

The University of Iowa College of Nursing  
**RN-BSN Progression Program**

**SAMPLE ONLY**

Model Plan of Study

Some students may need 4-6 prerequisite courses. Therefore, all students are strongly encouraged to request an individual review of all transcripts early in the planning process. Many students will have already satisfied some of the requirements included here in Phase One and the transcript review will help to individualize this model plan. The amount of time needed to complete all requirements will vary.

**Supporting and Prerequisite Courses**

				<b>Summer</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
<b>Phase One</b>	Supporting Course	3 sh	Supporting Course	3 sh	Supporting Course	3 sh
			Composition II	3 sh	Speech	3 sh
	GER (Hum or Fine Arts)	3 sh	GER (FCC or Cultural Div)	3 sh	Nursing Elective (examples) 96:118 Pathophysiology (GIS) 96:112 Human Sexuality (GIS) 96:147 End of Life Care (www)	3 sh
			GER (Cultural Anthropology)	3 sh	* General Elective	3 sh
		Statistics	3 sh	<b>File Application to the College of Nursing by January 15</b>		

**Nursing Major**

Classes in the major are conducted primarily on-line. Any required face-to-face learning activities will typically occur on Wednesdays. Most students complete the major in a calendar year. However part-time plans of study are available and students should talk with an advisor about how best to extend the major year.

				<b>Summer</b>	<b>Fall</b>	<b>Spring</b>
<b>Phase Two</b>	96:190 Dimensions of Professional Nursing	3 sh	96:153 Community & Public Health Theory	3 sh	96:194 Leadership & Care Management	3 sh
			96:154 Community & Public Hlth Practicum	3 sh	96:195 Ldrshp & Care Mgmt Practicum	3 sh
	96:191 Health Assessment	4 sh	96:143 Research for Nursing Practice	3 sh	96:196 Special Studies in Nsg	3 sh
			* General Elective	3 sh	Nursing Elective	2 sh
				* General Elective	1 sh	

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## Admission and Scholarship Requirements

To be considered for admission to the RN-BSN Program, students must present a **minimum** grade point average (GPA) of **2.5**. Progression through the program requires a minimum grade of C (2.0 on a 4.0 scale) in all required courses in the nursing major (96:190, 96:191, 96:143, 96:192/153, 96:193/154, 96:194, 96:195, 96:196) and in nursing electives. Students are encouraged to take advantage of advising resources within the College. Services such as study skills workshops may also be offered by local community colleges.

## Flexible Study Options

The RN-BSN Program offers the nursing major year online. Face-to-face class meetings typically occur on Wednesdays and are limited to health assessment lab practice and performance testing (4 Wednesdays during the summer session). Some practicum faculty will require class meetings at the beginning of each semester and practicum presentations at the end of each semester.

Web-Based Courses. Semester-length courses offered in web-based formats. Online courses are offered via ICON (Iowa Courses Online) at <http://icon.uiowa.edu>. *Courses Frequently Chosen: Nursing Electives (96:137, 96:147, 96:187), General Electives*

Guided Independent Study (GIS). Self-paced, flexible format. All required course materials are available from course websites. Students need not be admitted to the university to enroll. GIS course offerings are listed on [ISIS](#) and include a wide variety of courses: history, literature, statistics, aging studies, women's studies, business, psychology. Contact the Guided Independent Study office at 1-800-272-6430 for information about specific courses and registration or visit them online at <http://www.continuetolearn.uiowa.edu/ccp/de/delivery.htm>  
*Courses Frequently Chosen: Nursing Electives (96:108, 96:112, 96:118, 96:119) GERs, Supporting Courses, and General Electives*

Saturday & Evening Program (S&E). U of I courses offered one or two evenings a week. A few courses meet on Saturdays. Courses in the S&E schedule are offered on campus in Iowa City, typically meeting one evening/week during the fall/spring semesters, two evenings/week during the summer. Students need not be admitted to the university to enroll. Summer schedules often include week-long workshops such as the Summer School for Helping Professionals. For additional information, contact the Center for Credit Programs at 1-800-272-6430.  
*Courses Frequently Available: statistics, chemistry, education, social work, counseling, intro business, GERs and General Electives*

Iowa Communications Network (ICN). Statewide system for fiber optic, interactive communication. Specially equipped classrooms link universities, community colleges, schools, public libraries, and other sites around the state

IlluminateLive! and Breeze: Web-based conferencing system for synchronous online learning. Faculty may incorporate these technologies into a course; students will receive specific information about how to access conferencing websites from their personal computers. Headset microphones and web cameras may be required for some assignments.

## Terminology

General Education Requirement. (GER) Graduation requirements of one course each (at least 3 sh) in general areas of Cultural Anthropology, Humanities or Fine Arts, Foreign Civilization and Culture or Cultural Diversity. The foreign language requirement is satisfied by two years of the same foreign language in high school. If not satisfied by exemption or high school level courses, the requirement must be completed prior to graduation. Transfer students who graduated from high school prior to 1991 are exempt from the foreign language requirement for the BSN.

\* General Electives. Elective courses may include any college-level course taken for credit. Hours needed will vary, depending on previous transfer credit. Students can choose from Web-based, S&E, ICN, or GIS schedules, as well as daytime and transfer courses.