



*“What I like about Maria College is that it is a small school and all the professors know you by your first name and are very willing to help you.” –Irsida Pysqyli*



4-Year Bachelors Degree Program

## NURSING RN-BS

**T**he focus of the RN-BS curriculum is unique in its combination of courses that will expand the graduate’s knowledge of the older adult, evidence-based practice, quality improvement, nurse sensitive indicators, informatics and alternative/complimentary theories. Student clinical experiences will be centered around community-based programs/services and outreach programs, especially those concerned with the older adult. The main emphasis of the curriculum on the older adult comes at a time when the demographics are changing, in both New York State and the Albany area, towards an older population.

All students must meet the health requirements of the nursing program and health agencies. Satisfactory health clearance and a copy of current CPR registration must be on file in the department by August 15 in order to maintain admission status.

A student must obtain a minimum grade of C in all courses required in the nursing program. (A grade of C- is not adequate to meet the minimum requirement of C.) Failure to successfully complete course work that is required by the nursing program results in dismissal from the program. A student may repeat a nursing course only once. Readmission to the RN-BS program is not automatic, is at the discretion of the nursing chair and faculty, and may depend upon space availability. Readmission may require a written examination. Requests for readmission must be submitted by March 15 for the fall semester and October 15 for the spring semester. Accreditation will be sought from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission.

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### *General Admissions Information*

The admissions requirements for the RN-BS Program will require that the applicant be a graduate of an accredited AND program and hold a current RN license. The following prerequisite courses will be required:

- 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

### *Admissions Criteria*

1. Completion of an associate degree in nursing from an accredited school of nursing.
2. Student must hold a current RN license within the US or US territory, along with professional liability coverage, or must have met the RN licensure requirement within six months of the completion of the two-year associate degree in nursing.
3. Ability to meet both College and clinical agency health requirements.
4. Two favorable references that address professional and/or academic liability.
5. A cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5.
6. Typewritten autobiographical statement, including educational and career goals.
7. The nursing application gives preference to current Maria College students and graduates of Maria College.
8. Appropriate health clearance requirements on file in the nursing program office prior to clinical facilities visits. 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 insure that the student is prepared to meet the program’s demands.