

"The Mission..."

of our Nursing Program remains the same as it has always been: a focus on caring, on a teaching-learning environment, and on personal and professional growth. The program's commitment to service, lifelong learning and respect for the dignity of each person go hand in hand with the longstanding values of the College."

*Sister Lauren A. Fitzgerald, RSM
President, Maria College*

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REGISTERED NURSES:

Accomplish something for yourself and for your profession. Earn your bachelor's degree in Nursing at Maria College.



Maria College was Founded and is Sponsored by The Sisters of Mercy.



A history of service, a commitment to caring: Maria nursing graduates are living out the tradition every day.

Maria College's RN-BS Degree Program is designed especially for registered nurses who have two-year degrees, and offers courses for the last two years of a bachelor's degree program in nursing. Application requirements for the program include a completed associate degree in nursing and a current RN license. The program's curriculum is centered on evidence-based nursing care of the older adult, supported by the changing demographics of the Albany area and New York State. It also focuses on community health practices, outreach programs, quality improvement, nurse-sensitive indicators, informatics and alternative/complementary theories. If you're a registered nurse who wants to learn, to grow both personally and professionally, and to move ahead in your career, consider furthering your education through Maria's RN-BS Degree Program.

What is the RN-BS Program?

This is a program designed for registered nurses who have already earned associate degrees, and offers courses for the last two years of a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Who should apply to the RN-BS Program?

Applicants who have completed an associate degree in Nursing and hold a current RN license qualify. (Graduates of Diploma schools may qualify.)

When are the courses offered?

Five courses will be offered each semester on Thursdays and Fridays.

CORE COURSES

- Evidence-Based Practice
- Nursing Theory
- Healthcare Informatics
- Health Assessment and Diagnostic Reasoning*
- Community Health Nursing*
- Nursing Care of Older Adults and their Families*
- Leadership, Management and Contemporary Issues in Nursing
- Research Methods
- Nursing Specialty and Synthesis*

**Clinical or Laboratory experience required.*

LIBERAL ARTS COURSES

- Introduction to Computers
- Statistics
- Healthcare Ethics
- Advanced Composition
- Organizational Psychology
- Human Physiology/Pharmacology
- Epidemiology
- Medical Sociology Therapies
- Seminar in Aging

Need more information...

go to **Academics** at www.mariacollege.edu to view course descriptions, academic regulations, educational expenses, and financial aid.

ADMISSION CRITERIA

Course work within the RN-BS Program will require the student to have a firm foundation in liberal arts and nursing, as well as a license to practice nursing. These requirements will ensure that the student is prepared to meet the program's demands. Diploma graduates must have completed their non-nursing course work at a college or university for credits to be applicable for transfer into Maria College.

Prerequisite courses:

- 3 credits of English Composition
 - 3 credits of Developmental/Life Span Psychology
 - 8 credits Anatomy and Physiology
 - 4 credits Microbiology
 - 12 credits Liberal Arts Electives.
- Current RN license required.
 - Completion of an associate degree in nursing from an accredited school of nursing. (Diploma graduates may qualify if the college-level prerequisite course requirements can be satisfied.)
 - Possession of a current RN license within the United States or U.S. territory and professional liability coverage, or meeting the RN licensure requirement within six months of the completion of the two-year associate degree in nursing.
 - Ability to meet both College and clinical agency health requirements. Satisfactory health clearance, as well as a copy of current CPR certification, must be on file in the nursing program office by August 15 in order to maintain admission status. Health clearance forms should also be on file prior to clinical facility visits.
 - Two favorable references that address professional and/or academic ability (e.g., nursing faculty member, nursing supervisor).
 - A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5. A student must obtain a minimum grade of "C" in all courses required in the nursing program.
 - Typewritten autobiographical statement, including educational and career goals.