

The Second Degree BS in Nursing Program - Newark & New Brunswick Campus

Curriculum effective Spring Term 2015

The Second Degree BS in Nursing Program, offered by Rutgers School of Nursing is designed for students who have already earned a bachelor's degree in another field and wish to pursue a second bachelor's degree in nursing.

The program is based on a core of general education, behavioral, and social sciences coursework from the student's previous degree, and 62 pre-licensure credits of nursing specific coursework taken at Rutgers School of Nursing. Students will receive a Bachelor of Science degree. Full-time study is required.

62 Credits (pre-licensure credits)

Course #	Course Title	Cr. Hrs.	
Level 1: Semester 1: 16 Credits			
NURS:202	Culture, Lifestyle, and Health	3	
NURS:304	Foundations of Nursing Practice	4	
NURS:490	Nursing Informatics	3	
NURS:306	Health Assessment	3	
NURS:245	Pathophysiology	3	
Level 2: Semester 2: 16 Credits			
NURS:341	Health and Illness of Adults & Older Adults I	5	
NURS:370	Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing	5	
NURS:411	Research Process Applied to Evidence-based Nursing Practice	3	
NURS:395	Pharmacotherapeutics	3	
Level 3: Semester 3: 16 Credits			
NURS:342	Health and Illness of Adults and Older Adults II	5	
NURS:390	Health and Illness of Infants, Children & Adolescents	4	
NURS:380	The Childbearing Family	4	
NURS:223	History, Trends & Issues in Health Care Delivery	3	
Level 4: Semester 4: 14 Credits			
NURS:444	Community Health Nursing	6	
NURS:419	Capstone	5	
NURS:420	Leadership & Management in Nursing	3	

The Second Degree BS in Nursing Requirements

Admission requires a baccalaureate degree in any field other than nursing, as well as completion of these prerequisite courses.

Admission Criteria
A grade point average (GPA) of 3.3 from a College/University baccalaureate institution is preferred
Anatomy & Physiology I and II* (8 credits with lab) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ completed within 5 years of acceptance to the program ▪ a grade of 3.0 or higher is required in both Anatomy and Physiology courses. Students not meeting this requirement are encouraged to retake the course (s) at a regionally accredited college or university.
Microbiology (4 credits with lab)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ completed within 5 years of acceptance to the program
Organic Biochemistry OR General Chemistry II* (4 credits with lab)* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ completed within 5 years of acceptance to the program
Statistics (3 credits)
LifeSpan: Growth & Development (3 credits)
Nutrition (3 credits)
Total: 28 credits

† All of the prerequisite courses must be undergraduate 100 level or higher and must be completed with a grade of "C" (2.0) or higher. An overall grade of (3.0) or higher is required for the science courses.

*Courses designed for "science or nursing majors" are highly preferred and must be taken within 5 years of acceptance into the program. No time limitation on all other courses

Final determination of acceptance of pre-requisite courses will be made by the Admissions Committee when your completed application is ready for review (this will be after the deadline date for applications)

All science prerequisite courses must be completed prior to application to the program.

Other requirements:

1. A completed application for admission.
2. Transcripts documenting graduation from a college or university with a bachelor's degree; and, all transcripts of all colleges/universities previously attended.
3. A personal essay of goals and objectives
4. Evidence of current American Heart Association Basic Life Support for Health Care Provider certification for Adult, Child, Infant and Automated External Defibrillator (AED)

For information concerning BLS Certification:
American Heart Association - New Jersey Office
 2550 US Highway One
 North Brunswick, NJ 08902
 Phone: 800-242-8721

Upon admittance to the program, the following items must be completed by the student:

- Current physical examination and required immunizations
- Completion of criminal background check

Review of applications

- The admissions committee utilizes a holistic review of each applicant. No preference is given to any one of the requirements to enter into our program. Each application is reviewed and assessed on the individual applicant's information, talents, achievements and potential to add their unique talents to our school.

The baccalaureate degree in nursing at Rutgers School of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.