

Nursing R.N. to B.S.N.

Overview

Programs offered in the School of Nursing for undergraduate students include:

- A four-year bachelor of science in nursing program
- A bachelor of science in nursing program for registered nurses with an associate degree or diploma and a current, unrestricted license.

All programs are registered by the New York State Education Department and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Clinical affiliations are conducted with a majority of the health care institutions in Western New York. Additional information on graduate level programs is available in the D'Youville College Graduate and Professional Degree Programs Academic Catalog.

Program For Licensed R.N.s To B.S.N

The curriculum is designed for associate degree or diploma prepared professionals seeking a bachelor of science degree in nursing. Credit will be transferred from the students' associate's degree following an evaluation of transfer credits. Transcripts are evaluated individually for total number of exempted/ transferred credits or coursework. RNs with an AAS degree are able to complete the program in two years of full-time study in a convenient fully online program. 122 credits (including transfer credits) are required for BSN completion with a minimum of 30 credits from D'Youville College. A 50 percent tuition savings is available for RN students after financial assistance (if appropriate) is applied. The office of admissions and financial aid must have all requested financial data to process the special tuition rate.

Course Requirements

Nursing

Nursing Degree: Online R.N. to B.S.N.

Course Requirements for the Major:

The nursing courses listed below are required. The statistics and other academic courses below are required but if you have taken them already you may be able to transfer your credits. Credit will be transferred from your associate's degree following an evaluation of transfer credits. If you have already earned a bachelor's degree, the core requirements are waived.

In the specific areas of concentration:

NUR 380	Evidence Based Practice.....	3
NUR 442	Professional Issues.....	3
NUR 443	Clinical Foundations.....	3
NUR 461	Community & Population Based Nursing.....	3
NUR 462	Vulnerable Populations.....	3
NUR 481	Leadership to Advance Quality and Safety.....	3
MAT 123	Introduction to Applied Statistics.....	4
		Total Credits: 22

In other academic areas required for the major:

ENG 111	Introduction to Literature: Acad Writing.....	3
ENG 112	Liberal Arts Seminar: Research Writing.....	3
CSC 110	Computers and Computing.....	3
SOC	One Elective from SOC 101 or SOC 102.....	3
PSY	One Elective from PSY 101 or PSY 203.....	3
PHI/RS	One Elective from PHI 201 or RS 201.....	3
PSC/ECO	One Elective from PSC 201, ECO 201, or ECO 202.....	3
HIS	One Elective from HIS 103, HIS 203, HIS 204, or HIS 111.....	3
		Total Credits: 24

Major credits: 22

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Major credits in other academic areas: 24

Remaining core requirements: 24

Additional credits from transfer or college core: 52

Total Credits Required for Graduation: 122

Academic Regulations*

*Students admitted to the nursing program should refer to the current School of Nursing Undergraduate Student Handbook Academic Policies section for policies in effect at the time of admission to the nursing program.

1. Grade and G.P.A. Requirements
 - a. To be in good standing in the BSN program, students must:
 1. Maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5.
 2. Maintain a minimum grade of C in all 100-400 level courses required in the major and for all other courses required for the major as outlined in progression requirements.
 - b. A student who takes an incomplete grade in a prerequisite to a required nursing course will not be permitted to begin that nursing course until the prerequisite course is completed with an acceptable grade. An incomplete grade in a prerequisite course must be satisfied one week prior to the start of the course for which that course is a prerequisite.
 - c. For any NUR course with a lab/clinical component, both the theory component and the lab/clinical component must be repeated if a passing grade is not achieved for either theory (minimum grade of C) and/or clinical(s) (minimum grade of S).
 - d. A minimum average grade of 73% for course examinations is required prior to consideration of any other graded components of NUR courses. If a student's exam average is less than 73% the letter grade for the course will be based on that exam average only. A student who does not satisfactorily complete the clinical component of the NUR course will receive a grade of F.
2. Progression Requirements
 - a. A minimum grade of C is required for any course in the major. This includes BIO 107/L, BIO 108/L, CHE 114/L, BIO 208/L, PSY 203, PSY 206, MAT 123 and all required NUR courses.
 - b. Students who fail to obtain a grade of C in a course required for the major will not be permitted to enroll in any course for which that course is a prerequisite, until the C grade requirement for the prerequisite course has been met.
 - c. Students are permitted to repeat a course required for the major only once. The procedures for repeating a course are explained in the college catalog.
 - d. Students accepted into the RN/BSN program must hold a current, unrestricted license as a registered professional nurse. Students not meeting the requirement at any time will be withdrawn from the nursing program. We offer conditional admission for NCLEX candidates with an associate's degree in nursing.
3. Probationary Standing
 - a. Students who do not achieve a cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5, and/ or who earn a required course grade below C, are placed on probation, and are limited to 13 credits in the next semester in which they are registered.
4. Dismissal
 - a. A student may remain on probation for no more than two successive semesters. Failure to meet standards after two successive semesters on probation will result in dismissal from the program.
 - b. Students who have achieved less than a C in two courses required for the major will be dismissed from the program regardless of GPA. Two lab grades of less than a C will be considered one course failure.
 - c. Students who fail to achieve a grade of C on a second attempt when repeating a course required for the major will be dismissed from the program.
 - d. Any student who is required in more than one instance to withdraw from a clinical course due to inability to demonstrate a required clinical competency will be dismissed.
 - e. Students demonstrating inability to deliver safe patient care or unprofessional conduct at any time are subject to course failure and dismissal from the program.
5. Readmission
 - a. The School of Nursing undergraduate student handbook outlines the policies and procedures related to readmission. The criteria necessary for readmission will be defined in the letter of dismissal.
6. Clinical Course Requirements
 - a. All students enrolled in clinical nursing courses must have professional liability insurance. Students are automatically billed for this insurance when they register for a clinical course.
 - b. It is strongly recommended that all students carry health insurance coverage for the duration of the program. Students are responsible for any health care costs, even those that arise from clinical or laboratory assignments. The college assumes no responsibility for a student's medical care. Information regarding a basic injury and illness insurance plan is available through the college health center. By federal law, all International Students must

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carry health insurance coverage. International students will be billed directly by the college. Limited services are available through the student health service.

- c. A complete pre-entrance physical examination, which includes the New York state immunization requirement, is required by the college for all students. Information about these requirements can be found here: www.health.ny.gov/prevention/immunization/handbook/section_1_requirements.htm.

Forms and information regarding college health requirements can be found online at: www.dyc.edu/campus-life/support-services/health-center/ Additional questions regarding the college health record requirements may be addressed by calling the health center at 716-829-8777.

In addition to D'Youville College health record requirements, RN to BSN students participate in two clinical experiences, necessitating additional student health requirements to protect the health of the students as well as the patients with whom they interact. These health requirements also fulfill contractual agreements between the college and various clinical agencies to meet state, federal, and agency-specific requirements. These requirements are met by completing the Physical Examination form available on the School of Nursing Student Resources page here: www.dyc.edu/academics/schools-and-departments/nursing/current-student-resources.aspx.

Prior to the first nursing course with a clinical lab component (NUR course with L after course number), students will be provided with specific instructions and a cohort-specific code in order to establish a medical document management account with **Castlebranch**, an online document management service. Student payment of a one-time fee directly to CastleBranch will be required in order to establish the account. It is the student's responsibility to establish the CastleBranch account and to upload all required health documentation for approval and storage by the specified deadline. Health requirement documentation to be uploaded includes but is not limited to the following:

- Annual physical assessment by physician or nurse practitioner
- 2 MMR vaccinations, or titer demonstrating immunity
- 2 varicella vaccinations OR documentation by healthcare provider of chickenpox infection with month and year OR titer demonstrating immunity
- Tetanus vaccination (Td booster) updated every 10 years
- Proof of one dose of Tdap (with pertussis)—if unable to provide, must receive one dose of Tdap to replace one Td booster dose- should wait at least 2 years since last Td
- Completed meningitis vaccination response form (date of vaccination or signature indicating vaccination declined)
- Tuberculin screening—2 step screening initially, single step repeated annually
- Annual influenza vaccine or signed form indicating vaccine declined.

Students must meet all health requirements as identified above for all nursing courses with clinical lab components. Failure to meet health requirements will result in inability to attend on or off-campus clinical lab experiences and may necessitate course withdrawal.

If a student experiences a change in physical or psychological health status while enrolled in a Nursing course with a clinical lab component (NUR course with L after course number), it is the responsibility of the student to provide documentation indicating clearance for participation in patient care activities in the clinical laboratory setting without restrictions or limitations. Such documentation must be submitted to the School of Nursing in order to continue or resume attendance for clinical lab experiences (on or off-campus). Note that the required documentation is not intended to disclose the nature of the health issue, but should simply state that the student is or has been managed by the healthcare provider, and that the student has full clearance for clinical lab participation. Documentation must include healthcare facility letterhead and must be signed by a healthcare provider. Documentation that simply indicates that the student "may return to school" is not adequate.

- d. Current certification in adult and child Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) for the professional healthcare provider is a requirement of all clinical courses starting with NUR 200 level courses. Completion of exclusively on-line CPR courses is not acceptable. Acceptable courses must include a hands on practice and testing component.
- e. Students must meet HIPAA requirements as indicated in specific course syllabi.
- f. Students may be required to provide personally identifiable information to meet the requirement of clinical agencies. Failure to supply such information will result in student's ineligibility to complete the nursing program.
- g. Students are responsible for transportation to and from clinical sites.
- h. RN to BSN students will arrange clinical times and days with their preceptor.
- i. Clinical attire must be consistent with requirements for the clinical site. At D'Youville student ID badge will be required.

Student Conduct

Students enrolled in the nursing program are expected to exhibit professional behavior, demonstrating responsible and mature conduct in both the academic and clinical environments. Professional behavior expectations relate not only to face-to-face interactions, but to actions and interactions in the electronic/ online environment as well. Unprofessional conduct will not be tolerated. Regardless of

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previous grades earned, unprofessional conduct may result in failure in and/or dismissal from the course and/or program. Disciplinary action will be at the discretion of the course and/or the School of Nursing faculty. Policies specific to the School of Nursing regarding grading, progression, retention, dismissal and unprofessional conduct are available to students in the School of Nursing undergraduate student handbook.

Admission Requirements R.N. to B.S.N.

Associate's Degree R.N. Students Or Diploma Prepared

Professional R.N.s – B.S.N. Program:

- Minimum overall GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- Current unrestricted professional nurse (RN) license.
- Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree from an accredited program with graduation date and, for new graduates, NCLEX eligible or holds a current unrestricted professional nursing (RN) license.
- A diploma nursing school prepared professional with a current unrestricted professional nursing (RN) license.
- New graduates are admitted on the condition that the NCLEX is passed by the end of the first semester.

School of Nursing

Programs in the School of Nursing include undergraduate and graduate degree programs and post-graduate APRN certificates. The entry level professional program leads to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree in four academic years. Graduates are eligible to apply to take the NCLEX-RN® for licensure as registered nurses. The program has a strong liberal arts foundation preparatory to and correlated with professional courses. Students begin clinical course work in their sophomore year and complete a variety of clinical experiences before graduation.

A special curriculum (RN to BSN) is available for RN students with an associate degree or diploma in nursing. The curriculum offered online, except for clinical experiences, is designed to capitalize on and enhance the knowledge and experience gained from practicing as a professional nurse and from previous college coursework.

D'Youville offers master's of science in nursing degree programs in psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner (PMHNP), family nurse practitioner (FNP), nursing management and quality leadership, and nursing education with a clinical focus. The PMHNP and FNP programs are also available in the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program and the post-graduate advanced practice certificate program. The nurse practitioner programs prepare graduates to apply for and take national certification exams.

All programs include a focus on evidence based practice, interdisciplinary healthcare studies, culturally competent healthcare, and collaboration and partnerships with clients, healthcare professionals, and agencies.

Graduates are prepared for careers in a multitude of healthcare settings including primary care, community and home health nursing, hospital nursing long-term care nursing, and new independent roles in managed care settings. Employment opportunities vary by specific programs.

The baccalaureate degree in nursing, the master degree, Doctor of Nursing Practice, and the post-graduate APRN certificate at D'Youville are accredited by the [Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education](#).

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