RN to Master of Science in Nursing with a Specialization in Nursing Education

RN to MS
144 Total Degree Credits Required

BACHELOR'S-LEVEL GENERAL EDUCATION COMPONENT	Credit Hours
Information Literacy ④	1
English Composition ①	3
Expository Writing Core ①③	3
TOTAL WRITTEN ENGLISH REQUIREMENT	**6**
Humanities	9
Ethics Core (upper level) ②	3
TOTAL HUMANITIES	**12**
Social Sciences/History	9
Psychology Core Requirement	3
Sociology Core Requirement	3
TOTAL SOCIAL SCIENCES	**15**

Human Anatomy and Physiology Core	4
Microbiology Core	3
Sciences Supportive of Nursing Core	2
Statistics Core ⑤	3
Natural Sciences/Mathematics	3
TOTAL NATURAL SCIENCES	**15**
Arts & Sciences Electives	12
TOTAL GENERAL EDUCATION COMPONENT CREDITS	**61**

PHASE I: BS/GRADUATE NURSING CORE	Credit Hours
30 semester hours of nursing credit granted for prior learning validated by nursing education and successful completion of the NCLEX-RN®.	
NUR 448 Community Health Nursing: Caring for the Public's Health	4
NUR 456 Leadership and Management in Nursing ⑥	4
NUR 500 Emerging Advanced Practice Roles	3
NUR 502 Theoretical Foundations of Nursing Practice	3
NUR 507 Advanced Physical Assessment	3
NUR 513 Research and Evidence-Based Practice ⑤	4
NUR 533 Policy, Ethics, and Population Health	4
NUR 462 Nursing Capstone ②⑦	4
TOTAL PHASE I CREDITS	**29**
TOTAL BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING DEGREE CREDITS	**120**

COGNATE COURSE	Credit Hours
Graduate Elective	3

PHASE II	Credit Hours
NUR 505 Advanced Pathophysiology	3
NUR 506 Advanced Pharmacology	3
NUR 653 Designing a Learning Environment	3
NUR 655 Curriculum and Program Planning	3
NUR 660 Evaluation and Assessment in Nursing Education	3

PHASE III	Credit Hours
NUR 676 The Nursing Education Capstone	6
TOTAL MASTER'S COMPONENT CREDITS	**24**
TOTAL DEGREE CREDITS	**144**

① *Both writing requirements, including Expository writing, are prerequisites to all nursing courses.* **The freshman-level English Composition requirement must be completed within the first 9 Excelsior College credits attempted.**

② *Upper-level ethics is a prerequisite for the NUR 462 Nursing Capstone course.*

③ *Intermediate or advanced level*

④ *This requirement must be completed within the first 13 Excelsior College credits attempted.*

⑤ *Statistics is a co-requisite for* **NUR 513.**

⑥ *Successful completion of this course yields a certificate from Sigma Theta Tau International, Honor Society of Nursing.*

⑦ *Students are eligible for this requirement when they have no more than 6 credits still needed in general education, when the upper-level ethics requirement is complete, and when all nursing courses above are complete.*

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