



**Entry to Baccalaureate Nursing Practice, Advanced Nursing Practice,  
& Nursing Science Divisions**

**Time Limit for Degree Completion**

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**1. Policy Statement**

To communicate the amount of time students have to complete their degree program.

**2. Reasons for Policy**

To ensure clarity around timelines to complete degrees.

**3. Who Should Review This Policy**

All School of Nursing faculty, instructors, students and staff.

**4. Definitions**

None

**5. The Policy**

**Baccalaureate Programs**

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**Traditional Program and R.N. to B.S. in Nursing Program**

The time limit for completion of degree requirements is seven years. Two additional semesters, one semester at a time, may be added with the permission of Rutgers School of Nursing.

**Second-Degree Program**

The time limit for completion of degree requirements for the full-time program is two years or six semesters. Additional time to complete the degree may be added with the permission of the Entry to Baccalaureate Nursing Division Administration/Committee.

**Blackwood 2 +2 Nursing Program**

The time limit for completion of degree requirements is four years. Two additional semesters, one semester at a time, may be added with the permission of Rutgers School of Nursing.

## Graduate Programs

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Graduate students are expected to be continuously registered every semester (fall, spring, summer) from the date of matriculation. The time limit for completion of degree requirements:

- B.S. to M.S.N. degree must be completed within five years
- M.S.N. to D.N.P. degree must be completed within five years
- B.S. to D.N.P. degree must be completed within six years
- Post-Master's certificate programs must be completed within four years

Additional time to complete the degree may be added with the permission of the Advanced Nursing Programs Committee.

**The Ph.D. in nursing degree** must be completed:

- Full-time students: within seven years
- Part-time students: within eight years