

- a. After successful completion of 7 semester hours of the RN to BSN completion program, 30 semester hours of equivalent credit for previous nursing courses will be awarded.
  - b. For the Baccalaureate of Science degree, the student must complete a minimum of 120 semester hours of academic work. The student must present 30 semester hours of residence instruction at Darton State College.
12. Submit scores, not more than two years old, on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) if the applicant's native language is not English.
  - a. The TOEFL is not required of international applicants who have received a degree from an accredited U.S. institution.

### **Advanced Placement**

Advanced placement for the RN to BSN completion program follows the articulation plan as described above. Credit will not be given for BSN level nursing coursework from other institutions.

### **Acceleration**

The RN to BSN program is not an accelerated program

### **Part-time Study**

Part-time study is offered as an option. Part-time students are required to follow the sequencing of courses and meet all pre and co-requisites for each course.

### **Articulation**

The RN to BSN completion program follows the Georgia RN-BSN Articulation model for entry and progression through the program. The registered nurse articulating to the baccalaureate level will be awarded 30 semester hours accrued from their previous associate or diploma degree. These credits will be held in escrow until the baccalaureate candidate successfully completes 7 semester hours of nursing credit. Credits held in escrow will then be added to the student's transcript.

Admission into the RN to BSN completion program will follow the RN-BSN Articulation Program prescribed by the Georgia RN-BSN Articulation Plan (Effective December, 2003) as summarized below:

1. Meet the program's admission requirements.
2. Meet the program's general education entry requirements.
3. Hold a current and valid license to practice as a registered professional nurse in the United States and be eligible for Georgia Licensure Professional Nurse license before beginning clinical classes.
4. Meet testing requirements if applicable.
5. For Associate Degree or Diploma Degree Graduates of nursing programs in Georgia:
  - 0-4 years after graduation requires no testing/no clinical practice required.
  - >4 years after graduation with 1000 hours of clinical practice in the prior 3 years requires no testing.
  - >4 years after graduation with <1000 hours of clinical practice in the prior 3 years requires testing.

For associate degree and diploma degree nurses from Non-ACEN accredited programs outside Georgia (including outside the United States), testing may be required.

### **Progression**

To progress through the RN to BSN completion program each student must attain a "C" (75%) or better to pass any nursing course and have satisfactory clinical performance. A student not obtaining a passing grade of a "C" (75%) in a course, or receiving an