

RN-BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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The Registered Nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Pathway Program at Stark State College offers a flexible and affordable pathway for licensed RNs to advance their education and career. With the growing need for BSN-prepared nurses—especially at hospitals seeking or maintaining American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC) Magnet® status—this program supports nurses expand their nursing knowledge, leadership skills, and impact on patient care.

Stark State's RN to BSN program is designed to build on your associate degree or diploma in nursing, allowing for a seamless transition to baccalaureate-level study. Whether you're a recent graduate or a working RN, the fully online coursework with in-person practicums makes it easier to balance school, work, and life while reaching your professional goals.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR CONTACT INFORMATION

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RN-BSN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

APPLICATION:

1. Submit an [application to Stark State College](#) (SSC) if you have not enrolled in classes at the college for 2 or more years. Include submission of all college transcripts with SSC application.
2. Submit [application for RN-BSN Completion](#) program (see instructions on page 3).

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

3. Must have an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) or a nursing diploma from a nationally accredited nursing program.
4. Students receive 33 credits for the blanket transfer of nursing courses from their Associate Degree in Nursing Program, provided they have earned a grade of "C" or better in each course.

GPA STANDARDS: Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.

PREREQUISITE COURSEWORK:

5. 15-30 credits of the Ohio Transfer 36 Model completed in either Stark State College's Associate Degree Nursing Program or another college's program are required prior to program admission. These should include approved general education courses such as ENG124, MTH124, PSY121, PSY123, SOC121, and BIO221. Most ADN graduates from Ohio institutions have met this minimum.
6. All prerequisite coursework must be completed with a **grade of "C" or better**.

LICENSURE: Must have an active, unencumbered Ohio or Compact Multi-state RN license.

RESIDENCY: Must be a **permanent resident of Ohio**. Practicum experiences will occur at **SSC-affiliated healthcare facilities**.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION: Submit **two professional letters** regarding clinical competence, professionalism, and readiness for baccalaureate-level study:

7. One from a current or former supervisor
8. One from either former nursing faculty or licensed health professional colleagues

BACKGROUND CHECK: Must complete a background check through **SSC Security** indicating eligibility for the program.

- Background checks are completed by appointment only.
- To schedule a background check appointment, [click here](#).
- For additional information contact SSC Security ext. 5801 or visit [this site](#).

HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATION

1. Submit an [application to Stark State College](#) (SSC) if you have not enrolled in classes at the college for 2 or more years. Include submission of all college transcripts with SSC application.
2. Complete the [RN-BSN Pathway Program Application](#) and upload all required admission documents per link below.
3. Submit all required documents (2 letters of recommendation, background check eligibility letter from SSC Security, RN licensure verification, application and selective admission sheet) emailed to adawson@starkstate.edu by **July 31st by 4pm** for fall admission consideration.

RN-BSN ACCEPTANCE (SELECTIVE ADMISSIONS AND WAITLIST INFORMATION)

ACCEPTANCE is competitive and based on the following:

- Meeting all admission requirements
- Selective Admission Score (points awarded based on GPA, course grades, SSC graduate status, RN experience, and completion of recommended general education courses) – Refer to **page 9** for details.
- Number of seats available (**36 seats per fall start**)

WAITLIST INFORMATION:

- Applicants who meet admission requirements but are not offered a seat will be placed on a waitlist for the next fall start date.
- Waitlisted applicants must resubmit all updated application documents to be reconsidered for the next admission cycle.
- Additional points toward Selective Admission Score are awarded for:
 - Completion of additional required general education courses
 - Reapplying after being placed on the waitlist.

ENCOURAGEMENT FOR WAITLISTED STUDENTS: Students are encouraged to complete the following general education courses while on the waitlist:

- NTR121 – Nutrition for Health
- PHL122 – Ethics
- PSY220 – Social Psychology
- ENG231 – College Composition II
- HIS100 – American Civics

RN-BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM COURSE REQUIREMENTS

- Students must earn a grade of "C" or higher in all courses (both technical and non-technical) to progress and graduate.
- Technical courses are delivered online; non-technical courses are offered in-person or online.
- The program culminates with practicum courses in the final semester:
 - NSG440 – Leadership and Management in Nursing (5 credits)
 - NSG450 – Advancing Roles in Professional Nursing (5 credits)
 - Practicum hours for NSG440 and NSG450 must be completed at SSC-affiliated healthcare facilities.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

- Varying health requirements are necessary to participate in the RN-BSN Pathway Program.
- **Before program start:** Students must complete a drug screen prior to practicum start in 4th semester and submit a Health Report Form (physical) through ACEMAPP.
- Detailed instructions and a comprehensive list of required health documentation will be provided upon admission to the program.
- All health documentation must be completed before beginning practicum courses in the second year.

RN-BSN CURRICULUM

TECHNICAL Course Number	Course Title	Credits
NSG310	Health Promotion of Complex Conditions	3
NSG320	Teaching and Learning in Nursing	3
NSG330	Collaborative Interprofessional Concepts in Nursing	4
NSG340	Nursing Evidenced-Based Practice and Research	4
NSG410	Population-Based, Cultural Diversity and Global Nursing	4
NSG430	Nursing Informatics Technology in Healthcare Setting	4
NSG440	Leadership and Management in Nursing	5
NSG450	Advancing Roles in Professional Nursing	5
NSG460	Nursing Capstone	1
Total		33

NON-TECH Course Number	Course Title	Credits
COM121 or COM122	Effective Speaking or Interpersonal Communication	3
ENG231	College Composition II	3
NTR121	Nutrition for Health	3
PHL122	Ethics	3
PSY220	Social Psychology	3
HIS100	American Civics	3
	<i>Select one (1) Arts and Humanities Elective from list below¹</i>	3
	<i>Select one (1) Social and Behavioral Science Elective from list below^{2^A}</i>	3
	Total	24
	TOTAL CREDIT HOURS	57

RN-BSN SEMESTER COURSE SEQUENCE

Semester 1	Semester 2	Semester 3	Semester 4
<i>All Semester 1 classes must be completed before moving on to Semester 2.</i>	<i>All Semester 2 classes must be completed before moving on to Semester 3.</i>	<i>All Semester 3 classes must be completed before moving on to Semester 4.</i>	<i>All Semester 1 classes must be completed before moving on to graduation.</i>
NSG310 Health Promotion of Complex Conditions (1 st 8 wks.) 3 credits	NSG330 Collaborative Interprofessional Concepts in Nursing (1 st 8 wks.) 4 credits	NSG410 Population- Based, Cultural Diversity and Global Nursing (1 st 8 wks.) 4 credits	NSG440 Leadership and Management in Nursing (1 st 8 wks.) 5 credits
NSG320 Teaching and Learning in Nursing (2 nd 8	NSG340 Nursing Evidence-Based Practice and	NSG430 Nursing Informatics Technology in	NSG450 Advancing Roles in

wks.) 3 credits	Research (2 nd 8 wks.) 4 credits	Healthcare Settings (2 nd 8 wks.) 4 credits	Professional Nursing (2 nd 8 wks.) 5 credits
PSY220 Social Psychology (8 wks.) 3 credits	ENG231 College Composition II (8 wks.) 3 credits	COM121 Effective Speaking or COM122 Interpersonal Communication (8 wks.) 3 credits	NSG460 Nursing Capstone (2 nd 8 weeks) 1 credit
PHIL122 Ethics (8 wks.) 3 credits	HIS100 American Civics (8 wks.) 3 credits	Arts or Humanities Elective (8 wks.) 3 credits from this list of courses: ENG233, ENG234, ENG235, ENG236, ENG237, ENG239, ENG240, ENG241, HIS121, HIS122, HIS221, HIS222	Social Science Elective (8 wks.) 3 credits from this list of courses: PSY122, PSY124, PSY221, PSY131, PSY121, BUS122, BUS221, BUS222, SOC122, SOC123
NTR121 Nutrition for Health (8wks.) 3 credits			
15 credits	14 credits	14 credits	14 credits

ARTS OR HUMANITIES ELECTIVE (CHOOSE ONE)

Course No	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisite or Corequisite
ENG233	British Literature: Med to 1785	3	ENG124
ENG234	British Lit: 1785 to Present	3	ENG124
ENG235	Introduction to Shakespeare	3	ENG124
ENG236	American Literature: Colonial to 1865	3	ENG124
ENG237	American Literature: 1865 to Present	3	ENG124
ENG239	Film Appreciation	3	ENG124
ENG240	Women's Literature	3	ENG124
ENG241	Major Modern Writers	3	ENG124
HIS121	U.S. History I to 1877	3	
HIS122	U.S. History II from 1877	3	
HIS221	World Civilization to 17th Century	3	
HIS222	World Civilization from 17th Century	3	

SOCIAL SCIENCE ELECTIVE (CHOOSE ONE)

Course No	Course Title	Credits	Prerequisite or Corequisite
PSY121	General Psychology	3	IDS102 or Proficiency
PSY122	Psychology of Adjustment	3	PSY121
PSY124	Industrial/Organizational Psychology	3	
PSY131	Psychology of Personality	3	PSY121
PSY221	Abnormal Psychology	3	PSY121
BUS122	Basic Economics	3	IDS102 or Proficiency
BUS221	Microeconomics	3	IDS102 or Proficiency
BUS222	Macroeconomics	3	IDS102 or Proficiency
SOC122	Society and Technology	3	
SOC123	Dynamics of the Family	3	

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**Q: What happens if I am placed on the waitlist?**

A: You will be notified of your waitlist status and encouraged to complete additional general education courses to strengthen your application for the next cycle.

Q: Can I continue coursework while on the waitlist?

A: Yes. Completing courses such as NTR121, PHL122, PSY220, ENG231, and HIS100 will improve your Selective Admission Score.

Q: How will I know if I am accepted?

A: Applicants will be notified after the application review process is complete following the July 31st deadline.

Q: Are all RN-BSN courses online?

A: Yes, all courses are online except for practicum experiences, which are arranged with SSC-affiliated healthcare facilities.

Q: Is there a Spring start option?

A: No, admission is offered only for the Fall semester each year.

COST OF PROGRAM

COST ITEM	Program Cost (First Two Semesters)	Program Cost (Last Two Semesters)	Costs Payable to Sources other than SSC
BCI/FBI Background Check	\$70.00/year	\$70.00/year	
Liability Insurance	\$15.00/year	\$15.00/year	
Nursing Books and Digital Learning Resources	\$1195.94		
Health Requirements (<i>physical, immunizations, drug screen, BLS Certification</i>)			Approx. \$600.00 (Insurance may cover some expenses)
ACEMAPP Health Record Management	\$85.00/year	\$50.00/year	
Student ID Badge		\$25.00	
Uniforms		\$160.00*	
Tuition (\$209.60/credit hr.)	29 x \$204.60 = \$6,078.40	28 x \$204.60 = \$5,868.80	
Estimated Subtotal	\$7,444.34	\$6,188.80	
ESTIMATED TOTALS		\$13,633.14	\$600.00

* This estimate of program costs is based on prices as of Fall 2025 and is subject to change.

RN-BSN SELECTIVE ADMISSION WORKSHEET

Category	Criteria	Points
SSC Graduate	Yes	5
	No	0
	Total	
Reapplicant	Yes	3
	No	0
	Total	
GPA	2.50 – 2.74	0
	2.75 – 2.99	1
	3.00 – 3.24	2
	3.25 – 3.49	3
	3.50 – 3.74	4
	3.75 – 4.00	5
	Total	
GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES (completed prior to RN-BSN Program Admission)		
Course Grades (BIO221)	A	2
	B	1
	C	0
Course Grades (MTH124)	A	2
	B	1
	C	0
Course Grades (PSY123)	A	2
	B	1
	C	0
Course Grades (SOC121)	A	2
	B	1
	C	0
Course Grades (ENG124)	A	2
	B	1
	C	0
	Total	
Years of RN Experience	0–12 months	1
	1–2 years	2
	3–5 years	3
	>5 years	4
	Total	
RN-BSN General Curriculum Requirement Courses		
	PHL122	1
	NTR121	1
	PSY220	1
	ENG231	1
	HIS100	1
	COM121 or COM122	1
	Arts & Humanities Elective	1
	Social Science Elective	1
Student Total Points	Total	
	Total Combined Points	