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 11 hours must be completed by the April 15 application deadline for the fall cohort or the November 15 deadline for the spring cohort. All CLEP testing must be completed by the application deadline (April 15 for the fall cohort or November 15 for the spring cohort). Official CLEP scores must be submitted by the application deadline to the Nursing Department Administrative Assistant.

F. Be admitted to Dalton State College and complete a separate online admission application to the Bachelor’s Degree Nursing Department.

G. Submit references from three (3) professional sources (If a recent graduate within five (5) years, one (1) reference should be from an instructor from your nursing classes).

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 Department of Bachelor’s Degree Nursing web page on the DS website between January 15 - April 15 annually for the fall cohort or August 15 – November 15 annually for the spring cohort.

NOTE: Acceptance to Dalton State DOES NOT mean acceptance into the RN-BSN nursing sequence. Students will be notified of acceptance into the program by May 5 for the fall cohort or December 5 for the spring cohort.

Revised May 2017
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
  - HUMN 1000 Mystery Fiction in Popular Culture
  - HUMN 1100 Political and Social Rhetoric
  - PHED 1030 Health and Wellness Concepts
  - 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 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
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 level course elective in Business, Social Work, Psychology, Communication and Health & Wellness  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

**CLEP test options are available. See the “Testing Center” web site for further information. All CLEP testing must be completed by the application deadline (April 15 for the fall cohort or November 15 for the spring cohort). Official CLEP scores must be submitted as part of the completed application packet.**
### PROGRAM OF STUDY

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Nursing courses will be taught in a hybrid format (partially online and partially in class) so that class meetings will not meet more than once per week.

*For more information or questions concerning the RN-BSN Program, please contact Lynda Ridley, Bachelor’s Degree Program Director at lridley@daltonstate.edu or 706-272-4519 or Cheryl Nuckolls, Administrative Assistant at cnuckolls@daltonstate.edu or 706-272-2457.*