

## 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.

## Next Step!

Take the next step in your career.

- Visit the Apply Online page of the GSU website:  
<https://applynow.govst.edu/datatel.erecruiting.web.external/Pages/welcome.aspx>

Application deadlines:

- Fall term – July 1
- Spring term – November 1
- Summer term – April 1

## Learn More!

For more information, go to the Department of Nursing website: [www.govst.edu/dn](http://www.govst.edu/dn); call 708.534.4040; or email the Department of Nursing at [NursingAdvisor@govst.edu](mailto: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 3343 Peachtree Road NE / Suite 850 Atlanta, GA 30326  
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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 or be in the process of obtaining a Registered Nurse license.

## Application Information

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. The provisions of admission is 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 international transcripts evaluated by a NACES (<http://www.naces.org/members.html>) approved agency, unless the applicant is affiliated with one of Governors State University's recruiting agencies - INDUS or College Study US. If applicant is affiliated with a GSU recruiting agency, an in-house evaluation will be performed by a Foreign Credential Evaluator in the Office of International Services. Applicants must assume all responsibility for fees associated with testing and evaluating. All required credentials must be on file in the Office of Admissions before an applicant can be admitted to the program.

## Degree Requirements: 120 Total Credit Hours:

Students must meet all university requirements for a bachelor's degree, but a minimum of 35 credits must be completed at the upper-division (junior / senior) level; and up to 85 lower-division credits (freshmen / sophomore) may be transferred to GSU.

All program required courses need to have a grade of "C" or better. In addition, a student may repeat only two nursing courses once (with the NURS prefix) to earn a grade of "C" or better without being academically dismissed from the program.

## General Education Requirements (38 Hours)

See Bachelor's Degree Requirements in the catalog for detailed information about the General Education Requirements for transfer students and students admitted as freshmen:

### Communications (9 hours)

- Two courses in written communication (6)
- One course in oral communication (3)

### Mathematics (3 hours)

- Statistics (3)

### Physical and Life Sciences (8 hours - both with labs)

- Microbiology (4)
- General Chemistry (4)

### Humanities and Fine Arts (9 hours)

- At least one course from humanities and
- at least one course from fine arts

### Social and Behavioral Sciences (9 hours)

- General Psychology (3)
- Human Growth and Development or Life-Span Development (3)
- General Sociology (3)

## Nursing Courses (30 Hours)

Transfer courses from the AAS Nursing Degree/Diploma will be granted as a 30 hour coursework block.

## Lower-Division Nursing Courses (14 Hours)

- Anatomy & Physiology (4)
- Organic Chemistry (4)
- Basic Computer Applications (3)
- Multicultural Elective (3)

## Upper-Division Nursing Courses (27 Hours)

- NURS-3140 Conceptual Basis for Professional Nursing (3)
- NURS-3150 Pathophysiology (3)
- NURS-3160 Gerontological Nursing (3)
- NURS-3170 Basic Nursing Informatics (3)
- NURS-3300 Health Assessment (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)

## Free Electives (11 Hours)

Some "General Education Requirements" or "Free Electives" may be required at the upper-division level to meet the 35 credit hour upper-division program requirement. These hours will be evaluated once admitted into the program.

**Total - 120 Hours**



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