



**BACHELOR of SCIENCE in NURSING; RN TO BSN (#596)**  
**FULL-TIME OPTION**  
 School of Nursing  
 College of Health and Human Services  
 Western Kentucky University

The following four-year plan is an example of how to map your program in consultation with your faculty advisor. Every student will finish with a unique plan of his/her own depending on the electives selected. (First Two Years would involve completion of Associate Degree with a major in Nursing at WKU or another accredited institution and completion of courses to meet KY general education requirements. These requirements must include a statistics course. You must be general education certified from your prior community college for this plan to work. If completing the Associate of Science in Nursing degree at WKU, please see your advisor regarding Colonnade requirements. Additionally, students must maintain a 2.5 or above GPA.)

**SAMPLE – Academic Plan**

<b>First Year</b>
Complete appropriate first-year courses to earn associate degree with a major in Nursing from an accredited college or university.

<b>Second Year</b>
Complete appropriate second-year courses to earn associate degree with a major in Nursing from an accredited college or university. Complete courses to meet KY general education requirements. You must be KY general education certified from your prior community college for this plan to work. These requirements must also include a statistics course. Students who are not general education certified (30 hours) will have to complete courses to fulfill the WKU Colonnade program (39 hours) and demonstrate World Language Proficiency (see WKU Colonnade program for details). See notes below regarding Colonnade and world language requirements.

<b>Summer Semester</b>	
NURS 300 – Concepts of Disease Process (course may be challenged during summer or winter just prior to starting term)	3
NURS 309 – Health Assessment	3
NURS 315 – Concepts of Pharmacology	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>9</b>

THIRD YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
NURS 323 – Concepts of Professional Nursing	3	NURS 340 – Teaching and Health Promotion	3
NURS 321 – Transcultural Nursing	3	NURS 339 – Care of the High Acuity Patient	3
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>6</b>

FOURTH YEAR			
Fall Semester		Spring Semester	
NURS 400 – Nursing Leadership and Management	3	NURS 408 – Professional Issues	3
NURS 412 – Nursing Research	3	NURS 430 – Concepts of Public Health Nursing	4
		NURS 431 – Application of Public Health Nursing	2
<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>TOTAL CREDIT HOURS</b>	<b>9</b>

**Total Credit Hours: 120**

For more details and courses offered in the Colonnade General Education program visit the [website](#).

**World Language Requirement:** Language Proficiency of novice-high before completing 60 credit hours is required (or completion of 2nd level of a language). Two credits (or equivalent) of a single world language in High School satisfies this WKU requirement.

Total Credit Hours: 67 credit hours (36 upper division nursing courses and 31 nursing credits from prior nursing programs). Total credit hours may vary depending on Associate Degree requirements and general education credits. Must meet WKU's requirements for graduation.

Total Credit Hours for Degree: minimum of 120 (credit hours for major, additional general education credit hours as needed, and transfer credit hours).

**For More Information:**

**School:** Nursing

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