

RN-BSN Application Instructions – Department of Nursing

Specific application deadlines for the RN BSN cohorts can be found on the Nursing Application Deadlines sheet located on all nursing web pages.

(Please read the instructions carefully before you complete the application. Applicants must complete all requirements below to be eligible for class selection.)

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 requirements:

1. Graduation from an ASN or Diploma program. **Applicants must wait one semester to apply after completing the ASN degree. ALL applicants must hold a current, unencumbered license to practice nursing as an RN by the application deadline.**
2. Complete the Dalton State College admission process before the application deadline. **Applicants must be officially accepted to Dalton State prior to submitting an application to the RN BSN program. Acceptance to Dalton State does not mean acceptance to any nursing program at Dalton State.**
3. Submission of the online ASN Application by the application deadline. **Applicants must have an active Dalton State email account to apply.**
4. No minimum overall GPA will be required to apply. However, points will be awarded on the admission worksheet based on the applicant's GPA (Dalton State, transfer, or overall GPA). The applicant's GPA must be at least 2.75 with at least 18 earned hours in the highest GPA area.
5. Applicants who elect to attempt the CLEP test for any general education class(es) (biology sequence, human development, etc.) that are offered by the Testing Center, please note that it is the student's responsibility to request official CLEP scores from the College Board. The results should be sent to the Registrar's office at Dalton State and applicants should allow adequate time for processing tests by the College Board.
6. Complete by graduation the 60 hours of general education courses which includes 33 semester hours from the ASN program. Applicants who are selected for the RN BSN program will receive transfer credit for 20 hours of associate degree nursing courses and 19 hours of "credit by exam" after completing nine (9) hours of upper division nursing courses as part of the GA RN-BSN Articulation Plan.