



College of Coastal Georgia RN to BSN Program of Study GENERAL INFORMATION

RN to BSN Program applicants must meet the college entrance requirements as described in the current catalog. Applicants must apply for admission to both the college and the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. For transfer students: Official transcript(s) for all college work attempted must be received in the College Admissions Office **and** in the School of Nursing and Health Sciences Office (912-279-5860).

Registered nurses who seek enrollment into the RN to BSN Program must have a current Georgia license prior to beginning the nursing courses. The RN must be in good standing in the state of Georgia with regard to clinical practice and professional behavior.

In order to be considered for admission to the RN to BSN Program, applicants must have met the following requirements:

- Maintain a GPA of 2.0 in the required academic program courses.
- Be a graduate of an accredited AS degree or Diploma Nursing Program and fulfilled the Georgia RN-BSN articulation requirements.
- Submit an application for the RN-BSN Program with official transcripts.

Upon acceptance to the RN to BSN Program:

- All applications will be reviewed by the RN to BSN Admission & Retention Committee who will evaluate all applicants who meet the admission criteria and select the best qualified applicants. The number of students accepted for enrollment is determined by the availability of nursing faculty and clinical facilities.
- Each applicant upon acceptance will have a plan for progression through the nursing courses. All applicants once accepted for the RN to BSN Program must:
- Submit completed health form. These must be received before enrolling in the first nursing course.
- Provide proof of current CPR certification through the American Heart Association.

Criminal background checks and/or drug testing may be required by individual agencies. The cost will be the responsibility of the student. Denial to a site as a result of the check/testing could result in the inability to complete a nursing course.

Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Plan

The RN-BSN Track adheres to the Georgia RN to BSN Articulation Plan for the admission and acceptance of students into the nursing program. Students who do not meet eligibility requirements for acceptance into the nursing courses will need to complete the following requirements prior to acceptance in to the RN to BSN Track:

Completion of validation testing will be required of all associate degree or diploma graduates who graduated from non-NLNAC accredited schools outside the state of Georgia, who graduated more than four years ago, and/or who have less than 1,000 clinical practice hours. Successful completion of the four subsets of the

National League for Nursing (NLNAC-ACE II) validation tests are required to validate current knowledge in the areas of Pediatrics, Obstetrics, Adult Health, and Psychiatric Nursing.

Clinical competencies will be validated through psychomotor skills evaluation by RN to BSN Faculty. A list of selected skills and evaluation criteria will be provided to students prior to examination. Evaluation of psychomotor skills will occur prior to acceptance into the RN to BSN Program.

Upon successful completion of examination and skills requirements, admission to the RN to BSN Program, and completion of NURS 3101, advance standing course credit ranging from 1-30 hours will be awarded after the successful completion of the first semester of nursing course work. RN-BSN Program students will then follow the progression, re-entry, and dismissal standards applicable to all nursing students.

Students have one opportunity to demonstrate clinical competencies on the psychomotor skills exams. If a student is not successful in completing one or more components of the required NLNAC-ACE II validation tests, an individual remediation plan will be developed. After completion of the remediation plan, the student will have a total of two opportunities to successfully complete the required testing in each area in which they were unsuccessful.

NOTE: Students who require validation testing for acceptance into the RN to BSN Program will be charged a testing fee for the NLNAC-ACE II validation tests.

Readmission

Students who voluntarily withdraw from the RN to BSN Program or who fail a nursing course must submit a request in writing for readmission to the nursing department along with a completed nursing application form at least one semester prior to the semester in which they wish to attend. They must meet all of the admission/acceptance requirements including having a GPA of 2.0 in order to be considered. The decision to allow a student to re-enter the program occurs on a space available basis and on the individual record of the applicant.

NURSING APPLICATION PACKET

INSTRUCTIONS: Use this checklist to be sure you have included everything that is required in the application packet. Place this list in the packet with your other materials.

- ___ 1. I have applied to College of Coastal Georgia and completed all college admission requirements.
- ___ 2. I have requested official transcripts and checked with the Registrar's office to be sure that these have been received.
- ___ 3. I have checked the catalog for admission requirements.
- ___ 4. **I have included an official transcripts/grades from other schools to the School of Nursing. I understand that if I take any additional courses at another college I must request that transcripts be sent to College of Coastal Georgia and another to the School of Nursing and Health Sciences.**
- ___ 5. I have had this application notarized. (Pg. 2).
- ___ 6. I have read and signed the Core Performance Standards.

Name (print) _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

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The Georgia Board of Nursing requires background checks for licensure and has the authority to refuse to grant a license to an applicant upon a finding by the Board that the applicant has:

- Been convicted of any felony, crime involving a federal or state law relating to controlled substances or dangerous drugs in the courts of this state, any other state, territory, or country, or in the courts of the United States, including but not limited to a plea of nolo contendere entered to the charge;
- or any licensing board or agency in Georgia or any other state denied you license application, renewal or reinstatement: or revoked, suspended, restricted, or prohibited your license; or requested or accepted surrender of your license, or reprimanded, fined or disciplined.

U.S. Social Security No. – this information is authorized to be obtained and disclosed to state and federal agencies by the Georgia Child Support Recovery Act, OCGA §§19-11-1 et seq. OCGA § 20-3-295 (regarding student loan defaults, the Child Support Enforcement Act, 42 USC §et seq. and the Higher Education Act of 1965, 20 USCA §1001 et seq.).

If you have questions or concerns about your history, you may contact the Georgia Board of Nursing at 478-207-1640.

I understand that falsification of any information contained in this application will result in a dismissal from the nursing program at the time that falsification is discovered.

State of _____

County of _____

On this _____ day of _____, 20____, I _____ certify that the preceding application is true, exact, and complete. PRINT NAME

Legal Signature of Applicant _____

Sworn to before me this ____ day of _____ 20____

Seal

Notary Public _____

Commission Expires _____

**COLLEGE OF COASTAL GEORGIA
CORE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

All students applying to the Nursing Program are expected to have the following competencies in order to effectively and safely perform the responsibilities of a nursing student.

Core Performance Standards for Admission and Progression*

Requirements	Standards	Examples
Critical thinking	Critical-thinking ability sufficient for rapid clinical judgment and decision making.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identification of cause/effect relationships in clinical situations Use of the scientific method in the development of patient care plans ▪ Evaluation of the effectiveness of nursing interventions
Interpersonal	Interpersonal abilities sufficient for interactions with individuals, families and groups from various social, emotional and intellectual backgrounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establishment of rapport with patients/clients and colleagues Capacity to engage in successful conflict resolution ▪ Peer accountability
Communication in English	Communications abilities sufficient for verbal and written interaction with others to include note taking abilities and the ability to rapidly interpret and disseminate information.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Explanation of treatment procedures, initiation of health teaching. ▪ Documentation and interpretation of nursing actions and patient/client responses
Mobility	Physical abilities sufficient for movement from room to room in small spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Movement about patient's room, work spaces and treatment areas ▪ Administration of rescue procedures- cardiopulmonary resuscitation
Motor skills	Gross and fine motor abilities sufficient for providing safe, effective nursing care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Calibration and use of equipment ▪ Therapeutic positioning of patients
Hearing	Auditory ability sufficient for monitoring and assessing health needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ability to hear monitoring device alarm and other emergency signals ▪ Ability to discern auscultatory sounds and cries for help
Visual	Visual ability sufficient for observation and assessment necessary in nursing care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ability to observe patient's condition and responses to treatments
Tactile Sense	Tactile ability sufficient for physical assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ability to palpitate in physical examinations and various therapeutic interventions

- *Adapted from: Source: Southern Regional Education Board. (2004). Americans with Disabilities Act: Implications for Nursing Education. Retrieved March 1, 2010 from http://www.sreb.org/page/1390/the_americans_with_disabilities_act.html

NOTE: There may be more stringent requirements for clinical agencies that may preclude the student's progression in the nursing program.

I have read the above Core Performance Standards for Admission and Progression and hereby represent that I can effectively and safely perform the competencies listed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



**College of Coastal Georgia
One College Drive, Brunswick, Georgia 31520**

**NOTIFICATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS
FOR STUDENT PRACTICE AT CERTAIN CLINICAL SITES**

While the College of Coastal Georgia encourages that all students have health insurance coverage to promote optimal health and wellness outcomes, the College does not require students to have health insurance as a condition of enrollment. However, students who are pursuing a degree in a nursing, health science or related clinical or pre-medical field may be required by certain clinical practice sites to have health insurance. You are receiving this notification and acknowledgement of responsibility because you are a student enrolled in a course of study that may require you to train at a clinical practice site which requires health insurance coverage of its employees and student trainees.

Acknowledgment of Responsibility

As a student at the College of Coastal Georgia, I understand that I am enrolled in a course of study that will require my participation in one or more clinical training programs at a hospital or health care facility. I have been advised that while working in such an environment every effort will be made to protect me, however, it is possible that I may be involved in an accidental injury or be exposed to illnesses and diseases that might require medical treatment. For this reason, many hospitals and health care facilities providing clinical rotation opportunities require students to have comprehensive sickness and accident health insurance coverage equivalent to that carried by their employees. These institutions may request me to provide proof of my healthcare coverage.

I understand that if I do not maintain healthcare coverage while enrolled in a course with a clinical component, or if I am unable to provide proof of coverage, I could be removed from the clinical rotation, which would result in my being removed from the program and failing the course. I also understand that health insurance coverage is important, because if I am injured or become ill as a result of my clinical rotation, any costs for medical treatment will be my sole responsibility.

I have read and understand the College health insurance advisory above. My signature is proof of my commitment to obtain and maintain health insurance coverage, at a minimum while in a program requiring clinical rotations.

Participant Name (Print)

Participant Signature

Date

Students who need access to health insurance coverage should consult the student handbook and/or request information from the School of Nursing and Health Sciences or the Office of Student Affairs. Group health insurance is available for individual, voluntary purchases through a number of student professional associations as well as the University System of Georgia.