Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Accelerated Second-Degree BSN

Option Description
The accelerated second-degree BSN (ABSN) option is designed for students who have earned a baccalaureate or higher degree and are interested in pursuing a BSN degree with eligibility to obtaining licensure as a registered nurse (RN). This 12-month option begins in the spring annually.

Admission
To be eligible to apply for this option the applicant must have:
- A Bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university with a graduating cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better.
- At least a “B” (3.0) in each of the specified mathematics, biology and chemistry courses.
- Science courses must be within 5 years of the admission deadline (BIOL 2110/11, BIOL 2140/41, BIOL 2150/51, CHEM 1120, CHEM 1130)
- A “C” (2.0) in the other prerequisite courses.
- Completed the National League for Nursing Pre-admission Examination (NLN-PAX). Students achieving a composite score of 120 or higher and a score of 50 or higher for relative performance in each subtest area will be given preference.

Application
The accelerated second-degree BSN application is for the spring admission every year.
The following accelerated second-degree BSN application process can also be viewed online at www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/bsn_accel.cfm
- Admissions to the Accelerated second-degree BSN option is a two-step process:
  1. Applicants apply directly to ECU Undergraduate Admissions online at www.ecu.edu/admissions/
  2. Complete the ABSN application located on the ECU College of Nursing website at www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/bsn_accel_admission_application_fees.cfm
- ABSN application requirements have to be submitted to the appropriate locations by June 30th to be considered for admission.
- The NLN-PAX exam has to be completed prior to the application deadline date as well. Registration information for the NLN-PAX Exam can be found online at http://www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/bsn_accel_nln_pax.cfm
- Please note that the ECU ABSN application will be due prior to ECU opening their spring application portal. All ECU undergraduate applications must be submitted as soon as possible once the application becomes available online for spring admission. Admission to the ABSN option will be contingent upon admission to ECU.

Financial Aid
Financial aid and scholarships are available to qualified students. Learn more about ECU Financial Aid at www.ecu.edu/cs-acad/financial/ The College of Nursing awards more than $200,000 in student scholarships every year. Learn more at www.ecu.edu/cs-dhs/nursing/financial_aid.cfm

Fees
Information and a schedule of current tuition and fees are available from the ECU Cashier’s Office at www.ecu.edu/financial_serv/cashier/.

The College of Nursing
A basic collegiate program of nursing was established at East Carolina University in 1960. The BSN program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036. Telephone: 202.887.6791 and approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

The purpose of the degree is to educate students to become professional nurses and to assume leadership roles in a variety of settings. The American Nurses Association and many other organizations recognize the baccalaureate degree as the requirement for entry into professional nursing. This professional program is built upon liberal arts and the natural and behavioral sciences. The option stresses the learning of concepts and principles, as well as the use of the nursing process in caring for individuals, families and groups.

Clinical experiences are available in a variety of health care agencies within a 60 mile radius of Greenville, including medical centers, hospitals, health departments, nursing and retirement homes and in mental health centers. Students are responsible for their own transportation to clinical sites. Vidant Health Systems is the major teaching facility for ECU College of Nursing, ECU College of Allied Health Sciences and the Brody School of Medicine at ECU. These resources provide students with opportunities for applying their knowledge to all ages and many cultural groups.

Upon completion, the graduate
- Integrates knowledge from nursing, social and natural sciences and humanities to provide professional nursing care across the health care continuum.
- Demonstrates competency as a care provider, communicator, advocate, collaborator, coordinator, manager, educator, consumer of research, leader, information manager, innovator, and change agent.
- Demonstrates pursuit and application of knowledge, respect for diversity, application of principles of critical reasoning, and informed moral and ethical decision-making.
- Applies strategies to manage issues of professional nursing practice in a diverse and global health care environment.
- Engages in caring nurse-client/patient relationships using effective therapeutic nursing interventions, evidenced-base practice, communication and critical reasoning to optimize client/patient and population outcomes.
- Functions in professional nursing roles as a member of inter- and intra- professional teams.
Curriculum Plan
The accelerated second-degree BSN option requires at least 128 semester hours: We anticipate that the revised curriculum will consist of 78 credits transferred from the previous baccalaureate degree including the designated prerequisites and 50 credits in nursing. Science course work cannot be more than five years old.

**Designated Nursing Prerequisites: 78 semester hours including**
- BIOL 2110 - Fundamentals of Microbiology
- BIOL 2111 - Fundamentals of Microbiology Laboratory
- BIOL 2140 - Human Physiology and Anatomy
- BIOL 2141 - Human Physiology and Anatomy Laboratory
- BIOL 2150 - Human Physiology and Anatomy
- BIOL 2151 - Human Physiology and Anatomy Laboratory
- CHEM 1120 - Introduction to Chemistry for the Allied Health Sciences
- CHEM 1130 - Organic and Biochemistry for the Allied Health Sciences
- MATH 1065 - College Algebra
- NUTR 2105 - Nutrition Science
- PHIL 1175 - Introduction to Ethics or PHIL 2275 - Professional Ethics
- PSYC 1000 - Introductory Psychology
- PSYC 3206 - Developmental Psychology
- SOCI 2110 - Introduction to Sociology
- Approved Statistics Course

**Nursing Major: 50 semester hours**

Accelerated Second-Degree BSN curriculum overview

Revised Accelerated Second-Degree BSN curriculum plan is pending final approval. We anticipate that the program will remain a 12-month program beginning in January and graduation in December. Students will be in classes, spring, both summer sessions and fall. We anticipate it will be a 50 s.h. curriculum.