



**DALTON STATE COLLEGE  
SCHOOL OF NURSING  
RN-BSN**

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program for the Register Nurse (RN-BSN) will include the following courses and hours:

**Area A 1: Communication Skills (6 semester hours)**

ENGL 1101	English Composition I	3
ENGL 1102	English Composition II	3

**Area A 2: Quantitative Skills (3 semester hours)**

MATH 1111	College Algebra	3
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(Students must complete Area A by the time they complete 30 hours.)

**Area B: Institutional Options (4 semester hours)**

COMM 1110	Fundamentals of Speech	3
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One of the following electives: 1

- COMM 1120 Argumentation and Advocacy
- ENGL 1105 Introduction to Greek Mythology
- ENGL 1110 Creative Writing
- HIST 1050 Appalachian History – Special Topics
- HIST 1051 Sports History and the American Character
- HUMN 1000 Mystery Fiction in Popular Culture
- HUMN 1100 Political and Social Rhetoric
- PHED 1030 Health and Wellness Concepts
- SOC 1000 Race and Ethnicity in American Society: An Introduction

**Area C: Humanities, Fine Arts, and Ethics (6 semester hours)**

Must choose a minimum of one, but no more than two of the following electives: 3

- ENGL 1201 Introduction to Film as Literature
- ENGL 2111 World Literature I\*
- ENGL 2112 World Literature II\*
- ENGL 2120 British Literature I
- ENGL 2121 British Literature II
- ENGL 2130 American Literature I
- ENGL 2131 American Literature II

If only one English Elective is chosen, add one of the following: 3

- ARTS 1100 Art Appreciation\*
- HUMN 1201 Expressions of Culture I\*
- HUMN 1202 Expressions of Culture II\*
- MUSC 1100 Music Appreciation\*
- MUSC 1120 American Music
- THEA 1100 Theatre Appreciation\*

\*Must take one of these courses to satisfy the Global Perspectives learning goals of the Core Curriculum

**Area D: Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Technology (11 semester hours)**

MATH 2200	Introduction to Statistics	3
One of the following lab science sequences:		8
-BIOL 1107K/1108K	Principles of Biology I/II	
-CHEM 1211K/1212K	Principles of Chemistry I/II	
-PHYS 1111K/1112K	Introductory Physics (Trigonometry based)	

**Area E: Social Sciences (12 semester hours)**

HIST 2111	United States History to 1877	3
or HIST 2112	United States History since 1877	
POLS 1101	American Government	3
PSYC 1101	Introduction to Psychology	3
SOCI 1101	Introduction to Sociology	3

**Area F: Lower Division Major Requirements (18 semester hours)**

BIOL 2212	Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL 2213	Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BIOL 2215	Microbiology	4
PSYC 2103	Human Development	3
SOCI 1160	Social Problems	3
or SOCI 2293	Marriage and Family	

**Major and Upper Division Courses (21 semester hours)**

NURS 3000	Health Assessment	3
NURS 3100	Perspectives on USA Health Care System	3
NURS 4000	Evidenced Based Practice	3
(19 hours of "credit by exam" granted upon completion)		
NURS 4100	Management and Leadership – Groups and Communities	6
NURS 4200	Nursing Capstone	3
Upper-division-3000 level course elective in Business, Social Work, Criminal Justice, or the Social Sciences upon nursing advisor approval		3
Core curriculum (Areas A-F)		60
Lower Division Nursing Courses		20
Credit through Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Agreement		19
Major and Upper Division Courses		21

**Total Number of Semester Hours for RN-BSN 120**

### ADMISSION CRITERIA

The RN-BSN program at Dalton State College participates in the Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Plan developed by collaborative efforts of ASN and BSN nursing educators. To be eligible to participate in this plan, a student must meet the following criteria:

- A. Graduation from an ASN or Diploma program within the past four (4) years.
- OR
- B. Graduation from an ASN or Diploma program more than four (4) years ago with documentation of 1000 hours of practice within the past 3 years.

### APPLICANTS MUST ALSO:

- C. Hold a current, unencumbered, valid license to practice nursing in the state of Georgia. ASN graduates who meet the above requirements will receive transfer credit for 20 hours of nursing credit for associate degree nursing courses and 19 hours of “credit by exam” after completing nine (9) hours of upper division nursing courses.
- D. Have a minimum 2.75 GPA.
- E. Complete 47 hours of core which includes 33 semester hours from the ASN program; 11 semester hours from Area D – Natural Sciences, Math, and Technology ; and 3 semester hours from Area F – Lower Division Major Requirements (PSYC 2103 – Human Development)
- F. Be admitted to Dalton State College and complete a separate admission application to the School of Nursing.

An online admission application will be available on the School of Nursing homepage by February 27, 2012. The application deadline is March 30, 2012, with notification of acceptance by May 1, 2012.

### PROGRAM OF STUDY

This plan of study can be completed by students who have taken all or most of the required Core Curriculum Courses including the RN-BSN prerequisites.

#### **Semester I - Summer**

NURS 3000	3
Upper Division Elective	3
Core Curriculum Courses (as needed)	3-6
<b>Total</b>	<b>6-12</b>

#### **Semester II - Fall**

NURS 3100	3
NURS 4000	3
(upon completion of NURS 4000, 19 hours of upper division nursing credit given according to Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Agreement)	
Core Curriculum Courses (as needed)	3-6

#### **Semester III - Spring**

NURS 4100 (clinical practice included)	6
NURS 4200	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

**Total** **6-12**

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This plan of study can be completed by students who have completed only those courses required to receive the ASN degree at Dalton State College.

### Semester I – Spring

MATH 2200	3
Lab Science Sequence	4
PSYC 2103	3
ENGL 1102	3

**Total**                    **13**

### Semester II - Summer

Lab Science Sequence	4
SOC 1101	3
Area B Elective	1
NURS 3000	3

**Total**                    **11**

### Semester III - Fall

Upper Division Elective	3
NURS 3100	3
NURS 4000	3
Area C Elective	3

**Total**                    **12**

### Semester IV - Spring

NURS 4100	6
(clinical practice included)	
NURS 4200	3
Area C Elective	3

**Total**                    **12**

Nursing courses will be taught in a hybrid format (partially online and partially in class) so that class meetings will be no more than once per week.

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