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**

**Semester I**

NURS 3000 Health Assessment 3

Upper Division Elective 3

Core Curriculum (as needed) 0-6

Total Hours 6-12

**Semester II**

NURS 3100 Perspectives on USA Health Sys 3

NURS 4000 Evidenced-based Practice 3

(Upon completion of NURS 4000, 19 hours of upper division nursing credit given according to Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Agreement)

Core Curriculum Courses (as needed) 3-6

Total Hours 9-12

**Semester III**

NURS 4100 Mgmt/Leadership-Groups/Comm (clinical project included) 6

NURS 4200 Nursing Capstone 3

Total Hours 9

**Plan B**

**Semester I**

Lab Science Sequence 4

MATH 1401 Elementary Statistics 3

PSYC 2103 Human Development 3

SOCI 1160 or SOCI 2293 Social Problems 3

or HLTH 2500 Marriage and Family Interpersonal Health/Relations 3

Total Hours 13

**Semester II**

Lab Science Sequence 4

ENGL 1102 English Composition II 3

Area B Elective 1

NURS 3000 Health Assessment 3

Total Hours 11
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 1113 Precalculus Mathematics
or MATH 1101 Intro to Mathematical Modeling

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
Major and Upper Division Courses 21
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.