

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 program 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 twenty-four 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
- maintained a minimum G.P.A. of 2.0 or better



RN to BSN Curriculum

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.

<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Credit Units</u>
HC 3010	Healthcare Informatics	3
HC 3140	Introduction to Biostatistics	3
NS 3020	Cultural Competency in Nursing Care	3
NS 3190	Pathophysiology in Nursing	3
NS 3200	Nursing Research	3
NS 3520	Assessment of Health and Wellness	3
NS4050	Legal Aspect of Nursing	3
NS 4500	Client Education	3
NS 4530	Gerontology in Nursing Care	3
NS 4700	Nursing Leadership and Management	3
TOTAL		60

Semester Curriculum Structure for Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program - Normal Progress Sample

<u>Semester</u>	<u>Course No.</u>	<u>Course Title</u>	<u>Semester Units</u>	<u>Contact Hours</u>
1	HC3010	Healthcare Informatics	3.0	45
	HC3020	Cultural Competent Nursing Care	3.0	45
	HC3140	Statistics in Nursing	3.0	45
			Subtotal	9.0 135
2	NS3190	Pathophysiology in Nursing	3.0	45
	NS 3200	Nursing Research	3.0	45
	NS 3520	Assessment of Health and Wellness	3.0	45
	NS 4050	Legal Aspect of Nursing	3.0	45
			Subtotal	12.0 180
3	NS4500	Client Education	3.0	45
	NS4530	Gerontology in Nursing Care	3.0	45
	NS4700	Nursing Leadership and Management	3.0	45
			Subtotal	9.0 135

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