

Concordia University TEXAS

RN to BSN Program after Sp17



Points to Consider:

- Depending upon course work previously completed, the BSN can be attained with as little as 9 Concordia Distinctive credits and 24 nursing credits. Students may transfer 27-28 credits for general education; 15 supportive course credits (Anatomy and Physiology I & II, Microbiology, and Human Growth & Development. 45 credits are awarded for being a Registered Nurse. (The MSN would be 18 additional credits (20 for nursing education track) or two extra semesters additional)
- Tuition is at a flat rate per credit hour and credits are lower than other programs to complete. This is important because some employers will reimburse tuition only. Fees in the program are kept to a minimal with this in mind.
- Concordia Texas offers an education that is based on using problem-solving, healthcare program management techniques designed by Chief Nursing Officers and is based upon the skills needed to solve actual patient and nursing care problems.
- Practicum experiences will occur in the employing institution, whenever possible. Students will work with leaders in their chosen areas and gain knowledge and skills that can further their opportunities.
- Upon completion, graduates have more than just a transcript. They will have produced a learning and working portfolio which will enhance their advancement.
- Students can choose to apply their specialty hours in three different areas: nursing education, nursing leadership or nursing informatics

Admission Requirements:

- GPA of 2.5 on a 4 point scale for all previous course work leading to the Associate Degree in Nursing or a Diploma in Nursing.
- An Associate Degree in nursing from a regionally accredited institution of higher education that is accredited by a national nursing accrediting agency or a Diploma in Nursing from a national nursing accreditation.
- A unencumbered license as a Registered Nurse from the state in which the student resides or a state that is part of the Nurse Licensure Compact.
- Three letters of recommendation, one from the last immediate supervisor (nursing supervisor, if employed in nursing), one from previous nursing faculty member, and one from a professional colleague. If a letter from a nursing faculty member is difficult to obtain, two letters from professional colleagues will be accepted.
- Interview will be requested, if the GPA is below 2.5.
- Any applicant who falls below these standards may submit a petition and will be admitted only if they are determined eligible by the faculty.
- All admissions are conditional until all items on the nursing requirement checklist are completed. This checklist includes current CPR certification, proof of insurance, proof of immunizations and other items specific to nursing.

Progression Requirements:

- Maintain a GPA of 3.0 in order to stay in good standing as a graduate student.
- If the GPA is less than 3.0 for any term Academic Probation occurs for the next term. If at the end of that term (or the next 6 credit hours), the student fails to earn a 3.0 GPA, the student is ineligible to continue to study at

Concordia. After a student has been placed on probation, any subsequent cumulative GPA of less than a 3.0 will result in dismissal.

BSN Conferral Requirements:

- **Must complete all BSN curricular requirements**
- Must attain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 in all graduate work completed at Concordia University Texas used toward BSN requirements.
- Must fulfill all Concordia University Texas graduation requirements, such as:
 - A minimum of 30 credit hours taken at Concordia are required to fulfill residency requirements.
 - A minimum of 24 credit hours must be at the 3000, 4000 or 5000 level.
 - The total number of undergraduate hours must be equal to or greater than 120.
- Must complete Level I and II coursework and request a degree audit to be awarded a BSN.
- Must register for the appropriate graduation course during published registration times.
- Students admitted with prior BA/BS in another area may accelerate their RN to MSN by not earning their BSN along the way, but advancing straight through to the MSN degree. Please note that a RN to MSN wanting a BSN degree awarded along the way must fulfill all the above requirements

RN to BSN Degree Requirements

(Students beginning with R.N. and Associates Degree in Nursing)

COURSE AND SEMESTER LISTS:

The student will receive BSN degree after achieving 120 total hours plus 30 hours taken at Concordia University, Texas including 24 upper level credit hours achieved. Any R.N. student will receive 45 hours of credit toward BSN degree.

**Baccalaureate Required Courses, Concordia Distinctive Courses may be taken in any order
Nursing Courses will be taken in the semester and cohort as detailed below.**

Baccalaureate required courses: (Courses that may have been previously completed and could be transferred to Concordia)

Competency	Concordia Course	Credit Hours
Written Communication	ENG 1316	3
Quantitative Reasoning	Any College-level Math	3
Verbal Communication (Speech)	Com 1300	3
English Literature	ENG 1317 (Any Lit Course)	3
History	HIS 1301/1302 (US History)	3
Behavioral Science	Any PSY Course	3
Natural Science	Any BIO Course	3-4
Fine Arts	Any MUS/ART/THEA	3
Political Science	POL 1303	3

Concordia Distinctive Courses (Must be taken at Concordia) may be taken in any order

Competency	Concordia Course	Credit Hours
Life & Leadership	LDR 1100	1
Leadership Theory & Practice 8 week course	LDR 2201	2
New Testament 8 week course	REL 1301	3
Old Testament 8 week course	REL 1311	3

Support Courses (May be or have been taken at regionally accredited college or university and transferred. Usually a part of the ADN curriculum)

Competency		Credit Hours
Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 3402	4
Anatomy & Physiology II	BIO 3412	4
Microbiology	BIO 2402	4
Life Span Development	PSY 2301	3

**Nursing Courses: only taken after general education core and CTX Distinctives are completed
Fall Semester 1 – taken as cohort, all these courses must be passed to progress to next semester**

Course Title	Session 1 or 2 (8 weeks each)	Course Number	Credit Hours
Transforming Global Health Session Through	Session 1	NUR 4305	3

Intercultural Nursing			
Global Health Missions Practicum (missions trip)	May be taken any time until program completion	NUR 5050	Require only
Leading and Transforming Healthcare Systems	Session 2	NUR 5311	3

Spring Semester 2- taken as cohort, all courses must be passed to progress to next semester

Health Assessment and Promotion for Populations	Sessions 1 and 2 (16 weeks)	NUR 5514	5
Healthcare Project Management	Session 2 (8 weeks)	NUR 5313	3

Summer Semester 3- taken as cohort, all courses must be passed to progress to next semester

Course Title	Session 1 or 2, 8 weeks length	Course Number	Credit Hours
Theoretical Basis of Nursing Research and Practice	Session 1	NUR 5321	3
Applied Research	Session 2	NUR 5320	3
Practicum I – BSN track	Sessions 1 and 2 (16 weeks)	NUR 5350	3
Advanced Pathophysiology (Corequisite to NUR 5350)	Session 1 and 2 (16 weeks)	NUR 5105	1

* practicum courses are highlighted. Plan ahead for one day (6 hrs.) weekly on a day/time of student's choice