

# 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.

## DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

The curriculum includes completion of pre-requisite 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 with a C or better will be accepted in transfer. Students must achieve a C (73) or better in courses marked with an asterisk and all NUR courses. Also, 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	*Intro to Human Physiology (4)
CHM 103	*Intro to General Chemistry (3)
CHM 124	*Intro to Organic Chemistry (3)
MIC 201	*Intro to medical Microbiology
PSY 113	*General Psychology (3)
NFS 207	*General Nutrition (3)
SOC 100	General Sociology (3)
PSY 232	Developmental Psychology (3)
BPS 333	Nursing Pharmacology (3)

## REQUIRED BACHELOR'S DEGREE NURSING COURSES (18 CREDITS)

NUR 246	*Conceptual Bases of Prof. Nursing (3)
NUR 253	*Nursing Research (3)
NUR 346	*Practicum in Nursing Mgmt. of Clients (3)
NUR 443	*Community Health Nursing (3)
NUR 444	*Practicum in Community Health Nursing (3)
NUR 446	*Directed Study for RN Students (3)
OR	
NUR 503	*Expanded Nursing Assessment Skills (3)

## RESTRICTED BACHELOR'S DEGREE ELECTIVES

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

- Adult Education
- Computer Science
- Gerontology
- Health Policy
- Human Development & Family Studies
- Pathophysiology
- Thanatology

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

### SAMPLE THREE-SEMESTER PLAN

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

Semester 1	Semester II	Semester III
NUR 246 (3 crs)	NUR 443* (3 crs)	NUR 443* (3 crs)
NUR 253 (3 crs)	NUR 444* (3 crs)	NUR 444*
	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 College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) process. Information can be obtained by calling the Alan Shawn Feinstein College of Continuing Education at 401-227-5057.

Course options at the Feinstein College of Continuing Education include CHM 124, NFS 207, SOC 100, WRT 104 & 105, STA 220, BPS 333, NUR 246 & 346, and a variety of general education courses.



### 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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**All official transcripts, a copy of applicant's current Rhode Island RN License, and application fee MUST accompany all applications.**

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