



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 (**121 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, 27 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) ^c
3	Expository Writing I or English Composition I
3	Research in the Disciplines or English Composition II
3	Introduction to Psychology
3	Introduction to Sociology
3	Anthropology/Cultural Studies
3	History/Political Science/Economics
3	Humanities
3	Literature
9	Free Electives (3)

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	
34	NCLEX credits (Received from previous nursing associate degree or diploma program)
	Courses (Choose two of the following)
3	Nutrition (or Challenge Exam) ^p
3	Life Span (Developmental Psychology or CLEP) ^c
3	Pharmacology
3	Trends in Healthcare

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 w/ lab
3	Chemistry (Chemistry of Life or Organic Biochemistry)
3	Statistics
3	Pathophysiology *

The following courses must be taken at Rutgers and are included in the 27 credits in residency requirements:

Credits	Course (BS Nursing Core)
3	Health Assessment
3	Research Process Applied to Evidence-based Nursing Practice ^a
3	Professional Role Development
3	Nursing Informatics *
3	Community and Public Health Nursing
3	Community Health Promotion
3	Leadership and Management in Nursing
3	Leadership & Management Practicum
3	Sociocultural Dimensions of Health

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

^p For students who do not have 40 nursing credits to transfer into the program, Rutgers School of Nursing offers Proficiency Examinations to earn credit.

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