



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.

Upon admission, transfer of credits is reviewed individually. 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.

Curriculum Overview

These courses may be transferred or taken any point in the curriculum:

Credits General Education Courses (33 credits)^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 their nursing program and/or courses completed at Rutgers:

Credits Nursing Courses (40 credits)

- 34 NCLEX credits (Received from previous nursing associate degree or diploma program)
- 3 Nutrition (students may opt to take challenge exam)^p
- 3 Life Span or Developmental Psychology (students may opt to take CLEP)

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

Credits Nursing Science Courses (18 credits)

- 4 Anatomy & Physiology I
- 4 Anatomy & Physiology II
- 4 Microbiology w/ lab
- 3 Chemistry (Chemistry of Life or Organic Biochemistry)
- 3 Statistics

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

Credits RN to BS Nursing Core Courses (30 credits)

- 4 Pathophysiology and Pharmacotherapeutics for Clinical Nursing ^Δ
- 3 Health Assessment & Clinical Reasoning
- 3 Community and Public Health Nursing
- 3 RN BS Nursing Practicum
- 2 Professional Writing in Nursing
- 3 Introduction to Quality & Safety in Nursing
- 3 Clinical Inquiry ^{*}
- 3 Information Technology for Evidence Based Practice^{*}
- 3 Leadership Across the Continuum^{*}
- 3 Determinants of Health^{*}

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

^Δ Science requirement for RN program.

^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.

^{*} Graduate level course.