



Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) RN-to-BSN/MSN Curriculum Plan

This curriculum plan is designed for Registered Nurses (RNs) who are graduates of accredited associate degree or hospital diploma programs and seek both the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) and the Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degrees. Students who already have a baccalaureate degree in another field or an Associate of Science or an Associate of Arts from an Arkansas-supported college or university do not have to complete UCA's General Education requirements. Qualified RNs receive 41 hours of BSN nursing credit based on their prior educational program.

This track is similar to the RN-to-BSN track with the exception that it allows the RN to complete up to 9 graduate credit hours while completing the BSN in lieu of 3 undergraduate courses, thus accelerating the MSN degree program. The BSN degree is awarded when the baccalaureate degree requirements are met. The length of time to complete the BSN and MSN degrees vary on the curriculum plan. All courses with asterisks (*) must be completed with a minimum grade of "C" and are required for the nursing major. The 2nd number in each course represents the number of credit hours. If a program requirement can be met by more than one course, those options are listed and separated by "or." Required courses may be taken at UCA or transferred in. Students are responsible for meeting prerequisites for all courses.

BSN Credit Awarded Through Articulation (41 Hours)

NURS 2305	Health Assessment	NURS 3505	Caring for Children and Their Families
NURS 2310	Pharmacology	NURS 3510	Caring for Individuals with Psychiatric Mental Health Problems
NURS 2505	Concepts of Professional Nursing	NURS 3515	Caring for Adults with Chronic Health Problems
NURS 2510	Caring for the Medical-Surgical Patient	NURS 4505	Caring for Adults with Complex Health Problems
NURS 3501	Caring for the Childbearing Family		

Courses to be Completed Before Admission to BSN Major (56-74 Hours)

BIOL 1400*	Biology for Gen Ed ¹	PSYC 1300*	General Psychology
BIOL 2411*	Microbiology in Human Affairs	PSCI 2312* or PSYC 2330 * or SOC 2321* or MATH 2311*	Statistics
BIOL 2405*	Anatomy & Physiology ¹		
CHEM 1402*	Physiological Chemistry I ²		
CHEM 2450*	Physiological Chemistry II ²	SOC 1300*	Principles of Sociology
FACS 2341* or PSYC 2370*	Human Development	SPCH 1300*	Basic Oral Communication
MATH 1390*	College Algebra	WRTG 1320*	Academic Writing
NUTR 1300*	Nutrition Life Cycle	WRTG 1310*	Intro to College Writing
PHIL 1301* or PHIL 2325*	Philosophy	21 credit hours	UCA General Education Courses**

**See UCA's Academic Outreach and Extended Programs website for courses currently offered online. (www.uca.edu/outreach/online)

RN-to-BSN/MSN Courses Offered Online Examples of Substitute Graduate Courses

NURS 3200*	Transition to Professional Nursing	NURS 4510*	Community Health Nursing
NURS 3201* or NURS 6305*	Nurse as Educator or Educational Concepts	NURS 4515*	Leadership & Resource Mgmt in Nursing
NURS 4213* or NURS 6301*	Nursing Research or Research for Evidence-Based Practice I	BIOL 4311* or NURS 6320*	Pathophysiology Pathophysiology
NURS 4220*	Roles and Issues in Professional Nursing	9 credit hours	<u>Approved</u> Upper Level Electives

MSN Courses Dependent on Track and Specialization

¹ BIOL 2406 & 2407 will meet program requirements.

² CHEM 1450 and 1451 will meet program requirements.