

# HERZING

## **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING—BRIDGE (BSNB)**

### **PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

This registered nurse (RN) to bachelor of science in nursing completion program is open to licensed, registered nurses who have completed an associate's degree in nursing or a diploma in nursing from a nationally or regionally accredited college or university. The program supports nurses desiring to advance their education and increase their career opportunities. The curriculum offers advanced nursing concepts that prepare nurse leaders, managers, critical thinkers, and change-agents and provides a strong foundation for entry into graduate-level nursing programs.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

Upon completion of their program, the student should be able to:

1. Practice in roles appropriate for the baccalaureate nurse generalist in designing, managing, and coordinating patient care within the context of competent, ethical patient-focused care.
2. Utilize evidence-based practice in providing patient care.
3. Use information and patient care technology to communicate effectively through verbalization and written materials with members of the healthcare team.
4. Review existing or proposed local, state, national, and global policy and legislation, including financial and regulatory, that affect healthcare.
5. Possess knowledge and skills in leadership and management, quality improvement, and patient safety as required to provide high quality healthcare.
6. Practice with patients including individuals, families, groups, communities and populations across the lifespan and continuum of healthcare environments.
7. Understand and practice health promotion and disease prevention at the individual and population level as necessary to improve population health.
8. Practice professionalism including the inherent values of altruism, autonomy, human dignity, integrity, and social justice.
9. Think critically at a conceptual level and by using mathematical analysis as well as the scientific method; write and speak effectively; use basic computer applications; and understand human behavior in the context of the greater society in a culturally diverse world.

### **SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:**

To enroll in this RN-BSN program, prospective students must possess:

1. An unrestricted, active registered nurse (RN) license to practice nursing.
2. An associate's degree or diploma in nursing.
3. An overall minimum program GPA of 2.50 on a 4.00 scale.
4. A completion of required prerequisite courses.

### **POTENTIAL JOB POSITION TITLES**

Potential entry-level positions are available in a wide variety of healthcare opportunities. A bachelor's degree in nursing represents the entry level for most administrative positions in nursing and healthcare, advancement in career opportunities, and greater earning potential. The RN to BSN program offers registered nurses the pathway to graduate education.

### **PROGRAM CONTENT**

A minimum of 129.00 semester credit hours is required for graduation, including the transferred credits in nursing courses.

## REQUIRED COURSES IN NURSING

All courses, 32.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
NB 305	Professional Role Transition	None	3.00
NB 310	Pathophysiology	SC 145 *, SC 145L *, SC 245 * and SC 245L *	3.00
NB 330	Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing	NB 106 or NB 305	3.00
NB 345	Health Assessment and Promotion Across the Lifespan	NB 305	3.00
NB 411	Theoretical Basis for Nursing	NB 305, NB 310, NB 330 and NB 345	3.00
NB 420	Nursing Informatics	IS 102, (NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L or NB 305), NB 310, NB 330 and (NB 140 and NB 140C or NB 345)	3.00
NB 431	Evidence-Based Nursing Research and Practice	MA 320, (NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L or NB 305) and NB 330	3.00
NB 440	National and Global Health and Policy Issues	(NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L or NB 305), NB 310, NB 330 and (NB 140 and NB 140C or NB 345)	3.00
NB 450	Nursing Leadership and Management	NB 330 and NB 440	3.00
NB 460	Community Nursing	(NB 246, NB 246C and NB 246L or NB 305); Corequisite NB 460C or NB 471	3.00
NB 471	Community Nursing Practice	NB 305; Corequisite NB 460	2.00

\* The student must receive a grade of C+ (76% or better) in these courses.

## REQUIRED COURSES IN BUSINESS AND FINANCE

All courses, 9.00 semester credit hours, are required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
AC 107	Accounting I	IS 102	3.00
BU 106	Introduction to Management	None	3.00
HI 305	Healthcare Finance	AC 107	3.00

## TRANSFER CREDITS IN NURSING AND OPEN ELECTIVES

50.00 semester credit hours are required.

### ◆ Transfer Credits in Nursing

Up to 50.00 semester credit hours from nursing core courses (non-general education courses) may be transferred from an associate's degree or diploma in nursing. Note: General education transfer credits are applied under general education.

### ◆ Open Elective Courses

Students not transferring 50.00 semester credit hours in nursing core courses may make up the difference with open electives.

## REQUIRED COURSES IN GENERAL EDUCATION

Students enrolled in this bachelor's degree must complete a minimum of 37.00 semester credit hours in general education distributed among the following disciplines. A minimum of 9.00 semester credit hours must be upper level (300-400 level courses). Refer to the General Education section of the catalog for Herzing University courses that would satisfy these requirements. \*

1.00 Semester Credit Hour in Information Literacy

6.00 Semester Credit Hours in English Composition or Literature

- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Speech
- 4.00 Semester Credit Hours in Computer Applications ♦
- 7.00 Semester Credit Hours in Mathematics (College Algebra or Above)
- 4.00 Semester Credit Hours of Natural Science With a Lab Component
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Social or Behavioral Science
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Humanities With a Critical Thinking Focus \*\* ♦
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours in Cultural Diversity
- 3.00 Semester Credit Hours of General Education Electives ♦

\* Transfer students may transfer courses that are within 1.00 semester credit hour of the courses listed above to meet these discipline requirements. Any resulting deficiency in the total of 37.00 semester credit hours required in general education may be made up with general education electives from any of the listed disciplines.

\*\* A course with a critical thinking focus would be a course that addresses the theories and application of critical analysis with an emphasis on developing sequential reasoning skills. Examples may be courses in critical thinking, philosophy, logic, or science.

♦ The state of Minnesota requires a minimum of 30.00 semester credit hours of general education for bachelor's degrees, not counting computer applications. However, all Herzing University students in the BSNB program must complete a minimum of 37.00 semester credit hours in general education, including computer applications, to complete the requirement for graduation from this bachelor's degree program. Minnesota students must complete at least 4.00 semester credit hours of general education in the humanities.

**PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COURSES**

A minimum of 1.00 semester credit hour is required.

Course Number	Course Name	Prerequisite	Credit Hours
PD 121	Professional Development I	None	1.00
PD 202	Professional Development II	None	1.00

Distribution of Clock Hours by Course (Not Including 50.00 Semester Hours of Transfer Credits in Nursing/Open Electives)					
Course or Category	Lecture	Lab	Clinical	Total Clock Hours	Credits
AC 107	45.00			45.00	3.00
BU 106	45.00			45.00	3.00
HI 305	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 305	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 310	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 330	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 345	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 411	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 420	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 431	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 440	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 450	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 460	45.00			45.00	3.00
NB 471	15.00		45.00	60.00	2.00
Information Literacy	15.00			15.00	1.00
English Composition or Literature	90.00			90.00	6.00
Speech	45.00			45.00	3.00
Computer Applications	60.00			60.00	4.00

<b>Distribution of Clock Hours by Course (Not Including 50.00 Semester Hours of Transfer Credits in Nursing/Open Electives)</b>					
<b>Course or Category</b>	<b>Lecture</b>	<b>Lab</b>	<b>Clinical</b>	<b>Total Clock Hours</b>	<b>Credits</b>
Mathematics (College Algebra or Above)	105.00			105.00	7.00
Natural Science With a Lab Component	45.00	30.00		75.00	4.00
Social or Behavioral Science	45.00			45.00	3.00
Humanities With a Critical Thinking Focus	45.00			45.00	3.00
Cultural Diversity	45.00			45.00	3.00
General Education Electives	45.00			45.00	3.00
Personal/Professional Development	15.00			15.00	1.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1,155.00</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>45.00</b>	<b>1,230.00</b>	<b>79.00</b>

For more information about our graduation rates, the median debt of students who completed the program, and other important information, please visit our website at <http://www.herzing.edu/academics/nursing>