

LAGRANGE

COLLEGE

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

THE RN-BSN PROGRAM

The RN-BSN program is grounded in a heritage of Christian liberal arts learning. The program of study emphasizes independence in learning and student-faculty collaboration in the educational process. The BSN curriculum builds a sound foundation for professional nursing practice, continuing personal development, and graduate study.

For additional information:

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Building the Future

A BSN degree completion option is offered for registered nurses (RN) who have an Associate Degree or Diploma in nursing. The plan for RN study recognizes previous education, accepting completed non-nursing courses and awarding credit for ADN or diploma nursing courses.

Earning the BSN degree adds the “extra edge” for RNs to meet career goals and the changing needs of nursing practice.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The BSN Completion Option is open to licensed Registered Nurses. If the RN license is in a state other than Georgia, the student must obtain a Georgia RN license prior to entering a clinical nursing course. A student who has completed an Associate Degree or Diploma in nursing but has not yet had opportunity to complete the NCLEX licensure examination may enter a non-clinical nursing course. Previously earned nursing credits will be accepted within the guidelines of the Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Agreement which specifies standards for acceptance of earned nursing credits. Details of the Agreement are available in the Office of the Department of Nursing.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Provide a completed Application for Admission to Nursing.
- A grade of C or higher is required in anatomy, physiology, microbiology, and English composition courses. Should a student earn less than a C more than once in any of these courses, the student will be ineligible to enter the nursing program.
- A cumulative overall GPA of 2.5 or higher at the time of entry into the nursing program. A student whose GPA does not meet this requirement will be considered on an individual basis.
- An interview with a member of the nursing faculty may be required. An applicant may request an interview if desired.
- An applicant must present the Registered Nurse license in person.

MATRICULATION REQUIREMENTS

- An accepted student must possess a level of physical and emotional health sufficient to enable him/her to meet nursing program requirements and the standards of professional nursing practice.
- Prior to beginning the first clinical nursing course, a medical examination form is required, completed and signed by a physician, which documents the student's level of health and immunization or immune status.

NOTE: After admission to the nursing program, additional information will be sent to the student concerning uniforms, health requirements, professional liability insurance, and the National Student Nurses' Association

RN-BSN COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Credit Hours based upon Academic Semesters

COMMON CORE (46 Credits)

Rhetoric and Composition	6
College Algebra	3
Fine Arts	3
Humanities	6
Religion	3
The American Experience	3
World Languages (sequential)	6
Anatomy and Physiology	8
Problem Solving	3
Computer Applications	1
Elective(s), to total 46 credits	4

Interim Elective	3
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SUPPORT COURSES (13 Credits)

Electives	3
Microbiology	4
Introductory Psychology	3
Human Growth/Development	3

NURSING COURSES (57 Credits)

The nursing course requirements assume acceptance of previous nursing studies in accordance with the Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Agreement. BSN nursing courses are completed in four semesters on a part-time basis. In recognition of experience and individual learning needs, clinical components in the Practicum are designed by the RN student in collaboration with faculty.

Previous Nursing Education	30
Health Assessment*	4
Seminar	2
Pharmacology*	4
Research	3
Nutrition*	1
Community Health	4
Leadership/Practicum	4
Senior Seminar	3

*May be challenged by examination after one year of full-time practice experience.

CHOOSING COURSES TO COMPLETE THE BSN DEGREE

This worksheet will assist in identifying courses that need to be completed in order to earn the BSN degree at LaGrange College. All required non-nursing courses are listed below; many of these courses would have been completed in an Associate Degree nursing program. A “C” or higher is required for all transfer courses.

Note that Common Core requirements are capitalized. Some of these courses, designated with an asterisk, are specific for the BSN. NOTE that, if you have earned a bachelor’s degree in any field, you have already met the Common Core requirements but must have completed the asterisked courses.

COURSE	CREDITS	COURSE	CREDITS
RHETORIC & COMPOSITION*	6	COLLEGE ALGEBRA*	3
ANY FINE ARTS SURVEY COURSE	3	HUMANITIES (two course sequence)	6
RELIGION (specified course)	3	INTRODUCTORY PSYCHOLOGY*	3
ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY*	8	MICROBIOLOGY*	4
HUMAN GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT*	3	THE AMERICAN EXPERIENCE	3
PROBLEM SOLVING COMPUTER APPLICATIONS	3 1	FOREIGN LANGUAGE (two course sequence)	6
One Elective Course	3		
		Additional Coursework to Complete 120 Total Hours	

The complete BSN degree program includes 46 credit hours of Common Core coursework, 13 credit hours of additional non-nursing courses, and 57 credit hours of nursing courses and one interim elective. RN students may transfer in 30 ADN or Diploma nursing credits within the standards of the Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Agreement and 24 must be earned in residence (9 hours may be earned through challenge examinations). Note that all credits are in semester hours.

RN’s are required to complete one interim course as opposed to three for generic students.

**Potential Progressions* in BSN Completion Option
(23 Nursing Credit Hours)**

Part-time

	FALL		SPRING
Year 1	<p align="center">NURS 3305 (Nutrition)*</p> <p align="center">1</p> <p align="center">NURS 3313 (Seminar)</p> <p align="center">2</p> <p align="center">NURS 3311 (Health Assessment)*</p> <p align="center">4</p> <p align="center">—</p> <p align="center">7</p>		<p align="center">NURS 3331 (Pharmacology)*</p> <p align="center">4</p> <p align="center">—</p> <p align="center">4</p>
Year 2	<p align="center">NURS 4431 (Nursing Research)</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p align="center">NURS 4440 (Community Health)</p> <p align="center">4</p> <p align="center">—</p> <p align="center">7</p>		<p align="center">NURS 4432 (Senior Capstone)</p> <p align="center">3</p> <p align="center">NURS 4460 (Leadership/Practicum)</p> <p align="center">4</p> <p align="center">—</p> <p align="center">7</p>

***May be challenged by examination.**

Full-time

	FALL		SPRING	
Upper Division Nursing	1	NURS 3305 (Nutrition)*	3	NURS 4432 (Senior Capstone)
	4	NURS 3311 (Health Assessment)*	4	NURS 4460 (Leadership/Practicum)
	2	NURS 3313 (Seminar)	4	NURS 3331 (Pharmacology)*
	3	NURS 4431 (Nursing Research)	—	
	4	NURS 4440 (Community Health)	11	
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*Assumes completion of all CORE courses, required non-nursing courses, and awarding of 29 nursing credit hours based on transfer or validation of previous course-work.