

PROFESSIONAL NURSING CURRICULUM RN-BSN TRACK, BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

USC Upstate offers the RN to BSN track in collaboration with Palmetto College. The registered nurse track (RN/BSN) is designed for graduates of associate degree and diploma programs in nursing. It is comprised of courses in nursing, sciences and liberal arts. Registered nurses, who have completed successfully the elective, general education, and supporting courses, and who have met the admission requirements, may complete the program in one calendar year of study as outlined in the course sequence. Courses are offered at the University Center of Greenville and via the Internet. Didactic classes at UCG will be held one day per week, while Internet courses are offered in the asynchronous mode. Students desiring part-time study will require a longer period of time to complete the program.

All policies related to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing four-year track program apply to the registered nurse track unless specifically identified as four-year track policies.

Distance Learning

The mission of the College is to provide excellence in teaching and as such is dedicated to providing unique opportunities and creative flexible programs for students, faculty and the community. Distance learning and the use of other new educational technologies are part of the future in the continuing mission. The College offers the RN to BSN track in two modalities: traditional classroom and web. For further information and class offerings, please contact the College of Nursing Office at the Greenville campus, 864-552-4248.

Academic Residency

RN-BSN track students are required to meet the USC Upstate academic residency requirement. The last 25% (32 semester hours) of the curriculum must be courses offered through USC Upstate.

Bachelor of Science in Professional Nursing Curriculum RN-BSN Track

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Courses		
<i>I. Communication</i>		
English:		
ENGL U101	Composition I	3
ENGL U102	Composition II	3
Speech:		
SPCH U201	Foundations in Oral Communication	3
<i>II. Mathematics, Logic & Natural Sciences</i>		
Mathematics:		
Select one of the following:		3
MATH U120	College Mathematics	
MATH U121	College Algebra ¹	
MATH U126	Precalculus I	
MATH U127	Precalculus II	
MATH U141	Calculus I	

Natural Science (w/ lab): ²		
BIOL U244 & U244L	Human Anatomy and Physiology II and Human Anatomy and Physiology II Lab	4
CHEM U109 & U109L	Chemistry of Living Things and Chemistry of Living Things Lab	4
CHEM U112 & U112L	General Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis and General Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis Lab	4

Math, Logic and/or Natural Science:		
Select one of the following:		3
MATH U102	Elementary Statistics	
PSYC U225	Psychological Statistics	
SOCY U201	Introduction to Statistics for the Social Sciences	

III. Information Technology

Information Technology:		
Select one of the following:		3
CSCI U138	Introduction to Computer Technology	
INFO U101	Survey of Information Technology	

IV. Fine Arts, Humanities & History

Fine Arts:		
Select one of the following:		3
ARTH U101	Introduction to Art	
ARTH U105	History of Western Art: Prehistory - Middle Ages	
ARTH U106	History of Western Art: Renaissance - Modern	
MUSC U110	Introduction to Music	
MUSC U140	History of American Popular Music	
THEA U161	Introduction to Theatre Art	
THEA U170	Fundamentals in Acting	

History:		
Select one of the following:		3
HIST U105	History of the United States to 1877	
HIST U106	History of the United States from 1865	

V. Foreign Language & Culture

Foreign Language:		
Select one of the following: ³		3
ASLG U101	American Sign Language I	
FREN U101	Introductory French I	
GERM U101	Introductory German I	
SPAN U101	Introductory Spanish I	

VI. Social & Behavioral Sciences

Social & Behavioral Science:		
PSYC U101	Introduction to Psychology	3

VII. General Education Electives

General Ed. Electives:		
Select any approved general education course or courses (https://academic-catalog.uscupstate.edu/academic-programs/general-education-courses/)		6

Major Requirements ²

NURS U311	Health Assessment for RN-BSN Students	3
NURS U350	Professional Nursing Role Transition	3
NURS U420	Current Topics in Nursing ⁴	6
NURS U427	Digital and Information Literacy for Nurses	3
NURS U426	Evidence-Based Practice for RN-BSN Students	3

NURS U428	Quality and Patient Safety	3
NURS U431	Leadership in Nursing Practice for RN-BSN Students	3
NURS U462	Community and Public Health Nursing for RN-BSN Students	6
NURS U462P or NURS U471F	Community and Public Health Nursing Practicum for RN-BSN Students International Community and Public Health Nursing Practicum	0
NURS U498	Professional Nursing Issues for RN-BSN Students (Senior Seminar)	2
Supporting Courses ²		
BIOL U243 & U243L	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology I Lab	4
BIOL U250 & U250L	Principles of Microbiology and Principles of Microbiology Lab	4
PSYC U302	Developmental Psychology	3
Advanced Placement		
Advanced Placement credit for RN-BSN track students who meet the advanced placement requirement		33
Electives ²		6
NURS U420	Current Topics in Nursing ⁴	
NURS U700/ U701	Theoretical and Conceptual Foundations for Nursing ⁵	
Total Hours		126

¹ MATH U121 College Algebra or higher is the required prerequisite for PSYC U225 Psychological Statistics

² All courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C or better

³ The minimum acceptable level of competency is completion of the 101 level of a language. If the foreign language U101 course is required, it may be counted as an elective. If the student places at the 102 level or higher, the foreign language/culture competency has been fulfilled and the student will not be required to take an additional foreign language course or elective and can complete the BSN program with 123 credit hours.

⁴ RN-BSN students must complete NURS U420 Current Topics in Nursing twice with different subject matter.

⁵ RN to MSN students may substitute NURS U700 Theoretical and Conceptual Foundations for Nursing and/or NURS U701 Health Promotion and Advanced Health Assessment for NURS U420 Current Topics in Nursing with instructor approval and senior privilege.

Admission Policies

Bachelor's Degree for Registered Nurses (RN to BSN)

Registered nurses who have previously earned diplomas or associate degrees in nursing are admitted to the undergraduate program to meet requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Students are able to complete all degree requirements on a full time basis in one calendar year of study, or part-time in two calendar years.

The Mary Black College of Nursing awards 33 semester hours of validated nursing credit to each registered nurse for past nursing courses. The RN to BSN track is offered in collaboration with Palmetto College. For more information, visit palmettocollege.sc.edu (https://sc.edu/about/system_and_campuses/palmetto_college/online_programs/nursing/).

Admission of Registered Nurse Students

Application for admission to the upper division for registered nurse students is selective. Students apply through USC Upstate or the Palmetto College website and with the college of nursing. Each year's class is selected from students who meet the minimum requirements:

1. Minimum grade of C on all required prerequisite courses.
2. Completion of all lower division course requirements as listed on the Bachelor of Science Nursing Curriculum RN Track Student Worksheet.
3. Graduate from an ADN or diploma program that is recognized as accredited by the Commission for Education in Nursing, INC (ACEN), formerly the National League of Nursing (NLN)
4. Hold an unencumbered license. Clinical experiences in states other than South Carolina require an active license in that state.

RN-BSN Track One-Year Option Suggested Course Sequence Outline

(Part-time study is also possible; students should seek guidance regarding required sequencing.)

Code	Title	Hours
Prerequisite Credit		
General Education Support Courses, Electives		61
Advanced Placement Credit for Nursing Courses		33
First Semester		
NURS U311	Health Assessment for RN-BSN Students	3
NURS U350	Professional Nursing Role Transition	3
NURS U427	Digital and Information Literacy for Nurses	3
NURS U431	Leadership in Nursing Practice for RN-BSN Students	3
Second Semester		
NURS U426	Evidence-Based Practice for RN-BSN Students	3
NURS U428	Quality and Patient Safety	3
NURS U462	Community and Public Health Nursing for RN-BSN Students	6
NURS U462P	Community and Public Health Nursing Practicum for RN-BSN Students	0
NURS U498	Professional Nursing Issues for RN-BSN Students	2
Third Semester		
NURS U420	Current Topics in Nursing ^{1,2}	3
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Total Hours		126

¹ Topics vary by semester. students may not repeat the same topic for credit.

² RN to MSN students may substitute NURS U700 Theoretical and Conceptual Foundations for Nursing and/or NURS U701 Health Promotion and Advanced Health Assessment for NURS U420 Current Topics in Nursing with instructor approval and senior privilege.