Industry Facts

• Quality patient care hinges on having a well-educated nursing workforce. Research has shown that lower mortality rates, fewer medication errors, and positive outcomes are all linked to nurses prepared at the baccalaureate and graduate degree levels.

• The National Advisory Council on Nurse Education and Practice (NACNEP), policy advisors to Congress and the U.S. Secretary for Health and Human Services on nursing issues, has urged that at least two-thirds of the nurse workforce hold baccalaureate or higher degrees in nursing by 2015. We are not there yet.

• Currently, only 40 percent of nurses hold degrees at the baccalaureate level and above.

• In March, 2005, the American Organization of Nurse Executives (AONE) released a statement calling for all registered nurses to be educated in baccalaureate programs in an effort to adequately prepare clinicians for their challenging and complex roles.

Program Overview

The RN to BSN program allows licensed registered nurses to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Doane recognizes that your academic, clinical, and professional experiences in the health care profession constitute a foundation upon which to build a degree program in the liberal arts tradition. Completion of degree requirements involves courses in nursing and the liberal arts that will continue the development of skills for critical thinking, problem solving, conflict resolution, and team building and develop a knowledge base for leadership in the profession.

Admission Requirements

The following are required for admission to the BSN degree program:

• A copy of an unencumbered current Nebraska Registered Nursing license, a compact state registered nursing license, or a temporary permit issued by the Nebraska Health and Human Services Regulations Licensure Division

• A completed Application for Admission form

• An official transcript from the school of nursing and each college or university attended.

Doane College will evaluate all courses submitted by the transfer applicant and reserves the right to accept or deny any of the credits offered for transfer. Credit hours earned with grades of "C-" or better at an accredited institution of higher education prior to admission to Doane College may be transferred.

About the Lincoln Campus

At Doane College, you will join an institution committed to academic excellence, community, innovation, and a unique learning environment. The Doane College Lincoln campus specializes in serving working adults. With flexible hours, students take classes in the evening, morning, or on the weekend. Instructors and staff encourage students to integrate their personal and professional experiences into the classroom.

Course Requirements (64 credits)

LAR 101 Inquiry Seminar: Learning The Art of Inquiry
LAR 202 Integrative Seminar: Democracy & Diversity
Human Creativity Undergraduate Core Requirement
BIO 219 Pathophysiology
BIO 309 Your Body, Your Health, Your Choices
CMS 220 Interpersonal Communication
ECO 203 Macroeconomics and Literacy
ECO 329 Health Care Economics
MTH 107 Problem Solving or MTH 108 Modeling & Application
NRS 215 Applied Statistics for Nursing
NRS 220 Cultural Aspects of Health and Illness
NRS 305 Personal/Prof Development I (1)
NRS 306 Personal/Prof Development II (1)
NRS 307 Personal/Prof Development III (1)
NRS 310 Research in Nursing
NRS 315 Health Care Policy in the United States
NRS 316 Independent Clinical Plan
NRS 320 Community Health
NRS 325 Nursing in a Global Community
NRS 330 Health Care Information Systems
NRS 410 Critical Issues in Professional Nursing
NRS 416 Leadership in Professional Practice (extends over 2 terms)
NRS 420 Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing Practice

Co-requisite Course Requirements

Completion of the following nursing co-requisites is required. (If not completed prior to admission, these courses are included in the Doane College RN to BSN course requirements.)

English Composition
General Chemistry
Human Anatomy
Intro Psychology or Lifespan Dev
Human Physiology
Nutrition
Microbiology

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