

## 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. The program can be completed in as little as three semesters (two courses per fast-track term), or as slowly as taking one course at a time. See reverse side for course requirements.

**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:** There is no separate application for the RN-BSN program. 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 as a returning user to update records and declare the baccalaureate in nursing as the desired program code. Students must have an active RN license to begin and to progress through the program. Prospective students are encouraged to contact the baccalaureate advisors for guidance through the admission and registration process.

**For academic advising, please contact:**

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**Experiential Learning Requirements:** Experiential learning requirements (formerly known as *clinicals*) are required for NUR4638C Individual, Family, and Population Health, and for NUR4940C Professional Nursing Excellence. A total of 32 experiential learning hours are required for each of these courses and will be completed in the student's community setting and/or place of employment. Experiential learning activities are self-scheduled – students will not be assigned to a facility. An active RN license is required for courses with experiential learning requirements.

**Additional Program Information:**

- RN-BSN program coursework requires access to a reliable computer and internet connection.
- Students must take NUR3825 Professional Role Transformation in the first term of enrollment in the RN-BSN program. It is not necessary to complete the non-nursing coursework prior to entering upper-division courses, but students are encouraged to complete these courses prior to NUR4940C Professional Nursing Excellence, to avoid a delay in graduation.
- Students are expected to maintain an active, unrestricted license as a RN; current certification in CPR; and other health requirements as directed by agencies used for experiential learning.
- STA 2023 Statistics is a pre-requisite course for NUR4775 Evidence-Based Nursing Practice.

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## Course Requirements for Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Course Number	Course Title	Credits
<b>General Education Courses</b>		<b>36</b>
ENC 1101 and 1102	English Composition I and II	6
MGF 1106 or MAC1105	Topics in Math or College Algebra (or higher)	3
STA 2023	Statistics	3
PSY 2012	General Psychology	3
BSC 2085C and BSC 2086C	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and II, both with lab	8
BSC or CHM or PHY	Any biology, chemistry, or physics course (lab not required)	3
HUM or PHI or REL	Any <b>two</b> humanities, philosophy, or religion courses	6
AMH 1020 or POS 2041	Civic Literacy Requirement	3
LIT 1000	Introduction to Literature	3
<b>Additional Lower-Level Credits</b>		<b>13</b>
MCB 2010C	Microbiology with lab	4
DEP 2004	Human Development	3
HUN 1201	Principles of Nutrition	3
Elective(s)	One credit from the additional BSC/CHM/PHY will be used to satisfy the 9 credits required in Natural Science. The remaining two credits plus a credit from any other AA elective course can be used to equal the additional lower-level credits.	3
<b>TOTAL LOWER DIVISION NON-NURSING CREDIT HOURS</b>		<b>49</b>
<b>CREDITS for AS NURSING COURSES (block credit for active license)</b>		<b>39</b>
<b>UPPER DIVISION NURSING CREDIT HOURS (<a href="#">see suggested curriculum plan</a>)</b>		<b>32</b>
<b>TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED FOR BSN DEGREE</b>		<b>120</b>
<p><b>Foreign language Proficiency is Required. 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.</b></p>		

### SUGGESTED CURRICULUM PLAN FOR NURSING CLASSES, FULL-TIME, FALL Fast Track 1 START\*\*

Fall Semester – Total 12 credit hours	
<b>Fast Track 1</b>	<b>Fast Track 2</b>
<b>NUR 3825</b> Professional Role Transformation (3 cr) <b>NUR 3065</b> Health Assessment (3 cr)	<b>NUR3125</b> Pathophysiology (3 cr) <b>NUR 3846</b> Nursing Theory (3 cr)
Spring Semester – Total 14 credit hours	
<b>Fast Track 1</b>	<b>Fast Track 2</b>
<b>NUR 4775</b> Evidence-Based Nursing Practice (4 cr)	<b>NUR 4827</b> Nursing Leadership and Management (4 cr)
<b>NUR 4638C</b> Individual, Family, and Population Health (6 cr) – Full 16-week term	
Summer Semester – Total 6 credit hours	
<b>NUR 4940C</b> Professional Nursing Excellence (6 cr) – 12 weeks during summer	

\* Full time is not recommended until the student has completed the non-nursing courses required for a degree.

+ To complete the program in 3 semesters, students must start in Fall Fast Track 1.