

## RN to BS in Nursing Program

Rutgers School of Nursing offers an opportunity for graduating Associate degree/Diploma nursing students and licensed registered nurses to apply previous nursing, nursing science, and general education credits to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (**124 credits**). For nurses interested in pursuing Master's or Doctoral degrees upon completion, the Rutgers program provides opportunities for students to earn up to **12 graduate credits** throughout the program to jump-start the next phase of their nursing education.

Upon admission, transfer of credits is reviewed individually. Generally speaking, **Associate Degree and Diploma graduate nurses may transfer between 34 and 40 credits** for previous nursing coursework. Additionally, students may transfer up to 21 nursing science credits and an additional **33 general education credits** to meet program requirements.

### Program Highlights

- The primarily asynchronous, on-line, 30 credits in residency nursing program includes a small number of clinical practicums and face-to-face meetings.
- Non-nursing and graduate courses may be offered in an on-line, hybrid, or traditional classroom format.
- Students may continue to integrate general education, basic nursing and nursing science courses taken at a county college to meet program requirements.
- Select graduate courses (up to 12 graduate credits) may be earned while completing the program and may be applied to meet both baccalaureate and graduate degree program requirements.
  - Undergraduate students meeting the following criteria and with permission from the RN to BS in Nursing Program Director may enroll in graduate courses:
  - Successful completion of at least 2 semesters of Rutgers School of Nursing coursework (or 2 non-clinical nursing courses)
  - Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2 for Rutgers Nursing classes

### Curriculum Overview

These courses may be transferred or taken any point in the curriculum (33 credits):

Credits	Course (General Education) <sup>c</sup>
3	Expository Writing I or English Composition I
3	Research in the Disciplines or English Composition II
3	Anthropology/Cultural Studies
3	Introduction to Sociology
6	History/Political Science/Economics
3	Humanities
3	Literature
9	General Electives

Registered Nurses can achieve up to 40 credits for the following courses from nursing credits transferred from their basic nursing program, School of Nursing Proficiency Examinations or Baccalaureate/graduate courses at Rutgers:

Credits	Course (Basic Nursing)
4	Nursing Care Provider I and II (Nursing Fundamentals)
6	The Childbearing Family (Obstetrics/Maternal Health)
6	Health & Illness of Adults (Adult Health/Gerontology)
6	Health & Illness of Children & Adolescents (Pediatrics)
3	Pharmacotherapeutics
3	Life Span: A Holistic Approach (Developmental Psych) <sup>c</sup>
3	Culture, Lifestyle, and Health <sup>p</sup>
3	Human Interactive Processes (Communication) <sup>p</sup>
3	History, Trends and Issues in Health Care Delivery (Policy) <sup>p</sup>
3	Nutrition <sup>p</sup>

The following courses must be transferred or taken at Rutgers before taking any upper division nursing course (21 credits):

Credits	Course (Nursing Science)
4	Anatomy & Physiology I
4	Anatomy & Physiology II
4	Microbiology
3	Pathophysiology *
3	Organic Biochemistry
3	Statistics

The following courses must be taken at Rutgers and are included in the 30 credits in residency requirements:

Credits	Course (BS Nursing Core)
3	Health Assessment
3	Nursing Informatics *
3	Research Process Applied to Evidence-based Nursing Practice *
4	Professional Role Development
4	Community and Public Health Nursing
3	Community Health Promotion Practicum
4	Leadership and Management in Nursing
3	Leadership & Management Practicum
3	Special Topics in Nursing Elective *

<sup>c</sup> CLEP examinations may be available to meet some of these Rutgers University general education and basic nursing requirements.

<sup>p</sup> For students who do not have 40 nursing credits to transfer into the program, Rutgers School of Nursing offers Proficiency Examinations to earn credit for these courses.

\*Based on the student's individualized academic plan, qualified students may be able to take these courses at the graduate level.