

EDINBORO UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PENNSYLVANIA STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

BSN in Contemporary Nursing Issues for Foreign-Educated Nurses

The Nursing Department sees the institution of the BSN in Contemporary Nursing Issues for Foreign-Educated Nurses track as a way of addressing staffing problems currently being experienced by the U.S. health care system, while at the same time participating in the EUP mission of serving and leading as active citizens of our global society through collaborative learning. Through collaboration with foreign universities, we hope to become internationally recognized for our innovation, leadership, and commitment to excellence in nursing education.

The BSN in Contemporary Nursing Issues for Foreign-Educated Nurses is for individuals who have already earned a BSN in their native country and have already passed the NCLEX-RN licensure exam. Students, therefore, do not have to complete General Education requirements. The program is designed to be completed in three semesters: spring, summer, and fall.

The program begins with an intense immersion into the English language, along with courses in Medical Terminology and Intercultural Communications to develop communication skills.

Nursing courses will teach students patient care as delivered in American health care systems. They will also be enrolled in classes with traditional four-year nursing students that will emphasize current issues in health care. These classes will give students the opportunity to exchange cultural practices that will promote diversity.

Upon completion of the program, these nurses will seek employment in and assimilate to the American health care system.

PROGRAM OF STUDY

First Semester

ENGL120	Medical Terminology	3 credits
COMM 220	Intercultural Communication	3 credits
NURS 406	Role of the Professional Nurse	3 credits
NURS 407	Trends and Issues in Professional Nursing	3 credits
NUTR 310	Nutrition	<u>3 credits</u>
	Total	15 credits

Second Semester

NURS320	Pharmacotherapeutics in Nursing	3 credits
NUHL100	Contemporary Women's Health	3 credits
NUHL 500	End-of Life Care	3 credits
NURS 408	Nursing Leadership and Management	<u>3 credits</u>
	Total	12 credits

Third Semester

COMM 320	Health Communications	3 credits
NURS 409	Public Health Nursing	4 credits
NURS 415	Understanding Nursing Research	3 credits
NUHL 505	Gerontology and the Healthcare Professional	<u>2 credits</u>
	Total	12 credits
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ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Baccalaureate degree in nursing from a non-U.S. institution
2. Grade point average of 2.75 (or equivalent) from first baccalaureate degree
3. Chemistry with a lab and statistics at the college level with a minimum grade of “C”.
4. Passed the NCLEX-RN licensure examination

Transcripts will be screened to ensure that applicants meet or exceed the number of clinical hours required of traditional nursing students at Edinboro University.

PROGRESSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Maintenance of a 2.75 grade point average
2. “C” or higher grade in all NURS and NUHL courses
3. CPR certification, proof of malpractice insurance, and completion of health requirements as required by public health agency

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Completion of all nursing and related courses.
2. Minimum of 2.75 grade point average.