

Academic Rhode Map for BSN Nursing Major at Rhode Island College

GENERAL EDUCATION: A complete listing of General Education courses can be found at the Office of Academic Support (OASIS) 401 456-8083 or in the online catalog; look at catalog for year you enrolled. For Gen Ed courses, aside from Second Language requirement, which varies depending on where you are placed, you need ONE course from each category. Second Language 101/102 options are: American Sign, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, or Spanish. For other ways to satisfy the second language requirement look under the Gen Ed. section of the catalog. For information about Math Placement exam visit the orientation webpage. Any courses marked (F) offered Fall only; (Sp) Spring only. Courses with an asterisk* have prerequisites. Courses with a "W" in the prefix are Writing in the Discipline (WID) courses and will be writing intensive.

Academic Major Checklist	Course	Academic Major Checklist	Course
NURS 220 Foundations of Therapeutic Interventions*		NURS 370 Public and Community Health Nursing*	
NURS 222 Professional Nursing I*		NURS 372 Adult Health Nursing II*	
NURS 223 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice*		NURS 374 Contemporary Professional Nursing*	
NURS 224 Health Assessment*		NURS 375 Transition to Professional Nursing Practice*	
NURS 225W Intro. to Writing and Research in Nursing* (WID)		Cognates:	
NURS 340 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing*		BIOL 231 Human Anatomy*	
NURS 342 Adult Health Nursing I*		BIOL 335 Human Physiology*	
NURS 344 Maternal Newborn Nursing*		BIOL 348 Microbiology*	
NURS 346 Nursing of Children and Families*		CHEM 106 General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry II*	
		PSYC 230 Human Development*	

This map is a semester-by-semester plan to help you toward graduation in four years. Not everyone graduates in four years as it depends on how many courses you can take, and how you do in those courses. 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 you will need to take in a special order, there is some flexibility in this map, but always double check you have the correct 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. 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. The Map is designed primarily for freshmen coming to college for the first time, but 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. Maps assume a Fall start.

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 RIC 100 or equivalent
- 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 above. Writing in the Discipline requirement is satisfied through major courses
- 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 2.0
- A minimum grade point average of 2.0 in your major

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SEMESTER 1	CR	SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS
First Year Writing (FYW 100) or First Year Seminar (FYS 100).	4	FYW 100P is a 6-credit option. There is a Directed Self-Placement questionnaire you can take to aid in this decision; check the RIC First Year Writing website.
RIC 100 Introduction to Rhode Island College	1	Exempt if taking COLL 101, COLL 150, or HONR 150
PSYC 110 Intro to Psychology (Gen Ed SB)	4	GE-Social and Behavioral Science completed
CHEM 105 General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry I* (Gen Ed NS)	4	GE-Natural Science completed. Must complete Math placement or Math competency based on SAT at Admission prior to registering for this course
BIOL 108 Basic Principles of Biology	4	Must complete Math placement or Math competency based on SAT at Admission prior to registering for this course
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 16 earned credits, and minimum of 3.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	17	Meet with advisor prior to registration for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 2	CR	SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS
FYW 100 or FYS 100	4	Complete FYS and FYW; for FYW, grade C or better
BIOL 231 Human Anatomy*	4	Prereq BIOL 108
PSYC 230 Human Development*	4	Prereq PSYC 110
CHEM 106 General, Organic, and Biological Chemistry II*	4	Prereq CHEM 104 or 105 with a minimum grade of C-. GE-ASQR completed
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 30 earned credits, with a minimum of 3.0 GPA. Submit enrollment application to School of Nursing if GPA is > 3.0 and cognate GPA is > 2.67. Upon acceptance to School of Nursing, students must submit and update immunizations with RIC Health Services. Student must also submit a Criminal – Background Check through certifiedbackground.com. Student must have a current healthcare provider CPR card
# CREDITS EARNED	16	Meet with advisor prior to registration for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 3	CR	SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS
Gen Ed--Second Lang 101 (based on placement, a course higher than 101/102 may be taken). If language requirement already satisfied: Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories: Arts (A); Math (M); History (H); or Literature (L)	4	Language placement test with Dept. of Modern Languages (optional). Complete Second Lang 101 (if needed)
BIOL 335 Human Physiology*	4	Prereqs. BIOL 108 with minimum grade of C and BIOL 231
NURS 220 Foundations of Therapeutic Interventions*	3	Prereqs: BIOL 231, CHEM 106, PSYC 230, concurrent enrollment in BIOL 335, and acceptance into the nursing program.
NURS 222 Professional Nursing I*	3	Prereqs: BIOL 231, CHEM 106, PSYC 230, concurrent enrollment in BIOL 335, and acceptance into the nursing program.
NURS 225W Intro. to Writing and Research in Nursing* (WID)	2	Prereq. acceptance into the nursing program
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 45 earned credits, minimum of 3.0 GPA
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Gen Ed—Second Lang 102 (if needed), or other Gen Ed course from Arts (A); Math (M); History (H); or Literature (L)	4	Complete Second Lang 102* (if needed)
BIOL 348 Microbiology*	4	Prereqs: BIOL 108 with minimum grade of C
NURS 223 Fundamentals of Nursing Practice*	4	Prereqs: NURS 220, 222, 225W, concurrent enrollment in NURS 224, prior or concurrent enrollment in BIOL 348
NURS 224 Health Assessment*	3	Prereqs: NURS 220, 222, 225W, concurrent enrollment in NURS 223, prior or concurrent enrollment in BIOL 348
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 60 earned credits. Minimum of 3.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	15	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

SEMESTER 5	CR	SEMESTER 5 CHECKPOINTS
NURS 340 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing*	6	Prereqs: NURS 220, 222, 223, 224, and 225. Must pass course with a minimum grade of "C"
NURS 344 Maternal Newborn Nursing*	6	Prereqs: NURS 220, 222, 223, 224, and 225. Must pass course with a minimum grade of "C"
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories not yet taken: Arts (A); Math (M); History (H); or Literature (L)	4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 75 earned credits. Minimum of 3.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 6	CR	SEMESTER 6 CHECKPOINTS
NURS 342 Adult Health Nursing I*	6	Prereqs: NURS 220, 222, 223, 224, 225 and 340. Must pass course with a minimum grade of "C"
NURS 346 Nursing of Children and Families*	6	Prereqs: NURS 220, 222, 223, 224, 225 and 344. Must pass course with a minimum grade of "C"
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories not yet taken: Arts (A); Math (M); History (H); or Literature (L).	4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 90 earned credits. Minimum of 3.0 GPA. Apply for degree audit online through MyRIC
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Feb.

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NURS 372 Adult Health Nursing II*	6	Prereqs: NURS 340, 342, 344, and 346. Must pass course with a minimum grade of "C"
NURS 374 Contemporary Professional Nursing*	3	Prereqs: NURS 340, 342, 344, and 346. Must pass course with a minimum grade of "C"
Choose Connections course (GE-C)*	4	Prereqs are 45 completed credits and FYW and FYS.
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories not yet taken: Arts (A); Math (M); History (H); or Literature (L); if needed.	0-4	
Requirements and GPA		Aim for minimum of 105 earned credits; minimum of 3.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	13-17	Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester in Sept.

SEMESTER 8	CR	SEMESTER 8 CHECKPOINTS
NURS 370 Public and Community Health* Nursing	6	Prereqs: NURS 340, 342, 344 and 346. Must pass course with a minimum grade of "C"
NURS 375 Transition to Professional Nursing Practice*	6	Prereqs: NURS 372 and 374. Must pass course with a minimum grade of "C"
Gen Ed Distribution course from one of these GE categories not yet taken: Arts (A); Math (M); History (H); or Literature (L); if needed.	0-4	
Requirements and GPA		All ten GE courses and second lang. req. completed. Need minimum of 120 earned credits. Minimum of 3.0 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	12-16	Attend Gradfest and Commencement

For more information, check the Nursing website:

<https://www.ric.edu/departments-directory/school-nursing/nursing-undergraduate-programs>

Please note that due to the rigors of the program and retention policies, enrollment in required nursing courses is limited to 12 credits per semester.

NOTE: The total credit count for the major is 80 credits, and 40 credits for Gen. Ed. with possibly 9 more depending on secondary language needs and RIC 100. However, 4 Gen Ed. credits for AQSR will double-count, making the minimum total 116 credits, leaving room for 4 elective credits (without secondary language).