

### RN-BSN/MSN degree – Nursing Majors

The RN-BSN/MSN Program offers Registered Nurses the opportunity to complete their BSN and MSN degree via an Accelerated process through the Distance Learning Program. This program is available in two career options: Family Nurse Practitioner, and Nurse Educator. Students enrolling in this program need to declare their preference for the program prior to completing nursing courses. Depending on the career option chosen, this program requires 11 fewer semester hours of course work than would be required if both degrees were sought independently. In this Unique program, students are required to take only the graduate level Professional Development I and II, Advanced Pathophysiology, and Scientific Inquiry courses, rather than the undergraduate courses providing similar content.

#### Admission Requirements:

1. Current license to practice as a registered nurse in the U.S.A.
2. Strongly recommend two years of experience as an RN
3. Indication of academic success:
  - a. An Initial GPA of 2.5. Prior to taking graduate level courses, students would be required to have a GPA of 3.00.
4. Evaluation of professional qualifications and potential for success in graduate studies
5. Clearance from the RN-BSN faculty
6. 2.5(5) from the Iowa Administrative Code, chapter 2, nursing educational programs: Nursing courses with a clinical component may not be taken by a person:
  - a. Who has been denied licensure by the board,
  - b. Whose license is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in any United States jurisdiction,
  - c. Whose license/registration is currently suspended, surrendered or revoked in another country due to disciplinary action.

#### Graduation Requirements:

1. Completed the College's general education requirements
2. Completed sufficient credit to total 158 semester hours
3. Completed sufficient credit to meet the total required graduate semester hours within 6 years of enrollment.
4. Completed at Graceland University:
  - 47 total graduate semester hours with a minimum 37 at Graceland for Family Nurse Practitioner track
  - 40 total graduate semester hours with a minimum 30 at Graceland for the Nurse Educator track
5. Earned a grade of B or above on all graduate course work
6. Satisfactorily completed the required thesis or research project option
7. Fulfilled all financial obligations to Graceland University
8. Filed an application for graduation with the office of the Registrar at least 6 months prior to anticipated graduation date.

#### GRACELAND UNIVERSITY

##### Alternative General Education Requirements

Communications Electives (8 semester hours minimum)  
-To include Advanced Composition

Math & Science Electives (8 semester hours minimum)  
-To include a Lab Science course

Humanities (8 semester hours minimum)

Social Sciences Electives (8 semester hours minimum)

##### RN-BSN Nursing Major

\*\*Required Supporting Courses (*minimum grade of C*)

BIOL 3420 Human Anatomy	(4)
BIOL 3440 Human Physiology	(4)
BIOL 2360 Fundamentals of Microbiology	(4)
BIOL 2560 Nutrition	(3)
CHEM 1310 Introduction to Chemistry	(3)
MATH 1280 College Algebra (preferred) <b>or</b>	(3)
<b>or</b> MATH1330 Elementary Functions	
MATH1350 Discrete Mathematics	
MATH1510 Calculus I	
MATH 1380 Introduction to Statistics	(3)
PSYC 1300 Introductory Psychology	(3)
PSYC 2250 Developmental Psychology	(3)
SOCI 1300 Introduction to Sociology (preferred) <b>or</b>	(3)
<b>or</b> SOCI 1350 Cultural Anthropology	

#### SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

##### Arts and Science / College Transfer Program / Associate of General Studies

ENG 105, 106, 221, SPC 101, 122

No Equivalent course; however, earning a grade of A or B in ENG 105 & 106 will result in a waiver of the Advanced Composition requirement.

Math & Science Electives will be met with major requirements\*\*

LIT101, 110, 111, 140, 141, 161, 177, 178, CLS 150, 164,  
ART 101, 203, FLS 141, 142, MUS 100, 200, 204, PHI 101, 105,  
REL 101

Social Science Electives will be met with major requirements\*\*

##### Southwestern Community College Transfer Courses

BIO168 Human Anatomy & Physiology I and BIO173 Human Anatomy & Physiology II	
are both required to meet the intent of BIOL3420 and 3440.	
BIO 186 Microbiology	
BIO 151 Nutrition	
CHM 101 Fundamentals of Chemistry	
MAT 120 College Algebra	
<b>or</b> MAT127 College Algebra & Trigonometry	
No Equivalent course	
MAT210 Calculus I	
MAT 156 Statistics	
PSY 111 Introduction to Psychology	
PSY 121 Developmental Psychology	
SOC 110 Introduction to Sociology	
<b>or</b> ANT 105 Cultural Anthropology	

Registered Nurses seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree have several advanced placement options. Recent graduates of Iowa schools approved to participate in the Iowa Articulation Program may receive 64 s.h. of credit upon admission to Graceland. Students may also receive 64 s.h. of credit after successfully completing three Iowa Articulation courses that are offered at various community colleges in the state. Students from out of state may receive 28 s.h. of upper division escrow credit upon successful completion of NURS3460 Professional Seminar I and payment of recording fees for upper division courses. For complete information see School of Nursing brochure "articulation options". The required course, NURS4480 Senior Seminar, will be waived upon successful completion of the following required courses designed specifically for Registered Nurses: NURS3460 Professional Seminar I 3 s.h. and NURS4420 Professional Seminar II 2 s.h.

**Required Nursing Courses** (*minimum grade of C*)

NURS 2460 Health Assessment	(3)	No Equivalent course
NURS 3160 Intro to Evidence-based Nursing	(3)	No Equivalent course
NURS 3440 Pathophysiology	(3)	No Equivalent course
NURS 3450 Pharmacology	(3)	No Equivalent course
NURS3460 Professional Seminar I	(3)	No Equivalent course
NURS 4160 Leadership Roles in Nursing	(4)	No Equivalent course
NURS4280 Global Health and Policy Issues	(3)	No Equivalent course
NURS 4340 Community Health Care	(3)	No Equivalent course
NURS 4380 Senior Clinical Practicum	(2)	No Equivalent course
NURS 4420 Professional Seminar II	(2)	No Equivalent course

**Escrow Credit Courses**

NURS 2420 Nursing for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century	(4)	No Equivalent course
NURS 3120 Therapeutic Interventions	(3)	No Equivalent course
NURS 3250 Adult Health Care I	(4)	No Equivalent course
NURS 3260 Adult Health Care II	(4)	No Equivalent course
NURS 3270 Psychosocial Aspects of Client Care	(4)	No Equivalent course
NURS 4220 Maternity and Women's Health	(4)	No Equivalent course
NURS 4240 Child and Family Health	(4)	No Equivalent course
NURS 4910 Leadership Roles in Nursing	(4)	No Equivalent course

**Admission to the Master of Science in Nursing Program**

Within the School of Nursing, applications to the MSN and Post-MSN Programs are reviewed and acted upon by the Graduate Student Affairs Committee (GSAC). Decisions by the GSAC are final and confidential. Applications for admission to the MSN and Post-MSN Programs are evaluated on the basis of scholarship, writing ability, potential for success, professionalism and references. Qualified students are admitted into a specified specialty track within the MSN and Post-MSN Programs on a space available basis. Only complete applications from qualified students will be reviewed and considered by the GSAC. Qualified applicants must meet the following minimum requirements to be considered for admission.

**RN-MSN Admission Requirements**

1. Qualified applicants will be granted provisional offers of admission to the MSN program pending successful completion of all undergraduate BSN courses with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher.
2. Current license to practice as a registered nurse in the U.S.A. and its territories.
3. A grade point average (GPA) of 3.00 or above in these areas:
  - a. last 60 hours of undergraduate college work (or nearest semester or term break to this),
  - b. undergraduate nursing courses,
  - c. any graduate level courses taken.
4. Applicants with lower than a 3.00 in any of these areas may be denied or considered on an individual basis for probationary or non-degree status on a space available basis. Students admitted on probationary status must earn a grade of B or better for the first six semester hours of coursework completed after admission to remain in the program.
5. Unimpeded matriculation into the MSN program upon completion of required undergraduate coursework requires maintenance of a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in all undergraduate nursing courses.
6. Satisfactory criminal background check.

**Master of Science in Nursing Degree****Core Courses (24 s.h. required for all specialty tracks)**

NURS5110 Evidence-Based Practice	(3)
NURS5121 Theory in Nursing	(3)
NURS5141 Advanced Health Assessment	(3)
NURS5142 Advanced Health Assessment Lab	(1)
NURS5180 Scientific Inquiry in Nursing	(3)
NURS5440 Advanced Pathophysiology	(3)
NURS6320 Professional Roles Adv Practice Nurses	(2)
NURS6330 Professional Issues AdvPractice Nurses	(3)
NURS6930 Scholarly Project	(3)

**No Equivalent courses**

**MSN Specialty Tracks:****Family Nurse Practitioner**

NURS5100 Pharmacotherapeutics	(3)
NURS5190 Advanced Practice Procedures	(3)
NURS5200 Primary Care of Families: Pediatrics	(3)
NURS6200 Primary Care of Families: Adults	(3)
NURS6740 Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum: Pediatrics	(4)
NURS6760 Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum: Adults	(4)
NURS6830 Advanced Family Nurse Practitioner Practicum	(3)
Core Courses Listed above : 24 s.h.	

**No Equivalent courses****Nurse Educator**

NURS5610 Teaching and Learning Theories	(3)
NURS5620 Technology for Educators	(2)
NURS5630 Issues in Nursing Education	(2)
NURS5640 Curriculum Design, Implementation, and Evaluation	(3)
NURS5650 Teaching Strategies, Student Learning Styles/ ssmt	(3)
NURS6720 Nurse Educator Practicum	(3)
Core Courses Listed above: - 24 s.h.	