



**Entry to Baccalaureate Nursing Practice Division
Undergraduate Program Transfer Credit**

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1. Policy Statement

To provide undergraduate students the option to transfer graduate credits from accredited institutions. This policy applies to the Entry Level Baccalaureate division programs.

2. Reasons for Policy

To provide clarity for processes to transfer credits towards the undergraduate degree at Rutgers School of Nursing.

3. Who Should Review This Policy

All Rutgers School of Nursing Entry Level Baccalaureate students, faculty, and administration.

4. Resources and Related Documents:

[School of Nursing Request for Transfer Credit Form](#)

5. Definitions:

Transfer credit: Undergraduate credits earned at another accredited institution may be accepted in transfer, in accordance with the curricular requirements of the degree program. Transfer credits are added to the student’s transcript, and the student will graduate with the minimum number of credits required for program completion.

6. The Policy

Transfer/Academic Credit and Students

Once students begin matriculation at the Rutgers School of Nursing, they are expected to complete the remainder of their work at Rutgers University. There are, however, several other ways that students may earn credit toward the degree requirements. Students may be awarded credits through Advanced Placement examinations, International Baccalaureate, College Level Examination, and (in select cases) proficiency examinations. Credit may also be earned in transfer. Credits earned through these methods are not computed in the cumulative grade-point average.

Transfer Credit Evaluation

- In general, credit is granted for courses taken at accredited colleges and institutions if they are the equivalent of Rutgers courses and a grade of at least a C has been earned.
- United States colleges must be accredited by one of the major regional accrediting authorities recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (chea.org) for coursework to transfer to Rutgers. They are Middle States (MSCHE), New England (NEASC-CIHE), North Central (NCA-HLC), Southern (SACS), and Western (ACCJW-WASC).
- Students transferring from two-year institutions may receive a maximum of 60 credits.
- Students transferring from four-year institutions may receive a maximum of 90 credits.

Advanced Placement

High school seniors who have taken advanced courses may take the College Board Advanced Placement Examinations administered by the College Board. Advanced placement and/or degree credit is awarded for scores of 4 or 5.

Placement Exams

All newly admitted first-year students will take Rutgers University's placement tests. Transfer students entering Rutgers without an equivalent English writing course or math course will also be required to take placement tests. Placement test results provide information about course placement.

Placement Exam Exemptions

Students who meet the following criteria are exempt from taking the placement test:

Newark Campus, English Exam Exemption:

- New students who receive an average score of 550 or above on the written and verbal portions of the SAT on the old SAT Critical Reading exam (March 2016 to present)
- New students who receive an average score of 580 or above on the on the new SAT Evidence-Based Reading and Writing exam (March 2016 to present)
- New students who receive above 26 on the ACT
- New students who score a 4 or 5 on the AP English Language and Composition or English Literature and Composition (must be completed before testing)*
- New students who have completed Rutgers University-Newark's equivalent of 21:355:101 or 21:355:102 with a grade of C or better will NOT need to take the placement exam. PLEASE NOTE: Writing course below 100 level will not exempt you from testing.

Newark Campus, Mathematics Exam Exemption:

- A score of 4 or 5 on the AP/AB series (Calculus I) or AP/BC (Calculus II)

New Brunswick Campus, English Exam Exemption:

- Evidence-Based Reading and Writing (EBRW) SAT score of 650 or higher (by January test)
- ACT Reading score of 28 or higher (by January test)
- AP Exam in English Lang/Comp with score of 4 or 5 (already completed before testing)*
- AP Exam in English Lit/Comp with score of 4 or 5 (already completed before testing)*

New Brunswick Campus, Mathematics Exam Exemption:

- AP Exam in Calculus AB or BC with score of 4 or 5 (already completed before testing)*
- AP Calculus AB sub-score of 4 or 5 on the AP Calculus BC test (already completed before testing)*

NOTE: If Rutgers University has not received a student's AP placement scores by the scheduled placement test date, they MUST still complete the English placement exam. However, if the student submits a score of 4 or 5 after the placement test date, the AP score will override the score on the ACCUPLACER placement test.

*Since most student orientation and advisement sessions occur before AP scores are released, students should take the placement test. Students who earn the required AP scores, will be awarded the appropriate college credits regardless of placement test score.

College Level Examination Program

Rutgers School of Nursing participates in the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), which is administered by the College Entrance Examination Board. Students may earn a maximum of 12 credits for the General Examination, provided they score at or above the 50th percentile. Candidates for admission will be granted degree credit for CLEP Subject Examinations approved by the school, provided they achieve a score at or above the 50th percentile. For further information, contact the College Entrance Examination Board, Princeton, NJ 08541 (609-921-9000).

Students considering CLEP exams for any undergraduate program, should consult with the program director for further guidance.

Transfer Credit for Registered Nurses

Rutgers School of Nursing offers registered nurses the opportunity to obtain a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree with the opportunity to earn up to 12 graduate credits.

Registered nurses with an associate's degree from an accredited nursing program, registered nurses with a diploma, or those who graduated from an accredited cooperative nursing program will receive 34 nursing credits.

Additionally, they may receive credit for any courses that meet the R.N. to B.S. program general elective requirements (English, humanities, social sciences, and sciences). There is no limit on the number of courses that can be transferred; however, there is a 30-credit residency requirement at Rutgers University. We will not accept transfer credits for the R.N to B.S. core nursing (705) requirements.

R.N to B.S. Students Earning a Second Degree

Students who have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education may be granted credit for general education courses.

Registered nurses who possess a baccalaureate degree in another field may be granted credit for general education courses (direct course equivalencies are not required) except required prerequisites such as Introduction to Psychology, English Composition 1 and English Composition 2.

Proficiency examinations are offered for any of the lower-division nursing courses. Proficiency examinations may be taken only once. Failure on any proficiency examination requires the student to take the regular course offering. Criteria for successful completion of examinations are based on Rutgers

School of Nursing grading policy and standardized test passing levels. An administrative fee is charged for each proficiency examination.

Second Degree B.S in Nursing Students

Students who have earned a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution of higher education may be granted credit for general education courses.

Students who possess a baccalaureate degree in another field may be granted credit for general education courses (direct course equivalencies are not required) with the exception of required nursing prerequisites. A detailed description of the program's admission criteria/requirements is listed on the School of Nursing website.

Transfer Credit for School Nurse Certificate Program

Rutgers School of Nursing accepts the Introduction to Educational Psychology examination of the College Level Examination Program (CLEP), which is administered by the College Entrance Examination Board, to meet program requirements. A score at or above the 50th percentile is required. See the School Nurse Certificate Program for more information.

Transfer Students in Undergraduate Programs: R.N to B.S., Second Degree and Blackwood Students

Rutgers School of Nursing does not currently accept external transfer students.

Students wishing to transfer from another Rutgers University school should consult the School-to-School website.

Students who transfer from other institutions or who, while matriculated at the School of Nursing, receive approval to take courses at other institutions (refer to School of Nursing undergraduate program (Student Forms), may receive degree credit for academic courses with a grade of C or better. Transfer or matriculated students at the School of Nursing who are approved to take the nursing major courses Nutrition, Life Span and Developmental Psychology, and at another academic institution will only receive credit with a grade of C+ or better.

Courses without a School of Nursing/Rutgers University equivalent will be reviewed on a course-by-course basis. The School of Nursing does not transfer credit for courses passed by examination at other institutions. Courses that were not offered in a traditional classroom format (for example, independent studies, internships, fieldwork, etc.) are typically not awarded transfer credit. Extension, professional, military, and technical training and continuing education courses typically have informal or no prerequisites and are designed to provide discrete, targeted knowledge rather than being a part of a broader liberal arts curriculum. As such, many of these courses are not awarded credit in the School of Nursing unless they are clearly equivalent to courses offered by the School of Nursing.

Science courses offered online as well as Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs), including those taught through Coursera, are not transferable to the School of Nursing. Transfer credits and grades from institutions other than Rutgers University are not included in the cumulative grade-point average.