

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 Department 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.
4. The students must assume responsibility for his/her own health in the event of illness, accident, or exposure to communicable disease. Evidence of health insurance is required upon admission to the RN to BSN Completion program.
5. All nursing students are required to meet the requirements of the facilities utilized for clinical experience which may include laboratory screenings and immunizations. All students are required to have a current tuberculin skin test and repeat the tuberculin skin test annually. Students with expired PPD will not be allowed into the clinical setting.
6. All nursing students are required to have uniforms as required by the clinical agency, a Darton State College name tag, and a Darton State College lab jacket with Darton logo.
7. All nursing students will be required to pay for a one-time criminal background check, which includes drug screening, on admission to the program. This information will be available to all clinical facilities. *If the student has a conviction in the criminal background check, the student may not be allowed in a particular practice setting. Reasonable accommodations will be made if possible.
8. If drug use is suspected, the student will be dismissed from clinical and be required to be tested at