UNIVERSITY OF South Carolina

Major Map: Nursing-R.N., B.S.N.
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.)
College of Nursing
Bulletin Year: 2026-2027

This course plan is a recommended sequence for this major. Courses designated as critical (!) may have a deadline for completion and/or affect time to graduation. Please see the Program Notes section for details regarding "critical courses" for this particular Program of Study.

Prior to Admission

An Associate's Degree in Nursing or Diploma in Nursing from an accredited program and a current unrestricted Registered Nurse (R.N.) license to practice professional nursing in the United States are required for admission to the RN-BSN program. A minimum Nursing (previous Associate or Diploma) Degree GPA of 3.000 is required. See the Bulletin for additional admissions requirements.

Prior to admission into (or while pursuing) the R.N.-B.S.N., students must have credit for all Carolina Core[1] requirements plus electives including the equivalents of:

- Two levels of statistics *or* one course in statistics and one course calculus. Students may substitute STAT 201 or STAT 206 for STAT 205.
- Students in the College of Nursing are required to demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language by achieving a score of two or higher on the Foreign Language Placement Test or by completing 4-6 hours of a GFL sequence.
- Microbiology with laboratory
- Human Growth and Development
- Anatomy and Physiology I and II with laboratories
- Introduction to Psychology *and* Introductory Sociology

The RN-BSN Program is a distance education program with online coursework, offered in 7-week courses.

Critical	Course Subject and Title	Credit Hours	Min. Grade[2]	Major GPA[3]	Code	Prerequisites	Notes
Semester One (6 Credit Hours)							
!	NURS 250 Nursing Science in Professional Practice	3	C		MR		
	NURS 309 Nursing Health Assessment	3	C		MR	Prereq or Coreq: NURS 250	
Semester Two (6 Credit Hours)							
	NURS 400 Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3	C		MR CC-INT	C or better in NURS 250	
	NURS 318 Application of Pathophysiology & Pharmacology in Nursing	3	C		MR	C or better in NURS 250	
Semester Three (6 Credit Hours)							
	NURS 420 Emerging Issues in Health Care	3	C		MR	NURS 250	
	NURS 431 Population Health Nursing	3	C		MR		
Semester Four (3 Credit Hours)							
	NURS 313 Nursing Care of the Older Adult	3	C		MR	C or better in NURS 250	
Semester Five (7 Credit Hours)							
!	NURS 434 Community-Based Clinical Practicum for RNs[4]	3	C		MR		
	NURS 428 Nursing Leadership & Management	4	C		MR	C or better in NURS 250	

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Graduation Requirements Summary

Minimum Total Hours	Minimum Major Requirements Hours	College & Program Requirements Hours[6]	Carolina Core Hours	Minimum Institutional GPA
120	28	48-60	32-44	3.000

1. The Carolina Core provides the common core of knowledge, skill and academic experience for all Carolina undergraduate students. Students in the College of Nursing are required to demonstrate proficiency in one foreign language by a score of 2 or higher on the foreign language placement test, or credit equivalent to USC 109 and 110 courses, or credit equivalent to the USC 121 course.
2. Regardless of individual course grades, students admitted to the RN-BSN Program must maintain a minimum 3.000 cumulative Institutional GPA to maintain good standing in the program.
3. Some colleges require a minimum GPA for major courses. Courses indicated in this column are included in the major GPA for this program of study.
4. Requires 8 hours of work per week in the community. (56 hours total)

Program Notes:

- Courses identified as "critical" must be completed in the semester in which they are listed.
- Students must maintain RN licensure for the duration of the RN-BSN Program.
- After admission to the RN BSN program and completion of all BSN degree requirements: Students awarded an Associate Degree in Nursing with an unencumbered RN licensure from an accredited nursing program OR students with an unencumbered RN Licensure with a Diploma in Nursing from an accredited nursing program will be awarded up to 38 credits towards meeting educational competencies for their degree. Number of credits awarded will be determined after careful review of the student transcript and program of study degree requirements. Additional coursework may be needed to satisfy outstanding credits not met by ADN or Diploma degree. Education competency credits are held and will be awarded upon successful completion of all BSN degree requirements.
- All undergraduate students must take a 3-credit course or its equivalent with a passing grade that covers the founding documents. This course may fulfill any requirement in the program of study. Courses that meet this requirement are listed in the academic bulletin.
- The last 25% of a student's degree must be completed in residence (meaning through USC Columbia coursework or other USC campus), and at least half of the hours in the student's major and minor courses (if applicable) must be taken at the University, I.E. 122 credits = 31 hours. Advanced placement exam credits or transfer credits do not meet this requirement. Students must meet these requirements to be eligible for BSN graduation.

University Requirements: Bachelor's degree-seeking students must meet Carolina Core (general education) requirements. For more information regarding these requirements, please visit the Carolina Core page on the University website.

Codes:			
CC	Carolina Core	**CC-INF**	Carolina Core – Information Literacy
CC-AIU	Carolina Core-Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding	**CC-INT**	Carolina Core – Integrative Course
CC-ARP	Carolina Core-Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving	**CC-SCI**	Carolina Core – Scientific Literacy
CC-CMS	Carolina Core-Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component	**CC-VSR**	Carolina Core – Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility
CC-CMW	Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component	**CR**	College Requirement
CC-GFL	Carolina Core-Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language	**MR**	Major Requirement
CC-GHS	Carolina Core – Historical Thinking	**PR**	Program Requirement
CC-GSS	Carolina Core – Social Sciences		

Disclaimer: Major maps are only a suggested or recommended sequence of courses required in a program of study. Please contact your academic advisor for assistance in the application of specific coursework to a program of study and course selection and planning for upcoming semesters.