

THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SCIENCE-NURSING (RN-BS)

Based on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's Essentials of Baccalaureate Nursing Education, the RN-BS Nursing program is designed to build on the registered nurse's knowledge and skills in seven areas: leadership, quality improvement, evidence-based nursing practice, nursing informatics, population-focused health promotion and disease prevention, interdisciplinary collaboration, and professionalism. Graduates of the program are prepared to assume roles in leadership positions, in the management of complex clinical care coordination, and in community/public health. Successful completion of the RN-BS Program provides the academic foundation for graduate study.

Goals/Purpose

The purpose of the RN-BS program is to:

- Enhance the knowledge and skills of students in practicing caring for individuals, families, groups, and communities across the lifespan and the continuum of healthcare environments
- Strengthen research skills and knowledge of students for use in an evidence-based nursing practice
- Nurture critical thinking and problem-solving skills of students in a healthcare environment
- Expand data management and communication skills of students in order to improve the quality and safety of nursing care
- Expand management and leadership strategies and skills of students to meet the needs of the healthcare community

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE WITH A NURSING MAJOR- 38 hours

NRSOL 331 – The Nursing Profession Today and Tomorrow (3 credits)
NRSOL 332 – Pathophysiology (3 credits)
NRSOL 333 – Statistics for Nursing (3 credits)
NRSOL 334 – Healthcare Communication (3 credits)
NRSOL 335 – Nursing in a Multicultural Environment (3 credits)
NRSOL 336 – Research and Nursing Practice (3 credits)
NRSOL 337 – Advanced Health Assessment (3 credits)
NRSOL 339 – Healthcare and Social Policy (3 credits)
NRSOL 432 – Global Health Nursing (3 credits)
NRSOL 441 – Community Healthcare (4 credits)*
NRSOL 445 – Principles of Healthcare Management (4 credits)*
NRSOL 490 – Senior Seminar (3 credits)

While all courses are offered in an online format, some courses have a clinical component*.

All RN-BS students must complete the exit exam prior to graduation.

Fees may be applicable for the exam.

In addition, students graduating with an area of concentration in Health Science–Nursing must complete the following:

Transfer credits from an accredited AS-RN program posted at the time of admission into the program. These credits must have originally been earned with a grade of “C” or better and

will normally include 38 hours of coursework in the following areas:

- o Human Anatomy and Physiology
- o Microbiology / Medical Microbiology
- o Pharmacology
- o Didactic and Clinical Instruction in such venues as Surgical Nursing, Maternal and Newborn Nursing, and Pediatric Nursing

Integrated Studies Course

As part of the General Education curriculum, all students take one Integrated Studies course in place of a standard general education course. These courses are special topics upper-level courses that reflect the University's commitment to nurturing critical thinking and problem solving, often in a cross- or inter-disciplinary context. The following Integrated Studies courses listed below are recommended choices for nursing students:

BUOL 401-Personal Finance

BUOL 402-Business Communications

CHOL 402-Chemistry, Health and Wellness

COMOL 405-Listening and Nonverbal Communication

CROL 401-Child Abuse Investigation

HSOL 403-Human Tragedy and Intervention

HSOL 404-Understanding Child Maltreatment

MMOL 403 – Exploring the Non-Canonical Works

PSYOL 402 – Psychology of Religion