

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

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*	
		NURS 225W Introduction to Writing and Research in Nursing*(WID)	
First Year Writing			
Arts-Visual and Performing		NURS 316 Physical Assessment of the Adult and Child*	
History			
Literature		NURS 370 Public and Community Health Nursing*	
Mathematics		NURS 376 Contemporary Nursing Practices: Issues and Challenges*	
Natural Science			
Advanced Quantitative/ Scientific Reasoning*		Nursing transfer electives of 37 credits count toward total credits	
Social Behavioral Sciences			
Connections*			
Possibly RIC 100; might be waived			

This map is a semester-by-semester plan to help you toward graduation within two years. 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—each semester section has a space for you to write in any changes/notes. 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:

- General Education program, including a second language requirement, and possibly RIC 100—see check chart.
- College Math Milestone (which is separate from the Gen Ed math requirement)
- College Writing Competency (satisfied by FYW with a minimum grade of C)
- Academic Major—see check chart. Writing in the Discipline requirement is satisfied through major courses
- A minimum of 120 credit hours, with a minimum of 45 credit hours taken at RIC. Of the 45 credit hours, a minimum of 15 credit hours must be in the major (12 of which must be at the 300- or 400-level)
- A minimum overall grade point average of 2.5

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SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS
First Year Writing (FYW 100)	4	Complete FYW with a minimum of C (or FYS); Transfer students may have this requirement completed
RIC 100 Introduction to Rhode Island College	1	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150; check to see if this can be waived
Based on your transfer credits, residency and graduation requirements select one of the following courses: Social and behavioral Sciences (SB); Visual and Performing Arts (A); Natural Sciences (NS); Mathematics (M); Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (AQSR); History(H); Literature(L); Second language Requirement; Connections	4	If Math Milestone is completed, consider Gen Ed-M* here, if not will need to take MATH 010. Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). If language is needed it is advisable to take as soon as possible as it is usually a two- course sequence.
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
Requirements and GPA		<p>Aim for 10-15 earned RIC credits; 12 credits for fulltime. Minimum 2.5 GPA overall. For admission to Rhode Island College and declaration of nursing as the major: Completion of NURS 207 and NURS 225W 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	15	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
Based on your transfer credits, select any needed Gen Ed. course, including second language if needed. You may take more if needed. May need to take FYS First Year Seminar.	4-8	Consult with academic advisor regarding general education course(s). Need to pass 102 second language course (if needed)
Requirements and GPA		Aim for of 18 - 22 earned RIC credits. Minimum 2.5 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	8-12	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

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SEMESTER 3 (Summer Session I)	CR	SEMESTER 3 (Summer Session 1) CHECKPOINTS
Additional Gen Ed. if needed.	4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for 22 - 26 earned RIC credits; minimum of 2.5 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	4	

SEMESTER 4 (Summer Session II)	CR	SEMESTER 4 (Summer Session II) CHECKPOINTS
Choose ONE Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)* and another Gen Ed.	8	Prereqs. for AQSR are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
Requirements and GPA		Aim for 26 - 30 earned RIC credits; minimum of 2.5 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	8	Check with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
NURS 370 Public and Community Health Nursing*	6	Prerequisites – NURS 207, NURS 225, and NURS 316. HESI testing completed in NURS 370. Apply for graduation audit
Connections*, if needed, or/and other Gen Ed.	4-8	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of (36-40) earned RIC credits; minimum of 2.5 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	6-14	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and apply for a degree audit through MyRIC.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
NURS 376 Contemporary Nursing Practices: Issues and Challenges*	6	Prereq. RN Student and NURS 370, or consent of program advisor
Remaining GE/Elective (s)—if needed	4-8	All GE courses and second lang. req. completed
Requirements and GPA		Residency requirement and graduation requirements met. Minimum of 2.5 GPA. Need 45 minimum of RIC credits, 120 credits total. Order RIC Nursing Pin and academic regalia for Pinning Ceremony/ Provide personal statement for Pinning/Attend Pinning Ceremony/Attend Gradfest and Graduation!
# CREDITS EARNED	10-14	

For more information, check the Nursing website:

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

The total credit count for this program major is 59 credits (which includes 37 transfer electives from accredited associates degree or hospital school of nursing), and up to 40 credits for Gen. Ed. (plus 8 for secondary language +1 RIC 100); need 120 credits. This sample roadmap is NOT to be considered a replacement for advisement. Each RN-BSN student based on their transfer credits and personal career goals will have an individual Academic Rhode Map.