

Bachelor of Science • Program in Nursing FOR THE R.N. TO B.S. OPTION

In today's health care environment, the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree in nursing is often essential for expanded career mobility and professional growth. The College of Nursing at the University of Rhode Island, in response to an increasing demand for professional nurses, has developed an innovative R.N. to B.S. plan which allows registered nurses (R.N.'s) to earn a B.S. degree in nursing at an accelerated rate.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Diploma or associate degree in nursing from an NLN-accredited program
- Current Rhode Island R.N. license
- Current clinical practice experience
- Acceptance by the Undergraduate Admissions Office into the B.S. degree program in nursing

R.N. TO B.S. OPTION FEATURES

- Reduced credit requirement for graduation (120 credits total)
- Validation of prior learning and experience
- Three specific courses just for R.N.s in theory, in supervised clinical experiences, and in clinical directed study.
- Opportunity to take graduate-level courses in nursing and related disciplines in partial fulfillment of B.S. degree requirements.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The curriculum includes completion of prerequisite foundation courses to prepare for the nursing concentration. Registered nurses who have graduated from accredited diploma or associate degree programs with a minimum of C in **all** nursing courses receive 32 nursing transfer credits. College credits successfully completed elsewhere will be accepted in transfer. However, students must complete at least 30 credits at URI in order to earn the B.S. degree in nursing.

PREPARATORY COURSES (89 credits)

BIO 121 Human Anatomy (4)
BIO 242, 244 Introductory Human Physiology (4)
CHM 103 Introductory General Chemistry (3)
CHM 124 Introductory Organic Chemistry (3)
MIC 201 Introductory Medical Microbiology (4)
PSY 113 General Psychology (3)
SOC 100 General Sociology (3)
NFS 207 General Nutrition (3)
PSY 232 Developmental Psychology (3)
BPS 333 Nursing Pharmacology (3)
Writing and Communication (6)
Statistics (3)
General Education (15)
Nursing (32)

A. REQUIRED BACHELOR'S DEGREE NURSING COURSES (18 CREDITS)

NUR 246 Conceptual Bases of Professional Nursing (3)
NUR 453 Nursing Research (3)
NUR 346 Practicum in Nursing Management of Clients (3)
NUR 443 Community Health Nursing (3)
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NUR 446 Directed Study for RN Students or NUR 503 Expanded Nursing Assessment Skills (3)
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B. RESTRICTED BACHELOR'S DEGREE ELECTIVES

Students may take a variety of upper-level courses as restricted degree electives. Examples of undergrad courses include:

Loss and Grief
Pathophysiology
Health Policy
Computer Science
Family Violence
Adult Education

Examples of graduate level courses that may be used as elective credit include:

NUR 503 Expanded Nursing Assessment Skills
NUR 510 Nursing Leadership and Health Policy Process
NUR 523 Contemporary Thanatology



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SAMPLE THREE-SEMESTER PLAN

A typical RN to BS plan, after completion of the prerequisite General Education courses and the prerequisite nursing courses (or equivalent challenge exams):

Semester I	Semester II	Semester III
NUR 246 (3 crs)	NUR 443* (3 crs)	NUR 443* (3crs)
NUR 453 (3 crs)	NUR 444* (3 crs)	NUR 444* (3 crs)
	NUR 346 (3 crs)	NUR 446 (3 crs)

***NUR 443** and **NUR 444** may be taken in either semester.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The R.N. who is interested in the R.N. to B.S. option will be assigned a faculty advisor who will provide individual assistance in planning a program of study.

Students may challenge general education courses, i.e., English Literature, Sociology, Humanities, by the "CLEP" process. Information can be obtained by calling the Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Continuing Education at 401-277-5057.

COLLEGE OF NURSING MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the College of Nursing is to educate nursing students at the bachelor's, master's, and doctoral levels; conduct, disseminate, and apply nursing research and scholarship; and contribute to the profession of nursing and to society through political, legal, and professional activities that are aimed at improving health and health care of the people of Rhode Island and beyond.

Faculty are committed to promoting students' ethical development, critical thinking, and motivation for life-long learning and responsible practice. The baccalaureate program prepares professional nurses to practice in multiple types of health care settings. The master's program prepares leaders who use advanced knowledge from nursing theory, research, practice, and leadership as advanced practice nurses, educators, or administrators. The doctoral program prepares nursing scholars and researchers who can contribute to the development of nursing knowledge. Students are sought from a wide range of cultural, economic, and ethnic backgrounds. The College encourages close student-faculty interaction and interdisciplinary research partnerships involving faculty, students, and practitioners from within and outside the University.

Faculty are responsive to changing health care needs and changing roles of nurses within society. Faculty respond through collaboration with professional organizations, governmental and other agencies, and other educational institutions, and with health care agencies. The College strives for excellence in teaching, research/scholarship in diverse scholarly activities, practice, and service through cooperative governance and ongoing evaluation.

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