



## RN to BSN Program

The RN to BSN Nursing Program is designed for and limited to individuals who are licensed as registered nurses (RN) in the United States. This program is designed to articulate with many two year Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) programs. The RN to BSN program prepares registered nurses to assume leadership roles as an integral nurse at the bedside, within an organization, in the community and the profession. The Program provides a unique and innovative nursing curriculum that is based upon the Theory of Integral Nursing. Through an integrative and holistic care focus, this Program prepares nurses to provide holistic, intentional, relationship-centered care that addresses individual and collective health.

The program requires 129 semester hours of credit for graduation. Forty-one credits of lower-division courses, to include nursing courses from an Associate Degree in Nursing program, will be applied toward the BSN degree. Students must then complete a total of forty-two credits of upper-division courses: 30 nursing credits and 12 elective credits from courses with Nursing (NURS) prefix, an Integrative Health Studies (IHS) prefix, or other approved upper division course(s).

### Application Process

In order to apply to Northern's RN to BSN program, you must meet the following criteria:

1. Hold an unencumbered RN License from New Mexico or hold a compact multi-state RN license.
2. Have completed an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) or a Nursing Diploma.
3. Complete the RN to BSN Program Application Form.

### Once accepted into the program you must:

1. Be proficient in computer skills, to include Internet research, word processing and email.

### Transfer of Credit

1. Graduates of Associate Degree Nursing programs can transfer lower-division credits to Northern. Official transcripts must be sent to the Office of Admission, which will evaluate and accept coursework.
2. Credit earned in a nursing diploma program will be evaluated on an individual basis.
3. Only college-level courses with a grade of C or better will transfer.
4. Graduates of foreign programs who can demonstrate competency through the NLN mobility exam will be eligible to transfer 41 credits.

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (39 crs)

COMPLETED

Planned Timeline  
(By Semester)

### Communications (9 crs)

ENG 111 English Composition I (3)

*Prerequisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation*

SPCH 130 Public Speaking (3)

*Prerequisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation*

Choose **one** of the following courses:

ENG 112 English Composition II (3)

*Pre-requisite: ENG 111*

ENG 116 Technical Writing (3)

*Pre-requisite: ENG 111*

### Mathematics (3 crs)

MATH 145 Introduction to Probability & Statistics (3)

*Pre-requisite: MATH 130*

### Laboratory Sciences (12 crs)

BIOL 210/L Microbiology (4)

*Prerequisite CHEM 110/L*

BIOL 237/L Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4)

*Pre-requisite: CHEM 110?L*

BIOL 238/L Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4)

*Pre-requisite: BIOL 237/L*

### Social/Behavioral Sciences (6-9 crs)\*

**Pre-requisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation**

PSY 105 General Psychology (3)

PSY 290 Developmental Psychology (3)

Elective (3)

### Area V: Humanities and Fine Arts (6-9 crs)\*

| GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (39 crs)  | COMPLETED | Planned Timeline<br>(By Semester) |
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| ENG 111 English Composition I (3)<br><i>Prerequisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation</i> | _____     | _____                             |
| SPCH 130 Public Speaking (3)<br><i>Prerequisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation</i>      | _____     | _____                             |
| Choose <b>one</b> of the following courses:  |           |                                   |
| ENG 112 English Composition II (3)<br><i>Pre-requisite: ENG 111</i>  | _____     | _____                             |
| ENG 116 Technical Writing (3)<br><i>Pre-requisite: ENG 111</i>   | _____     | _____                             |
| MATH 145 Introduction to Probability & Statistics (3)<br><i>Pre-requisite: MATH 130</i>                                | _____     | _____                             |
| BIOL 210/L Microbiology (4)<br><i>Prerequisite CHEM 110/L</i>  | _____     | _____                             |
| BIOL 237/L Human Anatomy & Physiology I (4)<br><i>Pre-requisite: CHEM 110?L</i>  | _____     | _____                             |
| BIOL 238/L Human Anatomy & Physiology II (4)<br><i>Pre-requisite: BIOL 237/L</i>                                       | _____     | _____                             |
| PSY 105 General Psychology (3)   | _____     | _____                             |
| PSY 290 Developmental Psychology (3)   | _____     | _____                             |
| Elective (3)   | _____     | _____                             |

**Pre-requisite: ENG 109 or adequate score on the Course Placement Evaluation**

You must select courses from *at least two different discipline areas* from the following list. If you have chosen to take three courses from the social sciences area, you will need two courses from this area, each of which must be from different disciplines.

- ART 105 Introduction to Art (3)
- ART 107 History of Art I (3)
- ART 208 History of NM Art & Architecture (3)
- ART 211 History of Art II (3)
- DANC 240 Dance Appreciation (3)
- ENG 270 Children’s Literature (3)
- Pre-requisite ENG 111
- ENG 262 Literature of the Southwest (3)
- Pre-requisite ENG 112
- ENG 265 Native American Literature 1 (3)
- Pre-requisite ENG 111
- ENG 266 Native American Literature II (3)
- Pre-requisite: ENG 111
- ENG 280 Readings in Literature (3)
- Pre-requisite ENG 111
- ENG 290 Study of Literature
- Pre-requisite ENG 111
- ENG 294 Mythology (3)
- Pre-requisite ENG 111
- HIST 101 Western Civilization I (3)
- HIST 102 Western Civilization II (3)
- HIST 161 History of the U.S. to 1877 (3)
- HIST 162 History of the U.S. from 1877 (3)
- HIST 200 History of the World Religions (3)
- HIST 220 Southwestern Women’s History (3)
- HIST 230 Chicano Experience in the US (3)
- HIST 250 American Indian History (3)
- HIST 260 History of New Mexico (3)
- HUM 105 Humanities of the Southwest (3)
- HUM 311 Why the Social Sciences Matter \*\* (3)
- HUM 414 Humanity and Creativity \*\* (3)
- HUM 421 History, Literature, Art & Philosophy \*\* (3)
- MUS 103 Music History & Literature I (3)
- MUS 105 Music Appreciation (3)
- MUS 218 Music History & Literature II (3)
- PHIL 110 Intro to Philosophical Problems (3)
- PHIL 111 History of Philosophy (3)
- PHIL 150 Critical Thinking (3)
- PHIL 220 Ethics (3)
- PIS 200 Introduction to Pueblo Indian Studies (3)
- THE 120 Introduction to Theatre I (3)
- THE 130 History of Theatre (3)

Plus, topic courses with advisor’s approval

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**\*You must complete at least 15 crs between Areas IV and V, maintaining at least two disciplines in each area.**

\*\* Students in associate degree programs are advised that upper-division courses are not covered under financial aid.

**HEALTH, PHYSICAL EDUCATION & RECREATION (1 crs)**

Elective (1) \_\_\_\_\_

**Required Lower-Division Coursework**

41 credits of lower-division courses, to include nursing courses from ADN program (including nutrition), will be applied toward the BSN degree.

6 credits of pathophysiology (can be lower-division or upper-division courses).

**RN to BSN Curriculum (42 crs)**

A minimum of 42 credits of upper-division courses must be completed, to include 30 credits of required upper-division nursing courses.

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| NURS 400   | Nursing in Transition (1)                             | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Co or Pre-Requisite: NURS 400</i>                                       |   |       |       |
| NURS 401   | Integral Nursing Theory (3)                           | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Co or Pre-Requisite: NURS 400</i>                                       |   |       |       |
| NURS 410   | An Integral Approach to Evidence-Based Practice (3)   | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Pre-Requisite: MATH 145 and NURS 400 &amp; NURS 401</i>                 |   |       |       |
| NURS 420   | Integral Health Assessment (3)                        | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Pre-Requisite: NURS 343 &amp;, NURS 344 and NURS 400 &amp; NURS 401</i> |   |       |       |
| NURS 430   | Complementary & Alternative Therapies in Nursing (3)  | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Pre-Requisite: NURS 400 and NURS 401</i>                                |   |       |       |
| NURS 440   | Health Issues, Policy and Politics in Health Care (3) | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Pre-Requisite: NURS 400 and NURS 401401</i>                             |   |       |       |
| NURS 450   | Community and Global Health I (4)                     | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Pre-Requisite: NURS 400, NURS 4011 with NURS 410 strongly suggested</i> |   |       |       |
| NURS 451   | Community and Global Health II (3)                    | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Pre-Requisite: NURS 450, NURS 400 and NURS 401</i>                      |   |       |       |
| NURS 460   | Integral Communication and Teaching (2)               | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Pre-Requisite: NURS 400 and NURS 401</i>                                |   |       |       |
| NURS 470   | Transformational Leadership in Nursing (3)            | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Pre-Requisite: NURS 400 and NURS 401</i>                                |   |       |       |
| NURS 480   | Integral Nursing Capstone (2)                         | _____ | _____ |
| <i>Pre-Requisite: Completion of all other NURS courses</i>                 |   |       |       |

Electives: 12 credits of upper-division electives with a NURS prefix, IHS prefix, or other approved upper division course(s).

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**TOTAL CREDIT HOURS 129**  
Includes a total of 135 clinical hours

Suggested course sequencing for part-time students

**Year One**

Fall (7)

NURS 400 (1)  
NURS 401 (3)  
NURS 344 (3)

Spring (9)

NURS 440 (3)  
MATH 145 (3)  
NURS 344 (3)

**Year Two**

Summer (5)

NURS 460 (2)  
IHS Elective (3)

Fall (6)

NURS 410 (3)  
NURS 420 (3)

Spring (7)

NURS 430 (3)  
NURS 450 (4)

**Year Three**

Summer (6)

IHS Elective (3)  
NURS 470 (3)

Fall (6)

NURS 451 (3)  
IHS Elective (3)

Spring (5)

NURS 480 (2)  
IHS Elective (3)

# Educational Planning Form (Semester)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Major \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

| Fall Semester      | Spring Semester    | Summer             |
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| <b>Total Units</b> | <b>Total Units</b> | <b>Total Units</b> |
| Fall Semester      | Spring Semester    | Summer             |
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| <b>Total Units</b> | <b>Total Units</b> | <b>Total Units</b> |
| Fall Semester      | Spring Semester    | Summer             |
|                    |                    |                    |
| <b>Total Units</b> | <b>Total Units</b> | <b>Total Units</b> |

Advisor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_