Georgia Southern University's School of Nursing offers degree programs at the Baccalaureate and Graduate levels. The nursing faculty is committed to helping meet the health care needs of the region by providing high quality nursing education programs. The nursing faculty stresses health promotion as the central concept of the curriculum. Caring is a thread throughout the curriculum as it is the essence of nursing. The School of Nursing programs incorporate high academic and ethical standards and a caring environment for students.

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) is a four-year degree program. It is approved by the Georgia Board of Nursing and accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. The program includes 65 semester hours of general education and support courses and 57 semester hours of requirements specific to nursing majors and a 3 hour free elective. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

The degree program requires both classroom & clinical (practicum) experiences. Practicum courses are scheduled for day & evening hours. Settings include urban & rural hospitals, nursing homes, home health care agencies, public health departments, clinics, schools, industries & physician offices. Clinical agencies may be 50-70 miles from campus & students are responsible for personal transportation to & from scheduled clinical.

PRACTICUM PLACEMENTS

Practicum courses begin at the Junior 1 level & require 12-18 hrs. of clinical experience per wk. The final practicum prior to graduation is a preceptorship course in which students are assigned to experienced RNs to gain leadership, management & intensive clinical experience.

ADMISSION CRITERIA*

Admission to the BSN degree program is competitive. Requirements for admission into the program are based on requirements in place at the time of application to the BSN Program. In order to be considered for the BSN Program, applicants must have met the following minimum requirements before the application deadline:

- Attained admission to Georgia Southern
- Achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better on all attempted hrs. in the Core Curriculum in Areas A-F. Students who hold a B.A. or B.S. degree must have earned a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for all course work completed.
- Completed the equivalent of a minimum of 45 semester credit hrs. of required course work with a grade of "C" or better.
- Completed 16 hrs. of the 24 semester hrs. of required lab science course work, including 12 semester hrs. in Area F, with a grade of "C" or better.
- Returned the nursing application to the School of Nursing by the announced deadline (along with HESI A2 Assessment test results & unofficial transcripts); and for transfer students: Requested official transcripts for all college work attempted & assured that the transcripts have been received in the Admissions Office by the announced deadline.

Specific Admission Policies

Applicants must have met the following requirements before enrollment in their first nursing class:

- Earned a grade of "C" or better in Area A courses, lab sciences: AP & I & II with labs, Microbiology, Pathophysiology, & Life Span Growth & Development.
- Met the School of Nursing clinical course requirements, including health history & physical exam, essential performance standards for nursing practice, immunization requirements including measles, rubella & Hep B; TB screening, current American Heart Association CPR for Health Care Providers’ certification, personal health insurance, health professions student liability insurance.
- Participated in a School of Nursing orientation session
- Completed the HESI A2 Assessment Test

The BSN Program has limited available space & not all eligible students may be admitted. Priority may be given to eligible students who live in rural Georgia & have expressed a desire to live & work in a rural area after graduation.

LPN’s & upper division transfer nursing students must successfully satisfy the BSN Program entrance requirements & the School’s course pre-reqs as described above. Course work for transfer students will be individually evaluated. Admission to the BSN Program will depend on eligibility & available space. LPN’s may be eligible to take proficiency examinations. Contact the CHHS Student Services Center at (912) 478-7699 to request LPN-BSN information.

FINANCIAL AID

General Information and verification is available from:

Director of Financial Aid
Georgia Southern University
P.O. Box 8065
Statesboro, GA 30460
912-478-5413

UNIVERSITY ADMISSION

Office of Admissions
Georgia Southern University
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Webpage: http://www.georgiasouthern.edu/

CORE & PREREQUISITES

Semester One – 16 hours

(*) CHEM 1151 – Survey of Chemistry I – 4 credit hrs.
ENGL 1101 – Composition I – 3 credit hrs.
FYE 1220 – First Year Seminar – 2 credit hrs.
HIST 2110 – The United States – 3 credit hrs.
KINS Activity – Physical Activity course – 1 credit hr.
MATH 1111 or higher – College Algebra – 3 credit hrs.

Semester Two – 17 hours

(*) CHEM 1152 – Survey of Chemistry II – 4 credit hrs.
ECON 2105 – Global Economics – 3 credit hrs.
ENGL 1102 – Composition II – 3 credit hrs.
FYE 1410 – Georgia Citizens – 1 credit hr.
HLTH 1520 – Healthful Living – 2 credit hrs.
(*) KINS 2531 – Anatomy & Physiology I – 3 credit hrs.
(*) KINS 2511 – A & P I Lab – 1 credit hr.

Semester Three – 17 hours

(*) BIOL 2240 – Microbiology – 4 credit hrs.
(*) CHFD 2137 – Lifespan Development – 3 credit hrs.
ENGL 2111/2112 – World Lit. I or II – 3 credit hrs.
(*) KINS 2532 – Anatomy & Physiology II – 3 credit hrs.
(*) KINS 2521 – A & P II Lab – 1 credit hr.
(1) Area E Social Science Elective – 3 credit hrs.

Semester Four – 17 hours

(2) Area C Humanities/Fine Arts Elective – 3 credit hrs.
(3) BIOL 1230 – Environmental Biology – 3 credit hrs.
(*) BIOL 1210 – Env. Biology Lab – 1 credit hr.
HIST 1112 – World History II – 3 credit hrs.
(*) KINS 2533 – Pathophysiology – 3 credit hrs.
KINS Activity – Physical Activity course – 1 credit hr.
POLS 1101 – American Government – 3 credit hrs.

(*) – Major Requirements
(1) – PSYC 1101 or SOCI 1101 Recommended
(2) – ART 1000, COMM 1110, HUMN 2433, HUMN 2434, MUSC 1100, PHIL 2100, RELS 2130, THEA 1100, UHON 1132, Or Foreign Language 1001 or higher
(3) – Recommended Course
MAJOR SPECIFIC CLASSES

Semester Five – 15 hours

- NURS 3230 - Health Assessment - 3 credit hrs.
- NURS 3160 - Intro. To Prof. Practice - 6 credit hrs.
- NURS 3211 - Pharm. & Integrative Therap I - 1 credit hr.
- Elective (outside the major) 3 credit hrs.

Semester Six – 16 hours

- NURS 3163 - Nursing Care of Adults – 6 credit hrs.
- NURS 3252 - Mental Health Nursing – 5 credit hrs.
- NURS 3140 - Critical Injury/Research - 4 credit hrs.
- NURS 3212 - Pharm. & Integrative Therap II - 1 credit hr.

Semester Seven – 16 hours

- NURS 4351 - Nsg. Care Families - 5 credit hrs.
- NURS 4352 - Nsg. Care of Children - 5 credit hrs.
- NURS 4211 - Pharm. & Integrative Therap III - 1 credit hr.

Semester Eight – 12 hours

- NURS 4354 - Advanced Nsg. Care of Adults - 5 credit hrs.
- NURS 4212 - Pharm. & Integrative Therap IV - 1 credit hr.
- NURS 4128 - Nsg. L. Ship/Mgt. - 2 credit hrs.
- NURS 4728 - Leadership Practicum - 2 credit hrs.
- NURS 4229 - Critical Analysis - Capstone - 2 credit hrs.

Core/Prerequisite - 69 hrs.
Major Specific - 57 hrs.
Total Hours = 126

For Additional information regarding BSN Program please contact:

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Georgia Southern University is the most comprehensive center of higher education in the southern half of Georgia. A residential campus of approximately 20,000 students, Georgia Southern is one of the top two universities of choice in Georgia for new freshman; every state and 80 nations are represented in the student body. The University’s hallmark is a superior undergraduate experience emphasizing academic distinction, excellent teaching, and student success. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, Georgia Southern offers 135 undergraduate and graduate degree programs through the doctoral level in its eight Colleges: Business Administration; Education; Health and Human Sciences; Information Technology; Liberal Arts and Social Sciences; the Allen E. Paulson College of Science and Technology; Jiann-Ping Hsu College of Public Health; and the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies. The University has earned national accreditation in 20 program areas.

Founded in 1906 as a district agricultural school, Georgia Southern advanced to become a teachers’ College, a senior college, and in 1990 earned its status as the first university in the southern half of Georgia. In its two decades as a University, Georgia Southern has invested more than $122 million in a renaissance of buildings and beautification on its 634 acre park-like campus. The learning environment for students and the public is enhanced by a museum of cultural and natural history, a botanical garden, and a unique wildlife education center.

Georgia Southern University serves its mostly rural coastal region through outreach and research in economic development, education, cultural opportunities, rural health, and environmental interests. The University fosters access to its educational programs, provides a comprehensive and fulfilling university experience, and enhances quality of life in the region through collaborative relationships supporting education, health care and human services, cultural experiences, scientific and technological advancement, athletics, and regional development.