

# *RN-to-BSN Track of the Undergraduate Program*

## **INTRODUCTION**

The undergraduate nursing major builds upon a broad general education foundation in liberal arts, basic and applied sciences, and behavioral and social sciences. A special curriculum is available for Registered Nurses (RNs) desiring to complete requirements for a baccalaureate degree with a major in nursing. This curriculum is designed to accommodate RNs who are employed and/or involved with family, community, and other responsibilities.

A Registered Nurse Student is one who has:

- graduated from an associate degree or diploma program,
- passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX),
- become registered or eligible to practice in the Commonwealth of Virginia, and
- been admitted to Radford University.

## **PROGRAM FORMAT**

The RN-to-BSN track of the undergraduate program is offered through a web-enhanced approach. Students visit the main campus in Radford approximately twice per semester for orientation, presentations, group projects, etc., but the majority of coursework is online. Students are based either from the main campus or the New College Institute in Martinsville.

## **PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Candidates for the Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Nursing comply with regulations governing baccalaureate degrees at Radford. Registered nurse students complete courses to meet the general education requirements and nursing prerequisites. Students may transfer in academic coursework completed at other institutions.

Application for admission to the upper division nursing program may be made when the student is within nine hours of completing the general education requirements. Students must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 or above on a 4.0 scale and have completed all nursing

prerequisites with a grade of “C” or better. In order to receive advance standing through challenge examinations and/or transition courses, students must provide evidence of having practiced nursing as an R.N. within the past five years. Full time students can complete the curriculum in 12 months. Part-time enrollment is possible.

## **PROGRAM OUTCOMES**

The graduate of the baccalaureate program of the Radford University School of Nursing:

- Applies the nursing process in partnership with the client to promote, protect, and restore the client’s holistic health.
- Implements the Standards of Nursing Practice.
- Utilizes knowledge and skills in health care and information technology.
- Utilizes critical thinking, research findings, and Standard of Nursing Practice through involvement with health care issues.
- Demonstrates caring through theory and evidence based nursing interventions.
- Implements effective written, oral, and nonverbal communication skills.
- Applies ethical decision making processes in meeting health care needs.
- Collaborates with clients and other health care professionals to provide culturally sensitive nursing care.
- Demonstrates a commitment to lifelong learning and professional development.
- Exhibits leadership qualities commensurate with entry-level professional nursing practice.
- Promotes legislation and policy consistent with the advancement of nursing care on a regional, state, national, and global level.

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**THE UNIVERSITY**

Radford University, which offers undergraduate and graduate degree programs, is committed to individualized instruction within medium-sized classes, maintenance of high academic standards, and excellence in teaching and advising students. Radford faculty members are, also, engaged in research, publication and other professional activities.

**FINANCIAL AID/PAYMENT OPTIONS**

Scholarship and loan funds and a payment plan are available. For additional information, please consult:

**Office of Financial Aid**

<http://finaid.asp.radford.edu/>

(540) 831-5408

**Student Accounts Office**

<http://stuacct.asp.radford.edu/>

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**CURRICULUM GUIDE**

**Core Curriculum  
(effective Fall Semester 2009)**

Core 101 and 102	3, 3
[Satisfied with six (6) credits of English Composition and three (3) credits of Speech Communication]	
Core 201 and 202	3, 3
Mathematics	3
*Natural Science (with laboratory)	4
Humanities	3
Fine Arts	3
Introductory Psychology	3
Global Perspectives	3
Introductory Sociology	3
*Statistics	3
Humanities, Fine Arts, or Foreign Language	3
*Nutrition	3
*Developmental Psychology	3
*Anatomy and Physiology	4-6
*Microbiology	4

**\*Prerequisites for upper division nursing courses**

**Upper Division Nursing (62 semester hours)**

**Sample Full-time Program of Study**

**Fall**

*NURS 330 Foundations for Prof Practice	**3 (12)
*NURS 335 RN Transition Course I	**3 (9)
+NURS 444 Gerontological Nursing	5

**Spring**

NURS 362 Nursing Research	2
NURS 435 Transition Course II	**3 (21)
+NURS 449 Leadership in Prof Practice	**5 (8)

**Summer**

+NURS 451 Community Health Nursing	5
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**Sample Part-time Program of Study**

**Fall I**

*NURS 330 Foundations for Prof Practice	**3 (12)
*NURS 335 RN Transition Course I	**3 (9)

**Spring I**

NURS 362 Nursing Research	2
NURS 435 Transition Course II	**3 (21)

**Fall II**

+NURS 444 Gerontological Nursing	5
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**Spring II**

+NURS 449 Leadership in Prof Practice	**5 (9)
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**Summer II**

+NURS 451 Community Health Nursing	5
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\* Prerequisites for all other nursing courses

\*\* A total of 50 semester hours is awarded as advanced placement credit upon successful completion of NURS 330, NURS 335, NURS 435, and NURS 449.

+ 84-hour clinical component with course

A minimum of 122 semester hours are required for graduation as well as a 2.5 cumulative grade point average in general education courses and the nursing major. The last 30 of 39 semester hours must be completed through Radford University.