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 17 hours must be completed by the July 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 (July 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.

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 April 1 - July 1 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 August 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 internet access is required for this program.

### Plan A

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### Semester III

- **Upper Division Elective** 3
- **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
  - or **MATH 1001** Quantitative Skills/Reasoning
  - or **MATH 1101** Intro to Mathematical Modeling
  - or **MATH 1113** Precalculus Mathematics

#### 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
  - **HLTH 1030** Health and Wellness Concepts
  - **HUMN 1000** Mystery Fiction in Pop Culture
  - **HUMN 1100** Political and Social Rhetoric
  - **HUMN 1300** Christian Fiction/Pop Culture
  - **SOCI 1000** Race and Ethnicity in America
  - **PRSP Elective (See advisor)**

#### Area C: Humanities/Fine Arts

Choose one to two ENGL course(s): 3-6

- **ENGL 2000** Topics in Literature & Culture
- **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

One of the following Laboratory Science Sequences: 8

- **BIOL 1107K & BIOL 1108K** Principles of Biology I and Principles of Biology II
- **CHEM 1211K & CHEM 1212K** Principles of Chemistry I and Principles of Chemistry II
- **PHYS 1111K & PHYS 1112K** Introductory Physics I and Introductory Physics II
- **MATH 1401** Elementary Statistics 3

#### Area E: Social Sciences

- **HIST 2111** United States History to 1877 3
  - or **HIST 2112** United States Hist since 1877
- **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.

### Program Summary

- **Core Curriculum (Areas A-F)** 60
- **Lower Division Nursing Courses** 20
- **Credit through Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Agreement** 19
- **Total Hours** 120
Courses

**NURS 1111. Basic Nursing Care. 3-8-6 Units.**
A foundation course that introduces nursing concepts and skills related to the care of multicultural individuals across the lifespan. Requires clinical applications using evidence-based practice in a variety of health care and simulated settings. (Career Course)(F)
Prerequisites: BIOL 2212K, MATH 1001, 1101, 1111, or 1113, ENGL 1101.
Corequisites: NURS 1112, NURS 1113, BIOL 2213K.

**NURS 1112. Intro. Pharm. & Dosage Calc.. 2-0-2 Units.**
Introduces pharmacological concepts including drug classifications, mathematical calculations, and principles of drug administration. Satisfies the computer literacy requirement. (Career Course)(F)
Corequisites: NURS 1111, NURS 1113, BIOL 2213K.

**NURS 1113. Nutrition. 2-0-2 Units.**
Introduces basic nutrition concepts of digestion, absorption and metabolism. Concentrates on essential nutrients including carbohydrates, lipids, proteins, vitamins and minerals. Addresses nutritional needs from infancy through adulthood and includes eating disorders. (Career Course)(F; S, M)

**NURS 1115. Maternal Newborn Nursing. 3-14-4 Units.**
A foundation course that concentrates on nursing concepts and skills related to the care of multicultural individuals in the maternal newborn setting. Addresses common well-defined health alterations as related to pregnancy, childbirth and the newborn as well as incorporating the child-bearing family. Requires clinical applications using evidenced-based practice in the maternal newborn and simulated settings. (Career Course) Prerequisite: NURS 1111, NURS 1112, NURS 1113, BIOL 2213K Corequisite: BIOL 2215K, PSYC 1101

**NURS 1116. Mental Health Nursing. 3-12-3 Units.**
A foundation course that concentrates on nursing concepts and skills related to the care of multicultural individuals in the mental health setting. Addresses common well-defined health alterations and incorporates individuals with mental health issues. Requires clinical applications using evidenced-based practice in a variety of mental health, community based, and simulated settings. (Career Course) Prerequisite: NURS 1111, NURS 1112, NURS 1113, BIOL 2213K Corequisite: BIOL 2215K, PSYC 1101

**NURS 2011. Nursing Care Lifespan II. 3-17-9 Units.**
A continuation course that concentrates on nursing concepts and skills related to the care of multicultural individuals across the lifespan. Addresses relevant well-defined health alterations. Requires clinical applications using evidence-based practice in a variety of health care, community based, and simulated settings. (Career course)(F)
Prerequisites: NURS 1111, NURS 1112, NURS 1113, NURS 1114, BIOL 2215K.

**NURS 2012. Nursing Care Lifespan III. 3-17-9 Units.**
A culmination course that concentrates on nursing concepts and skills related to the care of multicultural individuals across the lifespan. Addresses complex well-defined health alterations. Involves team management of patients and health care workers. Requires clinical applications using evidence-based practice in a variety of health care, community based, and simulated settings. (Career Course)(S)
Prerequisites: NURS 1111, NURS 1112, NURS 1113, NURS 1114, NURS 2011, BIOL 2215K, and all general education courses.
Corequisites: NURS 2013.

**NURS 2013. Nursing Issues. 2-0-2 Units.**
Discusses current issues in nursing, prepares students for the NCLEX-RN exam, and facilitates the transition from student to health care professional. Satisfies the computer literacy requirement. (Career Course)(S)
Prerequisites: NURS 2011 and all general education courses.
Corequisites: NURS 2012.

**NURS 3000. Health Assessment. 2-2-3 Units.**
A study of theory and skills needed to holistically assess the health of individuals across the life span. An introduction to a comprehensive assessment of groups/communities is included. This course includes 2 hours of lab practice. (S, M)
Prerequisites: RN licensure or permission of instructor.

**NURS 3001. RN-BSN Nursing Examination. 0-0-19 Units.**
19 hours of credit granted upon successful completion of NURS 4000.

**NURS 3100. Perspectives on USA Health Sys. 3-0-3 Units.**
This multi-disciplinary course focuses on nursing, business, and social perspectives of the American health care system. Issues related to safety and quality, access, finance, and politics will be emphasized. (F)
Corequisites: NURS 3000, NURS 4000.

**NURS 4000. Evidenced-based Practice. 3-0-3 Units.**
This course focuses on the understanding and use of nursing theory, nursing research, and evidence-based practices in clinical decision making regarding care of individuals, groups, and communities. (F)
Corequisites: NURS 3000, NURS 3100.

**NURS 4100. Mgmt/Leadership-Groups/Comm. 3-9-6 Units.**
A study of leadership/management theory and skills needed to effectively deliver safe and client-centered nursing care in a variety of settings including acute care, community health care, and international health care settings. This course includes clinical experience in leadership and community health arenas. (S)
Prerequisites: NURS 3000, NURS 3100, NURS 4000.
Corequisites: NURS 4200.

**NURS 4200. Nursing Capstone. 3-0-3 Units.**
A course designed to allow students to explore, discuss and begin to resolve issues in professional nursing and health care. In this course, students will complete a senior thesis project. (S)
Corequisites: NURS 4100.

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Prerequisites: NURS 2011 and all general education courses.
Corequisites: NURS 2012.

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