

Bachelor of Science in Nursing Accelerated Second-Degree BSN

Option Description

The second-degree Accelerated BSN (ABSN) option is designed for students who have earned a baccalaureate or higher degree and are interested in pursuing a BSN degree with eligibility to obtaining licensure as a registered nurse (RN). This 12-month option begins in the spring annually.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible to apply for this option the applicant must have:

- A Bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a graduating cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better. Grade point averages used for admission include either all grades from accredited college/universities attended OR grades from 20+ credit hours post-graduation, whichever is highest. Courses that are not complete by the application deadline are not included in GPA calculations.
 - The following courses must have a recorded grade of "B- "(2.7) or above:
 - **BIOL 2140** (3 sh) Anatomy and Physiology I
 - **BIOL 2141** (1 sh) Anatomy and Physiology I Lab
 - **BIOL 2150** (3 sh) Anatomy and Physiology II
 - **BIOL 2151** (1 sh) Anatomy and Physiology II Lab
 - ❖ Both Anatomy and Physiology I and II may be no older than 5 years at the time of the application deadline
 - **BIOL 2110** (3 sh) Microbiology
 - **BIOL 2111** (1 sh) Microbiology Lab
 - **CHEM 1120** (3 sh) Introduction to Chemistry for the Allied Health Sciences
 - **CHEM 1130** (4 sh) Organic and Biochemistry for the Allied Health Sciences
 - **MATH 1065** (3 sh) College Algebra
 - The following Courses must have a recorded grade of "C" (2.0) or above
 - **NUTR 2105** (3 sh) Nutrition Science
 - **PHIL 1175** (3 sh) Introduction to Ethics
 - **PSYC 1000** (3 sh) General Psychology
 - **PSYC 3206** (3 sh) Developmental Psychology
 - **SOCI 2110** (3 sh) Introduction to Sociology
 - **Approved Statistics Course**
 - **Equivalent courses may be transferred in. Please check with an ECU Student Services Advisor or the Director of the program for equivalent courses**
- Completed HESI Admission Assessment (A²) prior to the application deadline date. Results must be submitted with the application materials. To register for your HESI Distance Testing exam, you must have an (Elsevier) Evolve student account. If you do not have an account, you can create it at: <https://evolve.elsevier.com>. Once you have an Evolve student account, you can register for your HESI Distance Testing Exam.

The accelerated second-degree BSN (ABSN) application is for the spring admission every year.

The following ABSN application process can also be viewed online at <https://nursing.ecu.edu/bsn/absn/admission/>

- Admissions to the ABSN option is a two-step process:
 1. Applicants apply directly to ECU Undergraduate Admissions online at www.ecu.edu/admissions/
 2. Complete the ABSN application located on the ECU College of Nursing website at www.ecu.edu/csdhs/nursing/bsn_accel_admission_application_fees.cfm
- ABSN application requirements have to be submitted to the appropriate location by June 15th 5 pm EST to be considered for admission. (ABSN applicants applying by the June 15th admissions deadline date have until the end of summer session to complete their degree and the required prerequisite courses. Preference will be given to applicants who have completed their degree, and all required prerequisite courses, especially the science requirements, prior to the application deadline date of June 15th.)
- Please note that the ECU ABSN application will be due prior to ECU opening their spring application portal. All ECU undergraduate applications must be submitted as soon as possible once the application becomes available online for spring admission. Admission to the ABSN option will be contingent upon admission to ECU.

Financial Aid

Financial aid and scholarships are available to qualified students. Learn more about ECU Financial Aid at www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/financial/. The College of Nursing awards more than \$200,000 in student scholarships every year. Learn more at <https://nursing.ecu.edu/student-resources/financial-aid/>

Fees

Information and a schedule of current tuition and fees are available from the ECU Cashier's Office at www.ecu.edu/financial_serv/cashier/.

The College of Nursing

A basic collegiate program of nursing was established at East Carolina University in 1960. The BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: 202.887.6791 and approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

The purpose of the degree is to educate students to become professional nurses and to assume leadership roles in a variety of settings. The American Nurses Association and many other organizations recognize the baccalaureate degree as the requirement for entry into professional nursing. This professional program is built upon liberal arts and the natural and behavioral sciences. The option stresses the learning of concepts and principles, as well as the use of the nursing process in caring for individuals, families and groups.

Clinical experiences are available in a variety of health care agencies within a 60 mile radius of Greenville, including medical centers, hospitals, health departments, nursing and retirement homes and in mental health centers. Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical sites. Vidant Health Systems is the major teaching facility for ECU College of Nursing, ECU College of Allied Health Sciences and the Brody School of Medicine at ECU. These resources provide students with opportunities for applying their knowledge to all ages and many cultural groups.

Upon completion, the graduate:

- Integrates knowledge from nursing, social and natural sciences and humanities to provide professional nursing care across the health care continuum.
- Demonstrates competency as a care provider, communicator, advocate, collaborator, coordinator, manager, educator, consumer of research, leader, information manager, innovator, and change agent.
- Demonstrates pursuit and application of knowledge, respect for diversity, application of principles of critical reasoning, and informed moral and ethical decision-making.
- Applies strategies to manage issues of professional nursing practice in a diverse and global health care environment.
- Engages in caring nurse-client/patient relationships using effective therapeutic nursing interventions, evidenced-base practice, communication and critical reasoning to optimize client/patient and population outcomes.
- Functions in professional nursing roles as a member of inter- and intra- professional teams.

Curriculum Plan

The second-degree accelerated BSN option requires at least 128 semester hours: The approved curriculum consists of 78 credits transferred from the previous baccalaureate degree including the designated prerequisites and 50 credits in nursing.

Designated Nursing Prerequisites: 78 semester hours including

BIOL 2110 - Fundamentals of Microbiology
 BIOL 2111 - Fundamentals of Microbiology Laboratory
 BIOL 2140 - Human Physiology and Anatomy
 BIOL 2141 - Human Physiology and Anatomy Laboratory
 BIOL 2150 - Human Physiology and Anatomy
 BIOL 2151 - Human Physiology and Anatomy Laboratory
 CHEM 1120 - Introduction to Chemistry for the Allied Health Sciences
 CHEM 1130 - Organic and Biochemistry for the Allied Health Sciences
 MATH 1065 - College Algebra
 NUTR 2105 - Nutrition Science
 PHIL 1175 - Introduction to Ethics or PHIL 2275 - Professional Ethics
 PSYC 1000 – Introduction to Psychology
 PSYC 3206 - Developmental Psychology
 SOCI 2110 - Introduction to Sociology
 Approved Statistics Course

Nursing Major: 50 semester hours

Second-Degree Accelerated BSN curriculum

	<u>SPRING</u>	<u>SUMMER 1</u>	<u>SUMMER 2</u>	<u>FALL</u>
First 7 weeks (F/Sp)	NURS 3611 Health Assessment for ABSN (3 s.h.) – 2 class/1 lab and across the lifespan – 2 hrs/wk lab	NURS 4610 Behavioral Health Nursing (3 s.h.) 2 s.h. class (5 hr. per week)/1 s.h. clinical (8hr/week) 42 clinical hours		NURS 4941 Leadership and Community Nursing for ABSN theory and clinical (5 s.h.) 3 class/2 clinical 86 clinical hours
Second 7 weeks (F/Sp)	NURS 3612 Pharmacology for ABSN (2 s.h.)		NURS 4614 Research and Contemporary Issues (WI) (GD) (4 s.h.) Hybrid	NURS 4940 Clinical Capstone (3 s.h.) 18 hrs. per week 126 clinical hours
Full semester or 11 week summer session	NURS 3610 Pathophysiology for ABSN (2 s.h.) NURS 3613 Lifespan in Nursing Practice I (7 sh) ** 4 class/3 clinical 126 hours clinical (integrating Med/surg, Peds and OB) NURS 3614 Theoretical and Clinical Concepts for Nursing Practice (4 s.h.) (2 s.h. class /2 s.h. lab) (4 hrs/wk in lab)	<u>11-wk summer session</u> NURS 4613 Lifespan in Nursing Practice II (7 s.h.) ** 5 class/12 clinical/wk 132 hours clinical (including integration of Med/surg, Peds and OB)		NURS 4942 Transition to Practice for ABSN (lab and seminar 4 contact hrs. per week) (2 s.h.) (Includes review of skills) NURS 4943 Capstone Theory for ABSN (8 s.h.) 8 class and/or simulation hours per week
Semester Hours	18 s.h.	6 ½ s.h.	7 ½ s.h.	18 s.h.

NOTES: Total s.h. = 50 Clinical hours = 506 (14 s.h.); lab 7 s.h.; 182 clock hrs.

The curriculum is an integrated lifespan model.

East Carolina University is committed to equality of educational opportunity and does not discriminate against applicants, students, or employees based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, creed, sexual orientation or disability.

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