

RN to BSN Program

Recommended Program of Study - Fall Semester Entry

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	Summer Semester	Fall Semester
Professional Transitions in Nursing Block NSG 301/398/399 (6 hrs)	Community Health Block NSG 302/305/384 (6 hrs) <i>Or</i> Leadership Block* NSG 460/483/484 (6 hrs) <i>And</i> Upper Level Elective/Perspective ** (3 hrs)	Leadership Block* NSG 460/483/484 (6 hrs) <i>Or</i> Community Health Block* NSG 302/305/384 (6 hrs) <i>And</i> Upper Level Elective/Perspective ** (3 hrs)	Research Block NSG 471/472/473 (6 hrs) <i>Fall - December Graduation</i>

Recommended Program of Study - Spring Semester Entry

Spring Semester	Summer Semester	Fall Semester	Spring Semester
Professional Transitions in Nursing Block NSG 301/398/399 (6 hrs)	Community Health Block* NSG 302/305/384 (6 hrs) <i>Or</i> Leadership Block* NSG 460/483/484 (6 hrs) <i>And</i> Upper Level Elective/Perspective ** (3 hrs)	Leadership Block* NSG 460/483/484 (6 hrs) <i>Or</i> Community Health Block* NSG 302/305/384 (6 hrs) <i>And</i> Upper Level Elective/Perspective ** (3 hrs)	Research Block NSG 471/472/473 (6 hrs) <i>May - Spring Graduation</i>

* The **Community Health** and **Leadership blocks** include a required project in place of precepted clinical experiences.
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**RN to MS(N) Early Entry Option Program
Recommended Program of Study - Spring Semester Entry**

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