

**THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO
SCHOOL OF NURSING**

RN-BSN Program Syllabus

Required Courses:	NUR 370	Concepts of Professional Nursing (3:3) Writing Intensive Study of basic concepts in professional nursing.
	NUR 371	Nursing Health Assessment (3:2:3) Study of the health assessment of individuals over the lifespan. Laboratory activities promote the development of assessment skills.
	NUR 470	Community Health Nursing Concepts and Care (4:3:3) Nursing concepts and care of individuals, families, and groups within community settings.
	NUR 471	Nursing Concepts and Care of Older Adults (4:3:3) Theories of aging, physiological/psychological functioning, impact of developmental changes, illness, and chronic dysfunction.
	NUR 472	Nursing Leadership and Management (4:3:3) Speaking Intensive The professional nurse's role in applying principles of leadership and management in health care organizations across the continuum of care.
	NUR 473	Nursing Research (4:3:3) Introduction to nursing research and the professional nurse's role in research.
NUR Electives:	NUR 330	Global Perspectives on the Health of Women (3:3) Global perspectives on women's health issues. <i>Distribution: GE Marker: GL</i>
	NUR 346	Introduction to Health Care Informatics (3:3) Exploration of informatics and health care technologies in the management of individuals, groups, and organizations for the improvement of patient outcomes.
	NUR 390	Culture and Health Care (3:3) Role of culture on the health and wellbeing of individuals and selected global communities, including indigenous peoples. <i>Distribution: GE Marker: GN</i>
	NUR 405	Pharmacology in Nursing (3:3) Study of major drug groups and their actions, uses, side effects, and nursing care considerations. Emphasis on nursing care and teaching, built upon physiology and basic pharmacology.

A typical plan of study includes: completion of 22 credits of the above required nursing courses, 3 credits of a nursing elective, and 6 credit hours of UNCG "residency" courses. To graduate from UNCG, students will need a minimum of 31 credit hours taken at UNCG.

FOR WHOM PLANNED: The Program is designed to provide active, working RNs the opportunity to earn a BSN on a part-time basis.

DESCRIPTION: The BSN completion program for RN students has two delivery options: hybrid and online-only.

Hybrid Delivery: Hybrid classes are a blend of face-to-face and online delivery and are held **one day** per week at distant locations. Students in the hybrid cohorts should plan to take two required nursing courses each semester during three consecutive semesters (Fall/Spring/Fall OR Spring/Fall/Spring). Required nursing courses in the hybrid cohorts **are not** taught over the summer semester. The first semester is 6 hours of required nursing courses; the second and third semesters are 8 hours each of required nursing courses. The required nursing elective choices are offered asynchronously online in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. Any additional hours for residency or general education purposes may extend a student's time at UNCG.

Online-Only Cohort: The online-only classes are held asynchronously. Students in the online cohort should plan to take two required nursing courses each semester during three consecutive semesters (Fall/Spring/Summer). Required nursing courses for the online cohort are taught during the summer semester. Students take 6 credit hours of required nursing courses during the fall semester and 8 credit hours of required nursing courses during each of the spring and summer semesters. The required nursing elective choices are offered asynchronously online in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. Any additional hours for residency or general education purposes may extend a student's time at UNCG.

The time needed to complete degree requirements for both program options depends on the number of credits already established prior to enrolling in the program, the number of required courses taken each semester, and space availability in the nursing courses during the semester. **RN students should expect 12-16 hours of work (reading, online participation, homework, writing, experiential activities, etc.) per course each week.**

RN to BSN Outreach cohorts are offered in collaboration with grant funding from the Northwest Area Health Education Center (NWAHEC).

SCHOOL OF NURSING GOALS

The School of Nursing is committed to excellence in accomplishing the following goals:

1. Provide professional nursing programs at baccalaureate, masters and doctoral levels based on standards of nursing practice.
2. Conduct collaborative research and scholarly activities to advance the discipline of nursing and health of persons across the lifespan.
3. Provide professional and public service to meet regional and global healthcare needs.
4. Prepare professional nurses to deliver evidence-based practice in a variety of settings.

Baccalaureate Nursing Program Goals

The baccalaureate program prepares graduates for the following:

1. Practice professional nursing based on inquiry, caring, and standards of practice.
2. Function independently and collaboratively within the healthcare system to deliver evidence- based nursing care to individuals, families, groups, and communities.
3. Provide high quality and safe nursing care as a member of an interdisciplinary team.

PREREQUISITES FOR REGISTRATION AND PROGRESSION:

- STA 108 or the equivalent.
- Current unrestricted North Carolina RN license or unrestricted RN license in a state covered by the multi-state Nurse Licensure Compact.
- Prior to enrollment in the nursing program, students are required to complete all clinical requirements that include a drug screen, criminal background check, immunizations, and nine release forms.
- **Students must earn a grade of “C” (2.0) or better in all Nursing courses to progress. Failure to earn a grade of C (2.0) or better will result in immediate dismissal from the School of Nursing. **The student would have to file an appeal to return to the program!****
- An overall grade point average of 2.0 or better is required to graduate.
- Please note that the grading scale for the School of Nursing is **NOT** a 10-point grading scale.

SIMULATION HOURS: Varies depending on course.

FACULTY INFORMATION: Courses are taught by UNCG faculty. Contact information for faculty can be found in each course syllabus, or by the School of Nursing directory online at <https://nursing.uncg.edu/about/faculty-directory/> Contacting faculty through iSpartan email is **expected**.

INQUIRIES/ADVISING/ADMISSIONS:

- Inquiries can be made by emailing nursing@uncg.edu or calling 336-334-5265.
- Request a transcript review by submitting unofficial copies of your individual transcripts along with the Student Record form (under Undergraduate/Document of Interest) to nursing@uncg.edu or fax 336-334-3628, attention RN-BSN Program.
- A Program Specialist guides the student from their initial inquiry through the Admission process, and then students will transition to a specific Advisor assigned to each cohort location.
- UNCG Admissions requirements can be found at <https://admissions.uncg.edu/apply-instructions.php>
- The RN-BSN Program does not have a separate application for admission to the program.
- All cohorts are contingent upon receiving sufficient interest, 25 or more students, but enrollment is also limited depending on the location. If we do not receive sufficient interest, you will be asked to pick another cohort location (depending on availability) or we may postpone starting the cohort for one semester.

COSTS/FINANCIAL AID:

- Contact the RN-BSN Office for a current estimate of costs associated with the program or visit the website at <https://nursing.uncg.edu/admissions-finaid/annual-costs/>
- Financial Aid is complex and every option has guidelines. Completing a **FAFSA** is highly recommended and required for many School of Nursing scholarships.
 - You can complete a FAFSA for federal aid at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>.
- **The School of Nursing offers scholarships based on the academic school year starting in the Fall semester and are due by May 15.**
 - **CONTINUING** students (juniors, seniors, and graduate students) may apply through the [Spartan Scholarship System](#). The application is available beginning November 15th through May 15th each year.
 - **NEW** Undergraduate Students **can apply, but must** be officially admitted to UNCG by the May 15 deadline at <https://goo.gl/forms/tmoEZkhkIwaWCC6m1>

- Our RN-BSN program is only part-time. If you are attending two schools, the federal aid should be based at the school where you are taking the most hours.
- Clinical Requirement Cost estimate: \$48 Drug Screen; \$25 Background Check.

ADVISING ADMITTED STUDENTS:

Admitted students are assigned to a cohort and each cohort has an assigned Advisor. Students should contact their Advisor for assistance with their plan of study, registration needs, and overall academic concerns. **The ultimate responsibility for choosing classes, dropping classes, and meeting curriculum and graduation requirements rests with the student, not the advisor.**

TEACHING METHODS AND ASSIGNMENTS FOR ACHIEVING LEARNING OUTCOMES:

The RN-BSN program is delivered in either a hybrid or online format.

The following teaching methodologies may be used within either program:

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| 1. Lecture/seminar/discussion | 7. Scholarly writing |
| 2. Lab activities | 8. Canvas and internet use |
| 3. Experiential activities | 9. Online activities |
| 4. Assigned readings | 10. Online quizzes |
| 5. Small group work | 11. Online library use |
| 6. Student presentations | 12. Simulations |

EVALUATION AND GRADING: Specific to courses.

GRADING SCALE:

The following is the grading scale used in the School of Nursing. **This is NOT a 10-point scale!**

Students **MUST** maintain at least a “C” (77 average) in each NUR course to continue in the program.

95 - 100 = A	77 - 79 = C
92 - 94 = A-	74 - 76 = C-
89 - 91 = B+	71 - 73 = D+
86 - 88 = B	68 - 70 = D
83 - 85 = B-	65 - 67 = D-
80 - 82 = C+	64 and below = F

REQUIRED TEXTS/READINGS/REFERENCES: Specific to courses. Course textbooks can be found on the UNCG Bookstore website, in Canvas or from the instructor. These can be purchased anywhere. A copy of textbooks used in nursing courses are housed at the hybrid cohort site locations.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS: UNCG offers both a hybrid program and an online-only program. The hybrid program is NOT an online program, but rather classes are taught both online and face-to-face. Students are expected to attend class once a week for four hours, however, credit for two courses is earned during this one day a week format. The online-only cohort is offered completely online in an asynchronous format.

Canvas is the Learning Management System used for online learning at UNCG. Canvas is accessible on the University home page: <http://www.uncg.edu/> by clicking the Canvas symbol that appears in the mid-upper right corner of the website.

The Nursing elective and many of the University GEC courses are offered online during Fall or Spring semesters and Winter or Summer sessions.

MINIMUM TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS: It is the student’s responsibility to ensure access to a computer and up to date technology/software as well as a high-speed internet connection, whether remote or on campus at any of the various computer labs.

MINIMUM TECHNICAL SKILLS: It is the student’s responsibility to be familiar with and achieve proficient skill in navigating the course and common computer application software such as Microsoft Office products. It is highly encouraged that students be technology proficient if applying for the online-only cohort. Information about navigating Canvas is available online at <https://its.uncg.edu/canvas/>

Written assignments are to be submitted using MS Office products such as MS Word, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint, MS Publisher etc. Once admitted, students will have access to MS Office software at myCloud <https://mycloud.uncg.edu/vpn/index.html> or Office 365 <https://its.uncg.edu/Office365/> Contact 336-256-8324 for support and/or questions regarding this process <https://uncg.service-now.com/support>

TOPICAL OUTLINE/CALENDAR: See individual course calendars.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY: Students are expected to know and abide by the **UNCG Academic Integrity Policy and other policies for students**. These policies are addressed in the Policies for Students, found online at <http://deanofstudents.uncg.edu/policy/>

The following statement must appear and be signed on all major course work. If the statement does not appear, the student assignment will be returned to the student and considered a late submission. The statement is to read:

“I have abided by the UNCG Academic Integrity Policy on this assignment.”

Signature

Date

- **Plagiarism** may result in a grade of “F” in the course and dismissal from the Program.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: Specific to courses; students should plan on weekly class attendance if attending a hybrid cohort.

CLINICAL ACTIVITIES:

- The 400-level courses have a clinical component that consists of learning activities completed independently by the student. These activities are designed and conducted in collaboration with the course faculty member.
- Students must keep up with all required immunizations that expire during the program.
- Students without the necessary immunizations will be **administratively dropped** from the courses.

- The UNCG Student Health Center and the School of Nursing do **NOT** share copies of your immunization record. You must supply the information requested directly to the School of Nursing and/or ImmuniTrax.

DROP POLICY: The last day to drop the course **without** academic penalty is listed in each semester calendar. University calendars can be located by visiting the Registrar's Office online at <https://reg.uncg.edu/calendars/>. A student who is not performing adequately and **in danger of earning a "C-" or less** in the course, **MUST** withdraw from the course by the deadline listed to remain in "academic good standing" with the School and the University. Failure to withdraw in a timely manner could result in the student failing the course and having to withdraw from the Program. This situation would require that the student file an appeal to be allowed to return to the Program.

PREPARATION FOR CLASS: Specific to courses.

TRANSFER INFORMATION:

- Previous earned courses and degrees can impact the needed General Education Core (GEC) requirements or elective hours. All students are required to meet the University requirement of 120 hours for graduation and 31 hours taken "in-residence" at UNCG.
- Transfer courses **require** a grade of a "C" or better to transfer. Grades do not transfer.
- 64-hour limit on 2-year institution transfer hours, but no limit on 4-year institution hours.
- RN-BSN students can transfer to UNCG 6 hours of credit from other RN-BSN programs, however, only 3 hours will be counted towards a core course, and 3 hours will be counted as a Nursing elective course. Students will still be required to earn those 6 hours "in-residence" at UNCG.

ACCREDITATION: The B.S.N. program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036-1120, or on the Web at <http://aacn.nche.edu/ccne-accreditation>

MOVING: Due to laws and rules governing nursing education practice and state laws governing education delivery in each state, it is your responsibility to inform your academic advisor immediately if you do not currently live in North Carolina or if you move your actual residence (not necessarily your "legal residence") during the program. Depending on where you live, this may affect your ability to complete the RN-BSN program.

STUDENT ID CARDS:

- Some places offer discounts to students, but it is not required to request one.
- Request one at the SpartanCard Center website <https://spartancard.uncg.edu/get-a-card/>.

STUDENT: FACULTY COMMUNICATIONS:

The process for addressing issues in any course is that the student will contact the faculty for the course **first** to discuss the issue. If the issue cannot be resolved at this level, the student is to contact their assigned Advisor and/or the Academic Success Advisor to discuss other solutions. If the issue cannot be resolved at this level, then the student is to contact the RN-BSN Program Director. Each of these persons can be contacted via iSpartan email or their office telephones.

ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES AND SERVICES:

UNCG seeks to comply fully with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Students requesting accommodations based on a disability must be registered with the Office of Accessibility Resources and Services (OARS). If you wish to request accommodations, please start the process by contacting OARS at 215 Elliott University Center, 336-334-5440, <https://ods.uncg.edu/>

SAMPLE PLAN OF STUDY

Student must have taken statistics, and if needed, a Historical Perspective (GHP) prior to starting a cohort. We encourage students to start the semester prior to the cohort beginning to take their Nursing elective or residency hours.

Sample Hybrid Plan of Study - Fall Cohort Start:

1 st Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Session	2 nd Fall Semester
NUR 370 NUR 371	NUR 470 NUR 472	NUR elective (if not already taken)	NUR 471 NUR 473
NUR elective	NUR elective (if not already taken)	UNCG Residency hours (if not already taken)	NUR elective (if not already taken)
UNCG Residency hours	UNCG Residency hours (if not already taken)		UNCG Residency hours (if not already taken)

Sample Hybrid Plan of Study – Spring Cohort Start:

1 st Spring Semester	Summer Session	Fall Semester	2 nd Spring Semester
NUR 370 NUR 371	NUR elective (if not already taken)	NUR 471 NUR 473	NUR 470 NUR 472
NUR elective	UNCG Residency hours (if not already taken)	UNCG Residency hours (if not already taken)	NUR elective (if not already taken)
UNCG Residency hours		NUR elective (if not already taken)	UNCG Residency hours (if not already taken)

Sample Online Plan of Study – Fall Cohort Start:

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Session
NUR 370 NUR 371	NUR 470 NUR 471	NUR 472 NUR 473
NUR elective	NUR elective (if not already taken)	NUR elective (if not already taken)
UNCG Residency hours	UNCG Residency hours (if not already taken)	UNCG Residency hours (if not already taken)