

## Nursing RN-BS

One Year Full Time Online Program



**DOWNSTATE**  
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY



**This one-year, full time RN-BS Nursing Program is open to Registered Nurses and applicants who are in the final semester of completing an Associated Degree in Nursing. Our program is accredited by the CCNE and the curriculum is based on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing Essentials. Classes are fully online, except the Community Health course which requires 37.5 hours of clinical experience, which may be completed in your local community.**

This innovative, highly rated program is designed to be flexible for the busy, family-oriented working nurse. **Our faculty provides the highest quality nursing education; the cost is affordable; and students achieve their goal of receiving a baccalaureate nursing education within 3 semesters.**

To qualify for admission to the RN-BS Program, a minimum of 60-63 semester credits are required from

an accredited learning institution, 33 of which must be from Liberal Arts and Science courses, and 30 credits from General Education courses. Additionally, 30 nursing credits are transferred from a previous AD Nursing Program. While enrolled in the program at SUNY Downstate, students must complete a minimum of 35 upper division credits to meet the program's requirements for graduation with a total of 125 credits.

### Before you apply

- Review the website to learn more about our program.
- Sign up to attend an Information Session (bring copies of all college transcripts for prerequisite evaluation).
- Prepare an academic completion plan for any outstanding prerequisites.
- Assess the best time to apply; early applications are encouraged.
- Review the curriculum and the tuition to determine costs and duration of the program.
- For additional information, please visit our website.

### Steps to apply

1. **Download and Read the Application Instructions.**
2. **Check the Deadline on our Website.**
3. **Prepare Your Documentation.**  
You may be required to upload documents related to your application.
4. **Submit Your Application.**  
All sections of your application must be filled out in order to submit.
5. **Check Your Status.**  
Upon submitting your online application, you are able to log back in to upload additional documents and monitor your application status.

[See reverse for requirements >](#)



**Scan the QR code  
to visit the school's  
website or:**

[www.tinyurl.com/downstate-RN-BS](http://www.tinyurl.com/downstate-RN-BS)

## Admission Requirements

- A **minimum of 60 semester credits** and a **minimum of 30 semester NUR credits** from colleges or universities accredited by one of the following: The Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE), the New England Commission on Higher Education (NECHE), The Higher Learning Commission (HLC), the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU), the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC) or the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC), United States Department of Education (USDE). If you have any questions about whether a transfer course will be accepted, you should check with the Office of Admissions prior to enrolling in the course.
- You must submit **one letter of recommendation**. SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University has moved toward exclusive use of electronic recommendation submissions. Your letter should be written by a current/former College Professor or employer/supervisor. Recommendations by individuals other than your College Professor or Employer/Supervisor will **NOT** be considered. Please visit [www.tinyurl.com/Downstate-RN-BS-reqs](http://www.tinyurl.com/Downstate-RN-BS-reqs) to learn more about the letter of recommendation requirements.
- A minimum of 33 credits in Liberal Arts and Sciences and 30 credits in at least seven of the ten SUNY-General Education Requirements. Visit [www.tinyurl.com/Downstate-RN-BS-reqs](http://www.tinyurl.com/Downstate-RN-BS-reqs) to see these requirements.
- A valid New York State R.N. license.
- A *preferred* undergraduate minimum cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.7 on a 4.0 scale.
- A grade of "C" or better in the following prerequisite courses:

Subject	Total Semester Credits
Anatomy & Physiology 1 with lab and Anatomy & Physiology 2 with lab	8
General Science with lab requirement*	3–4
Microbiology with lab**	3–4
Sociology and/or Anthropology	6
Psychology Elective	3
Developmental (Lifespan) Psychology***	3–6
English Composition (English 1)	3
English Elective****	3
College Mathematics*****	3
Humanities/Social Sciences*****	12

\* Courses include Chemistry, Biology, Ecology, Geology, Environmental Science, Astronomy, and Physics.

\*\* Bacteriology does not meet this requirement.

\*\*\* Life Span Developmental Psychology (from Birth to Aging) or Child Psychology & Adult Development or Child Psychology & Psychology of Aging.

\*\*\*\* Must be a higher level than English 1. In addition to English Composition, if your college has writing intensive courses listed and described as such in their catalog, these are also acceptable to fulfill the English elective requirements.

\*\*\*\*\* This does not include either statistics or remedial math courses.

\*\*\*\*\* Including, but not limited to: Humanities, Political Science, Speech, Religion, Foreign Language, Philosophy, Economics, Additional Psychology, Additional Sociology, Additional Anthropology, Literature, Arts, Theatre, Music, and courses labeled Social Sciences.