Carolina Core and College General Education Requirements

CMW: Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Written Component (6 hours)

- ENGL 101 - Critical Reading and Composition and
- ENGL 102 - Rhetoric and Composition

ARP: Analytical Reasoning and Problem-Solving (6 hours)

- STAT 110 - Introduction to Statistical Reasoning and either
- MATH 122 - Calculus for Business Administration and Social Sciences or
- STAT 201 - Elementary Statistics
  - MATH 141 or STAT 205 may substitute for MATH 122 or STAT 201

SCI: Scientific Literacy (12 hours)

- BIOL 243 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I (3 hours)*
- BIOL 243L - Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory (1 hour)*
- BIOL 244 - Human Anatomy and Physiology II (3 hours)
- BIOL 244L - Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory (1 hour)*
- BIOL 250 - Microbiology (3 hours)*
- BIOL 250L - Microbiology Laboratory (1 hour)*
  *Pre or Co-requisite courses for nursing courses

GFL: Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Foreign Language (0-6)

Demonstrate proficiency in a foreign language by achieving a score of two or higher on Foreign Language Placement Test or by completing one Foreign Language through 110 or 121.

GHS: Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Historical Thinking (3 hours)

Any approved Carolina Core GHS course

GSS: Global Citizenship and Multicultural Understanding: Social Sciences (6 hours)

- PSYC 101 - Introduction to Psychology or SOCY 101 - Introductory Sociology*
- PSYC 420 - Survey of Developmental Psychology or SOCY 305 - Sociology of the Family *(not a Carolina Core GSS approved course)
  *Pre or Co-requisite courses for nursing courses

AIU: Aesthetic and Interpretive Understanding (3 hours)

Any approved Carolina Core AIU course.
CMS: Effective, Engaged, and Persuasive Communication: Spoken Component (0-3 hours)

Any approved overlay or stand-alone Carolina Core course.

INF: Information Literacy (0-3 hours)

Any approved overlay or stand-alone Carolina Core INF course.

VSR: Values, Ethics, and Social Responsibility (0-3 hours)

Any approved overlay or stand-alone Carolina Core VSR course.

Note: Electives 9-24

Upper Division RN-BSN Courses (28 Total Hours)

Courses are offered in 7-week blocks in an online format:

- NURS 250 - Nursing Science in Professional Practice  (3 hours)
- NURS 309 - Nursing Health Assessment (3 hours)
- NURS 313 - Nursing Care of the Older Adult (3 hours)
- NURS 318 - Application of Pathophysiology and Pharmacology in Nursing (3 hours)
- NURS 400 - Evidence Based Practice (3 hours)
- NURS 420 - Emerging Issues in Health Care (3 hours)
- NURS 428 - Nursing Leadership and Management  (4 hours)
- NURS 431 - Family and Community Health Nursing (3 hours)
- NURS 434 - Community Health Practicum for RNs (3 hours)

Licensure Exam Credit:

After admission to the RN-BSN program and completion of RN-BSN courses, students with an A.D.N. degree from an accredited (ACEN, formerly NLN) program will be awarded up to 35 credits for completion of their Associate Degree in Nursing (RN Licensure).

USC Residency requirements for BSN Graduation:

The last 25% of a student’s degree must be completed in residence (meaning through USC Columbia coursework or other USC campus), and at least half of the hours in the student’s major and minor courses (if applicable) must be taken at the University, i.e. 122 credits = 31 hours. Advanced placement exam credits or transfer credits do not meet this requirement. Students must meet these requirements to be eligible for BSN graduation.