RN-BSN Application Instructions – Department of Nursing

The online application for the Spring RN-BSN cohort will open on August 1 annually and remain open until November 1. The online application for the Fall RN-BSN cohort will open on April 1 annually and remain open until July 1.

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**),** *3390 Peachtree Road, N.E., Suite 1400, 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.

APPLICANTS MUST ALSO

B. 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.

C. Wait one semester to be eligible to apply after completing the ASN degree. Applicants must present licensure as a RN by the application deadline.

D. No minimum overall GPA will be required to apply. However, points will be awarded on the admission worksheet based on the applicant's overall GPA (minimum 2.75).

E. Submission of the online RN BSN Application by the application deadline.

F. Complete by graduation the 60 hours of general education courses which includes 33 semester hours from the ASN program. Any CLEP testing must be completed by the application deadline with official CLEP scores submitted to the nursing department.

G. Complete the Dalton State College admission process by the application deadline. Application for admission is available at https://www.daltonstate.edu/admissions/application.cms. Applicants must be officially accepted to Dalton State prior to submitting an application to the ASN program. Applicants should verify with the Registrar's office that ALL transcripts have been received and evaluated. Acceptance to Dalton State DOES NOT mean acceptance into the RN-BSN nursing cohort.

H. Applicants who elect to attempt to CLEP out of any classes must provide official CLEP scores to the nursing department. The scores should be scanned to cnuckolls@daltonstate.edu.