Nursing, RN-BSN

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Admission Criteria

The RN-BSN program at Dalton State College participates in the Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Plan developed by collaborative efforts of ASN and BSN nursing educators. The program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, Phone: 404-975-5000; Fax: 404-975-5020; www.acenursing.org). To be eligible to participate in this program, a student must meet the following criteria:

- Graduation from an ASN or Diploma program within the past four (4) years.
  OR
- Graduation from an ASN or Diploma program more than four (4) years ago with documentation of 1000 hours of practice within the past 3 years.

Applicants Must Also

- Hold a current, unencumbered, valid license to practice nursing at the time of application. Student must present licensure documentation as part of the application packet. ASN graduates who meet the above requirements will receive transfer credit for 20 hours of nursing credit for associate degree nursing courses and 19 hours of “credit by exam” after completing nine (9) hours of upper division nursing courses.
- Have a minimum 2.75 overall GPA (includes coursework from all colleges attended).
- Complete at least 50 hours of core which includes 33 semester hours from the ASN program; 11 semester hours from Area D – Natural Sciences, Math, and Technology; 3 semester hours from Area E - Lower Division Major Requirements (SOCI 1101 - Introduction to Sociology), and 3 semester hours from Area F – Lower Division Major Requirements (PSYC 2103 – Human Development). In order to be considered for selection, these 11 hours must be completed by the April 1 application deadline for the fall cohort or the November 1 deadline for the spring cohort. All CLEP testing must be completed by the application deadline (April 1 for the fall cohort or November 1 for the spring cohort).
- Be admitted to Dalton State College and complete a separate admission application to the Bachelor’s Degree Nursing Department. A $20 application fee is required for the RN-BSN program.

To Apply You Must:

1. Be accepted to Dalton State College and receive a Dalton State email address.
2. Submit the online application found on the RN-BSN Requirements for Admission and Application link on the Department of Bachelor’s Degree web page between January 1 - April 1 annually for the fall cohort or August 1 - November 1 annually for the spring cohort.

*NOTE: Acceptance to Dalton State DOES NOT mean acceptance into the RN-BSN nursing sequence. Students will be notified of acceptance into the sequence by May 1 for the fall cohort or December 1 for the spring cohort.

Plan of Study

Plan of study is dependent upon student’s educational background.

Plan A is for students who have taken all or most of the required Core Curriculum courses, including the RN-BSN prerequisites.

Plan B is for students who have completed only those courses required to receive the ASN degree at Dalton State College.

Nursing courses are taught in an online format using Collaborate through D2L. A computer with a webcam and internet access is required for this program.

Plan A

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Semester I</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>NURS 3000</td>
<td>Health Assessment</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Upper Division Elective</td>
<td></td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Core Curriculum (as needed)</td>
<td></td>
<td>0-6</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Hours</td>
<td></td>
<td>6-12</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Plan B

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Semester I</th>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>MATH 2200</td>
<td>Introduction to Statistics</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lab Science Sequence</td>
<td></td>
<td>4</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PSYC 2103</td>
<td>Human Development</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>SOCI 1160</td>
<td>Social Problems</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>or SOCI 2293</td>
<td>Marriage and Family</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>or HLTH 2500</td>
<td>Interpersonal Health/Relations</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Hours</td>
<td></td>
<td>13</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*NOTE: Acceptance to Dalton State DOES NOT mean acceptance into the RN-BSN nursing sequence. Students will be notified of acceptance into the sequence by May 1 for the fall cohort or December 1 for the spring cohort.
NURS 3100  Perspectives on USA Health Sys  3
NURS 4000  Evidenced-based Practice  3
Area C Elective  3
Total Hours  12

Semester IV
NURS 4100  Mgmt/Leadership-Groups/Comm (clinical project included)  6
NURS 4200  Nursing Capstone  3
Area C Elective  3
Total Hours  12

RN-BSN Program Requirements

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program for the Registered Nurse (RN-BSN) will include the following courses and hours.

Area A: Essential Skills
(Students must complete Area A by the time they complete 30 hours course work.)
ENGL 1101  English Composition I  3
ENGL 1102  English Composition II  3
MATH 1111  College Algebra  3

Area B: Institutional Options
COMM 1110  Fundamentals of Speech  3
One of the following electives:  1
COMM 1120  Argumentation and Advocacy
ENGL 1105  Intro to Greek Mythology
ENGL 1110  Creative Writing
GEOL 1000  Natural Hazards
HIST 1050  Appalachian Hist-Special Topic
HIST 1051  Sports Hist & Amer Character
HUMN 1000  Mystery Fiction in Pop Culture
HUMN 1100  Political and Social Rhetoric
HUMN 1300  Christian Fiction/Pop Culture
PHED 1030  Health & Wellness Concepts
SOCI 1000  Race and Ethnicity in America

Area C: Humanities/Fine Arts
Choose one to two ENGL course(s):  3-6
ENGL 2111  World Literature I
ENGL 2112  World Literature II
ENGL 2120  British Literature I
ENGL 2121  British Literature II
ENGL 2130  American Literature I
ENGL 2131  American Literature II
ENGL 2201  Intro to Film as Literature
If only one ENGL course chosen, add one of the following:  0-3
ARTS 1100  Art Appreciation
HUMN 1201  Expressions of Culture I
HUMN 1202  Expressions of Culture II
MUSC 1100  Music Appreciation
MUSC 1110  World Music
MUSC 1120  American Music
THEA 1100  Theatre Appreciation

Area D: Science/Mathematics/Technology
MATH 2200  Introduction to Statistics  3
One of the following Laboratory Science Sequences:  8
BIOL 1107K  Principles of Biology I
& BIOL 1108K  Principles of Biology II
CHEM 1211K  Principles of Chemistry I
& CHEM 1212K  Principles of Chemistry II
PHYS 1111K  Introductory Physics I
& PHYS 1112K  Introductory Physics II

Area E: Social Sciences
HIST 2111  United States History to 1877  3
or HIST 2112  United States Hist since 1877  3
POLS 1101  American Government  3
PSYC 1101  Introduction to Psychology  3
SOCI 1101  Introduction to Sociology  3

Area F: Major Related
BIOL 2212K  Anatomy and Physiology I  4
BIOL 2213K  Anatomy and Physiology II  4
BIOL 2215K  Microbiology  4
PSYC 2103  Human Development  3
SOCI 1160  Social Problems  3
or SOCI 2293  Marriage and Family
or HLTH 2500  Interpersonal Health/Relations

Major and Upper Division Courses
NURS 3000  Health Assessment  3
NURS 3100  Perspectives on USA Health Sys  3
NURS 4000  Evidenced-based Practice (19 hours of "credit-by-exam" granted upon completion)  3
NURS 4100  Mgmt/Leadership-Groups/Comm  6
NURS 4200  Nursing Capstone  3

Upper division 3000-level course elective in Business, Social Work, Criminal Justice, the Social Sciences or Health and Wellness with nursing advisor approval.

* Must take one of these courses to satisfy Global Perspective learning goals of the Core Curriculum

Program Summary
Core Curriculum (Areas A-F)  60
Lower Division Nursing Courses  20
Credit through Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Agreement  19
Major and Upper Division Courses  21
Total Hours  120