

Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (RN to BSN): IWCC to Clarkson College Option

Effective Fall 2026



Clarkson College has a signed articulation agreement with Iowa Western Community College (IWCC). Students who complete an approved associate degree at IWCC are guaranteed general admission into a corresponding baccalaureate degree program at Clarkson College.

By completing the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN), A.A.S. degree at IWCC, students transfer 70 semester hours as a direct transfer package into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing - RN to BSN degree at Clarkson College. The following degree plan outlines the courses needed to complete this degree. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree may be completed in as little as three semesters and all courses are online. Students must have an active and unencumbered license prior to acceptance at Clarkson College.

Direct transfer package granted for completion of IWCC ADN degree: 70 semester hours.

Core Courses 9 semester hours **Students choose one from each category. Must be taken at Clarkson College.**

| COURSE | COURSE TITLE | HOURS | INSTITUTION | SEMESTER COMPLETED | GRADE |
|--------|------------------------------|-------|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| HCC* | Healthcare Communication | 3 | Clarkson College | | |
| HUM | Humanities | 3 | Clarkson College | | |
| EEA | Ethics, Empathy and Advocacy | 3 | Clarkson College | | |

*Designated service course, community service hours required

General Education 9 semester hours

| COURSE | COURSE TITLE | HOURS | INSTITUTION | SEMESTER COMPLETED | GRADE |
|---------|---|-------|------------------|--------------------|-------|
| IPE 301 | Interprofessional Education | 0 | Clarkson College | | |
| NRS 205 | Pathophysiology and Pharmacology | 6 | Clarkson College | | |
| MAT 310 | Statistics (may be completed at IWCC or Clarkson College) | 3 | | | |

Students will receive an additional 3 validation credits upon completion of NRS 205 Pathophysiology and Pharmacology course.

RN to BSN Transition Courses 7 semester hours

Upon successful completion of the following courses, the student is eligible to take the remaining BSN courses.

| COURSE | COURSE TITLE | HOURS | INSTITUTION | SEMESTER COMPLETED | GRADE |
|---------|--|-------|-------------|--------------------|-------|
| NRS 349 | Pathways to Success | 1 | | | |
| NRS 356 | Concepts of Professional Practice RN-BSN | 3 | | | |
| NRS 357 | Physical Assessment | 3 | | | |

Students will receive an additional 13 validation credits upon completion of the RN to BSN transition courses.

Major Courses 12 semester hours

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|----------|--|-------|-------------|--------------------|-------|
| NRS 352 | Evidence-Based Inquiry in Health Care RN-BSN/MSN | 2 | | | |
| NRS 475 | Leadership/Management RN-BSN/MSN | 3 | | | |
| NRS 481* | Population Health Theory | 3 | | | |
| NRS 482 | Capstone/Practicum RN to BSN/MSN | 4 | | | |

* Designated service course

Total semester hours in program = 120

Service Requirement: Bachelor programs require students to complete service experiences in Healthcare Communication Core and a minimum of one program-designated service course. Service experiences must be passed successfully to pass the class.

Interprofessional Education Requirement (IPE): All program require students to successfully pass the Interprofessional Education course (IPE 30) before graduation.

Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) All programs require students to complete the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) assessments and debrief before graduation.

Residency Requirement: At least 30 semester hours must be completed at Clarkson College for a Bachelor degree.

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