

# Concordia University TEXAS

## RN to MSN Program after Sp17



### Points to Consider:

- Depending upon course work previously completed, students can go from RN to MSN with 42-44 total nursing credit hours (two extra hours if in the nursing education track), including 24 credits attained during the BSN. Credit hours and transfer credits are differentiated below:
  - The BSN is attained after 9 Concordia Distinctive credits and 24 nursing credits. Students may transfer 27-28 credits for general education and 15 supportive course credits (Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Microbiology and Human Growth and Development, see lists below to see what courses transfer in. 45 credits are awarded for being a registered nurse. Upon reaching the BSN level, students are changed from undergraduate to graduate status for the rest of their studies which increases the financial aid options
  - The MSN is attained after the BSN with 18-20 more credits (two more semesters after the BSN is achieved).
- 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 a learning and working portfolio which will enhance their advancement.
- Student can choose to apply their practicum hours in three different areas: nursing education, nursing informatics, nursing leadership

### 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 agency.
- An 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 (if possible), and one from a professional colleague.
- Interview may be required.

- Applicants who fall 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.

# RN to MSN Degree Requirements

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

## SEMESTERS 1-3 – LEVEL I

The student begins with undergraduate status and will receive BSN degree plus graduate status after achieving 120 total hours plus 30 hours taken at Concordia University, Texas and 24 upper credit hours. Any R.N. student coming in will receive 45 hours of credit toward BSN major requirements.

**Baccalaureate Required Courses and Concordia Distinctive Courses must all be taken with a passing grade and BEFORE progression into Nursing Courses**

**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 8 week course	LDR 1000	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 OFFERED IN COHORT, TAKEN DURING SEMESTERS LISTED BELOW**

**Fall (Semester 1) – Level I: Taken as a cohort. All courses must be completed before progression to next level.**

Course Title	Session 1 or 2 (8 weeks each)	Course Number	Credit Hours
Transforming Global Health Through Intercultural Nursing	Session 1	NUR 4305	3
Global Health Missions Practicum (missions trip)	May be taken any time until program completion	NUR 5050	0
Leading and Transforming Healthcare Systems	Session 2	NUR 5311	3

**Spring (Semester 2) – Level I: Taken as a cohort. All courses must be completed before progression to next level.**

Course Title	Session 1 or 2, 8 weeks length	Course Number	Credit Hours
Healthcare Project Management	Session 2	NUR 5313	3
<b>Health Assessment and Promotion for Populations</b>	<b>Sessions 1 and 2 (16 weeks)</b>	<b>NUR 5514</b>	<b>5</b>

**Summer (Semester 3) - Level II: Taken as a cohort. All courses must be passed in order to move 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
<b>Practicum I – leadership, informatics or education tracks</b>	<b>Sessions 1 and 2 (16 weeks)</b>	<b>NUR 5350</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Advanced pathophysiology co-requisite to NUR 5350 for students needing to attain a BSN along the way, otherwise only for education track students</b>	<b>Sessions 1 and 2 (16 weeks)</b>	<b>NUR 5105</b>	<b>1</b>

**Fall (Semester 4) – Level III: Taken as a cohort. All courses must be passed in order to move to next semester**

Course Title	Session 1 or 2, 8 weeks length	Course Number	Credit Hours
Leadership for Change	Session 1	NUR 5331	3
Informatics and Healthcare Technologies	Session 2	NUR 5330	3
<b>Practicum II</b>	<b>Sessions 1 and 2, (16 weeks)</b>	<b>NUR 5360</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Advanced pharmacology corequisite to NUR 5360 for nursing ed track only</b>	<b>Sessions 1 and 2 (16 weeks)</b>	<b>NUR 5306</b>	<b>1</b>

**Spring (Semester 5) – Level IV: Taken as a cohort. All courses must be passed in order to complete this semester and graduate.**

Course Title	Session 1 or 2, 8 weeks length	Course Number	Credit Hours
Curriculum Development & Implementation	Session 1	NUR 5340	3
Healthcare Policy & Ethics (last week is onground for presentations of graduate portfolio)	Session 2	NUR 5341	3
<b>Practicum III</b>	<b>Sessions 1 and 2 (16 weeks)</b>	<b>5370</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Advanced Assessment co-requisite to NUR 5370 for nursing ed track only</b>	<b>Sessions 1 and 2 (16 weeks)</b>	<b>NUR 5307</b>	<b>1</b>

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

Graduate will be participants in the Spring commencement ceremony. During the last week of studies, students will be invited to campus to for final presentations (exceptions will be granted)