

The RN-BSN Program is designed for Registered Nurses who wish to earn the baccalaureate nursing degree or for current nursing students (dual enrollment) who are enrolled in a Nursing AAS/Diploma program who wish to earn the baccalaureate nursing degree. The focus of the program is to add value to their nursing education, increase their perspective of current clinical practice beyond the ADN level, enhance their leadership abilities and promote life-long learning within the nursing profession.

Students who are dual enrolled can start BSN classes instantly through an online format. The program has two courses that require a practicum experience in an area of the student's interests.

The Nursing Program is also approved by the State Board of Colorado Community College Occupational and Education Programs. Arapahoe Community College is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA).

| Required Courses | Credits | Pre or Co Reqs Rqd | Course Availability | | |
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| | | | Fall | Spr | Sum |
| General Education Courses | | | | | |
| • Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH3 | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| • ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2 | 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • History GT-HI1 | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • MAT 135 - Introduction to Statistics: GT-MA1* | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3 | 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Major Courses | | | | | |
| • NUR 301 - Integration into Baccalaureate Nursing Practice | 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • NUR 302 - Trends in Nursing Practice | 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • NUR 303 - Research / Evidence Based Practice | 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • NUR 408 - Legal and Ethical Issues Related to Professional Nursing Practice | 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • NUR 409 - Leadership in the Nursing Profession | 3.5 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • NUR 410 - Community Health Nursing Practicum | 6 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| • NUR 411 - Senior Seminar | 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Restricted Elective Courses | | | | | |
| • Health Care Elective | 3 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| Other | | | | | |
| • Associate Degree Credits | 71.5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Pre-Requisites, Co-Requisites, and Recommendations (grade C or better required)

Where requirements are listed as course categories (e.g. Electives, Arts/Humanities) rather than as specific courses, please note that depending upon course choice, pre-requisites may be required.

ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2

- Pre-Requisite: ENG 121 - English Composition I OR ENG 131 - Technical Writing I

NUR 301 - Integration into Baccalaureate Nursing Practice

- Requirement: Department approval

NUR 302 - Trends in Nursing Practice

- Pre-Requisite: NUR 301 - Integration into Baccalaureate Nursing Practice

NUR 303 - Research / Evidence Based Practice

- Pre-Requisite: ENG 121 - English Composition I: GT-CO1*
- Pre-Requisite: MAT 135 - Introduction to Statistics: GT-MA1*

Health Care Elective

- Pre-Requisite: NUR 301 - Integration into Baccalaureate Nursing Practice
- Pre-Requisite: NUR 301 - Integration into Baccalaureate Nursing Practice

NUR 410 - Community Health Nursing Practicum

- Requirement: Department approval

NUR 408 - Legal and Ethical Issues Related to Professional Nursing Practice

- Requirement: Department approval

NUR 409 - Leadership in the Nursing Profession

- Requirement: Department approval

NUR 411 - Senior Seminar

- Pre-Requisite or Co-Requisite: Pre-requisite NUR 409 - Leadership in the Nursing Profession OR Co-Requisite NUR 410 - Community Health Nursing Practicum

Program Outcomes

- Quality care: Apply research to promote best practice and use data to monitor the outcomes of care processes while using improvement methods to design and test changes to continuously improve the quality and safety of health care systems and deliver quality care to individuals, and diverse populations.
- Professionalism: Demonstrate an enhanced commitment to professionalism that embraces excellence, caring, legal and ethical practice, civility, accountability, and life-long learning.
- Communication: Model effective communication and collaboration with colleagues/interdisciplinary groups and members of the community to promote health, safety and well-being.
- Leadership: Apply principles of leadership, and knowledge of quality improvement and organizational systems in designing, managing and coordinating safe, quality, and cost effective patient-centered care.
- Critical thinking/Clinical reasoning: Utilize a systematic process of critical inquiry using nursing, natural and behavioral sciences, humanities and arts to make evidence-based practice decisions that improve the nursing care of individuals, families, groups, and communities.

Notes

- *This course requires college level readiness as measured by Accuplacer, ACT, or SAT scores; approved high school course work that is less than five years old; or successful completion of appropriate college-readiness course.

- ~With approval, Associate of Applied Science / Associate Degree in Nursing students have the option to be dual-enrolled in the RN-BSN Completion Program. Dual-enrollment allows students to take online BSN courses concurrently with their existing AAS program.
- Acceptance is conditional until background check and drug screen are successfully passed (instructions will be communicated in the Acceptance Letter).
- Admission Requirements:
 - Current ACC application for admission.
 - Nursing program application for RN-BSN Completion Program.
 - Official academic transcripts for all college credits completed.
 - Unless dual-enrolled, an active, unencumbered Registered Nurse (RN) license is required.
 - Must be dual-enrolled or a graduate from an accredited Associate of Applied Science / Associate Degree in Nursing or Diploma Nursing Program.
- All 300-level courses must be completed prior to start of 400-level courses.
- Courses are subject to cancelation depending on enrollment numbers.
- Healthcare electives will be 7 week courses unless the course is Emergency Preparedness, in which case the course will be 8 weeks.
- If Associate Degree is less than 71.5 credits, balance of credits may be satisfied with elective credits or credits for prior learning.
- Out of state students will require authorization by the State Board of Nursing in their state of residence in order for ACC to provide instruction. In addition, depending on the state, limitations may exist with ACC providing an education experience to them.
- Recent nursing graduates must provide a copy of RN license prior to beginning of second semester.
- Students must complete a minimum of 25% of the credits required for the degree at Arapahoe Community College in order to earn this degree from ACC.

Graduation Requirements

- Achieve a "C" or better in all required courses.

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE FULL-TIME TRACK

| Prerequisites | Credits | Course |
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| | 71.5 | Associate Degree Credits |
| Year 1: Fall | Credits | Course |
| | 3 | ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2 |
| | 3 | Health Care Elective ~Choose One Course~ NUR 304 - Informatics and Healthcare Technology NUR 305 - Emergency Preparedness NUR 306 - Gerontology NUR 307 - Behavioral Health |
| | 3 | MAT 135 - Introduction to Statistics: GT-MA1 |
| | 3 | NUR 301 - Integration into Baccalaureate Nursing Practice |
| | 3 | NUR 302 - Trends in Nursing Practice |
| Year 1: Spring | Credits | Course |
| | 3 | Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH3 ~Recommended Arts / Humanities Course(s)~ HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2* HUM 115 - World Mythology: GT-AH2* LIT 205 - Ethnic Literature: GT-AH2* LIT 212 - American Literature After the Civil War I: GT-AH2* PHI 112 - Ethics: GT-AH3* PHI 114 - Comparative Religions: GT-AH3* |
| | 3 | Health Care Elective ~Choose One Course~ NUR 304 - Informatics and Healthcare Technology NUR 305 - Emergency Preparedness NUR 306 - Gerontology NUR 307 - Behavioral Health |
| | 3 | NUR 303 - Research / Evidence Based Practice |
| | 6 | NUR 410 - Community Health Nursing Practicum |
| Year 1: Summer | Credits | Course |
| | 3 | NUR 408 - Legal and Ethical Issues Related to Professional Nursing Practice |
| | 3.5 | NUR 409 - Leadership in the Nursing Profession |
| | 3 | NUR 411 - Senior Seminar |
| Year 2: Fall | Credits | Course |
| | 3 | Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH3 ~Recommended Arts / Humanities Course(s)~ HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2* HUM 115 - World Mythology: GT-AH2* LIT 205 - Ethnic Literature: GT-AH2* LIT 212 - American Literature After the Civil War I: GT-AH2* PHI 112 - Ethics: GT-AH3* PHI 114 - Comparative Religions: GT-AH3* |

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| 3 | History GT-HI1 |
| | ~Recommended History Course(s)~ |
| | HIS 101 - Western Civilization: Antiquity-1650: GT-HI1* |
| | HIS 102 - Western Civilization: 1650-Present: GT-HI1* |
| | HIS 111 - The World: Antiquity-1500: GT-HI1* |
| | HIS 112 - The World: 1500-Present: GT-HI1* |
| | HIS 121 - U.S. History to Reconstruction* |
| | HIS 122 - United States History Since the Civil War* |
| | HIS 225 - Colorado History: GT-HI1* |
| 3 | Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3 |
| | ~Recommended Social / Behavioral Science Course(s)~ |
| | ANT 101 - Cultural Anthropology: GT-SS3* |
| | ECO 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics: GT-SS1* |
| | GEO 105 - World Regional Geography: GT-SS2* |
| | POS 105 - Introduction to Political Science: GT-SS1* |
| | PSY 101 - General Psychology I: GT-SS3* |
| | PSY 235 - Human Growth and Development: GT-SS3* |
| | SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology I: GT-SS3* |

RECOMMENDED COURSE SEQUENCE PART-TIME TRACK

| Prerequisites | Credits | Course |
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| | 71.5 | Associate Degree Credits |
| Year 1: Fall | Credits | Course |
| | 3 | ENG 122 - English Composition II: GT-CO2 |
| | 3 | MAT 135 - Introduction to Statistics: GT-MA1 |
| | 3 | NUR 301 - Integration into Baccalaureate Nursing Practice |
| Year 1: Spring | Credits | Course |
| | 3 | Health Care Elective ~Choose One Course~ NUR 304 - Informatics and Healthcare Technology NUR 305 - Emergency Preparedness NUR 306 - Gerontology NUR 307 - Behavioral Health |
| | 3 | NUR 302 - Trends in Nursing Practice |
| | 3 | NUR 303 - Research / Evidence Based Practice |
| Year 1: Summer | Credits | Course |
| | 3 | Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH3 ~Recommended Arts / Humanities Course(s)~ HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2* HUM 115 - World Mythology: GT-AH2* LIT 205 - Ethnic Literature: GT-AH2* LIT 212 - American Literature After the Civil War: GT-AH2* PHI 112 - Ethics: GT-AH3* PHI 114 - Comparative Religions: GT-AH3* |
| | 3 | Health Care Elective ~Choose One Course~ NUR 304 - Informatics and Healthcare Technology NUR 305 - Emergency Preparedness NUR 306 - Gerontology NUR 307 - Behavioral Health |
| Year 2: Fall | Credits | Course |
| | 3 | NUR 408 - Legal and Ethical Issues Related to Professional Nursing Practice |
| | 3.5 | NUR 409 - Leadership in the Nursing Profession |
| | 3 | Social / Behavioral Science GT-SS1-SS3 ~Recommended Social / Behavioral Science Course(s)~ ANT 101 - Cultural Anthropology: GT-SS3* ECO 201 - Principles of Macroeconomics: GT-SS1* GEO 105 - World Regional Geography: GT-SS2* POS 105 - Introduction to Political Science: GT-SS1* PSY 101 - General Psychology I: GT-SS3* PSY 235 - Human Growth and Development: GT-SS3* SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology I: GT-SS3* |

120 Credits

| Year 2: Spring | Credits | Course |
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| | 3 | History GT-HI1 ~Recommended History Course(s)~ HIS 101 - Western Civilization: Antiquity-1650: GT-HI1* HIS 102 - Western Civilization: 1650-Present: GT-HI1* HIS 111 - The World: Antiquity-1500: GT-HI1* HIS 112 - The World: 1500-Present: GT-HI1* HIS 121 - U.S. History to Reconstruction* HIS 122 - United States History Since the Civil War* HIS 225 - Colorado History: GT-HI1* |
| | 6 | NUR 410 - Community Health Nursing Practicum |
| Year 2: Summer | Credits | Course |
| | 3 | Arts / Humanities GT-AH1-AH3 ~Recommended Arts / Humanities Course(s)~ HUM 103 - Introduction to Film Art: AH2* HUM 115 - World Mythology: GT-AH2* LIT 205 - Ethnic Literature: GT-AH2* LIT 212 - American Literature After the Civil War I: GT-AH2* PHI 112 - Ethics: GT-AH3* PHI 114 - Comparative Religions: GT-AH3* |
| | 3 | NUR 411 - Senior Seminar |