Registered Nurses, on the Internet at <http://www.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm> (visited April 26, 2007).



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Accreditation

This major is accredited by the:

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)

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Special 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.

Individuals who recently graduated from an associate's degree nursing program and are in the process of obtaining a Registered Professional 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.

Applicants with credentials from countries other than the United States must have their credentials evaluated through the Office of Admission 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 Admission before applicants can be admitted to the program.

BSN Curriculum Beginning Fall 2010 Semester 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 a nursing course only once to earn a grade of "C" or better without being academically dismissed from the degree program.

I. General Education Requirements

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

II. Required Courses / Lower Division Course Work

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)

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This information is for reference only. For complete degree information, please refer to the current approved Governors State University catalog online at www.govst.edu/catalog.

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General Education and Other Required Courses (55 Hours)

Anatomy and Physiology (4)

General Chemistry (4)

Organic Chemistry (4)*

Microbiology (4)

Written Composition I (3)

Written Composition II (3)*

Speech/Oral Communications (3)*

Writing Intensive Elective (3)*

General Psychology (3)*

General Sociology (3)*

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

Multicultural Elective (3)*

Statistics (3)*

Humanities Elective (3)*

Basic Computer Applications (3)*

Fine Arts Elective (3)

** These twelve 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 program completion at GSU.*

Upper-Division Courses (35 Hours)

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

NURS 304: Conceptual Basis for Professional Nursing (3)

NURS 305: Pathophysiology (3)

NURS 306: Gerontological Nursing (3)

NURS 307: Basic Nursing Informatics (3)

NURS 330: Health Assessment (3)

NURS 401: Evidence-Based Research (3)

NURS 402: Public Health Promotion (3)

NURS 403: Public Health Practicum (3)

NURS 450: Leadership for Patient Safety (3)

Fine Arts Elective** (3)

Humanities Elective** (3)

Free Electives (2)

*** If the Humanities Elective and Fine Arts Elective have already been taken at the lower division, these credits may be replaced by Free Electives.*

Total = 120 Hours*

Lower Division Nursing Hours = 30 Credit Hours

Max. No. Lower Division Non-Nursing/General Education Hours = 55 credit hours

No. of Baccalaureate credit hours required for BSN Degree = 35 credit hours