

Concordia University TEXAS

RN PLUS Program after Sp17



for Students with BA/BS plus an Associate Degree in Nursing

Points to Consider:

- This student completes 41 credit hours of nursing courses, 44 for nursing education track.
- 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 into three specialty areas: nursing informatics, nursing education or 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. Students will be given a website to upload admissions documents.

RN Plus Degree Requirements

This student begins with graduate status, but still has to complete requirements for the undergraduate Board of Nursing requirements as well as the master's level requirements. The MSN is awarded upon completion of the entire program. There is no BSN awarded in this program, since these students already have a BS/BA in something else and can streamline to the MSN.

Fall (Semester 1) - Level I: Nursing Courses: Taken as a cohort All courses must be passed in order to move to next semester

Course Title	Session 1 or 2 (8 weeks each)	Course Number	Credit Hours
Transforming Global Health Session Through Intercultural Nursing	Session 1	NUR 4305	3
Global Health Missions Practicum (missions trip)	May be taken any time until program completion	NUR 5050	Required but no credit
Leading and Transforming Healthcare Systems	Session 2	NUR 5311	3

Spring (Semester 2) – Level I: Nursing Courses: Taken as a cohort All courses must be passed in order to move to next semester

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

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 Practicum I	Session 2	NUR 5320	3
Advanced Pathophysiology (co-req to NUR 5350 for ed track only)	Sessions 1 and 2 (16 Weeks)	5350	3
		NUR 5105	1

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
Practicum II	Sessions 1 and 2, (16 weeks)	5360	3
Advanced Pharmacology (Co-req to NUR 5350 for ed track only)	Sessions 1 and 2 (16 weeks)	NUR 5106	1

Spring (Semester 5) - Level IV: LAST SEMESTER: 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
Practicum III	Sessions 1 and 2 (16 weeks)	NUR 5370	3
Advanced Assessment (co req to NUR 5370 for ed track only)	Sessions 1 and 2 (16 weeks)	NUR 5107	1

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

Graduates will be invited to participate in the Spring commencement ceremonies. Students will also be invited to campus during the last week for final presentations (exceptions will be granted)