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 112 - Statistics in the Media and
- STAT 205 - Elem Stats for Biol & Life Sci
  - STAT 201 may substitute for STAT 205

**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 (9 hours)**

- PSYC 101 - Introduction to Psychology*
- SOCY 101 - Introductory Sociology*
- PSYC 420 - Survey of Developmental Psychology* (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. Didactic work only is in 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 - Population Health Nursing (3 hours)
- NURS 434 - Community Health Practicum for RNs (3 hours) - requires a 56 hour hands-on, face-to-face practicum in student's community or in Columbia, SC. There are no online options for this portion of the course

**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 38 credits for completion of their Associate Degree in Nursing (RN Licensure). Students with a diploma in nursing from an accredited (ACEN, formerly NLNAC) program will be awarded up to 25 credits towards meeting education competencies for their Diploma degree (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.