

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-2024 FACT SHEET

NURSING & RADIOLOGICAL SCIENCE RN-BSN DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

BSN PROGRAM COORDINATOR

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THE PROGRAM

The opportunity to educate the Registered Nurse (RN) through advanced nursing education at the baccalaureate level is available at the University of Pittsburgh at Bradford. The RN-BSN degree completion program prepares registered nurses in a more advanced level of practice. Graduates are prepared with advanced clinical skills and are able to assume independent leadership and management roles in a variety of settings.

A four-year undergraduate college of the University of Pittsburgh, Pitt-Bradford offers the RN-BSN degree completion program. Pitt-Bradford's RN-BSN program is accredited by **ACEN - Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (formerly NLNAC)**, 3343 Peachtree Road, NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia, 30326; telephone 404-975-5000; <http://acenursing.org/>

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR RN-BSN PROGRAM

- Minimum cumulative Q.P.A. of 2.5 or above. Academic performance in prerequisite courses is an important component of admission decisions.
- Completion of 35 credits lower-level nursing courses (ASN or Diploma) from an approved school.
- Completion of the following General Education credits (or their equivalent) with an earned grade of C- or better
 - ENG 0101 English Composition I 3 cr.
 - ENG 0102 English Composition II 3 cr.
 - MATH 0110 Fundamentals of Math 3 cr.
 - SOC 0101 Introduction to Sociology 3 cr.
 - PSY 0101 Introduction to Psychology 3 cr.
- Completion of the following General Education credits (or their equivalent) with an earned grade of C or better
 - BIOL 0212/0222 Anatomy & Physiology I 4 cr.
 - BIOL 0213/0223 Anatomy & Physiology II 4 cr.
 - BIOL 0202 Microbiology 4 cr.
 - CHEM 0103 Chemistry 4 cr.
- One of the following
 1. Graduation from an approved/accredited associate or diploma program within 3 years prior to consideration for admission to the RN-BSN Program
 2. Graduation from an approved associate or diploma program more than 3 years ago but with evidence of at least 1000 hours nursing practice within 3 years prior to consideration for admission to the RN-BSN Program
- Current Pennsylvania RN license to practice nursing-- **PA-RN licensure must be maintained throughout the student's enrollment in the program.**

THE CURRICULUM

Coursework in the RN-BSN completion program combines general education courses with upper-level nursing courses required for the major. See [Appendix A for Curriculum Plan](#).

Competency Level for Nursing Courses

A student must attain a minimum of 75% or a "C" in the theory component and a "satisfactory" rating in the clinical component of every nursing course.

Competency Level for General Education Courses

A student must attain a minimum grade of "C" in all required science cognate courses, as well as a minimum grade of "C-" in all required General Education and elective courses.

Canvas is the e-Education Platform employed by the University of Pittsburgh for course management and delivery. *Course materials are placed on individual course websites and organized within the following categories including, but not limited to modules, announcements, faculty information, discussions, quizzes, and assignments. A variety of tools (such as the ability to send documents electronically, access grades online), and the ability to communicate electronically through e-mail, discussion boards, and chat may be used within the context of the course.* The integration of technology related learning experiences is progressive and designed to provide the graduate with skills to communicate with technology and to effectively (and creatively) use technological resources to solve complex problems and issues.

Clinical

The curriculum offers numerous opportunities for practical experiences with clinical instruction provided in local and surrounding agencies.

When the student is enrolled in courses necessitating travel to clinical and community agencies, the student is responsible for providing their own transportation to and from the agencies. Students *are not* permitted to travel in agency-employee-vehicles during clinical or observational experiences.

The University DOES NOT provide transportation.

ROTC-BSN students may receive three credits toward the upper-level nursing electives upon successful completion of the ROTC *Leadership Development and Assessment Course* (LDAC) or the ROTC *Nursing Summer Training Program* (NSTP).

STUDENT NURSE ORGANIZATION

Pitt-Bradford's **Student Nurse Organization (SNO)** offers students opportunities for personal and professional growth through its sponsorship of lectures and participation in community events. Graduates of the college remain in touch with current students and the college through the [Nursing Alumni Association](#).

HEALTH SERVICES AND REQUIRMENTS

All nursing students are required to have a health evaluation upon entering the nursing program and annually at the beginning of each academic year while enrolled in the nursing program. The requirements for these evaluations shall be consistent with the Rules and Regulations of the Pennsylvania State Board of Nursing and the program contracted health care agencies. Only the health form supplied by the Nursing Education Unit is acceptable.

Upon admission to the program, a drug screen and/or additional testing will be required of all students: a negative result will be required for participation in the program, inconclusive test results will require further testing. Further, in order to become licensed, many states will inquire as to whether the applicant has been

convicted of a misdemeanor, a felony, or a felonious or illegal act associated with alcohol and/or substance abuse. Additionally, Hepatitis B vaccination is also required upon admission to the program (unless student signs special waiver). Students are encouraged to discuss vaccination status with their private healthcare provider.

Completed health evaluation forms are due no later than the University add/drop date for the term. Non-compliance will result in the student being dropped from the course.

Students are responsible for arranging and paying for required health evaluations and associated costs for completion of and corrective action for health issues. All students are required to report any serious illness, disease, accident, injury, or changes in physical or mental health that could impact their safety or their ability to give safe care to clients. Clearance from the student's healthcare practitioner is required before the student is permitted to participate in or return to clinical.

Students are responsible for maintaining a portfolio of current documents. Students must be able produce a copy of the requested documentation within 24 hours for the program coordinator, clinical agency(ies) or designated staff when requested.

Any student who does not meet the above requirements will not be able to attend any clinical nursing experiences or be involved in any educational activity with a clinical component.

As stated in the University of [Pittsburgh at Bradford Student Handbook](#): Possession, distribution, sale or use of controlled substances or drug paraphernalia (as defined in Pennsylvania Title 35, Health & Safety Act) is prohibited.

As part of the University of Pittsburgh educational system, UPB nursing adheres to the University of Pittsburgh [COVID-19 requirement regarding vaccinations](#). However, clinical agencies may enforce additional requirements for participation in clinical experiences.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION:

<https://www.upb.pitt.edu/academics/majors-minors/nursing>

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD
RN-BSN CURRICULUM PLAN
(Full-time Study)

SEMESTER 1 (Fall)

NUR 1302	Professional Nursing Concepts	3 cr.
NUR 1401	Nursing Research	3 cr.
NUR 1402	Health Assessment/Promotion	3 cr.
NUR 1404	Community Health Nursing	4 cr.
	UPPER-LEVEL ELECTIVE*	<u>3 cr.</u>
Total		16 cr.

SEMESTER 2 (Spring)

NUR 1310	Ethical Dimensions	3 cr.
NUR 1403	Advanced Clinical Practicum	4 cr.
NUR 1451	Professional Nursing Role	3 cr.
	UPPER-LEVEL ELECTIVE*	<u>3 cr.</u>
Total		13 cr.

TOTAL CREDITS **29 cr.**

** A minimum of 3 upper-level credits must be designated NUR*

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UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH AT BRADFORD
RN-BSN CURRICULUM PLAN
(Part-time Study)

SEMESTER 1 (Fall)

NUR 1302	Professional Nursing Concepts	3 cr.
NUR 1401	Nursing Research	3 cr.
	UPPER-LEVEL ELECTIVE*	<u>3 cr.</u>
Total		9 cr.

SEMESTER 2 (Spring)

NUR 1310	Ethical Dimensions	3 cr.
	UPPER-LEVEL ELECTIVE*	<u>3 cr.</u>
Total		6 cr.

SEMESTER 3 (Fall)

NUR 1402	Health Assessment/Promotion	3 cr.
NUR 1404	Community Health Nursing	<u>4 cr.</u>
Total		7 cr.

SEMESTER 4 (Spring)

NUR 1403	Advanced Clinical Practicum	4 cr.
NUR 1451	Professional Nursing Role	<u>3 cr.</u>
Total		7 cr.

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