

School of Health Science

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) Program

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program at Kingston University is an advanced-standing bachelor completion program. It is designed for registered nurses to give formal educational credit for knowledge and/or ability gained through previous training or experience and enable registered nurses to become successful leaders, managers and deliverers of care to patients in health care environments.

Students must have completed a Nursing program at the Associate degree level and have earned the RN credential in good standing. As this RN to BSN program builds upon prior knowledge students obtained during previous nursing education and through professional experience, the emphasis of the program is placed on assisting students to develop a professional practice that highlights collaborative approaches and evidence-based practice. By exploring the application of concepts from the management field to professional nursing practice roles, the program allows practicing registered nurses the opportunity to expand their knowledge base and to prepare them for new career opportunities. Examples of positions graduates may qualify for include Staff RN, Director of Nursing Staff Nurse, Charge Nurse, Relief Charge Nurse, Nurse Educator and Director of Staff Development.

The curriculum consists of a total of 60 semester units. Together with the 60 semester units or the equivalent credit hours transferred from the required Associate's Degree, students will meet the total credit hour of 120 semester units required for a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. For course works students completed beyond their Associate degree in Nursing program, students may be awarded up to 30 credit units earned from previous courses similar to the prescribed RN-to-BSN courses which were completed at a regionally or nationally accredited institution.

Students may complete the RN-to-BSN program in twelve months by enrolling in the classes on full-time basis.

Admission Requirements:

Students desiring admission to the RN to BSN program must meet the following requirements:

1. Completed a nursing program at the Associate Degree level with a GPA of at least 2.5.
2. Holds a valid RN license

International Student Admission Requirements:

Unless a graduate from a US high school or foreign equivalent where English was the language of instruction evidenced by an official transcript, or a student having taken at least 2 years of education in a college program where English was the language of instruction evidenced by an official transcript, an applicant whose native language is not English must satisfy English proficiency requirement for admission to the BSN program by scoring a TOEFL test with at least 450 PBT, 133 CBT or 45 iBT; a TOEIC of at least 480 or a IELTS of 4.

Graduation Requirements:

To receive the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Degree, students must meet the following academic requirements:

- completed 60 units in courses prescribed for the completion program which must include 30 semester units as prescribed below
- completed a total of at least 45 semester units or the equivalent in academic general education coursework
- meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirement
- maintained a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 or better



RN to BSN Curriculum

General Education Courses Required: 45 Semester Units or equivalent

Students may be admitted to the RN to BSN program after they have completed General Education courses or be enrolled, concurrently, in General Education courses, which must be completed prior to completion of the BSN program, and with a minimum G.P.A. attained must be of 2.0 or better. GE courses are offered at community/city colleges.

Category	Minimum Requirement	Examples of Subject Area
English & Communication	2 courses	College English*
		Communication
		Speech
Humanities and Fine Arts	2 courses	History, Music, Arts
		Critical Thinking
		Foreign Languages
Mathematics	2 courses	College Algebra
		Statistics
		Business Math
Social and Behavioral Sciences	2 courses	Sociology
		Political Science
		Psychology
Natural and Physical Sciences	3 courses	Chemistry
		General Physics
		Nutrition
		Computer Science

Nursing Science Courses Required: 30 Semester Units

Course No.	Course Title	TOTAL CONTACT HOURS	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS
HC 3010	Healthcare Informatics	45	3
HC 3140	Introduction to Biostatistics	45	3
NS 3020	Cultural Competency in Nursing Care	45	3
NS 3190	Pathophysiology in Nursing	45	3
NS 3200	Nursing Research	45	3
NS 3520	Assessment of Health and Wellness	45	3
NS 4050	Legal Aspect of Nursing	45	3
NS 4500	Client Education	45	3
NS 4530	Gerontology in Nursing Care	45	3
NS 4700	Nursing Leadership and Management	45	3
TOTAL		450	30