

RN to BS in Nursing — Online Curriculum

The baccalaureate degree in nursing at Fitchburg State University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (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..... 3
NURS 4010	Community-Based Nursing..... 4
NURS 4020	Social Justice and 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..... 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.

Liberal Arts and Science electives 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.

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Content Clusters: two courses from the clusters below must have a Global Diversity Designation

58 Credits

Arts / Music

5 Courses - Minimum of 15 credits

One of these courses must have a

Global Diversity Non-Western (GDAN) designation.

Writing I (ENGL 1100).....	3
Writing II (ENGL 1200).....	3
Art or Music	3
Literature.....	3
Elective.....	3

Citizenship

3 Courses - Minimum of 9 credits

Introduction to Sociology meets the

Global Diversity Western (GDC) designation.

History.....	3
Introduction to Psychological Science (PSY 1100).....	3
Introduction to Sociology (SOC 1100)	3

Science, Math, Technology

4 Courses - Minimum of 12 credits

Applied Statistics (MATH 1700)	3
Anatomy & Physiology I (BIOL 1200).....	4
Anatomy & Physiology II (BIOL 1300).....	4
Medical Microbiology (BIOL 2700)	4

Option C

4 Courses - Minimum of 12 credits

with a minimum of 6 credits at or above 2000 level.

Lifespan Development (PSY 1200)	3
Selective Elective - choose from the following 4 courses.....	3
Medical Ethics (PHIL 2001)	
Contemporary Ethical Problems (PHIL 2500)	
Philosophy of Human Nature (PHIL 2600)	
World Religions (PHIL 3610)	
Elective.....	3
Elective.....	3

Free Electives

2 or 3 Courses - Minimum of 7 credits.....7

Nursing Requirements

62 Credits

Transferred Nursing Courses	30
NURS 3500 Role Transition.....	3
NURS 3600 Health and Physical Assessment	3
NURS 3710 Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing.....	3
NURS 4010 Community-Based Nursing	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	4

Other Liberal Arts & Sciences Requirements

Jr/Sr Writing
Listening & Speaking
Computer Literacy

The Department of the student's major determines the methods of fulfilling the Jr/Sr Writing, Listening, Speaking, and Computer Literacy requirements.

Mathematics & English Readiness

Mathematics
Placement Exam **OR** Basic MATH 0200 N
English
Placement Exam **OR** Writing I

Math Readiness Requirement is required of all transfer students. Institutional credit only; does not count toward graduation credits.

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.