



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY PUEBLO

Extended Studies

Registered Nurse to BSN

OVERVIEW

The RN to BSN courses are offered in an online format. Two types of students are eligible to enroll in this option: Those who are licensed RN's and those enrolled in a Colorado community college associate degree nursing program (ADN). A licensed RN includes both an associate degree and a diploma nurse. Those enrolled in the community college have an opportunity to concurrently enroll in the RN to BSN program and begin taking select bachelor level courses. This allows them to move seamlessly from the associate degree program to the bachelor's degree program. These students must pass the NCLEX-RN and be licensed in order to take the remaining BSN courses.

Colorado Community College System or Compact State Dual Enrollment/ADN to BSN

BSN courses may be taken concurrently while enrolled in a Colorado compact state or a Colorado Community College System ADN program. In addition, pre-requisite courses may be taken while concurrently enrolled. Upon receiving RN licensure and completion of all BSN courses students are eligible for escrow credits through articulation.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Undergraduate Program Outcomes

1. Eighty percent of graduates will:
 - Express satisfaction with the program.
 - Pass the national licensure exam the first time.
 - Be employed in role related professional practice within six months to one year.
2. Seventy percent of graduates will:
 - Complete the program within one and one half times the length of the program.

Expected Student Learning Outcomes

- Demonstrate caring through advocacy for patients by providing compassionate care based on respect for patient's preferences, values, and needs.
- Collaborate effectively within the health care team, to achieve safe, quality patient care in a variety of health care settings.
- Use nursing judgment based on best current evidence to ensure optimal outcomes for patients and families.
- Demonstrate professional identity, integrity, and leadership as the coordinator of patient care.



Outcome Assessments

The outcome assessments will be evaluated through or by:

- Assessment of clinical competencies through multiple strategies including simulations and clinical evaluation tools.
- Individual and course evaluations including the standardized testing program.
- Survey of nursing graduates and their employers.
- National Certification and/or Licensure Examination (NCLEX) required of graduates prior to professional nursing practice as a registered nurse.
- A survey of graduate employment and graduation rates.

RN-BSN (NURSING) DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (ONLINE)

The student must confer with the RN-BSN advisor to develop a program of study. The RN-BSN option will include 33 credit hours (see the Academic Policies section of the catalog), which will be posted the semester prior to anticipated graduation, 57 credit hours of prerequisite or corequisite courses and 30 credit hours of nursing and approved elective courses for a total of 120 credit hours. Students must pass all nursing courses with a B or better and maintain a nursing 3.0 GPA. RNs transferring from community colleges can transfer in 57 prerequisite credits along with 33 RN credits of which 10 are considered upper division for a total of 90 credit hours. This applies only to the students in the RN to BSN option. Students must provide evidence of RN licensure in order to enroll in NSG 453 SYNTHESIS FOR RN'S (4.00 c.h.) NSG 453L SYNTHESIS FOR RN'S LAB (5.00 c.h.)

RN-BSN Specific Requirements

Course	Title	Credits
Nursing Transfer/Credits through articulation		33
Prerequisite Courses		
ENG 101	Rhetoric & Writing I	3
ENG 102	Rhetoric & Writing II	3
COMR 103	Speaking and Listening	3
BIOL 206 & 206L	Introduction to Microbiology & Introduction to Microbiology Lab	4



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BIOL 223 & 223L	Human Physiology and Anatomy I & Human Physiology and Anatomy I Lab	4
BIOL 224 & 224L	Human Physiology and Anatomy II & Human Physiology and Anatomy II Lab	4
CHEM 111 & 111L	Principles of Chemistry & Principles of Chemistry Lab	4
MATH 156	Introduction to Statistics	3
PSYC 151	Human Development	3
General Education: History		3
NSG 207	Nursing Pathophysiology	3
General Education: World Language		3
General Education: Humanities		3
General Education: Social Science		3
Elective Credits		10-11
NSG 309	Professional Nursing Practice	4
NSG 311	Integration of QSEN for Nurses	3
NSG 351	Evidence Based Nursing Practice	3
NSG 371	Healthcare Informatics	2
NSG 451	Nursing Leadership and Issues	3
NSG 443	Global Public Health Nursing for RN's	3
NSG 443L	Global Public Health Nursing Lab for RN's	3
NSG 453 & 453L	Synthesis for RN's & Synthesis for RN's Lab	9
Total Credits		120

COMR 221 Interpersonal Communication (3 cr.) will be accepted in lieu of COMR 103 Speaking and Listening (3 cr.) but student must complete additional Gen ED Humanities



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GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

The BSN degree will be granted to undergraduate nursing degree-seeking students who meet all of the published requirements plus the additional requirements below:

- Have a cumulative nursing GPA of 3.00 or better at graduation. All required prerequisite courses must be passed with a C or better. All nursing courses must be passed with a B or better or satisfactory (S)
- Complete the program's minimum number of hours of approved nursing course work within five years.

Note: Nursing courses completed five (5) or more years before the date of graduation, either at CSU Pueblo or at some other institution, will not be accepted as satisfying graduation requirements without the approval of the nursing admissions committee.