



BSN (RN-to-BSN) Course Descriptions

The following courses are required for completion of the RN-to-BSN degree at Lock Haven University. All of these courses are offered online.

Course	Course Description	Offered	Notes
NURS305-Nursing Informatics	An introduction to applications of informatics systems in nursing practice and education. Integrates various theories and assists students to develop skills for information literacy in the context of communication, self-expression, and social control in a diverse society and in the use of electronic patient records and tele-health. Provides an introduction to technology in nursing. Learning experiences provide for the development of baseline informatics and verbal and nonverbal professional communication styles needed in the healthcare delivery arena. <i>Semester hours: 3.0</i>	Summer II and Spring	Summer Session II: ASN students may enroll with a GPA 3.0 and permission of advisor Offered 7.5 week subsession
NURS310-Foundations for Prof. Practice	A seminar course focused on the theoretical foundations of professional practice and theory development in nursing. Competencies this course fulfills: Written Communication (WC) <i>Semester hours: 3.0</i>	Fall	Offered 7.5 week subsession
NURS315-Pathophysiology	Studies the physiologic mechanisms altered by illness, injury, or disease processes in humans throughout the life span. Fundamental disease processes, specific illnesses, and their effects on homeostasis as well as the links between pathophysiology, diagnosis, and therapeutic interventions are emphasized. Students will critically analyze diverse client presentations of selected illnesses for symptomatology, pathophysiology, and health care implications. <i>Semester hours: 3.0</i>	Spring	ASN Students may enroll with GPA 3.0 and permission of advisor Full semester course
NURS320- Health Assessment	Focuses on identification and demonstration of advanced assessment techniques with emphasis on normal and abnormal findings throughout the life span. Learning experiences provide for development of a systematic approach to physical assessment to facilitate integration of assessment findings and major health deviations. Principles of therapeutic communication will be emphasized as an adjunct to performing a health assessment. <i>Semester hours: 3.0</i>	Fall	Offered 7.5 week subsession
NURS325-Pharmacology for Nursing	Designed to provide an overview for nurses of drug therapy integrating the use of the nursing process in pharmacokinetics. The emphasis is to provide a big picture approach to the systemic use of drugs in the treatment and or management of diseases. <i>Semester hours: 3.0</i>	Fall	ASN Students may enroll with GPA 3.0 and permission of advisor Full semester course

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NURS330-Global Perspectives in Nursing	An exploration of global issues affecting personal, community, and international health and development using approaches from health promotion, population health, and primary health care to help frame analyses. Students are exposed to basic perspectives on health policy issues throughout various geographical regions and the impact by significant world events. <i>Semester hours: 3.0</i>	Spring	Offered 7.5-week subsession
NURS410-Nursing: Home, Community, and Public Health	Designed to review current, and evolving roles of home health, community and public health nurses. Health promotion, health teaching, economic, political, legal and ethical influences, environmental issues, epidemiology, communicable diseases and vulnerable populations are addressed. Focus is on the application and integration of health and wellness concept. <i>Semester hours: 3.0</i>	Fall	Offered 7.5-week subsession
NURS420-Nursing Leadership and Management in Practice	A capstone nursing course with focus on leadership and management issues in health care. Seminars provide opportunities for students to share commonalities and unique aspects of their practical experiences in nursing. Course culminates in a concentrated external experience in an area and agency selected by the student includes practicum experience. Competencies this course fulfills: Experiential Learning (EL) and Critical Thinking (CT) <i>Semester hours: 3.0</i>	Fall	Offered 7.5-week subsession
NURS430-Nursing: Contemporary Issues, Policy, and Politics	An exploration of policy and politics, strategies of policy development and political action, and application of such strategies in four spheres: workplace, government, organizations, and community. This course focuses on the political roles and responsibilities of professional nurses in efforts to discuss unresolved issues of interest to nurses, their colleagues and consumers of health care. <i>Semester hours: 3.0</i>	Spring	Offered 7.5-week subsession
NURS490-Nursing Research	Focused on the theoretical basis of research methodology with emphasis on analyzing, critiquing, and interpreting nursing research. Development of a research proposal based on an identified nursing problem will be completed. Pre-requisite: MATH107 Basic Statistics Competencies this course fulfills: Written Communication (WC) and Critical Thinking (CT) <i>Semester hours: 3.0</i>	Spring	Full semester course

- Other 300 level BSN courses may be taken during ASN/Diploma programs with a 3.0 GPA and permission of academic advisor.