

**ACADEMIC RHODE MAP**  
**BSN, RN to BSN Program Second Degree**



GENERAL EDUCATION: A complete listing of General Education courses can be found at the Office of Academic Support (OASIS) 401 456-8083 or online at <http://www.ric.edu/recordsoffice/Pages/College-Catalog.aspx> look at catalog for year you enrolled. For Gen Ed courses, aside from Second Language requirement, which varies depending on where you are placed, you need ONE course from each category. Second Language 101/102 options are: American Sign, Arabic, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Portuguese, or Spanish. For other ways to satisfy the second language requirement look under the Gen Ed. section of the catalog. Any courses marked (F) offered Fall only; (Sp) Spring only. All courses marked with an asterisk \* have a prerequisite. Courses with (WID) are Writing in the Discipline courses and will be writing intensive. For information about Math Placement exam visit: <http://www.ric.edu/orientation/Pages/Math-Placement.aspx>.

General Education Checklist	Course(s)	Academic Major Checklist	Course
Second Language Requirement <sup>†</sup> (possibly two courses)		NURS 207 Baccalaureate Education for Nursing*	
First Year Seminar		NURS 225 Introduction to Writing and Research in Nursing* (WID)	
First Year Writing			
Arts-Visual and Performing History		NURS 316 Physical Assessment of the Adult and Child*	
Literature		NURS 370 Public and Community Health Nursing*	
Mathematics		NURS 376 Contemporary Nursing Practices: Issues and Challenges*	
Natural Science			
Advanced Quantitative/ Scientific Reasoning*			
Social Behavioral Sciences			
Connections*			

This map is a semester-by-semester plan to help you toward graduation. This map is not your only route; it is a suggestion. You might take additional courses over the summer, or early spring/winter to catch up or get ahead if the courses you need are offered at these times. While many courses in your major will have prerequisites that will need you to take them in a special order, there is some flexibility in this map, but always double check you have the right prerequisites for a course you plan to take.

The column to the left on the other side of this page suggests the ideal courses for you to take each semester. There are times when those courses may be full or unavailable the semester you plan to take them, in which case consider another course from a different semester with which you can switch. The column on the right has "Checkpoints" for each semester that show where you should be by the end of that semester. You should work from this map as you plan each semester's schedule, before checking in with your advisor. You should plan to see your advisor in September for the Spring Semester and in February for the Fall. Transfer students may also use the Rhode Map with the understanding that they have most likely completed several requirements through transfer of credit, and will be starting further into the program.

**GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS:** The following requirements must be completed by undergraduate degree candidates at Rhode Island College in order to graduate:

- A minimum of 30 credit hours – 22 credits in the nursing major and 8 elective credits
- A minimum overall grade point average of 2.50

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<b>SEMESTER 1</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 1 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
NURS 207 Baccalaureate Education for Nursing*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisite is RN licensure, RN to BSN intended, or by consent of program director; minimum grade of C
NURS 225 Introduction to Writing and Research in Nursing* (WID)	2	<input type="checkbox"/> Minimum grade of C <input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. is acceptance to the nursing program
Elective(s)	4	
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for 10 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.5 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> RN-BSN Students enrolled in the Second Baccalaureate Degree generally take a total of 30 credits. 22 credits are nursing and 8 are elective credits. A plan of study is developed with the student and Director of Baccalaureate program.
# CREDITS EARNED	10	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester. Submit Second Enrollment application by November 15 <sup>th</sup> or April 15 <sup>th</sup> . Admissions criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admission to Rhode Island College and declaration of nursing as the major</li> <li>• Completion of NURS 207/NURS 225 with a minimum grade of C</li> <li>• Completion of Math and Writing Requirements</li> <li>• A current unrestricted Rhode Island Nursing license</li> <li>• A minimum GPA of 2.5</li> </ul> <input type="checkbox"/> Upon acceptance to School of Nursing students must submit and update immunizations with RIC Health Services. <input type="checkbox"/> Students must submit a Criminal Background Check through certifiedbackground.com. <input type="checkbox"/> Students must maintain an unencumbered RN license from the State of Rhode Island and have a current healthcare provider CPR card. <input type="checkbox"/> Students must earn a grade of 'C' or better to progress in the nursing program

<b>SEMESTER 2</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 2 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
NURS 316 Physical Assessment of the Adult and Child*	4	<input type="checkbox"/> Pre-requisites – acceptance into RN – BSN Program, NURS 207, NURS 225
Electives if needed	4	Consult with academic advisor regarding general education course(s)
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 18 earned credits <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum 2.5 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	8	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester

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<b>SEMESTER 3</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 3 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
NURS 370 Public and Community Health Nursing*	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Prerequisites – NURS 207, NURS 225, NURS 316 <input type="checkbox"/> ATI testing completed in NURS 370 <input type="checkbox"/> Apply for graduation audit
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Aim for minimum of 24 earned credits, <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.5 GPA
# CREDITS EARNED	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Make appointment with advisor to discuss your schedule for next semester and apply for a degree audit through MyRIC.

<b>SEMESTER 4</b>	<b>CR</b>	<b>SEMESTER 4 CHECKPOINTS ✓</b>
NURS 376 Contemporary Nursing Practices: Issues and Challenges*	6	<input type="checkbox"/> Prereq. RN Student and NURS 370, or consent of program director
Requirements and GPA		<input type="checkbox"/> Residency and graduation requirements met <input type="checkbox"/> Minimum of 2.5 GPA <input type="checkbox"/> Order RIC Nursing Pin and academic regalia for Pinning Ceremony/Submit brief personal statement/Attend Gradfest and Graduation!
# CREDITS EARNED	6	<input type="checkbox"/>

For more information, check the Nursing Department website: <http://www.ric.edu/nursing/Pages/default.aspx>

**This sample road map is NOT to be considered a replacement for advisement. Each Second Degree RN-BSN student based on their transfer credits and personal career goals will have an individual Academic Rhode Map.**