

Academic Rhode Map for RN to BSN Nursing Major at Rhode Island College: Second Degree

GENERAL EDUCATION: A complete listing of General Education courses can be found in the online catalog; look at catalog for year you enrolled. For Gen Ed courses, aside from Second Language requirement, which varies depending on where you are placed, you need ONE course from each category. Second Language 101/102 options are: American Sign, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, or Spanish. For other ways to satisfy the second language requirement look under the Gen Ed. section of the catalog. For information about Math Placement exam visit the orientation webpage. Any courses marked (F) offered Fall only; (Sp) Spring only. **Courses with an asterisk* have prerequisites. Courses with a “W” in the prefix are Writing in the Discipline (WID) courses and will be writing intensive.**

General Education Checklist	Course(s)	Academic Major Checklist	Course
Second Language Requirement [†] (possibly two courses)		NURS 207 Baccalaureate Education for Nursing*	
First Year Writing		NURS 225W Introduction to Writing and Research in Nursing* (WID)	
Arts-Visual and Performing History		NURS 316 Physical Assessment of the Adult and Child*	
Literature		NURS 370 Public and Community Health Nursing*	
Mathematics		NURS 376 Contemporary Nursing Practices: Issues and Challenges*	
Natural Science			
Advanced Quantitative/ Scientific Reasoning*			
Social Behavioral Sciences			
Connections*			

This map is a semester-by-semester plan to help you toward graduation. This map is not your only route; it is a suggestion. You might take additional courses over the summer, or early spring/winter to catch up or get ahead if the courses you need are offered at these times. While many courses in your major will have prerequisites that you will need to take in a special order, there is some flexibility in this map, but always double check you have the right prerequisites for a course you plan to take.

The column to the left on the other side of this page suggests the ideal courses for you to take each semester. There are times when those courses may be full or unavailable the semester you plan to take them, in which case consider another course from a different semester with which you can switch. The column on the right has "Checkpoints" for each semester that show where you should be by the end of that semester. You should work from this map as you plan each semester's schedule, before checking in with your advisor. You should plan to see your advisor in September for the Spring Semester and in February for the Fall. Transfer students may also use the Rhode Map with the understanding that they have most likely completed several requirements through transfer of credit and will be starting further into the program.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS: The following requirements must be completed by undergraduate degree candidates at Rhode Island College in order to graduate:

- A minimum of 30 credit hours – 22 credits in the nursing major and 8 elective credits
- A minimum overall grade point average of 2.50

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SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS
NURS 207 Baccalaureate Education for Nursing*	4	Prerequisite is RN licensure, RN to BSN intended, or by consent of program director; minimum grade of C
NURS 225W Introduction to Writing and Research in Nursing* (WID)	2	Minimum grade of C. Prereq. is acceptance to the nursing program
Elective(s)	4	
Requirements and GPA		<p>Aim for 10 earned credits, with minimum 2.5 GPA. RN-BSN Students enrolled in the Second Baccalaureate Degree generally take a total of 30 credits. 22 credits are nursing and 8 are elective credits. A plan of study is developed with the student and Director of Baccalaureate program. For admission to Rhode Island College and declaration of nursing as the major: Completion of NURS 207 and NURS 225 with a minimum grade of C. Completion of Math Milestone and Writing Requirements. A current unrestricted Rhode Island Nursing license. A minimum GPA of 2.5.</p> <p>Upon acceptance to School of Nursing students must submit and update immunizations with RIC Health Services. Students must submit a Criminal Background Check through certifiedbackground.com. Students must maintain an unencumbered RN license from the State of Rhode Island and have a current healthcare provider CPR card. Students must earn a grade of 'C' or better to progress in the nursing program</p>
# CREDITS EARNED	10	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester. Submit Second Enrollment application by November 15 th or April 15 th

SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS
NURS 316 Physical Assessment of the Adult and Child*	4	Pre-requisites – acceptance into RN – BSN Program, NURS 207, and NURS 225W
Electives if needed	4	Consult with academic advisor regarding general education course(s)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 18 earned credits; minimum 2.5 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	8	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

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SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
NURS 370 Public and Community Health Nursing*	6	Prerequisites – NURS 207, NURS 225W and NURS 316. HESI testing completed in NURS 370. Apply for graduation audit through MyRIC
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 24 earned credits; minimum of 2.5 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	6	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and apply for a degree audit through MyRIC.

SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS
NURS 376 Contemporary Nursing Practices: Issues and Challenges*	6	Prereq. RN Student and NURS 370, or consent of program advisor
Requirements and GPA		Residency requirement and graduation requirements met. Minimum of 2.5 GPA. Order RIC Nursing Pin and academic regalia for Pinning Ceremony/ Provide personal statement for Pinning/Attend Pinning Ceremony/Attend Gradfest and Graduation!
# CREDITS EARNED	6	

For more information, check the Nursing website:

<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/school-nursing/nursing-undergraduate-programs>

This sample road map is NOT to be considered a replacement for advisement. Each Second Degree RN-BSN student based on their transfer credits and personal career goals will have an individual Academic Rhode Map.