

# Rogers State University Department of Health Sciences

# Bachelor of Science Nursing (RN – to – BSN)



#### Introduction

Rogers State University's Bachelor of Science Nursing Program (RN-to-BSN) is specifically designed for the Registered Nurse. This degree provides an opportunity for any associate degree or diploma-prepared nurse to achieve academic and personal goals and to develop stronger clinical reasoning and analytical skills to advance their careers.

The degree program builds on initial education at the associate degree or diploma level with course work designed to enhance professional development, prepare for a broader scope of practice, and provide greater understanding of the cultural, political, economic, and social issues that affect patients and influence care delivery. A baccalaureate education provides the graduate with additional liberal arts learning and a global perspective.

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing RN-to-BSN degree prepares the student for graduate programs in nursing. Many professional practice settings require or highly prefer the baccalaureate degree for specific nursing roles, particularly those that involve community health or nursing management.

#### **Admission Requirements**

Nursing program admission requirements, secondary to university admission, are listed below.

- 1. Admission to the University as a bachelor degree seeking student.
- 2. Completion of an Application for RN-to-BSN in Nursing.
- 3. Submission of official transcripts or test scores from all colleges, universities, and / or nursing schools attended.
- 4. Verification of associate degree or diploma in nursing.
- 5. Demonstration of a cumulative GPA of 2.5 in previous course work applicable to the associate degree or diploma in nursing.
- 6. Hold a valid, unencumbered Registered Nurse license from the state of Oklahoma.
- 7. Documentation of professional liability insurance coverage with limits of \$1,000,000/ incident and \$3,000,000 aggregate.

Students may attend on a full time or part time basis.

### **Application Process**

Applications for admission into the BS/N program are accepted year round. Courses are offered on a fall & spring semester basis. Not all courses are offered each semester.

Please note: Any arrest, charge, or conviction for a felony or a misdemeanor or charge or conviction for Medicare fraud may affect a student's ability to attend certain clinical sites for clinical education and field work and thereby prevent a student from satisfactorily meeting course objectives.

Rogers State University's RN-BS/N program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), formerly National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).



#### RSU RN – to – BSN: Core Course Descriptions

#### **NURS 3243 Contemporary Nursing Practice**

An introduction to quality healthcare management through contemporary nursing practice. Healthcare informatics and technology, with an emphasis on the integration of nursing, computer, and information science, is reviewed for the provision of safe nursing practice, optimum healthcare delivery systems and policy development. An overview of American healthcare policy is provided with foci including healthcare financing, cost containment, regulation, access, insurance, quality improvement and the Oklahoma Nurse Practice Act.

#### **NURS 4003 Professional Nursing Role**

Assists the associate degree or diploma-prepared nurse's transition toward completion of a baccalaureate degree in nursing. Presents professional nursing role competencies that are essential to address current and future challenges of nursing and health care. Uses nursing theory to organize and link the increasing body of nursing knowledge. Prerequisite: Must be registered nurse with active nursing license; Admission to the program or permission.

#### **NURS 4013 Health Assessment/Promotion**

Health Assessment/Promotion provides a comprehensive knowledge base to collect and analyze a complete physical assessment and health database using a holistic framework and to formulate nursing diagnoses. Requires laboratory. Prerequisite or Concurrent: HLSC 3323 Pathophysiology and Admission or Permission.

#### **NURS 4113 Rural Nursing**

Rural Nursing integrates current health issues of individuals, families and communities that are unique to rural areas with emphasis on cultural diversity and ethnicity. The course is designed to expand knowledge of community and individual long-term health issues and professional practice in rural settings.

#### **NURS 4114 Family, Community and Public Health**

Focuses on the role of the professional nurse in the promotion of self-care and the delivery of cultural appropriate nursing care within community based health care systems. Critical thinking skills are applied in the assessment of vulnerable populations existing within various communities. The reciprocal influence of the environment on the patient, family and community relative to human needs is emphasized. Requires 32 hours arranged field experience.

#### **NURS 4213 Nursing Science and Research**

Elements of quantitative and qualitative research processes are introduced. Builds research skills, assists the nurse to be a critical consumer of nursing research. Develops appreciation for research in nursing practices. Emphasis is given to critical analysis and application of research in clinical nursing practice. Prerequisites: Admission to the program, and NURS 4003 or permission.

#### **NURS 4214 Management and Leadership in Nursing**

Theories of leadership, management, organization, and planned change with an expanded view of health services with emphasis on governmental or public institutions. Includes analysis of health care systems, methods and strategies that inhibit or facilitate change. Professional and ethical issues, legislation, and emerging nursing roles are studied. Requires 32 hours arranged field experience. Prerequisite: NURS 4003 and NURS 4113. Prerequisite or co-requisite: NURS 4234.

#### **NURS 4223 Professional Nursing Practice Seminar**

Opportunity to pursue an area of special interest in professional nursing practice through independent study. Understanding and integrating influence in the professional nursing role explored. Prerequisite: NURS 4214 or permission.

# Plan of Study

Subject	Courses	Hours
General Education Requirements		
Communications		9
	ENGL 1113 Composition I	3
	ENGL 1213 Composition II	3
	SPCH 1113 Speech Communication	3
Social and Behavioral Sciences		9
History	Choose from the following: HIST 2483 American History to 1877	3
	HIST 2493 American History to 1877 HIST 2493 American History since 1877	
Political Science	POLS 1113 American Federal Government	3
Social Science	PSY 1113 Introduction to Psychology	3
Science and Mathematics		12
Physical Science	CHEM 1315 General Chemistry I	5
Mathematics	MATH 1513 College Algebra	3
Biological Science	Choose from the following:	4
	BIOL 1114 General Biology	
	BIOL 1134 General Environmental Biology	
	BIOL 1144 General Cellular Biology	-
Humanities	Choose from the following:	6
	ART (HUM) 1113 Art Appreciation	
	COMM (HUM) 2413 Theatre Appreciation ENGL 2613 Introduction to Literature	
	HUM 2113 Humanities I	
	HUM 2223 Humanities II	
	HUM 2893 Cinema	
	MUSC (HUM) 2573 Music Appreciation	
	PHIL 1113 Introduction to Philosophy	
Global Studies	Choose from the following:	3
	BIOL 3104 Plants and Civilization	
	ECON 3003 International Economic Issues and Policies	
	GEOG 2243 Human Geography	
	GERM 1113 Beginning German I	
	HIST 2013 World Civilization I	
	HIST 2023 World Civilization II	
	HUM 3633 Comparative Religion	
	LANG 1113 Foundations of World Language	
	NAMS 1143 Native Americans of North America	
	NAMS 2503 Cherokee I	
	PHIL 1313 Values and Ethics	
	POLS 3053 International Relations	
	SOC 3213 Minority Groups	
	SPAN 1113 Beginning Spanish	

Subject	Courses	Hours
Elective	Choose one course from courses not selected above or	3
	from the following courses:	
	ECON 2113 Principles of Macroeconomics	
	ECON 2123 Principles of Microeconomics	
	SOC 1113 Introduction to Sociology	
	GEOL 1014 Earth Science	
	GEOL 1114 Physical Geology	
	GEOL1124 Physical Geography	
	GEOL 1224 Historical Geology GEOL 2124 Astronomy	
	PHYS 1014 General Physical Science	
	PHYS 1114 General Physics I	
	BIOL 1114 General Biology	
	BIOL 1134 General Environmental Biology	
	MATH 1503 Mathematics for Critical Thinking	
	MATH 1613 Trigonometry	
	MATH 1715 Pre-Calculus	
	MATH 2264 Analytical Geometry & Calculus	
	SOC 4023 Medical Sociology	
Total General Education Requirements		42
Support Courses		
	PSY 3033 Developmental Psychology	3
	MATH 2843 Statistics or	3
	SBS 3063 Social and Behavioral Statistics	
	BIOL 3204 Physiology	4
	BIOL 2124 Microbiology	4
	PHAR 2113 Fundamentals of Pharmacology	3
	Nutrition Elective	3
	NURS 3323 Pathophysiology for the Health Professions	3
Total Support Credits		23
Program Core Requirements		
	Professional Specialty*	29
	NURS 3243 Contemporary Nursing Practice	3
	NURS 4003 Professional Nursing Role	3
	NURS 4013 Health Assessment/Promotion	3
	NURS 4213 Nursing Science and Research	3
	NURS 4113 Rural Nursing	3
	NURS 4114 Family, Community/Public Health Nursing	4
	NURS 4214 Management and Leadership in Nursing	4
	NURS 4223 Professional Nursing Practice Seminar	3
Total Upper Division Nursing Courses		26
Total Nursing Credits		55
Total Degree Credits		120

<sup>\*</sup>Advanced standing credit. (Since this degree builds upon initial associate degree or diploma nursing preparation, the Registered Nurse receives advanced standing credit for a portion of the nursing major. Twenty-nine (29) hours of 3000 level nursing credit will be awarded via Advanced Standing for the associate degree nurse and following validation of nursing course work by the diploma prepared nurse.) These hours are represented on the degree plan as Professional Specialty.

## **Estimated Projected Expenses for BS/N Program**

R-Required O-Optional

R/O	ITEM	ESTIMATED COST
R	Nursing Liability Insurance	\$100
R	Federal (background check)	\$65
R	Lab Coat and Name Badge	\$50
R	Immunizations	\$150
R	AHA CPR Certification	\$65
R	Degree Check fee	\$40
R	Graduation Picture Composite	\$20
R	Professional Specialty –	\$348
	Advanced Standing transcripting fee	
0	RSU Nursing Program Pin	\$40 and up
0	Graduation Cap & Gown	\$60
0	RSU Graduation Announcements	\$20 and up
	TOTAL (Required Only)	\$838.00

Course	Hours	Tuition	Additional Fees	Total
NURS 3243	3	687.00	15.00	\$702.00
NURS 4003	3	687.00	41.00	\$728.00
NURS 4013	3	687.00	40.00	\$727.00
NURS 4113	3	687.00	15.00	\$702.00
NURS 4114	4	916.00	66.00	\$982.00
NURS 4213	3	687.00	15.00	\$702.00
NURS 4214	4	916.00	66.00	\$982.00
NURS 4223	3	687.00	15.00	\$702.00
Total	27	\$5,954.00	\$273.00	\$6,227.00

Professional Specialty	29 credit hrs	\$ 348.00	
General Education Requirements	45 credit hrs	\$ 10,915.00+ books	
Support Course Requirements	23 credit hrs	\$ 5,522.00+ books	
Nursing Courses	27 credit hrs	\$ 6,227.00+ books	
Total Credit Hours	124		

A good estimate for books would be \$110.00 per class for these courses.