BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
This program is designed to facilitate career mobility for Registered Nurses (RNs) to advance in their careers and provides a foundation in the liberal arts and the biological, social and behavioral sciences. The program includes a clinical practice component that gives students the opportunity to apply their nursing theory and skills in multiple health care settings. All students have the opportunity to work with underserved populations as a part of their clinical practice.

All required nursing courses must be completed within four years.

Program Accreditation
The baccalaureate program is accredited by ACEN Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
3343 Peachtree Road NE Suite 850
Atlanta, Georgia 30326
1-800-669-1656

FINANCIAL AID There is need-based and non-need based student aid available to assist with the cost of tuition. All full-time Georgia residents may be eligible for the Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant and the HOPE scholarship.

WHERE DO I START? Contact any professor from the R.H. Daniel School of Nursing and Health Sciences, including the Dean, to discuss your goals. The Admissions Office can help you schedule an appointment along with a campus tour.

HOW DO I APPLY? Admissions Information packets are available from the Admissions Office. Fill out an application form and have official transcripts sent to Admissions Office, PO Box 10, Demorest, GA 30535.

WHY CHOOSE PIEDMONT? Founded in 1897, Piedmont College has an outstanding tradition of excellence in professional education. If you are looking for individualized instruction in a friendly atmosphere, Piedmont College is the place for you.

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?
To find out more about this program, contact the School of Nursing and Health Sciences
Demorest 706.776.0116
Athens 706.354.4772
Piedmont College
PO Box 10, Demorest GA 30535

www.piedmont.edu/nursing
Students desiring admission to the RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program must meet all admission criteria as specified by the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. Admission to Piedmont College does not guarantee admission to the School of Nursing and Health Sciences. A separate application is required for the School of Nursing for admission and should be received by the following dates: For Fall Semester – July 15; For Spring Semester – October 15; For Summer Semester – March 15.

**GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

The following are the general education requirements (in semester hours) for the RN-BSN degree. These include transfer credits accepted by Piedmont College.

- 16 hours of laboratory science
- 3 hours of statistics
- 6 hours of foreign language
- 6 hours of history or
- 3 hours of history and
- 3 hours of political science
- 3 hours of college algebra or higher math
- 3 hours of public speaking
- 3 hours of sociology or anthropology
- 3 hours of art, music or theater
- 3 hours of college algebra or higher math

**NOTE:** Non-nursing classes may be taken concurrently with nursing classes

**NURSING CLASSES**

A minimum of 25 semester/42 quarter hours of nursing credit will be held in escrow until the baccalaureate candidate has demonstrated prior nursing knowledge by successfully completing a minimum 6.67 semester/10 quarter hours of nursing credit.

All nursing courses except NURS 4420 Nursing Research meet three times per semester and are taught via CD-ROM. Nursing Research is taught live.

**PLAN OF STUDY**

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The RN student will be required to complete no more than 37 semester/56 quarter additional hours for graduation and no more than 133 semester/200 quarter total hours for the baccalaureate degree.

**Total hours required for graduation = 120**

*RNs with no Health Assessment course in transfer credit will be required to take NURS 3323 or challenge the practical final.

**ADMISSION CRITERIA**

Requirements for admission:

- Regular admission to Piedmont College
- Separate application to the School of Nursing and Health Sciences
- Unencumbered Georgia nursing license
- Graduation from an accredited nursing program
- Testing requirements met as listed below:
  - 0-4 years after graduation: No testing required/no clinical practice required
  - More than 4 years after graduation with 1,000 clinical practice hours in previous 3 years: No testing required
  - More than 4 years after graduating with less than 1,000 clinical practice hours in previous 3 years: Testing required
  - Graduates of non-accredited programs: Testing required

Nursing majors should be aware that they will undergo a criminal background check and drug screen. Failure of two or more nursing courses at another school, college, or university will lead to denial of admission to the School of Nursing and Health Sciences.

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