

Academic Rhode Map for BSN Nursing Major at Rhode Island College

- This Rhode Map is a suggested pathway to graduation in 8 semesters
 - There are other valid pathways available to graduation - part time, summer/early spring classes, etc..
- The left column contains the suggested courses for each semester, the right column contains notes for the course and about progress towards graduation
- Some courses might not be offered during the semester shown on the map
 - In these cases, courses listed in future semesters can be substituted if their prerequisites have been satisfied
 - Your advisor can help you determine which courses can be used during your appointment each semester
- This Rhode Map is designed primarily with incoming freshmen in mind and assumes a Fall start
 - Transfer students can also use it as a guide, knowing that their transfer credits may have satisfied some requirements. Academic advisors are available to answer questions about how these will affect the program
 - Students starting in the spring may need to adjust based on class offerings and availability

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

FYW 100 – Taken in first year (Cannot be used as elective)	Distribution Courses - One from each category		Math (M) - suggested in first year
FYS 100 – Taken in first year (Cannot be used as elective)		Arts (A)	
Connections – Taken after FYW & FYS		History/Philosophy (H/P)	
		Literature/Language (L)	
		Natural Science (NS)	
		Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB) - Satisfied by PSYC 110	
			Elective(s) for 40 total Gen Ed credits

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST

NURS 100 Healthcare Careers: Foundations for Success		NURS 381 Family-Centered Pediatric Nursing
NURS 230 Health Promotion & Disease Prevention		NURS 382 Maternal Newborn Nursing
NURS 231 Pathopharmacology		NURS 383 Global, Community, and Public Policy
NURS 232 Health Assessment of Diverse Populations		NURS 384 Nursing Practice Synthesis
NURS 233 Essentials of Nursing Knowledge and Practice		Cognates: BIOL 201/202 Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture and lab) (NS)
NURS 234W Scholarly Inquiry and Informatics		BIOL 203/204 Anatomy and Physiology II (Lecture and lab)
NURS 351 Adult Nursing Care of Common Conditions		BIOL 348 Microbiology
NURS 352 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing		CHEM 121 Chemistry Fundamentals for Healthcare
NURS 353 Adult Nursing of Complex Conditions		PSYC 110 Introduction to Psychology
NURS 354 Innovative Leadership		PSYC 230 Human Development

Graduation Requirements:

- **Completion of General Education Requirements** – See table above
- **Completion of Major Requirements** — See table above
- **RIC 100 or Equivalent (Nursing should take NURS 100)**— Taken in first year
- **College Math Milestone** — Satisfied by placement exam or completion of MATH 10
- **College Writing Competency** — Satisfied by FYW 100 with a minimum grade of C
- **Minimum 120 Credit Hours** — At least 30 credits at RIC (of which 15 from major, including 12 at 300 or 400 level)
- **Minimum GPA - 2.0 overall**

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SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 NOTES
FYW 100 First Year Writing OR FYS 100 First Year Seminar	4	FYW Directed Self Placement exam - https://www.ric.edu/academics/general-education/first-year-writing-fyw
NURS 100 Healthcare Careers: Foundations for Success	2	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150, RIC 100
PSYC 110 Intro to Psychology (SB)	4	Satisfies Gen Ed Social & Behavioral Sciences (SB)
General Education Course – Mathematics (M) Recommend Math 139 or Math 240	4	Prereqs for both = completion of Math Milestone or appropriate score on the Math Placement test
BIOL 201 and BIOL 202 Anatomy and Physiology I (Lecture and Lab) (NS)	4	BIOL 201 requires concurrent/previous completion of BIOL 202 Prereq = Math Milestone. Satisfied Gen Ed Natural Science (NS)
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 16 earned credits, and minimum of 3.0 GPA</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	18	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 NOTES
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	Complete FYS and FYW; for FYW, grade C or better
BIOL 203 and BIOL 204 Anatomy and Physiology II (Lecture and Lab)	4	Prereq = BIOL 201 and BIOL 202 with a grade of C or better BIOL 203 requires concurrent or previous completion of BIOL 204. Satisfies GE Elective
PSYC 230 Human Development	4	Pre-req: PSYC 110; grade C or better
CHEM 121 Chem Fundamentals for Healthcare	4	Pre-reqs: Math competency Grade C or better
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for a minimum of 30 earned credits A minimum of 3.0 GPA is required upon application to the School of Nursing Successful completion of BIOL 203 and BIOL 204 PSYC 230 and CHEM 121 is required for application of the School of Nursing Submit enrollment application to School of Nursing if GPA is > 3.0 and cognate GPA is > 2.67 Upon acceptance to the School of Nursing, students must submit and update immunizations with RIC Health Services Students must also submit a Background Check (BCI) through CastleBranch at the time of acceptance and then annually thereafter</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	16	<i>By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

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SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 NOTES
General Education course (Any still needed)	4	
BIOL 348 Microbiology	4	Prereqs = BIOL 201 and BIOL 202 with a grade of C or better
NURS 230 Health Promotion & Disease Prevention	3	Prereqs = BIOL 203 and BIOL 204, CHEM 121, PSYC 230 and acceptance into the nursing program BIOL 348 taken concurrent or previous to NURS 230 Must be taken concurrent with NURS 231 Must pass course with a minimum grade of C
NURS 231 Pathopharmacology	4	Prereqs = BIOL 203 and BIOL 204, CHEM 121, PSYC 230 and acceptance into the nursing program BIOL 348 taken concurrent or previous to NURS 231 Must be taken concurrent with NURS 230 Must pass course with a minimum grade of C
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 45 earned credits.</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	15	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 4	CR	SEMESTER 4 NOTES
NURS 232 Health Assessment of Diverse Populations	3	Pr-reqs = NURS 230, NURS 231, BIOL 348 Must be taken concurrently with NURS 233 and NURS 234W Must pass course with a minimum grade of "C"
NURS 233 Essentials of Nursing Knowledge and Practice	6	Prereqs = NURS 230, NURS 231, BIOL 348 Must be taken concurrently with NURS 232 and 234W Must pass course with a minimum grade of C
NURS 234W Scholarly Inquiry and Informatics	3	Prereqs - NURS 230, NURS 231, BIOL 348 Must be taken concurrently with NURS 232 and NURS 233 Must pass course with a minimum grade of C
General Education course (Any still needed)	4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 60 earned credits</i> <i>Student must have a current healthcare provider CPR card through the American Heart Association (AHA)</i> <i>Student must maintain this throughout the program along with annual background checks and updated health record</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	16	<i>By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 NOTES
NURS 351 Adult Nursing Care of Common Conditions	6	Prereqs: NURS 232, NURS 233, NURS 234W Must be taken concurrently with NURS 352 Must pass course with a minimum grade of "C".
NURS 352 Psychiatric – Mental Health Nursing	6	Prereqs = NURS 232, NURS 233, NURS 234W Must be taken concurrently with NURS 351 Must pass course with a minimum grade of "C".
General Education course (Any still needed)	4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 75 earned credits.</i>
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SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 NOTES
NURS 353 Adult Nursing Care of Complex Conditions	6	Prereqs = NURS 351, NURS 352. Must be taken concurrently with NURS 354 Must pass course with a minimum grade of C
NURS 354 Innovative Leadership	3	Prereqs = NURS 351, NURS 352. Must pass course with a minimum grade of C
Gen Ed - Connections	4	Prereqs = FYW and FYS
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 90 earned credits. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC. Apply for graduation.</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	13	<i>By March, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 7	CR	SEMESTER 7 NOTES
NURS 381 Family-Centered Pediatric Nursing	6	Prereqs = NURS 353, NURS 354 Must be taken concurrently with NURS 382 Must pass course with a minimum grade of C
NURS 382 Maternal Newborn Nursing	6	Prereqs = NURS 353, NURS 354 Must be taken concurrently with NURS 381 Must pass course with a minimum grade of C
Elective if needed	0-4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>Aim for minimum of 105 earned credits.</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	<i>By October, make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester</i>

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 NOTES
NURS 383 Global, Community and Public Policy	6	Prereqs = NURS 381, 382 Must be taken concurrently with NURS 384 Must pass course with a minimum grade of C
NURS 384 Nursing Practice Synthesis	6	Prereqs = NURS 381 and 382 Must be taken concurrently with NURS 383 Must pass course with a minimum grade of C
Elective if needed	0-4	
Requirements and GPA		<i>All Gen Ed courses completed. Need minimum of 120 earned credits.</i>
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	<i>Attend Gradfest, Pinning, and Commencement</i>

For more information, check the Nursing website:

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

Please note that due to the rigors of the program and retention policies, enrollment in required nursing courses is limited to 12 credits per semester.

The total credit count for the major is 90 credits, and 40 credits for General Education. However, 12 Gen. Ed. credits for NS, SB and Elective will double count, leaving room for 2 elective credits.