

School of Nursing - RN to BSN Prerequisites Checklist

The following criteria are required for admission to the RN to BSN Program:

- Minimum Cumulative 2.5 GPA for all college/university credits
- Current, unrestricted license as a Registered Nurse.
- Completion of *all* program prerequisites (below) and *WCU Liberal Studies* requirements (below) with a “C” or better plus enough non-nursing transfer hours to meet the 60 hour requirement
- Completion of 60 hours transferable *non-nursing* courses is required for admission to the program
- Apply and be accepted to Western Carolina University’s Distance Learning Program*

Nursing Major Course Prerequisites:

Course Number	Course Name	Examples of Transferrable Courses from NC Community Colleges**	Credits
BIOL 291	Human Anatomy & Physiology with lab*	BIO 165 or 168	4
BIOL 292	Human Anatomy & Physiology with lab*	BIO 166 or 169	3
ENVH 260 + 261	Etiology of Infectious Disease with lab (Microbiology)*	BIO 175 or 275	3 or 4
CHEM 132, 139, or 140	Introductory Chemistry with lab*	CHM 130/130A, 131/131A, 135, or 151 <i>High School Chemistry will not meet this requirement</i>	4
PSY 150	General Psychology	PSY 150	3

Liberal Studies Prerequisites

Course Number	Course Name	Examples of Transferrable Courses from NC Community Colleges**	Credits
C1. ENGL 101	Writing and Rhetoric	ENG 111	3
C1. ENGL 202	Writing and Critical Inquiry	ENG 112 or 114	3
C2. MATH 101 or higher	Mathematics	MAT 143, 152, 171 <i>(Early Entry MSN program requires Statistics)</i>	3
C3. COMM 201	Foundations Communication	COM 110 or 231	3
C4. HEAL 123 or HSCC 101	Health and Wellness	HEA 110 <i>(Courses such as Volleyball, Dance, Golf, etc. do not meet this requirement)</i>	2-3
C5. Sciences	<i>The Liberal Studies Sciences requirement is satisfied by the RN to BSN program prerequisites</i>		
P1. Social Science	Social Science other than a PSYC.	SOC 210, 213, 220, 225, or 230.	3
P3. History	History	HIS 111, 112, 131, or 132	3
P4. Humanities	Humanities	ENG 131, 231, 232, 233, 241, 242, or 252. HUM 110, 120, 212, or 220. PHI 210, 215, 220, 230 or 240.	3
P5. Fine & Performing Arts	Fine & Performing Arts	ART 111. DRA 111, 211, or 212. MUS 110, 113, or 114	3
P6. World Cultures	World Cultures	ENG 261 or 262. GEO 111. POL 220. REL 110 or 111. ART 117. COM 140. ASL 111	3
		This prerequisite list equals 48-49 hours. Admission requires 10-12 more hours non-nursing hours to meet the completion of 60 hours for admission	

*Acceptance to the University does not guarantee admission to the RN to BSN Program.

**Candidates can review how courses transfer to WCU at:

<https://www.wcu.edu/learn/academic-services/registrars-office/credits-earned-elsewhere/index.aspx>