

UNCG
School of Nursing

RN to BSN (Diploma Program)
Degree Information
2006-2007

The BSN completion program for RN students has course offerings for both day and evening students. The length of time required to complete the program varies for each individual due to differences in educational backgrounds and the availability of course offerings. Upon admission to the University, RNs must provide the School of Nursing with evidence of graduation from a state board approved nursing program prior to enrolling in NUR 370 and/or NUR 371.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS:

The degree is made up of: General Education Core Requirements (GEC), GEC Markers, Nursing Cognate Requirements, 30 semester hours (s.h.) of credit earned by Special Examinations for nursing courses, 25 s.h. of required nursing courses, and free electives. **The minimum hours required for the degree is 122 s.h of which, 31 s.h. must be completed at UNCG.**

I. General Education Core Requirements (GEC):

Students must complete 36-37 s.h. to meet the following requirements:

- GFA (Fine Arts, Example: MUS 241)
- GLT (Literature, Example: ENG 201)
- GPR (Philosophy, Religion, and Ethics, Example: PHI 111)
- HFA (One additional course from GFA, GLT or GPR)
- GHP (History, Example: WCV 101)
- GMT (Math, met with STA 108)
- GNS (Two Natural Sciences and One lab, Example: BIO 111)
- GRD1 (Reasoning and Discourse, Required: ENG 101)
- GRD (Reasoning and Discourse, Example: CST 105 or ENG 102)
- GSB (Two Social and Behavioral Sciences, Example: PSY 121 and HDF 211)

II. Marker Requirements:

Students must complete courses that have the following markers:

- **Writing Intensive Requirements (WI)** – This is a UNCG requirement for all students. You must take two writing intensive courses, one in Nursing (NUR 370) and one non-Nursing class of your choice.
- **Speaking Intensive Requirements (SI)** – This is a UNCG requirement for all students. You must take two speaking intensive courses, one in Nursing (NUR 472) and one non-Nursing class of your choice.
- **Global Perspectives Courses (GL and GN)** – Students must complete 4 Global courses (GL), one of which must be Global Nonwestern (GN). Try to choose classes in other categories that are also GL or GN courses. For example, MUS 241 is a GFA

and GL) Although foreign language is not required for the Nursing Degree, up to two semesters of foreign language may be used to meet this requirement.

CHOOSE CAREFULLY! It is possible to complete all marker requirements without taking extra classes. Courses used to meet the GEC core category also fulfill the Marker Requirements if the course carries the indicated marker in the semester Schedule of Courses. For example, CST 105 (Introduction to Public Speaking) meets the GRD requirement, all sections are Speaking Intensive (SI) and some sections are also Writing Intensive (WI). That means it is possible to meet three requirements with one class!

III. Cognate Courses

STA 108 (GMT) (pre/co-requisite for NUR 473) 3 s.h.

IV. Special Examinations

30 s.h. (maximum)

Credit earned by special examinations is equated to NUR 210, 220, 310, 320, 340, 360 and 380.

V. Required Nursing Courses

NUR 370 (3:3)	Concepts of Professional Nursing (WI)	3 s.h.
NUR 371 (3:2:3)	Health Assessment (Lab)	3 s.h.
NUR 470 (3:3)	Community Health Nursing	3 s.h.
NUR 471 (3:3)	Older Adult Nursing	3 s.h.
NUR 472 (3:3)	Leadership and Management (SI)	3 s.h.
NUR 473 (3:3)	Research	3 s.h.
NUR 474 (4:1:9)	Practicum (Clinical)	4 s.h.
NUR Elective (3 s.h. minimum)		3 s.h.
		Total = 25 s.h.

- NUR 370, NUR 371 and credit by Special Examinations are prerequisites for and must be successfully completed for matriculation into the following required nursing courses: NUR 470, 471, 472, 473 and 474.
- The School of Nursing offers nursing elective courses from which you may choose: NUR 330, 345, 405, 492, 493 (honors), and 500-level courses for students with advanced standing.
- NUR 473 has pre/co-requisite of Statistics
- NUR 474 has pre/co-requisites of NUR 470, 471, 472 and 473.

V. FREE ELECTIVES

The numbers of electives required are those sufficient to total the minimum hours (122 s.h.) required for the degree of which, 31 s.h. must be completed at UNCG. Students may choose any undergraduate course as long as they meet the course prerequisites. Students may choose to use elective credits to earn a minor in another field of study or may choose to pursue a double major.

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS – RNs

RN students write NLN Acceleration Challenge Exams II (ACE II) which cover the following subject areas: medical/surgical, pediatric, maternity and psychiatric/mental health nursing. Up to 30 semester hours of credit may be awarded for successful completion of the special exams. The examinations may be repeated one time or the appropriate nursing course may be taken. The examinations are administered in fall and spring semesters. Examination schedules, information and applications are available in rooms 116 and 123 in the Moore Nursing Building or you may call (336) 334-5280 or 334-5288, or you may print the application from the School of Nursing Undergraduate Programs web site (www.uncg.edu/nur).

Special exams may be taken before, concurrently or after NUR 370 and NUR 371. Prerequisites for the required 400-level nursing courses include successful completion of NUR 370 and 371 with grades of C (2.0) or better and special exam credits for established for NUR 210, 220, 310, 320, 340, 360 and 380.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

“All students are expected to take their last year in residence at UNCG, except those in programs offered in cooperation with another institution and approved by the faculty. All students admitted to UNCG must complete at least 31 semester hours in residence at UNCG for the degree, 12 of which must be in the major field and 9 of which must be in the minor if a minor is sought. Credit earned by special examination may not be used to reduce the minimum residence requirement.” (UNCG Bulletin) *Please review the University regulations (see most current UNCG Bulletin) regarding application for graduation and for requirements to graduate with honor as there are additional requirements.*

SAMPLE PLANS OF STUDY

PLAN 1 (31 s.h. minimum + special exam credits):

For students who have completed all GEC and elective hours have been completed:

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
NUR 370 (WI)	3 s.h.	NUR 471	3 s.h.
NUR 371 & L	3 s.h.	NUR 473	3 s.h.
UNCG Elective	3 s.h.	STA 108 (GMT)	3 s.h.
Special Exams	(30 s.h.)		
 Fall Semester		 Spring Semester	
NUR 470	3 s.h.	NUR 474	4 s.h.
NUR 472 (SI)	3 s.h.	NUR Elective	3 s.h.

PLAN 2:

For students who still need to complete GEC and marker requirements (GL, GN, SI, and WI), and elective hours:

Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
NUR 370 (WI)	3 s.h.	NUR 371 & L	3 s.h.
GEC course/marker(s)	3 s.h.+	GEC course/marker(s)	3 s.h.+
Elective course(s)	3 s.h.+	Elective course(s)	3 s.h.+
Special Exam(s)		Special Exam(s)	
 Fall Semester		 Spring Semester	
NUR 470	3 s.h.	NUR 473	3 s.h.
GEC course/marker(s)	3 s.h.+	GEC course/marker(s)	3 s.h.+
Elective course(s)	3 s.h.+	STA 108 (GMT)	3 s.h.
NUR elective	3 s.h.	Elective course(s)	3 s.h.
 Fall Semester		 Spring Semester	
NUR 472 (SI)	3 s.h.	NUR 471	3 s.h.
Elective course(s)	3 s.h.+	NUR 474 (clinical)	4 s.h.
GEC course/marker(s)	3 s.h.+	GEC course/marker(s)	3 s.h.+
		Elective course(s)	3 s.h.+

Notes:

- Refer to course descriptions in current *UNCG Bulletin* regarding prerequisites.
- “Course levels 500-599 are intended for advanced undergraduate & graduate students; these courses are not open to freshmen and sophomores.” (*UNCG Bulletin*)
- The time required to complete degree requirements 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 in a given semester.
- A minimum of 122 s.h. is required for the BSN degree.