

University of Southern Maine School of Nursing
RN to BS in Nursing Major Sample Plan of Study 2018-2019 Catalog Year

The following courses must be successfully completed, or may be available for credit by examination, prior to entry into the upper division nursing courses:

- ENG 100 - College Writing
- PSY 100 - Introduction to Psychology
- SOC 100 - Introduction to Sociology
- HRD 200 - Multicultural Human Development
- Ethical Inquiry, Social Responsibility, and Citizenship course for USM Core general education requirements
- Introduction to Statistics (prior to CON 321
- BIO 111 & 112 - Human Anatomy and Physiology I with lab**
- BIO 113 & 114 – Human Anatomy and Physiology II with lab**
- CHY 107 - Chemistry for the Health Sciences**
- BIO 281 and 282 - Microbiology for the Health Sciences with lab
- BIO 345 - Pathophysiology

University requirements in general education or the Core curriculum must meet the progression standards of those curricula. Student must have 120 completed college credits to graduate.

Matriculation in the USM School of Nursing is required prior to enrollment in upper-level nursing courses.

The courses that RN students may take prior to matriculation are CON 356 and CON 321. NUR 308, NUR 309, and NUR 310 may be taken prior to matriculation provided the student has passed NCLEX-RN. Clinical courses may not be taken unless RN credit options have been completed and posted.

Note that in order to graduate with a bachelor’s degree from the University of Southern Maine all students must satisfy the USM Residency Requirement. For all baccalaureate degrees at the University a minimum of 30 credits hours of the last 45 hours completed, including at least 9 hours in the major field, must be completed while matriculated in the school or college from which the degree is sought. A student may earn no more than six of these 30 credit hours at another campus of the University of Maine System.

Courses in the RN to BS in Nursing Program are typically taken in the following sequence.

Once admitted to this program a student will meet with an advisor from the School of Nursing to develop their plan of study, and as needed, incorporate other classes toward general education Requirements and/or the 30 credit USM residency requirement.

Sequence I	
NUR 308 – Concepts in Professional Nursing	3
NUR 309 – Health Assessment for RNs	2
NUR 310 – Health Assessment Lab for RNs	1
Sequence II	
CON 321 – Health Related Research	3
CON 356 – Concepts in Community Health	3
NUR 314 – RN Credit Option**	
NUR 370 – Theory for Clinical Practice	3
Sequence II	
NUR 419 – Community Nursing Partnerships for RNS	2
NUR 474 – Professional Issues: Leadership, Management, & Organization for RNs	2
NUR 476 – Theory Related to Clinical Specialty for RNs	3

***Chemistry and anatomy and physiology requirements are waived with the successful completion (minimum grade of C) of pathophysiology.*

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