

# NURSING

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## THE ROCK DIFFERENCE

The Department of Nursing offers two totally online programs: RN to BSN Completion Program and School Nursing Certificate Program. The RN to BSN Completion Program at Slippery Rock University is designed to meet the needs of Registered Nurses who are graduates of hospital diploma nursing programs or Associate Degree programs in nursing.

The purpose of the RN-BSN program is to prepare baccalaureate educated practitioners of nursing to provide clinical leadership in the provision of health care to persons, families, and groups in a variety of settings. The program provides a strong educational foundation upon which to build graduate study. The purpose of the School Nurse Certificate program is to prepare students for Level I certification with the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

This program is designed to meet the needs of registered nurses who are graduates of hospital diploma nursing programs or associate degree programs in nursing. The nursing curriculum includes theoretical content and a practice experience. The flexibility of the program enables the registered nurse to attend school on a part-time or full-time basis. The purpose of the program is to prepare practitioners of nursing to provide clinical leadership in the provision of health care to persons, families, and groups in a variety of settings, using the nursing process. The program provides a strong educational foundation upon which to build graduate study. The program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Admission requirements include:

- completion of a pre-licensure nursing program (RN diploma or associate degree)
- active unrestricted Registered Nurse license
- a 2.0 GPA in previous academic work

The curriculum for the program includes:

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Program Requirements</b>		
	Seven core Nursing courses	21
	One Nursing elective course	3
	Two required supportive courses	6
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

All program courses are available online. Students in the RN-BSN nursing program are required to maintain good academic standing per university standards from entry to exit. The students must achieve a grade of C or

above in all nursing courses. Other minors can also be pursued while enrolled in the BSN program.

## Faculty

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Associate Professor  
Nursing  
Ed.D., Indiana University of PA  
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Associate Professor  
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Ed.D., Penn State University  
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## PROGRAMS

### MAJORS

- Nursing, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) (RN-BSN) (<https://catalog.sru.edu/undergraduate/health-professions/nursing/nursing-bsn-rn/>)

## Courses

### NURS 139 - Foundations of Academic Discovery

Foundations of Academic Discovery serves as the entry point to the Rock Integrated Studies Program. With its strong faculty-student interaction, the course promotes intellectual inquiry, critical and creative thinking, and academic excellence. Through varied content, the course introduces students to academic discourse and information literacy while exploring topics such as diversity and inclusion and global awareness. This course will set students along the path to becoming engaged with issues and scholarship important to a 21st century education while they learn about themselves and their place in the world.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Freshman 1 or Freshman 2.

Enrollment limited to students with the ROCK STUDIES 2 STUDENT or ROCK STUDIES STUDENT attributes.

**NURS 190 - Experimental**

A unique and specifically focused course within the general purview of a department which intends to offer it on a "one time only" basis and not as a permanent part of the department's curriculum.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing or Program PA School Nurse Certif.

**NURS 195 - Workshop**

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing or Program PA School Nurse Certif.

**NURS 198 - Selected Topics**

A Selected Topics course is a normal, departmental offering which is directly related to the discipline, but because of its specialized nature, may not be able to be offered on a yearly basis by the department.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing or Program PA School Nurse Certif.

**NURS 290 - Experimental**

A unique and specifically focused course within the general purview of a department which intends to offer it on a "one time only" basis and not as a permanent part of the department's curriculum.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing or Program PA School Nurse Certif.

**NURS 295 - Workshop**

A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing or Program PA School Nurse Certif.

**NURS 298 - Selected Topics**

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing or Program PA School Nurse Certif.

**NURS 311 - Introduction to Health Care Informatics**

This course is designed to provide students with an opportunity to apply knowledge and skills from information science and computer science to the health care field. Emphasis will be on developing a basic understanding of how automation is used to manage information in healthcare. Topics covered include types of information systems used in healthcare, how to select and implement information systems, current developments in healthcare information systems, issues surrounding computers in health care. In this course the focus is on the computer as a tool for helping healthcare providers do their work.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Nursing.

**NURS 312 - Nursing in Transition**

Nursing 312 examines professional role socialization from a historic, contemporary, and futuristic view. It enables the student to develop communication and technology skills necessary for success in a collegiate nursing program.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing.

**NURS 322 - The Teaching-Learning Process in Nursing**

This course is designed for the registered nurse who desires greater knowledge and skill in assisting individuals, families, and groups to acquire health-related knowledge, skills, and values. The course provides opportunities from a conceptual and practical perspective to explore the dynamics that contribute to effective health education. Emphasis will be placed upon developing the nurses' abilities, confidence, and self-image as teachers.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing.

**NURS 327 - Group Process for Nursing**

Provides opportunities to develop leadership skills with groups for the purposes of maintaining, regaining or improving their levels of wellness. The focus is on the group as a system. Combined conceptual knowledge and practical skills needed to work effectively with health-related groups will be taught (3 credits theory)

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

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**NURS 331 - Evidence Based Health Assessment and Promotion**

This course emphasizes the complete health assessment, the nursing process, and its relationship to the prevention and early detection of disease in clients across the life span. This course reinforces the processes of health assessment: interviewing, history-taking, and physical assessment. Dominant models, theories and perspectives are used to explain health behaviors in relation to evidence-based health promotion and health education strategies. Students are expected to correlate health assessment and promotion with current evidence. This course includes assignments with computer simulated standardized patients. Incorporated throughout the course is the importance of communication and collaboration across culturally diverse populations.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

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**NURS 390 - Experimental**

A unique and specifically focused course within the general purview of a department which intends to offer it on a "one time only" basis and not as a permanent part of the department's curriculum.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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**NURS 395 - Workshop**

All academic departments list this workshop course. Please contact the individual department for more information. A workshop is a program which is usually of short duration, narrow in scope, often non-traditional in content and format, and on a timely topic.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing or Program PA School Nurse Certif.

**NURS 398 - Selected Topics**

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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**NURS 406 - Politics and Policy Nursing**

This course is designed to enhance the student's understanding of health policy as it relates to professional nursing practice. Students will explore health care policy and the policy-making process at various levels of government, research the impact of special interest groups on policy, and learn effective strategies to interact with legislators as citizen lobbyists and/or members of professional nursing organizations.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Spring & Summer Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Nursing.

**NURS 408 - Delivery of Nursing Care in a Managed Care Environment/ Clinical**

This course prepares students to understand managed health care delivery systems and their impact of delivery and practice patterns with emphasis on the delivery of nursing care.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing.

**NURS 422 - Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Practice**

This course examines the fundamental concepts of nursing research and evidence-based practice (EBP). Students are prepared to become critical consumers of nursing research. Through the application of research evidence, students are provided the tools necessary to advance nursing practice and improve patient outcomes.

Prerequisites: NURS 311<sup>D</sup> and NURS 312<sup>D</sup>  
<sup>D</sup> Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing.

**NURS 426 - Community and Public Health Nursing**

In this course the focus is on the community as the client. Theories, models, and concepts from community and public health nursing are examined. A course project, the Community Assessment, provides students the opportunity to complete and analyze a community assessment.

Prerequisites: NURS 311<sup>D</sup> and NURS 312<sup>D</sup>  
<sup>D</sup> Requires minimum grade of D.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing.

**NURS 429 - Financial Management for Nursing Case Managers**

This course provides students with content related to current issues, tools (i.e. Excel spreadsheet), and regulation necessary to function as a nursing case manager.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing.

**NURS 430 - Leadership in Nursing and Healthcare Systems**

This course is designed to provide students with a working knowledge of concepts and processes of leadership theory and practice in nursing and healthcare systems. Students successfully completing this course will be able to identify the personal and situational factors affecting leadership performance and adapt their behavior to become more effective leaders.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

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**NURS 432 - Practice Experience for Leadership and Management in Nursing**

As a practice experience, the student will apply concepts gleaned from previous courses and NURS 431 to enhance professional nursing practice. Nursing leadership and management theories will be applied within the practice environment by emphasizing planning, delivering, managing, and evaluating cost-effective quality care. This is a practice experience that requires completion of all 300 core nursing courses (NURS 311, 312, 327, 331) as prerequisites and NURS 431 as a co-requisite course.

Prerequisites: NURS 311<sup>C</sup> and NURS 312<sup>C</sup> and NURS 327<sup>C</sup> and NURS 331<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Corequisite(s): NURS 431

Credits: 1

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Senior 1 or Senior 2.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Nursing.

**NURS 433 - Innovative Technology for Healthy Communities**

This course focuses on consumer health informatics and technology which explores how innovative technology can be used to improve individuals' health within various community settings. Topics include the mode of delivery of consumer health information such as Internet-based technology; shared access to individuals' private health information; quality of consumer health information via social media; and health and information literacy seeking behavior. Finally, various types of innovative technology used within the home environment or within a healthcare setting to support consumers within a home environment will be explored.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing.

**NURS 434 - Leadership and Management in Nursing with Practice Experience**

This course focuses on the theory for leadership and management roles, leadership theories, and the ethical decision-making process in the delivery of health care to diverse populations. The student will apply concepts from this course and gleaned from previous courses to enhance professional nursing practice in both the theoretical realm and the practice environment. Nursing leadership and management practices will be analyzed with an emphasis on planning, delivering, and evaluating cost-effective quality care. This is a course that requires completion of all 300 level core nursing courses (NURS 311, 312, 327, 331) as prerequisites.

Prerequisites: NURS 311<sup>C</sup> and NURS 312<sup>C</sup> and NURS 327<sup>C</sup> and NURS 331<sup>C</sup>

<sup>C</sup> Requires minimum grade of C.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered Fall & Spring Terms

Enrollment limited to students with a semester level of Senior 1 or Senior 2.

Enrollment is limited to students with a program in Nursing.

**NURS 440 - Nursing Case Management in Today's Healthcare Environment**

This course is designed to prepare students to understand the case management responsibilities which include planning, coordinating, and managing care of consumers within a health care system. Students will learn to use evidence-based pathways in making decisions, planning care and finding the best ways to deliver safe, quality and culturally appropriate care and controlling increasing health care costs. Identify innovative technologies to measure case management effectiveness and outcomes.

Credits: 3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

Enrollment is limited to students with a major in Nursing.

**NURS 450 - Health Care Informatics Internship**

Provides opportunity to apply theory and develop competencies in health care informatics through a work-related experience in an appropriate health related enterprise.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

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**NURS 451 - Internship in Correctional Nursing**

Provides opportunity to apply theory and develop competencies in correctional nursing through a work-related experience in an appropriate correctional institution.

Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

Students with a semester level of Freshman 1, Freshman 2 or Sophomore 1 may **not** enroll.

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**NURS 490 - Independent Study**

Independent Study courses give students the opportunity to pursue research and/or studies that are not part of the university's traditional course offerings. Students work one on one or in small groups with faculty guidance and are typically required to submit a final paper or project as determined by the supervising professor.

Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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**NURS 495 - Workshop**

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Credits: 1-6

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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**NURS 498 - Selected Topics**

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Credits: 1-3

Term(s) Typically Offered: Offered as Needed

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