

## RN to BS in Nursing – Online

The baccalaureate degree in nursing at Fitchburg State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education ([www.ccnaccreditation.org](http://www.ccnaccreditation.org)).

A maximum of 88 credits composed of nursing and liberal arts and science courses taken at another accredited two- or four-year educational institution, if evaluated by the Registrar as equivalent to those offered at Fitchburg State University, is acceptable in transfer. Fitchburg State University Department of Nursing follows the Massachusetts Nursing Education Transfer Compact.

### Nursing Courses

Courses	32 Credits
NURS 3500	Role Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing..... 3
NURS 3600	Health and Physical Assessment ..... 3
NURS 3710	Evidence-Based Practice (AIA) ..... 3
NURS 4010	Community-Based Nursing (CV) ..... 4
NURS 4020	Social Justice & Advocacy in Nursing ..... 3
NURS 4030	Genomics for Nursing Practice ..... 3
NURS 4040	Health Care Policy and Finance for Nursing Practice ..... 3
NURS 4500	Nursing in a Global Community ..... 3
NURS 4520	Caring for Forensic Populations ..... 3
NURS 4600	RN to BS Capstone (IHIP) ..... 4

Each nursing course is delivered online in a 7-week format.

Students may take nursing courses in any order, with the following exceptions:

1. NURS 3500 Role Transition must be taken first.
  2. Statistics is a pre-requisite to NURS 3710, and NURS 3710 is a pre-requisite to all 4000 level nursing courses.
  3. The final course taken is always NURS 4600 RN to BS Capstone
- Two courses, NURS 4010 and NURS 4600 have a clinical practice experience.

**General Education Requirements** can be taken before the Nursing course sequence begins, concurrently with the Nursing course sequence, or upon completion of the Nursing course sequence. See reverse for liberal arts and science requirements.

**Financial aid** is available to GCE students if registered for 6 credits or more.

## RN to BS in Nursing – Online (General Education Requirements)

### General Education Requirements for Nursing

#### General Education: Foundation

- 3 credits Reading and Information Literacy (R and IL): First Year Experience\*
- 3 credits Writing (W): **Writing I**
- 3 credits Writing and Information Literacy (W and IL): **Writing II**
- 3 credits Quantitative Reasoning (QR) (MATH): **Applied Statistics**

#### General Education: Exploration

- 3 credits Civic Learning (CV): **Community-Based Nursing**
- 3 credits Diverse Perspectives (DP): **Introduction to Sociology**
- 3 credits Ethical Reasoning (ER)\*\*
- 3 credits Fine Arts Expression and Analysis (FA)
- 3 credits Historical Inquiry and Analysis (HI)
- 3 credits Literary Inquiry and Analysis (LI)
- 3 credits Personal Wellness (PW)
- 3 credits Procedural and Logical Thinking (PL): **Anatomy & Physiology I**
- 3 credits Scientific Inquiry and Analysis (SI)

#### General Education: Integration (Nursing)

- 9 credits AIA (3 of which must be Integrative High Impact Practice - IHIP)
- BIOL 2700 Medical Microbiology (AIA).....4**
- NURS 3710 Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing (AIA).....3**
- NURS 4600 RN to BS Capstone (IHIP).....4**

\*\*Nursing majors are required to take a Philosophy course to fulfill the Ethical Reasoning requirement

Choose 1 of the following 4 Philosophy courses: (ER)

- PHIL 2001 Medical Ethics**
- PHIL 2500 Contemporary Ethical Problems**
- PHIL 2600 Philosophy of Human Nature**
- PHIL 3610 World Religion**

#### Students who have completed an Associate’s degree, or who transfer 90 or more credits

If students transfer in at least 34 credits of general education-quality courses (general courses that satisfy the breadth of the LA&S General Education), their LA&S General Education requirements are considered fulfilled, similar to the current Mass-Transfer Pathway agreements.

\*First Year Experience is not required for students who have completed an Associate’s degree or who transfer 90 or more credits.

#### Students who have completed a Bachelor-level degree or their transcript indicates that they have completed the institution’s general education program requirements

LA&S General Education requirements are considered fulfilled.

**Completion of 120 credits required for graduation (62 Nursing / 58 LA&S). PLEASE NOTE: Courses in bold typeface require a minimum grade of 2.5 to progress.**

### Nursing Requirements

**62 Credits**

<b>Transferred Nursing Courses.....</b>	<b>30</b>
NURS 3500 Role Transition .....	3
NURS 3600 Health and Physical Assessment .....	3
NURS 3710 Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing (AIA) .....	3
NURS 4010 Community-Based Nursing (CV).....	4
NURS 4020 Social Justice and Advocacy .....	3
NURS 4030 Genomics for Nursing Practice .....	3
NURS 4040 Health Care Policy and Finance .....	3
NURS 4500 Nursing in a Global Community .....	3
NURS 4520 Caring for Forensic Populations .....	3
NURS 4600 RN to BS Capstone (IHIP).....	4

#### Mathematics & English Studies

English: Placement Exam **OR** Writing I

Math Readiness Requirement is required for all transfer students. RN to BS students have this requirement met through the Statistics course.