



Bachelor of Science in Nursing RN-BSN Program

The Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) program is for individuals who hold a current license as a registered nurse (RN). Applicants are required to have completed an associate degree prior to enrollment in the RN-BSN Program. Program coursework is completed online, except for experiential learning hours and practicum. The program can be completed in as little as three semesters, or as slowly as taking one course at a time.

A mandatory online program meeting is required for all students admitted into the program.

Accreditation: The RN-BSN program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN): 3390 PEACHTREE RD NE, SUITE 1400, ATLANTA, GA 30326. Phone: 404.975.5000

Admission: *Students must first apply to Polk State College and meet all general admission requirements for baccalaureate programs. Students who are already Polk State Students will need to apply to the college as a returning student to declare the baccalaureate in nursing as the desired program. Students must have an active RN license to begin and to progress through the program (with the exception of concurrent enrollment (see below)). If you encounter any issues with the application process, please feel free to contact Professor Amy Lewis for assistance (alewis@polk.edu)*

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In addition to the Polk State College application, all applicants must apply to the RN to BSN program with an application through ETRIEVE, the application windows are as follows:

Fall Semester Start:

- Early Admissions: January 15 - March 1
- Late Admissions: March 15 - March 25

Spring Semester Start:

- Early Admissions: June 1 - September 1
- Late Admissions: October 15 - October 25

***Students are admitted once per semester.**

Concurrent Enrollment:

Any student who is currently enrolled in Polk State's ASN program with at least a 3.0 GPA, has completed the BSN core requirements and is entering Nursing 3, may apply to the RN to BSN program as a concurrent enrolled student. Concurrently enrolled students may take one (1) BSN class at a time with any ASN course (One in each fast track, or one 16 week course). Should the student be unsuccessful in an ASN course while enrolled concurrently in the RN to BSN program, students may not take any additional RN to BSN courses until completion of Nursing 4.

RN to BSN Homeroom Canvas Course:

All accepted students into the RN to BSN course will be enrolled in the RN to BSN Homeroom Canvas Course. This course will house the RN to BSN student handbook, documents, support materials (such as APA resources, instructions for accessing the Polk State library and frequently requested links), as well as important program announcements. The Course will also house important drop boxes for submission of current RN licensure, CPR, and required immunizations.

Experiential Learning and Clinical Requirements:

Experiential learning hours are required for NUR4638C Community and Public Health. In addition, practicum/clinical hours are required for NUR4940C Capstone Nursing Practicum. An active RN license is required for courses with experiential and/or clinical hours. Students are expected to maintain an active, unrestricted license as a RN; current certification in CPR; and immunization requirements as noted in the RN to BSN Student Handbook.

Additional Program Information:

- RN-BSN program coursework requires access to a reliable computer and internet connection.
- Students must take NUR3825 Professional Identity in Nursing in the **first term** of the RN-BSN program.
- Students are encouraged to take any remaining general ed., civic literacy, and electives during the summer semesters.
- Any nursing certifications (such as CCRN, TNCC, etc.) earned may be used toward 16 of your 32 required practicum hours. Students will be strongly encouraged to complete any certifications prior to Capstone enrollment. Additional information will be given upon admission.

Polk State RN to BSN Progression Plan

Course Number	Course Name	Credit Hours	Course Status	Comments
BSN Core Requirements: Complete before enrolling in any Nursing Course				
STA 2023	Statistics	3		
Any CHM, BSC or PHY	(CHM) Chem Liberal Studies or General Chemistry w/lab (BSC) Survey of Biology/Principles of Biology (PHY) Fundamentals of Physics	3* or 4		
BSC 2085C	Anatomy & Physiology I w/lab	4		
BSC 2086C	Anatomy & Physiology II w/lab	4		
MCB 2010C	Microbiology w/lab	4		
HUN 1201	Principles of Nutrition	3		
DEP 2004	Human Growth & Development	3		
General Education Core Requirements/Corequisites: if needed, it is best to complete prior to NUR4775				
ENC 1101	English Composition I	3		
ENC 1102	English Composition II	3		
LIT 1000	Introduction to Literature	3		
MGF 1130 or MAC 1105	Topics in Math or College Algebra (or higher)	3		
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3		
Elective*	*students who take any BSC, CHM, or PHY course for 3 credits will need a 1 credit elective – students taking any BSC, CHM, or PHY course w/lab will have fulfilled this credit.			
Civic Literacy & Electives – May take in summer or with RN to BSN courses – must complete prior to NUR4940C (must complete the course AND the Exam)				
AMH 1020, 1010 or POS 2041	Civic Literacy Requirement	3		
Civic Lit Exam	Civic Literacy Exam	-----		
**Foreign Language Proficiency Requirement		See below		
HUM, PHI or REL	Any two humanities, philosophy, or religion courses			
	Course 1:	3		
	Course 2:	3		
BSN Courses: courses are listed in sequence – every 3 classes can be taken together or separately but must all be successfully completed prior to advancing to the next set of courses				
BSN Semester 1:				
NUR 3825	Professional Identity in Nursing	3		
NUR 4074	Adv. Communication and Care in Healthcare Settings	2		
NUR 3125	Pathophysiology and Pharmacology in Population Health	5		
BSN Semester 2:				
NUR 4775	Science in Clinical Practice	3		
NUR 4880	Quality Improvement Principles & Practices in Nursing Care	3		
NUR 4638C	Community and Public Health Nursing	5		
BSN Semester 3:				
NUR 4827 ***	Authentic Leadership in Nursing Care Delivery	3		
NUR 4692 ***	Environmental Health	3		
NUR 4940C	Capstone Nursing Practicum	5		***NUR 4827 & NUR 4692 must be taken in Fast Track 1 & 2 along with NUR 4940C or be completed prior to taking NUR 4940C (16 wk)
If you plan to take a break or sit-out, please notify the RN to BSN PLM (Prof. Amy Lewis) so that your plan can be revised.		RN licensure 39 credits BSN Core requirements. 24 credits General Ed. Core Req. 25 credits BSN Nursing Courses 32 credits Total credits for BSN degree 120 credits		Any General Education or BSN Core classes taken outside of Polk State college must fulfilled at a regionally accredited college or university. These courses must be evaluated and approved by the registrar prior to admission.

****Foreign language Proficiency:** Foreign language proficiency requires either completion of two years of high school instruction in the same foreign language; or completion of a minimum of eight (8) hours college credits in the same foreign language; or completion of a high school diploma from a foreign country where the student studied in a language other than English.