**Nursing Admission Requirements**

* Must be licensed LPN or nationally-registered Paramedic prior to starting the Bridge program.
* Reading score meeting one of the following: ACT Reading 19, RSU Reading Accuplacer 75, RSU Next-Gen 250, Nelson-Denny 13, or ATI TEAS 75 in reading section. *This requirement is only waived by a U.S. bachelor’s degree.*
* Minimum prerequisite GPA of 2.5 or higher. Ranking will use the most recent grades for repeated classes.
* Minimum grade of 'C' in all prerequisite and nursing (NURS) courses to meet the requirements for admission/graduation.
* Applicants are required to achieve a designated minimum score on standardized placement exam. Two exams attempts are allowed.
  + Advanced standing credit will be granted for NURS 2112, NURS 3125, NURS 3134, NURS 3216, and NURS 3243. Advanced standing feed must be paid prior to beginning final semester of program, or enrollment eligibility will be placed on hold.
* If English is not your first language, you were born outside of the United States (including naturalized U.S. citizens, permanent residents, and international applicants), or you were born in a U.S. territory where English is not the first language, you are required to demonstrate English language proficiency before admission with either a minimum TOEFL score of 85 (TOEFL iBT) with speaking sub-score of 26 or DuoLingo English Test score of 107.

**Program Prerequisites\***

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| **Year 1 Semester 1** | | **Year 1 Semester 2** | | **Year 2 Semester 1** | | **Year 2 Semester 2** | |
| University Experience  UNIV 1152 | 2 | Intro. to Statistics  MATH 1413 | 3 | Principles of Chemistry  CHEM 1104 | 4 | General Education Elective  (see bulletin for selection) | 3 |
| General Cellular Biology  BIOL 1144 | 4 | Microbiology  BIOL 2124 | 4 | Human Anatomy  BIOL 2285 | 5 | Physiology  BIOL 3204 | 4 |
| Composition I  ENGL 1113 | 3 | Composition II  ENGL 1213 | 3 | Speech Communications  SPCH 1113 | 3 | Global study course  (see bulletin for selection) | 3 |
| Intro. to Psychology  PSY 1113 | 3 | American Federal Gov.  POLS 1113 | 3 | Developmental Psychology  PSY 3033 | 3 | 2nd Humanities course  (see bulletin for selection) | 3 |
| Humanities course  (see bulletin for selection) | 3 | Intro. to Nutrition  NUTR 1113 | 3 |  |  | American History course  (HIST 2483 or HIST 2493) | 3 |
| **Total Credit Hours** | **15** | **Total Credit Hours** | **16** | **Total Credit Hours** | **14** | **Total Credit Hours** | **16** |

**Note:** The courses above **do not** have to be taken in the above sequence with the exception of RSU prerequisite requirements.

Certain BIOL courses must be taken within 10 years of intended program start date. Please consult advisor for details.

Computer proficiency requirement satisfied by passing NURS 4433 and NURS 4443

**Nursing Program Curriculum**

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| **Spring Year 3** | | **Fall Year 4** | | **Spring Year 4** | |
| Dosage Calculation  NURS 3111 | 1 | Medical/Surgical Nurs. II  NURS 4315 | 5 | Nurs. Role Comm. Support  NURS 4324 | 4 |
| Pharmacology  NURS 3113-R | 3 | Nurs. Care of Child/Family  NURS 4336 | 6 | Mgmt./Leadership in Nurs.  NURS 4414 | 4 |
| Mental Health Nursing  NURS 3234 | 4 | Nurs. Sci./Evidence Practice  NURS 4433 | 3 | Nurs. Care of Critically Ill  NURS 4424 | 4 |
| Pathophysiology  NURS 3323-R | 3 |  |  | Professional Roles in Nurs.  NURS 4443-R | 3 |
| **Total Credit Hours** | **11** | **Total Credit Hours** | **14** | **Total Credit Hours** | **15** |

**R-**Online courses

**Note:** Nursing program courses **must** be taken in the above sequence.

Admission into the BSN program is required to enroll in all NURS courses except NURS 2112. Admission is competitive.

Bridge students enter at the second semester of the Traditional BSN program.

**Application Information:**

* The Bridge program application must be submitted in addition to the general RSU application to be considered for admission into the program. Applications are accepted June 1 through October 1.
* All prerequisites must be completed by the end of the fall semester prior to starting the program. The Bridge program beings in the spring semester.
* All scores and transfer work, including reading score and TOEFL score if needed, must be submitted to RSU Admissions or Health Sciences before the application deadline.

*\*See back for ranking information.*

**Ranking Criteria**

*Seats in program are limited, so acceptance is not guaranteed. All applicants are competitively ranked together.*

1. Points are awarded for the having the following courses completed before applying and for grade earned:

General Cellular Biology (Introductory Biology)

Human Anatomy

Principles of Chemistry

Introduction to Statistics

Development Psychology

Introduction to Nutrition

1. Points are awarded for the *prerequisite GPA* of the applicant broken down in the following ranges:

4.0

3.99-3.8

3.79-3.6

3.59-3.4

3.39-3.2

3.19-3.0

2.99-2.8

2.79-2.5

*Only prerequisite courses listed on page 1 are calculated in GPA—all other courses do not count. Only the most recent grade is used for classes that have been repeated.*

1. Points are awarded for any of the following prerequisite courses taken at RSU:

General Cellular Biology

Composition I

Human Anatomy

Physiology

1. Points are awarded for the completion of a previous degree, including a bachelor’s, associate’s in art, associate’s in science. *Documentation of the degree must be provided, such as a transcript showing the date conferred or copy of diploma. If the degree will be completed after the application is submitted, a graduation application or letter from academic advisor must be submitted that confirms intended date of graduation.*
2. Additional points are awarded for the grade earned in the following courses:

Introduction to Psychology

Composition I

Microbiology

Physiology

1. Any applicant that does not have **ALL materials** related to the application turned in by the application deadline **will be deemed ineligible** for ranking.