

# Nursing RN (B.S.)

## Degree Type

Bachelor's

The Nursing RN to BS major program in the School of Professional and Continuing Education [54-55 credits] is for registered nurses (RN). The RN-BS program is designed to serve students who are already Registered Nurses or are eligible candidates for the national examination for licensure as Registered Professional Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

The program builds on the registered nurses' knowledge and experience, broadens their horizons in collaborative and contemporary nursing practice and advances their career opportunities. Registered nurses work closely with a nursing advisor to plan the program of study.

The mission statement of the Department of Nursing at Sage is to provide and promote baccalaureate, graduate, and doctoral nursing education in an environment which emphasizes the development of individuals as professional nurses with a vision of their own power, and a clear sense of self and their professional role. The department endeavors to prepare graduates who are critical thinkers, who utilize, transmit, and develop new knowledge through systematic models of scholarly inquiry, and who demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning. Preparation for excellence in nursing practice is achieved through the integration of arts and sciences, humanistic concern for the health and well-being of others, and an awareness and appreciation of cultural diversity in a pluralistic society. Russell Sage College strives to prepare graduates who are assertive and practice client advocates, enabling clients to maximize their own potential. The global and technological context in which the nursing profession continues to evolve is emphasized, with the expectation that our graduates will assume leadership roles as professionals, and citizens in organizations to influence health care delivery, nursing education, and the welfare of society.

Students entering SPCE may transfer up to 90 credit hours toward the bachelor's degree credit requirement. Students must complete a minimum of 30 credits in residence, upper level courses specified by the requirements of their program, and general education classes as specified by the Catalog. SPCE will accept up to a total of 66 credits earned at a two year college regardless of whether an Associate's Degree was awarded. Not all accepted credits are applicable toward degree requirements. Students should meet with their nursing faculty advisors to ascertain the applicability of previously acquired credits. Students typically transfer in 36-54 credits of credits from their associate degree program or other college programs, with an additional 30 nursing license credits being validated. A minimum of 30 credits must be completed at Sage. Note: The bachelor of science degree requires that 60 credits of the degree credits must in the liberal arts and sciences.

## Curriculum

The program requires completion of upper division nursing courses which build on the student's associate degree nursing courses and nursing license. The liberal arts courses provide a broader education for students in the changing health care environment. The curriculum contains four undergraduate nursing courses that expand nursing knowledge and experience in contemporary practice, health promotion, community/public health nursing and leadership. The discipline-based elective course provides the flexibility to offer contemporary topics of critical interest to nurses. The two graduate nursing courses provide the core of advanced practice and a basis for early entry into the Master's Degree program. Some of the course work will be web-based.

## Core Requirements

- Complete *all* of the following:
  - Notes:
    - BIO 560 may be substituted for NSG 448.
    - A copy of the student's Nursing License must be on file to be eligible to take NSG 400 and 500 level courses.

Item #	Title	Credits
NSG 331	Contemporary Professional Nursing Practice	4
NSG 332	Assessment for Health Promotion & Risk Reduction	3
NSG 402	Comm/Publ Hlth Nsg in Chng Wld	4
NSG 404	Leadership in Professional Nursing	3
NSG 448	Topics in Nursing	3
NSG 558	Paradigms & Perspectives of Advanced Practice Nursing	3
NSG 559	Nursing in a Sociopolitical-Environment	3

## Science Requirements

- A minimum of 12 credits in natural science is required:
  - [BIO 201: Anatomy and Physiology](#) and [BIO 202: Anatomy and Physiology II](#) are recommended
    - BIO 117 or [BIO 213 Human Physiology with Lab](#) may be substituted for BIO 201 or BIO 202
  - [BIO 208: Microbiology](#) is recommended
    - [CHM 111: General Chemistry](#) or [PHY 101: Physics I](#) may be substituted for BIO 208

## Support Coursework

- Complete *all* of the following:

Item #	Title	Credits
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	3
	PSY Lifespan Development (PSY 202 or PSY 208)	3-4
PSY 207	Statistics with Computer Applications	4
SCI 120	Nutrition Science	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC 350	Research for the Professions	3

## Degree Completion Notes

- Total credits required for a bachelor's degree (minimum): 120 credits
- Cumulative GPA required for graduation (minimum): 2.000
- Major GPA required for graduation (minimum): 3.000
- 1/2 of major requirements must be completed at Sage
- Completion of 60 liberal arts and sciences credits (minimum)
- Completion [General Education](#) Requirements

# Suggested Program of Study

Listed below is a sample course plan for students in the RN-BS program.

## **Term 1 – Fall**

NSG 331 Contemporary Prof Nurs Practice (4cr)  
NSG 332 Assess for Health Prom & Risk Reduc (3cr)  
Statistics: MAT 220 or PSY 207 (4cr)  
SCI 120 Nutrition Science (3cr)

## **Term 2 – Spring**

NSG 402 Comm/Publ Hlth Nurs in Chng Wld (4cr)  
SOC 350 Research for the Professions (4cr)  
General Education Course (3cr)

## **Term 3 – Fall**

NSG 448 Topics *or* BIO 560 Adv Hum Pathophysiology (3cr)  
NSG 558 Paradigms & Persp of Adv Practice Nurs (3cr)  
General Education Course (3cr)

## **Term 4 – Spring**

NSG 404 Leadership in Professional Nursing (3cr)  
NSG 559 Nursing in a Sociopolitical-Environ (3cr)

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Total Credits

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