



RN to B.S. Admission Requirements

General Education

Complete the following general education courses at an accredited college or university with minimum grades of “C” ¹:

Complete prior to enrollment		A minimum of 24 credit hours from the following 36 credits must be completed prior to matriculation. All general education courses must be completed prior to enrolling in the final nursing course.			
Course	Credits	Course	Credits	Course	Credits
English composition	6	Introductory psychology	3	Microbiology ³	4
Anatomy	4	Developmental psychology	3	Nutrition ³	3
Physiology	4	General sociology	3	Philosophy	3
Statistics	3	Laboratory science ²	8	Humanities	9

¹ Applicants who hold a bachelor’s degree in another discipline will have their general education requirements met with the previous bachelor’s degree with the exception of anatomy, physiology, microbiology, developmental psychology and statistics which must be completed prior to enrollment.

² Select from college biology, chemistry or physics. Four credits must be in chemistry if applicant did not receive a “C” or better in a high school or developmental chemistry course.

³ National League of Nursing (NLN) Proficiency Exams are available for RN-B.S. applicants who do not have academic credit for microbiology or nutrition.

Please email VCU_Nurse@vcu.edu with copies of your unofficial transcripts for an evaluation to determine course completion.

Admission Criteria

1. Be eligible for readmission or be in good standing at the last college attended.
2. Have graduated from a diploma or associate degree program in nursing from a college or university with institutional accreditation.
3. Have a current unrestricted RN license or authorization to practice as an RN in Virginia, the District of Columbia or a U.S. possession or territory.
4. Entrance exams are **not** required for our RN to B.S. applicants.
5. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 based on a scale of 4.0 on all college course work.
6. All applicants should be familiar with the School of Nursing’s technical standards and criminal background check & drug screening policies, found in the [B.S. student handbook](#).
7. Our international and non-native English-speaking students bring different perspectives and new thinking to our nursing programs. To ensure that all incoming students are prepared for VCU SON’s academic rigor, all international applicants and non-native English speaking applicants without a degree from a U.S. high school, college or university, must provide additional information with their applications according to the English language proficiency guidelines in the VCU bulletin. (Refer to the ‘required materials’ section on the [VCU International Admissions](#) website for details.)

Automatic admission/Guaranteed Admission criteria

In addition to the above criteria, highly qualified applicants who meet the following criteria are eligible for guaranteed admission:

- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 on all college coursework
- Minimum grade of “B” on all nursing classes