

# ACADEMIC RHODE MAP

## BSN, RN to BSN Program



**GENERAL EDUCATION:** A complete listing of General Education courses can be found at the Office of Academic Support (OASIS) 401 456-8083 or online at <http://www.ric.edu/recordsoffice/Pages/College-Catalog.aspx>. For General Education courses, aside from Second Language requirement, which varies depending on where you are placed, you need **ONE** course from each category. All courses marked with an asterisk \* have a prerequisite. † Second Language 101/102 options are: American Sign, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, or Spanish. Any courses marked (F) offered Fall only; (Sp) Spring; (Su) Summer. For info. about Math Placement exam visit: <http://www.ric.edu/orientation/Pages/Math-Placement.aspx>

General Education Checklist	Course(s)	Academic Major Checklist	Course
Second Language Requirement <sup>†</sup> (possibly two courses)		NURS 207 Baccalaureate Education for Nursing*	
First Year Seminar		NURS 225 Introduction to Writing and Research in Nursing*	
First Year Writing			
Arts-Visual and Performing		NURS 316 Physical Assessment of the Adult and Child*	
History			
Literature		NURS 370 Public and Community Health Nursing*	
Mathematics		NURS 376 Contemporary Nursing Practices: Issues and Challenges*	
Natural Science			
Advanced Quantitative/ Scientific Reasoning*		<b>Nursing transfer electives of 37 credits count toward total credits</b>	
Social Behavioral Sciences			
Connections*			
RIC 100			

This map is a semester-by-semester plan to help you toward graduation within two years. This map is not your only route; it is a suggestion. You might take additional courses over the summer, or early spring/winter to catch up or get ahead if the courses you need are offered at these times. While many courses in your major will have prerequisites that will need you to take them in a special order, there is some flexibility in this map, but always double check you have the right prerequisites for a course you plan to take.

The column to the left on the other side of this page suggests the ideal courses for you to take each semester. There are times when those courses may be full or unavailable the semester you plan to take them, in which case consider another course from a different semester with which you can switch—each semester section has a space for you to write in any changes/notes. The column on the right has "Checkpoints" for each semester that show where you should be by the end of that semester. You should work from this map as you plan each semester's schedule, before checking in with your advisor. You should plan to see your advisor in September for the Spring Semester and in February for the Fall. Transfer students may also use the Rhode Map with the understanding that they have most likely completed several requirements through transfer of credit, and will be starting further into the program.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:** The following requirements must be completed by undergraduate degree candidates at Rhode Island College in order to graduate:

- General Education program, including a second language requirement, and possibly RIC 100—see check chart.
- College Math Competency (which is separate from the Gen Ed math requirement)
- College Writing Competency (satisfied by FYW with a minimum grade of C)
- Academic Major—see check chart.
- A minimum of 120 credit hours, with a minimum of 45 credit hours taken at RIC. Of the 45 credit hours, a minimum of 15 credit hours must be in the major (12 of which must be at the 300- or 400-level).
- A minimum overall grade point average of 2.5

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<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
First Year Writing (FYW 100)	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete FYW with a minimum of C (or FYS); Transfer students may have this requirement completed
RIC 100 Introduction to Rhode Island College	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
Based on your transfer credits, residency and graduation requirements select one of the following courses: Social and behavioral Sciences(SB); Visual and Performing Arts (A); Natural Sciences(NS); Mathematics(M); Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (AQSR); History(H); Literature(L); Second language Requirement; Connections	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Math competency completed <input type="checkbox"/> If Math competency is completed, consider Gen Ed-M* here, if not will need to take MATH 010 <input type="checkbox"/> Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional) <input type="checkbox"/> If language is needed it is advisable to take as soon as possible as it is usually a two course sequence.
NURS 207 Baccalaureate Education for Nursing*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite is RN licensure, RN to BSN intended, or by consent of program director; minimum grade of C
NURS 225 Introduction to Writing and Research in Nursing*	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum grade of C <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. is acceptance to the nursing program
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for 10-14 earned RIC credits; 12 credits for fulltime. <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.5 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	15	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester. Submit Second Enrollment application by November 15 <sup>th</sup> or April 15 <sup>th</sup> . Admissions criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission to Rhode Island College and declaration of nursing as the major</li> <li>• Completion of NURS 207/NURS 225 with a minimum grade of C</li> <li>• Completion of Math and Writing Requirements</li> <li>• A current unrestricted Rhode Island Nursing license</li> <li>• A minimum GPA of 2.5</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Upon acceptance to School of Nursing students must submit and update immunizations with RIC Health Services. <input type="checkbox"/> Students must submit a Criminal Background Check through certifiedbackground.com. <input type="checkbox"/> Students must maintain an unencumbered RN license from the State of Rhode Island and have a current healthcare provider CPR card. <input type="checkbox"/> Students must earn a grade of 'C' or better to progress in the nursing program

<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
NURS 316 Physical Assessment of the Adult and Child*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-requisites – acceptance into RN – BSN Program, NURS 207, NURS 225
Based on your transfer credits, select any needed Gen Ed. course, including second language if needed. You may take more if needed. May need to take FYS First Year Seminar.	4-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Consult with academic advisor regarding general education course(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Need a minimum of C in 102 second language course
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for of 18 - 22 earned RIC credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.5 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	8-12	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

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<b>SEMESTER 3 (Summer Session I)</b>	CR	<b>SEMESTER 3 (Summer Session I) CHECKPOINTS</b> ✓
Additional Gen Ed. if needed.	4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for 22 - 26 earned RIC credits, <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.5 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and discuss second major or possible minor

<b>SEMESTER 4 (Summer Session II)</b>	CR	<b>SEMESTER 4 (Summer Session II) CHECKPOINTS</b> ✓
Choose ONE Advanced Quantitative/Scientific Reasoning (Gen Ed-AQSR)* and another Gen Ed.	8	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs for AQSR are Gen Ed-NS and/or Gen Ed-M
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for 26 - 30 earned RIC credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.5 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	8	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

<b>SEMESTER 5</b>	CR	<b>SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS</b> ✓
NURS 370 Public and Community Health Nursing*	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisites – NURS 207, NURS 225, NURS 316 <input type="checkbox"/> ATI testing completed in NURS 370 <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for graduation audit
Connections*, if needed, or/and other Gen Ed.	4-8	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of (36-40) earned RIC credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.5 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	6-14	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and apply for a degree audit through MyRIC.

<b>SEMESTER 6</b>	CR	<b>SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS</b> ✓
NURS 376 Contemporary Nursing Practices: Issues and Challenges*	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. RN Student and NURS 370, or consent of program director
Remaining GE/Elective (s)—if needed	4-8	<input type="checkbox"/> All GE courses and second lang. req. completed
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Residency requirement and graduation requirement met <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.5 GPA. Need 45 minimum of RIC credits, 120 credits total.
# CREDITS EARNED	10-14	<input type="checkbox"/> Order RIC Nursing Pin and academic regalia for Pinning Ceremony/Submit brief personal statement/Attend Gradfest and Graduation!

For more information, check the Nursing Department website: <http://www.ric.edu/nursing/Pages/default.aspx>

The total credit count for this program major is 59 credits (which includes 37 transfer electives from accredited associates degree or hospital school of nursing), and up to 40 credits for Gen. Ed. (plus 8 for secondary language +1 RIC 100); need 120 credits. This sample roadmap is NOT to be considered a replacement for advisement. Each RN-BSN student based on their transfer credits and personal career goals will have an individual Academic Rhode Map.