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Transfer Guide Appalachian State University: RN to BSN

Transfer Guide for Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN)

Delivery Method: Fully Online

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Program Admissions Notes:

A 2.5 GPA is required for admission to the RN to BSN program. RN to BSN students will be admitted to the university and then the program cohort.

Foundations of American Democracy (FAD):

- FAD is a graduation requirement for all students entering any UNC institution on or after July 1, 2025, who are seeking a baccalaureate degree.
- Waiver: Students transferring to App State with 60+ college credit hours or an AA or AS degree will have the FAD requirement waived.
- Alternative Courses: If you plan to transfer to App State without meeting any of the above criteria, you can
 fulfill the FAD requirement by taking one of these courses at a North Carolina Community College: HIS 131,
 HIS 132, POL 120, or SOC 220.

College-Level Foreign Language Requirement:

Foreign language classes are not required for this major.

Major-Specific Course Recommendations: Students are encouraged to build the Community College course recommendations below into the associate degree to best prepare for the intended major.

Recommended CC Course	Credit Hours	University Equivalency	RN-BSN Requirement Fulfilled
MAT 143: Quantitative Literacy	3	MAT 1010: Introduction to Mathematics	Required for core curriculum
PSY 150: General Psychology	3	PSY 1200: Psychological Foundations	Required for core curriculum
BIO 168: Anatomy & Physiology I	4	ES 2040: Human Anatomy	Required for cognate classes

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BIO 169: Anatomy & Physiology II	4	ES 2050: Human Physiology	Required for cognate classes
PSY 241: Developmental Psychology	3	PSY 2210: Psychology of Human Growth & Development	Required for cognate classes
BIO 275: Microbiology & Lab	4	BIO 3308: Microbiology	Required for cognate classes
SOC 210: Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 1000: The Sociological Perspective	Required for core curriculum
HUM 115: Critical Thinking	3	PHL 1040: Critical Thinking Skills	Required for core curriculum
MAT 152: Statistics	4	STT 2820: Reasoning with Statistics	Required for cognate classes
ART 111: Art Appreciation OR Choose Fine Arts course from course requirements list	3	ART 2011: Introduction to Visual Arts	Required for core curriculum
HIS 131: American History I OR HIS 132: American History II	3	HIS 1200: American History	Required for core curriculum
ENG 231: American Literature I OR Choose Lit course from course requirements list	3	ENG 2350: Studies in American Literature	Required for core curriculum

Remaining Associate Degree Requirements: In addition to major-specific course recommendations above, students should work with a community college advisor to select additional community college courses to fulfill the remaining associate degree requirements identified below.

Associate Degree Requirement	Credit Hours Needed	University Equivalency	RN-BSN Requirement Fulfilled
ENG 111: Writing & Inquiry	3	R C 1000: Expository Writing	Required for core curriculum
ENG 112: Writing/Research in the Disciplines	3	R C 2001: Introduction to Writing Across the Curriculum	Required for core curriculum
UGETC Humanities/Fine Arts	3	ASU Equivalencies	Required for core curriculum
UGETC Social/Behavioral Science	3	ASU Equivalencies	Required for core curriculum
ACA 122: College Transfer Success	1	ELE CRED: ELECTIVE CREDIT	Elective
NUR 111: Introduction to Health Concepts	8	N/A	N/A
NUR 112: Health Illness Concepts	5	N/A	N/
NUR 211: Health Systems Concepts	5	N/A	N/A
NUR 114: Holistic Health Concepts	5	N/A	N/A
NUR 113: Family Health Concepts	5	N/A	N/A
NUR 212: Healthcare Concepts	5	N/A	N/A
NUR 213: Complex Health Concepts	10	N/A	N/A
Elective/Pre-Major Courses (Approved Course Options)	6	ASU Equivalencies	Elective

Additional Information from University: University can provide additional pertinent transfer information here. For example: preferred start semester at university, non-CAA course suggestions/options, notes about specific courses, etc.

RN to BSN Admission Requirements:

- Admission to the University
- Hold an Associate in Applied Science degree in Nursing, an Associate Degree in Nursing (from an accredited institution) or a Diploma in Nursing from an accredited hospital nursing program
- Hold a current, unrestricted and unencumbered registered nurse (RN) license to practice nursing in North Carolina or a compact state
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 calculated over all college coursework (cumulative GPA as calculated by the Department of Nursing)
- Complete 60 hours of lower-division coursework (RN to BSN Required Core, Cognate Courses, elective courses) and 30 hours of major nursing courses. Please see the RN-BSN prerequisite NCCC course sheet.

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Remaining Bachelor's Degree Requirements at University:

Below is an example of completing the program in 1 year. You can complete the RN to BSN program in 1, 2 or 3 years.

University Course:	Credit Hours	University Course Notes:
NUR 3012: Health Assessment	4	Fall
NUR 3000: Nursing Informatics	3	Fall
NUR 3011: Concepts of Professional Nursing	4	Fall
NUR 4012: Nursing Care of Communities	4	Spring
NUR 4029: Nursing Leadership & Management	4	Spring
NUR 4033: Nursing Research	3	Spring
NUR 3031: Nursing Care of Older Adults	3	Summer
NUR 4032: Professional Nursing Synthesis	5	Summer