

12. Successfully complete 61 semester hours of core curriculum prior to acceptance into the program. After successful completion of seven semester hours of the RN to BSN Completion program, 30 semester hours of equivalent credit for previous nursing courses will be awarded.
13. 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. NOTE: 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 Completion program is not an accelerated program.

### **Part-time Study**

Students may elect to enroll in the RN to BSN Completion program in a full-time or part-time plan of study. The full-time plan of study will take three semesters to complete; the part-time plan of study will take five semesters. 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 models the Georgia RN-BSN Articulation plan 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 seven 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 ACEN-accredited nursing programs:
  - 0-4 years after graduation requires no testing/no clinical practice.
  - >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, testing may be required. Contact the Darton State College Division of Nursing for more information at (229-317-6820).

### **Additional Costs and Fees**

1. All applicants must pay the application fee for the RN to BSN Completion program.
2. Students not meeting the articulation plan requirements must pay challenge testing fees.
3. Professional liability insurance is required prior to clinical rotations.