

# Nursing Baccalaureate Degree

## 2 + 2 Program for Registered Nurses

The Nursing Baccalaureate Degree was created to provide Registered Nurses with strong leadership skills in collaborating with clients, professional groups, and the community for the purpose of promoting, maintaining, and restoring health. The program extends beyond the clinical aspects of nursing to provide a background in patient education, health promotion, community health, health care across the lifespan, and technology integration. Graduates of this program will base their practice on theories, critical thinking, and research findings from nursing science as well as other disciplines.

### Class Schedule

The Baccalaureate Degree may begin in the fall, spring, or summer. The program consists of online classes.\* The program is flexible to accommodate work and family obligations. All faculty members are certified in online education.

### Clinical Experience

Clinical assignments are self-designed and meet New York State regulations. Students are able to complete clinical assignments at pre-approved facilities in their community. However, for students completing clinical experiences at a site where they are currently employed, such experiences may only take place on units or within departments of the healthcare facility which are physically and/or functionally distinct from the student's worksite.

### Admission Guidelines

Applicants must hold an Associate's Degree in Nursing from an accredited institution. Applicants who have graduated from a program that is not accredited, but which is approved and registered with the New York State Education Department, are also eligible for admission.

Applicants must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.50 in their prior nursing program, and must have earned a minimum grade of "C" in all nursing courses. Applicants with below a 2.50 GPA may be considered if they have extensive clinical experience or extenuating circumstances.

Students who have completed a RN Program, but have not obtained their license may be admitted to the program but will only be allowed to take courses offered in the first semester of study. Students may not progress to the second semester without submitting their RN license.

\*NU300 requires two on-campus lab sessions.

\*Instructors in NU 486 may ask students to come to campus for a clinical orientation.

\*Students are required to complete 125 hours of practicum at various clinical locations.

## Accreditation

Registered by the NYS Education Department and is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing.  
[www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org)

## Functional Abilities & Technical Standards

All enrolled students must meet the criteria outlined.

<https://www.trocaire.edu/academics/nursing>

*Technicalskills15.pdf*

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## Curriculum

The Baccalaureate in Nursing program requires a total of 123 academic credits for completion. Sixty-three (63) of these credits must be in Nursing courses and the remainder in Liberal Arts or General Education courses. Candidates may transfer up to a total of 33 Nursing credits. Exceptions may be granted to students transferring from a Baccalaureate Degree program in Nursing. Liberal arts credits have no limit for transfer and are based on individual transcripts. Graduates of diploma Nursing programs will be granted 33 transfer credits in Nursing and must complete the Liberal Arts requirements.

## Sample Course Schedule, 60 weeks, Full-time Study

### First Year– 1st Semester

BI0333 Pathophysiology	3
EN304 Race, Gender & Literature	3
MA200 Statistical Methods	3
NU300 Comprehensive Health Assessment for Nursing Practice	4
NU318 Nursing Theory & Practice Issues	3
SOC311 Coping with Illness	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>

### First Year– 2nd Semester

BI0208 General Nutrition & Wellness	3
NU304 Introduction to Nursing Care Informatics	2
NU308 Research Procedures in Nursing Practice	3
NU310 Family Nursing Care Across the Lifespan	3
NU470 Pharmacology for the Registered Nurse	3
SOC301 Sociology of Health & Medicine	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

### Second Year– 1st Semester

NU402 Community Health Nursing	3
NU450 Leadership & Management for Professional Practice	3
PSY303 Organizational Psychology	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>

### Second Year– 2nd Semester

GS499 Multiculturalism	3
NU484 Clinical Seminar	2
NU486 Professional Nursing Synthesis/Clinical Capstone	4
PH301 Philosophy of World Religions	3
PSY315 Social Psychology	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>

*\*\*\*Students must have permission to take additional classes during the summer*