Application Requirements for R.N. Students (with an associate's degree in nursing or hospital diploma)

1. Admission to Rhode Island College through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions at https://www.commonapp.org/ and declaration of nursing (RN to BSN) as the major.
2. Graduation from an accredited degree/diploma program.
3. A mminimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5.
4. A current unrestricted Rhode Island Nursing license.
5. Upon admission to the School of Nursing, criminal background investigation verification through CastleBranch.com is required.

Admission Requirements for R.N. students applying to the R.N. to B.S.N. Program as second-degree candidates are noted below under “Admission Requirements for Second Degree Candidates”

Retention Requirements for RN to BSN Students

1. A minimum grade of C in each nursing course. Only one nursing course may be repeated. Students who sustain another failure (a grade below a C) in any nursing course will be dismissed from the program.

2. The School of Nursing will notify students who have not met the retention criteria. The faculty of the School of Nursing reserves the right to require withdrawal or dismissal of a student who shows evidence, academically or personally, of an inability to carry out professional responsibilities in nursing. Students are expected to adhere to the School of Nursing code of academic honesty. Students have the right to appeal through the Student Outcomes Committee and the dean of the School of Nursing.

Course Requirements - Registered Nurse Students

*(Licensed graduates of accredited associate degree or hospital schools of nursing)*

Course

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| NURS 208W | Scholarly Inquiry and Practice in Nursing | 4 | F, Sp |
| NURS 317 | Quality, Economics, Equity, and Health Financing | 4 | F, Sp |
| NURS 318 | Person-Centered Physical and Health Assessment | 4 | Sp |
| NURS 371 | Global, Community and Health Policy | 4 | F, Sp |
| NURS 377 | Contemporary Nursing: Issues, Innovation, and Transformation | 4 | F, Sp, Su |
| NURS 378 | Capstone | 2 | F, Sp, Su |
|  | Nursing Transfer Electives | 37 |  |

*Up to 90 transfer credits will be accepted.*

*Note: R.N. to B.S.N. students must meet the minimum residency requirement of 30 credits and 120 credits for graduation, as well as the General Education requirements with the exception of the Second Language and Connections Requirement.*

Subtotal: 59

Course Descriptions:

NURS 175 - Nursing Drug Calculations (1)

Using dimensional analysis, students learn how to calculate drug dosages. (For nursing majors only.)

Offered: Fall, Spring.

**NURS 208W – Scholarly Inquiry and Practice in Nursing(4)**

Exploring the essential concepts of nursing theory, scholarly inquiry and nursing process, students will enhance their critical thinking, research, oral and written communication skills to providecompetency- based nursing.

Prerequisite: RN licensure and enrollment in the Onanian School of Nursing.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

NURS 220 - Foundations of Therapeutic Interventions (3)

Concepts of nutrition, pharmacology, and pathophysiology are introduced as foundations for therapeutic intervention in nursing practice.

Prerequisite: BIOL 231, CHEM 106, PSYC 230, prior or concurrent enrollment in BIOL 335, and acceptance to the nursing program.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

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NURS 314 - Health and Aging (4)

An interdisciplinary approach is taken to the health/mental health of older adults. Normal aging is compared to disease/disorders. Students cannot receive credit for both GRTL 314 and NURS 314.

Prerequisite: Completion of at least 45 credit hours.

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

NURS 316 - Physical Assessment of the Adult and Child (4)

Diagnostic skills are used to assess clients of all age groups. Assessment of health and developmental status is done through interview, inspection, palpation, percussion, and auscultation.

Prerequisite: Acceptance to the RN-BSN Program; completion of NURS 207 and NURS 225 or NURS 225W.

Offered: Spring.

**NURS 317 – Quality, Economics, Equity, and Health Financing (4)**

Understanding quality, economics and healthcare financing in the healthcare ecosystem is essential for delivering care. This knowledge will support achievement of equitable and quality health care outcomes.

Prerequisite: RN licensure and enrollment in the Onanian School of Nursing

Offered: Fall, Spring.

**NURS 318 – Person-Centered Physical and Health Assessment (4)**

Performing a comprehensive health and physical assessment of the adult and child with application of knowledge is essential. Students will critically analyze data to provide inclusive and person-centered care.

Prerequisite: RN licensure and enrollment in the Onanian School of Nursing, and NURS 208W.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

NURS 340 - Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing (6)

Psychiatric/mental health theory, practice, and the professional role are introduced, with emphasis on the adult client. Common psychiatric disorders across the lifespan are included. 12 contact hours.

Prerequisite: NURS 220, NURS 222, NURS 223, NURS 224 and NURS 225 or NURS 225W.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

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NURS 370 - Public and Community Health Nursing (6)

Principles of public health and nursing are synthesized and applied to the care of families and populations in theory and in practice. Ethnographic, epidemiological, and public policy approaches are used to understand public health issues. 12 contact hours.

Prerequisite: Prerequisite for general students: NURS 340, NURS 342, NURS 344, NURS 346. Prerequisite for licensed R.N. students: acceptance by School of Nursing for senior level.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

**NURS 371 – Global, Community, and Health Policy (4)**

Through the synthesis of knowledge from public health, global perspectives, and nursing, students will promote and protect the health of individuals, families, populations and communities.

Prerequisites: RN Licensure and enrollment in the Onanian School of Nursing, NURS 208W and NURS 318.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

NURS 372 - Adult Health Nursing II (6)

Focus continues on the promotion of health and the management of illness in adult clients. Students expand their knowledge and nursing practice in various settings. Professional behaviors are also developed. 12 contact hours.

Prerequisite: NURS 340, NURS 342, NURS 344, NURS 346.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

NURS 374 - Contemporary Professional Nursing (3)

Major topics pertinent to professional development and practice are analyzed in depth. Leadership and management theories, contemporary nursing issues, and factors facilitating professional achievements are also presented.

Prerequisite: NURS 340, NURS 342, NURS 344, NURS 346.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

NURS 375 - Transition to Professional Nursing Practice (6)

Professional values, roles, and issues, as well as client population-focused issues are discussed in seminar and applied in practicum. Students select a clinical setting in which the transition from student to professional nurse is fostered. 12 contact hours.

Prerequisite: NURS 372 and NURS 374.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

NURS 376 - Contemporary Nursing Practices: Issues and Challenges (6)

Professional values, roles, and issues pertinent to the contemporary health care environment are examined. 12 contact hours.

Prerequisite: RN-BSN student; completion of NURS 370 or consent of the program director.

Offered: Fall, Spring.

**NURS 377 – Contemporary Nursing: Issues, Innovation and Transformation (4)**

RN students will critically examine the evolving landscape of healthcare and nursing practice, addressing healthcare policy, ethics, informatics, cultural competence, leadership and interprofessional collaboration.

Prerequisite: RN Licensure and Enrollment in the Onanian School of Nursing

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

**NURS 378 – Capstone (2)**

Students will demonstrate competencies of program outcomes by engaging in a scholarly experiential practicum focused on the spheres of nursing practice that has relevance to the nursing profession. 6 contact hours.

Prerequisite: RN Licensure and Enrollment in the Onanian School of Nursing; NURS 208W, NURS 317, NURS 371, and NURS 377

Offered: Fall, Spring, Summer.

NURS 390 - Directed Study (3)

Designed to be a substitute for a traditional course under the instruction of a faculty member. This course may be repeated with a change in topic.

Prerequisite: Consent of instructor, department chair and dean.

Offered: As needed.