

# STEP PROGRAM RN-BSN

The School of Nursing embraces the concept of nursing education advancement for individuals holding an associate degree or diploma in nursing. The Strategic Teaching for Enhanced Professional Preparation (STEP) program is a quality program designed to provide a seamless educational transition for registered nurses. The completely online delivery of this curriculum allows students to advance their nursing education while continuing to fulfill personal and professional responsibilities.

After completion of general studies requirements, nursing courses may be completed in one calendar year online for the full time student. Courses in the professional component of the BSN program are delivered via the internet and other distant learning modalities as the educational platform for teaching.

## Application deadlines:

Date	Event
August 1st	Fall Assessment
December 1st	Spring Assessment
April 1st	Summer Assessment

## Core Requirement Courses for STEP Program in Nursing (62 Semester Hours)

The following list of courses is not intended to be a substitute for individual advisement by a School of Nursing academic advisor. Students with a four-year degree from a US accredited college or university, who also have an associate degree in nursing, will be admitted to the STEP Program with no additional core requirements.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Area I (6 Semester Hours)</b>		
EH Composition sequence		3
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<b>Area II (12 Semester Hours)</b>		
Literature <sup>1</sup>		3
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Fine Arts		3
Humanities or Fine Art		3
<b>Area III (11 Semester Hours)</b>		
BY 101 & BY 103	Introductory Biology I and Introductory Biology Lab I <sup>2</sup>	4
CY 115	Concepts of General Chemistry I <sup>2</sup>	4
MS 112	Precalculus Algebra <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Area IV (12 Semester Hours)</b>		
History <sup>1</sup>		3
History <sup>1</sup>		3
PSY 201	Principles of Psychology	3
Social Science or Behavioral Science		3
<b>Area V (21 Semester Hours)</b>		
BY 263	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BY 264	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
BY 283	Health Microbiology	4

Pre-professional, Major and Elective Courses	9
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>62</b>

- Minimum of three hours of literature and history required; a six-hour sequence of either literature or history is required.
- Approved Science from STARS Guide may be substituted for BY 101 Introductory Biology I (3) and BY 103 Introductory Biology Lab I (1) and/or CY 115 Concepts of General Chemistry I (4). MS 110 Finite Mathematics (3) may be substituted for MS 112 Precalculus Algebra (3).

## Required Nursing Courses

The required nursing courses can be completed online in three semesters (one calendar year). Completion of the upper division STEP nursing courses must occur in ten (10) semesters. Using the internet, a learning management system, and other distance learning modalities, the program is delivered at a time and place convenient to the individual student. The following courses are required for registered nurses in the STEP program.

Course	Title	Credits
<b>Semester I <sup>5</sup></b>		
NU 313	Online Orientation to the STEP Program	0
NU 339	Understanding Health Policy	2
NU 345	Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing (WI)	4
NU 352	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
<b>Semester II</b>		
NU 350	Professional Roles	5
NU 401	Research and Outcomes Management for the Practicing Nurse	3
NU 423	Nursing Management and Leadership	3
<b>Semester III</b>		
NU 390	Informatics in Nursing	3
NU 456	Population-Based Health Care	6
Nursing Elective		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>32</b>

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**Total Hours: 120 - 129**

Senior Fall	Hours	
NU 313	Online Orientation to the STEP Program	0
NU 339	Understanding Health Policy	2
NU 345	Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing (WI)	4
NU 352	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>9</b>
Spring	Hours	
NU 350	Professional Roles	5
NU 401	Research and Outcomes Management for the Practicing Nurse	3
NU 423	Nursing Management and Leadership	3
	<b>Hours</b>	<b>11</b>
Summer	Hours	
NU 390	Informatics in Nursing	3

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