



## **SCHOOL OF NURSING**

# **RN-BSN PROGRAM INFORMATION PACKET 2009-2010**



  
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**RN-BSN PROGRAM**  
**2009-2010**

**“Educational Excellence in a Caring Environment”**

**MISSION OF THE SCHOOL OF NURSING AT UWG:**

The mission of the School of Nursing is to offer high quality undergraduate and graduate education that:

The mission of the RN-BSN program at the University of West Georgia is to offer high quality undergraduate And graduate education that:

- Prepares registered nurses for basic practice roles in diverse health care settings in Georgia and the surrounding region.
- Integrates a strong liberal arts curriculum.
- Provides regional outreach through external degree and off-campus programs.
- Provides a caring, supportive, personal environment for learning that:
  - Affirms the holistic nature of individuals
  - Reflects caring as the essence of nursing
  - Expects that nurses use critical thinking in decision making
  - Supports evidence-based practice
  - Utilizes disciplinary rigor to support BSN student progress toward clinical competence.

**DESCRIPTION OF THE RN-BSN CURRICULUM:**

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for registered nurses (RN-BSN) is limited to individuals who are already licensed as registered nurses (RN). The program prepares registered nurses for professional advancement and offers interactive learning through traditional classroom and online environments. The program, which requires 120 semester hours of credit for graduation, combines a rich and liberal foundation in arts, sciences, and humanities with a unique nursing curriculum that emphasizes the art and science of nursing. RN students complete 24 semester hours of required and elective upper division nursing courses and are eligible for up to 36 hours of semester credit through the Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Plan. Students may earn the 60 semester hours of BSN Core Curriculum through transfer credit. The RN-BSN program is offered at the main campus in Carrollton, at Hamilton Medical Center in Dalton and at the external degree campus at Georgia Highlands College in Rome. A dynamic community of caring is created by full-time tenure track faculty and small classes.

Applicants seeking admission to the RN-BSN program should be committed to engaging in caring nursing practices with individuals from diverse backgrounds. Nursing practice is holistic and recognizes the relationship of the mind, body and spirit. As critical thinkers, students will be expected to examine personal value systems and the value systems of others. Students seeking admission to this program should consider their personal goals and values in light of those expressed in the philosophy of the program.

Faculty in the RN-BSN program view registered nurse students as colleagues and make every attempt to structure learning experiences to meet the needs of adult learners. Recognizing the associate degree or diploma in nursing as a foundation for further studies, clinical and classroom experiences are identified to complement previous experiences of the enrolled RN's. While every effort is made to arrange class schedules that accommodate working students, applicants for admission should be aware of the difficulties that may be encountered in attempting to work full-time while completing RN-BSN nursing courses.

The RN-BSN program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and is approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing.

## **RN-BSN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

**Admission to the RN-BSN program is a separate and independent process that occurs after admission to the University of West Georgia. To be considered for admission, applicants must meet the following requirements:**

1. Admission to the University of West Georgia.
2. Current Georgia license as a professional registered nurse.
3. Minimum college grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on 4.0 scale.
4. Completed and notarized RN-BSN Admission Application received in the School of Nursing by the application deadline.
5. Transferable college credit equivalent to 36 hours of the following courses:
  - ENGL 1101 (Area A) – 3 hours
  - ENGL 1102 (Area A) – 3 hours
  - MATH 1001, 1101 or 1111 (Area A) – 3 hours
  - Area D course (one lab science or statistics course) – 3-4 hours
  - BIOL 2021/2021L (Area F) – 4 hours
  - BIOL 2022/2022L (Area F) – 4 hours
  - BIOL 2030/2030L (Area F) – 4 hours
  - 11-12 hours of other required core curriculum courses (Areas B through F) – see the RN-BSN Curriculum Plan for a list of all required core courses
6. To complete the admission process, transfer students must have official transcripts from all institutions attended sent to the Office of Admissions. The Office of the Registrar will evaluate all transcripts to determine applicability of transfer credit for the BSN degree.

**Application deadlines are as follows:**

<b>Carrollton Campus:</b>	<b>March 15 for fall admission</b>
<b>Dalton Campus:</b>	<b>October 1 for spring admission</b>
<b>Rome Campus:</b>	<b>March 15 for fall admission</b>


## **RN-BSN COURSE SCHEDULING AND CURRICULUM PLAN:**

Classes for the RN-BSN program are scheduled to meet the needs of working nurses, however, work schedules should be flexible enough to allow attendance at evening classes in Rome and Dalton that may begin as early as 4:00 pm and end as late as 9:00 pm. Courses on the Carrollton campus are scheduled during the day and will include students enrolled in the traditional BSN program. Classes are usually offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the external degree and off-campus sites. Students may enroll in nursing courses on any of the three campuses as long as there is space available.

There are two clinical courses in the RN-BSN program, each of which requires 60 hours of preceptor-based clinical experiences. Students should plan to schedule their clinical hours Monday through Friday between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. Students who must schedule clinical experiences after 7:00 pm or during the weekend must make that request known at the time of application to the program.

The RN-BSN Curriculum Plan and Projected Course Offerings for 2008-2011 for Carrollton, Dalton, and Rome campuses are available in the School of Nursing, or on the School of Nursing website.

Additional information about the School of Nursing and its activities, programs, courses, and faculty can be obtained at <http://www.westga.edu/~nurs>. Open advising hours during fall and spring semesters are posted on the website. Other advising times are by appointment.

  
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## RN-BSN SEMESTER CURRICULUM PLAN 2009-2010

### Semester Core Curriculum (60 hours)

#### **AREA A – Essential Skills (9 hours)**

ENGL 1101 (3)  
ENGL 1102 (3)  
MATH 1001, 1101, or 1111 (3)

#### **AREA B – Institutional Priorities (4 hours)**

Oral Communication (3)  
Institutional Elective (1)\*

#### **AREA C – Humanities and Fine Arts (6 hours) (11 hours)\*\***

Fine Arts Elective (3)  
Humanities Elective (3)

#### **AREA D – Science, Math, and Technology (11 hours)\*\***

Lab Science I (4)  
Lab Science II (4)  
MATH 2063 – Applied Statistics (3)\*\*\*

#### **AREA E – Social Sciences (12 hours) hours)\*\***

HIST 1111 or 1112 (3)  
HIST 2111 or 2112 (3)  
POLS 1101 (3)  
Social Science Elective (3)

#### **AREA F – BSN Specific Courses (18 hours)\*\***

BIOL 2021/2021L (4)  
BIOL 2022/2022L (4)  
BIOL 2030/2030L (4)  
Social Science/Nursing Electives (6)

\*Credit by Exam for XIDS 2001 (What You Want to Know About Nursing) will be substituted for all RN's

\*\*See reverse for Guide to Areas D and F

\*\*\*Required before enrollment in NURS 3222W, Research and Evidence-Based Nursing Practice

Please see the UWG Undergraduate Catalog for course descriptions. Transfer students may be eligible for Core Curriculum substitutions – contact a School of Nursing advisor for additional information.

#### **Upper Division BSN Requirements (60 hours)**

NURS 3122W – Professional Concepts (3)\*

NURS 3172 – Health Assessment (2)\*\*

NURS 3222W – Research and Evidence-Based Nursing Practice (2)\*

NURS 4470 – Community Health Nursing for RN Students (6)

NURS 4475 – Nursing Leadership and Management for RN Students (6)

NURS 4422W – Senior Seminar (2)\*

Upper Division Elective (3)

Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Plan Credit (16-36)\*\*\*

\*W designates a Writing Across the Curriculum course (required for graduation).

\*\*Credit for Health Assessment may be earned by a School of Nursing exam. Please contact the School of Nursing for information.

\*\*\*Credit for ASN/diploma nursing courses is granted via transfer or exam. Please contact the School of Nursing for additional information.

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## GUIDE TO AREAS D AND F

### Area D Requirements – Option III for nursing majors

1. Laboratory science sequence – choose one of the following sequences

CHEM 1151K (4) and 1152K (4)  
CHEM 1211K (4) and 1212K (4)  
PHYS 1111/1111L (4) and 1112/1112L (4)  
BIOL 1107/1107L (4) and 1108/1108L (4)

2. Applied Statistics – MATH 2063 (3)

### Area F Requirements

1. BIOL 2021/2021L (4) and BIOL 2022/2022L (4)
2. BIOL 2030/2030L (4)
3. Social Science/Nursing electives – choose six hours of the following:

PSYC 1030 (3)  
PSYC 1040 (2)  
PSYC 1101 (3)  
SOC 1101 (3)  
SOC 1160 (3)  
CEPD 2102 (2)  
SPAN 1410 (3)  
ASN Nursing Courses (1-6)



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NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING - RN-BSN TRACK

2009-2010

Quarter Core Curriculum – 90 quarter hours							
	Hrs. Req.	Hrs. Com.	Hrs. Rem.		Hrs. Req.	Hrs. Com.	Hrs. Rem.
<b>Area I - Humanities - 20 qtr. hrs.</b>				<b>Area II - Science and Math - 20 qtr. hrs.</b>			
ENG 102	5			MAT 150 OR 151	5		
Literature	5			Lab Science I	5		
Elective*	5			Lab Science II	5		
Elective	5			Elective	5		
<b>Area III - Social Sciences - 20 qtr. hrs.</b>				<b>Area IV - BSN Specific Courses - 30 qtr. hrs.</b>			
HIS 101, 102, or 112**	5			BLY 267	5		
HIS 251 or 252	5			BLY 268	5		
PSC 101	5			BLY 221	5		
Elective	5			Electives***	15		

\*May substitute ENG 101 for Dalton and Floyd ASN graduates

\*\*May substitute social science course for Dalton and Floyd ASN graduates

\*\*\*May include ASN nursing courses, ENG 101 (if not used in Area I), and other lower division courses

BSN Specific Course Requirements – 60 semester hours							
RN-BSN Nursing Courses - 24 hrs.				RN-BSN Credit from UWG ASN courses, Transfer or Articulation - 36 hrs.			
NURS 3122W - Professional Concepts	3			NURS 2XXX	20		
NURS 3172 - Health Assessment	2						
NURS 3222W -Research and Evidence Based Nursing Practice	2						
NURS 4470 - Community Health for RN's	6			NURS 3XXX	16		
NURS 4475 - Nursing Leadership for RN's	6						
NURS 4422W - Senior Seminar	2						
Upper Div. Elective	3						

				Date Evaluated		
History	US		GA	Transfer Hrs.		
Constitution	US		GA	Qtr. Hrs.		
Regents' Exam	Reading		Writing	Sem. Hrs.		
WAC	Major		Other	Sem. Hrs.		
				Evaluator		

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Semester Core Curriculum – 60 semester hours							
	Hrs. Req.	Hrs. Comp.	Hrs. Rem.		Hrs. Req.	Hrs. Comp.	Hrs. Rem.
<b>Area A – Essential Skills – 9 hrs.</b>				<b>Area B – Institutional Priorities – 4 hrs.</b>			
ENGL 1101	3			Oral Communication	3		
ENGL 1102	3			Inst. Elective	1		
MATH 1001 or 1111	3						
<b>Area C – Humanities – 6 hrs.</b>				<b>Area D – Science, Math &amp; Technology – 11 hrs.</b>			
Fine Arts Elective	3			Lab Science I **	4		
Humanities Elective	3						
				Lab Science II **	4		
				MATH 2063	3		
<b>Area E – Social Sciences – 12 hrs.</b>				<b>Area F – BSN Specific Courses – 18 hrs.</b>			
HIST 1111 or 1112*	3			BIOL 2021/2021L	4		
HIST 2111 or 2112	3			BIOL 2022/2022L	4		
POLS 1101	3			BIOL 2030/2020L	4		
Social Science Elective	3			Social Science/Nursing courses**	6		

\*May substitute Social Science course for Dalton ASN graduates

\*\*Designated lab science and social science/nursing courses are listed in the UWG Undergraduate Catalog.

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NURS 3222W – Research and Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	2								
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NURS 4422W – Senior Seminar	2								
Upper Div. Elective	3								
				Date					
History	US	GA		Transfer Hrs.					
Constitutio	US	GA		Qtr. Hrs.					
Regents'	Readin	Writin		Sem. Hrs.					

<b>WAC</b>	<b>Major</b>		<b>Other</b>	<b>Sem. Hrs.</b>		
				<b>Evaluator</b>		

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### RN-BSN PROGRAM PROJECTED COURSE OFFERINGS 2009-2011

Please follow the following guidelines in planning your program of study:

1. NURS 3122 (Professional Concepts) is pre-requisite to all other BSN nursing courses except NURS 3172 (Health Assessment).
2. NURS 3172 (Health Assessment) must precede or be taken concurrently with NURS 4470 (Community Health Nursing Practice for RN Students).
3. NURS 4422 (Senior Seminar) must be taken during the final semester of BSN nursing courses.
4. NURS 4470 (Community Health Nursing Practice for RN Students) and NURS 4475 (Leadership and Management for RN Students) are clinical courses and each requires 60 hours of preceptor-based clinical experiences.
5. Students make take nursing courses on any of the three campuses as long as there is space available.
6. Courses may be cancelled if enrollment is less than University requirements.

	<b>Fall 2009</b>	<b>Spring 2010</b>	<b>Summer 2010</b>	<b>Fall 2010</b>	<b>Spring 2011</b>	<b>Summer 2011</b>
<b>Carrollton Campus</b>	NURS 3122 NURS 3172 NURS 4422 NURS 4470	NURS 3222 NURS 4475 NURS 4422 NURS 4485	NURS 4485	NURS 3122 NURS 3172 NURS 4422 NURS 4470	NURS 3222 NURS 4475 NURS 4422 NURS 4485	NURS 4485
<b>Carrollton Application Deadlines: March 15 for fall admission.</b> Professional sequence can be completed in 3 semesters.						
<b>Dalton Campus</b>	NURS 3222 NURS 4470	NURS 3122 NURS 3172 NURS 4422 NURS 4475	NURS 4485	NURS 3222 NURS 4470	NURS 4422 NURS 4475	NURS 4485
<b>Dalton Application Deadline: October 1 for spring admission.</b> Professional sequence can be completed in 3 semesters.						
<b>Rome Campus</b>	NURS 3122 NURS 3172 NURS 4422 NURS 4475	NURS 3222 NURS 4470 NURS 4485	NURS 4485	NURS 3122 NURS 3172 NURS 4422 NURS 4475	NURS 3222 NURS 4470 NURS 4485	NURS 4485
<b>Rome Application Deadline: March 15 for fall admission.</b> Professional sequence can be completed in 3 semesters.						