

Nursing

Bachelor of Science

Description

CU's innovative RN to BS Nursing program is for ambitious nursing professionals who seek career advancement. The program can be completed on an accelerated time frame and is fully online to meet the needs of busy professionals. It has been designed based on research about the competencies needed for professionals to advance in the field. For instance, The American Association of the Colleges of Nursing's (AACN) (2019) *Fact Sheet: The Impact of Education on Nursing Practice* notes: "Baccalaureate nursing programs encompass all of the course work taught in associate degree and diploma programs plus a more in-depth treatment of the physical and social sciences, nursing research, public and community health, nursing management, and the humanities. The additional course work enhances the student's professional development, prepares the new nurse for a broader scope of practice, and provides the nurse with a better understanding of the cultural, political, economic, and social issues that affect patients and influence healthcare delivery." The *Fact Sheet* underlines that "For more than a decade, policymakers, healthcare authorities, and practice leaders have recognized that education makes a difference when it comes to nursing practice."

CU's program is unique in offering cognate and cross-disciplinary courses that professionals can choose from, including:

- Epidemiology
- Introduction to Human Health and Disease
- Medical Sociology
- Social Psychology
- Introduction to Human rights

Admission of applicants who possess an unencumbered LPN license:

Carolina University's Nursing Program is not a licensure program. However, if there are students who would like to take courses at Carolina University while working to obtain their RN license at another accredited institution, they may enroll in the BS in Public Health degree program. The credits taken in this degree program will be considered for transfer into the RN-BSN program once the RN licensure has been obtained.

Admissions Requirements

- A high school diploma or GED
- GPA of 2.75 or higher
- Active, unencumbered RN license
- Official transcripts from all previously attended schools
- Completed application with Carolina University

Graduation Requirements

In order to become a candidate for graduation, a student:

1. Shall have completed a minimum of 30 credit hours at CU;

2. Shall have maintained a minimum academic average of C;
3. Shall have passed all courses in his/her curriculum and made a C or better in key courses designated as essential in each program;
4. Shall have completed at least 24 of the final 30 hours with Carolina University.

Courses

General Education Core

36 Credit Hours

RN Licensure

40 Credit Hours

Professional Core (39 Credit Hours)

CJ 315 - Introduction to Human Rights

3 Credit Hours

GE 300 - Essentials of Online Learning & Professional Writing

1 Credit Hour

NR 310 - Policy, Finance, & Regulatory Aspects of Nursing Practice

3 Credit Hours

NR 320 - Applying Organizational Leadership Styles and Theories in Healthcare

3 Credit Hours

NR 325 - Informatics & Technology Used in Healthcare

4 Credit Hours

NR 330 - Application of Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing

3 Credit Hours

NR 340 - Capstone

4 Credit Hours

PH 305 - Epidemiology

3 Credit Hours

NR 300 - Professional Roles & Values of the BSN

3 Credit Hours

PH 301 - Introduction to Public Health

3 Credit Hours

PH 320 - Introduction to Human Health and Disease

3 Credit Hours

SO 240 - Social Psychology

3 Credit Hours

SO 310 - Medical Sociology

3 Credit Hours

Electives (Choose 8 Credit Hours)

NR 370 - Essentials of Patient-Centered Care Planning

4 Credit Hours

NR 360 - Quality Improvement in Healthcare Using Interprofessional Collab

4 Credit Hours

NR 410 - Advanced Health Assessment

4 Credit Hours