**DALTON STATE COLLEGE**

**DEPARTMENT OF NURSING**

**RN-BSN**

**ADMISSION CRITERIA**

The RN-BSN program at Dalton State participates in the Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Plan developed by collaborative efforts of ASN and BSN nursing educators. The RN-BSN program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN**),** *3343 Peachtree Road, N.E., Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326. Phone (404) 975-5000; Fax (404) 975-5020;**www.acenursing.org).* To be eligible to participate in this program, 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 at the time of application. Student must present licensure documentation as part of the application packet. 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 overall GPA. E. Complete at least 50 hours of core which includes 33 semester hours from the ASN program; 11 semester hours from Area D – Natural Sciences, Math, and Technology; 3 semester hours from Area E - Lower Division Major Requirements (SOCI 1101 - Introduction to Sociology), and 3 semester hours from Area F – Lower Division Major Requirements (PSYC 2103 – Human Development).  **In order to be considered for selection, these 17 hours must be completed by the July 1 application deadline for the fall cohort or the November 1 deadline for the spring cohort.  All CLEP testing must be completed by the application deadline with official CLEP scores scanned to cnuckolls@daltonstate.edu.**

F. Be admitted to Dalton State College and complete a separate online admission application to the RN-BSN program.

**TO APPLY YOU MUST**

1. Be accepted to Dalton State College and receive a Dalton State email address.

2. Submit the online application found on the RN-BSN Admission Requirements and Application link on the Nursing Department web page on the Dalton State website between April 1-July 1 for the fall cohort or August 1-November 1 annually for the spring cohort.

NOTE: Acceptance to Dalton State DOES NOT mean acceptance into the RN-BSN nursing

 cohort. Students will be notified of acceptance into the program by July 20 for the

 fall cohort or December 1 for the spring cohort.

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The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program for the Registered 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

or MATH 1001 Quantitative Skills/Reasoning

or MATH 1101 Mathematical Modeling

or MATH 1113 Precalculus Mathematics

(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

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

 -HLTH 1030 Health and Wellness Concepts

 -HUMN 1000 Mystery Fiction in Popular Culture

 -HUMN 1100 Political and Social Rhetoric

 -HUMN 1300 Christian Fiction/Pop Culture

 -SOCI 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 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

 -ENGL 2201 Introduction to Film as Literature

 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 1110 World Music -MUSC 1120 American Music -THEA 1100 Theatre Appreciation

**Area D: Natural Sciences, Mathematics, and Technology (11 semester hours)** MATH 1401 or 2200 Elementary 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 Untied 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

or HLTH 2500 Interpersonal Health & Relationships

**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 or 4000 level) elective in Business, Social Work,* 3

 *Psychology, Communication and Health & Wellness*

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**

**\* CLEP test options are available. See the “Testing Center” web site for further information.**

**All CLEP testing must be completed by the application deadline (July 1 for the fall cohort or November 1 for the spring cohort).**

*For more information or questions concerning the RN-BSN Program, please contact Sylvia Driver, Bachelor’s Degree Program Director at sdriver@daltonstate.edu or 706-272-4593 or Cheryl Nuckolls, Administrative Assistant at cnuckolls@daltonstate.edu or 706-272-2457.*

**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**

NURS 3000 3

Upper Division Elective 3

Core Curriculum Courses (as needed) 3-6

 **Total 6-12**

**Semester III**

NURS 4100 6

(clinical practice included)

NURS 4200 3

 **Total 9**

**Semester II**

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

 **Total 6-12**

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**

MATH 1401 or 2200 3

Lab Science Sequence 4

PSYC 2103 3

SOCI 1160, 2293 or HLTH 2500 3

 **Total 13**

**Semester III**

Upper Division Elective 3

NURS 3100 3

NURS 4000 3

Area C Elective 3

 **Total 12**

**Semester II**

Lab Science Sequence 4

ENGL 1102 3

Area B Elective 1

NURS 3000 3

 **Total 11**

**Semester IV**

NURS 4100 6

(clinical practice included)

NURS 4200 3

Area C Elective 3

 **Total 12**

Nursing courses are taught in an online format so students are not required to come to campus.