

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE – SCHOOL OF NURSING REQUIREMENTS & PROCESS FOR APPLICATION

Fall Application:

Students who anticipate enrolling in the beginning nursing courses, Nursing 230 and Nursing 231 for the Fall 2026 semester need to submit a completed *Nursing Program Application* by April 15, 2026. All admission requirements must be completed by the end of the spring semester.

Minimum Requirements to Apply to the BSN Program:

1. Students must be admitted to Rhode Island College and be an Intended Nursing Major.
2. Completion of Rhode Island College Mathematics Competency & Writing Requirement.*
3. Completion of (within the past 10 years) or enrollment in Biology 201/202, 203/204, Chemistry 121 and Psychology 230 or equivalent with a minimum grade of C in each course and a minimum overall grade point average of 2.67 (B-) in these courses.
4. **A minimum RIC cumulative grade point average of 3.0** for students who have taken any RIC courses.
For second degree and transfer students, a weighted cumulative GPA of all courses taken at any college must also be at least 3.0.

The GPA minimum requirement of a 3.0 must be met at the time of application and at the end of the semester. The minimum cognate GPA requirement will be reviewed at the end of the spring semester once grades are posted.

*Refer to the *Bulletin of Rhode Island College Catalog* for descriptions of the Math Competency and Writing Requirements.

Application Process:

All students:

1. Complete the Nursing Program Application electronically and email the application to your advisor, along with the following documents:
 - A copy of your current Rhode Island College transcript
 - Attach **all transcripts** with grades for **all courses** taken at any other college - an unofficial or legible student copy is acceptable.
 - Highlight **all attempts** at Biology 201/202, 203/204, Chemistry 121, and Psychology 230, (or equivalent) including withdrawals or repeated attempts.
2. Make an appointment with your advisor to discuss your application. Your advisor will then submit your application and transcripts electronically.

Nursing Transfer Students:

Students transferring from other nursing programs are required to forward a letter of good standing from the previous nursing program to the RIC School of Nursing Undergraduate Program Director.

Completed applications with attached transcripts must be submitted electronically to your advisor for review prior to submission at NursingAdmissions@ric.edu. All applications and related forms must be submitted electronically via your RIC email to your academic advisor. Applications are due to the School of Nursing by April 15, 2026.

If you do not receive an email from the School of Nursing confirming receipt of your application, it was not received. Contact your advisor right away.

A student may withdraw their application no later than May 18, 2026 at 4 pm by electronically submitting the SON Application Withdrawal form, available on the School of Nursing website <https://www.ric.edu/documents/nursing-program-application-withdrawal-formpdf> to NursingAdmissions@ric.edu. Students currently taking courses at schools other than RIC must submit an updated transcript to NursingAdmissions@ric.edu. Make sure your name and the college's name are on the transcript.

Admission to the basic baccalaureate nursing program is competitive. **Students can apply to the School of Nursing a total of three times.** The review of applicant records is a comprehensive process and includes review of all grades in cognates required for admission (PSYC 230, BIOL 201/202, 203/204, and CHEM 121 or equivalent) and overall GPA with preference given to those applicants with the highest records of academic achievement. The School of Nursing reserves the right to consider other factors in admissions decisions. Each application is considered in relation to other applicants applying at the same time without regard to previous applications. Preference is given to students initially admitted to the college as freshmen.

Please note: beginning prior to the start of the fall 2026 semester, as a condition of participation in the nursing program all students will be required to sign a consent form agreeing to undergo drug testing and authorizing release of test results in accordance with the SON Drug Screening policy.
(See Handbook for Undergraduate Students in Nursing)

RHODE ISLAND COLLEGE – SCHOOL OF NURSING
NURSING PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name: _____

Last

First

M.

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Student ID: _____ RIC Email address: _____

Telephone: _____

Declared Intended Nursing Major at RIC: Yes ___ No ___

Transfer Student: Yes ___ No ___

Previously enrolled in another nursing program: Yes ___ No ___

If yes, transcripts for all courses included: Yes ___

If yes: Program(s): _____ Dates: _____

Second Degree Student: Yes ___ No ___

Cumulative RIC GPA _____

If transfer or 2nd degree student, weighted cumulative GPA _____
 (see worksheet on back)

Presidential Scholar: Yes ___ No ___

Previously applied to SON: Yes ___ No ___ If yes, number of previous applications: _____ Dates: _____

Are you currently taking courses? Yes ___ No ___ If so, where? _____

Cognate grades: include **ALL** attempts of each course (within the past 10 years) including withdrawals. Specify dates taken and grades received for each course. A minimum grade of C in each course and a minimum overall grade point average of 2.67 (B-) in these three courses are required.

	Date(s) Completed or Date Expected to Complete	School(s) Where Course was Taken	Grade(s)
A&P I Lab "DKQ"424+			
A&P I Lecture "DKQ"423+			

A&P II Lab "DKQ"426+
 A&P II Lecture "DKQ"425+

Human Development
 (PSYC 230)

Chemistry Fundamentals for Healthcare (CHEM 121)

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

Faculty Advisor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

**WORKSHEET TO CALCULATE WEIGHTED GPA
FACULTY USE ONLY**

Name: _____

Student ID number: _____

Use this worksheet for transfer students and second degree students who have taken courses at more than one college. Students with international transcripts must meet with the BSN Program Director to determine weighted GPA. **Courses older than 10 years are not considered in the weighted GPA. If a course is older than 10 years, the course must be repeated.**

Using the transcript from each college attended:

1. Add **points** (sometimes labeled “**quality points**”) from all colleges attended.
2. Add **GPA units** (sometimes labeled “**GPA hours**”) from all colleges.
3. Divide the total points by the total GPA units to get the weighted GPA.

College Name	Cumulative GPA	Quality Points or Points	GPA Units
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	+ _____	+ _____
_____	_____	+ _____	+ _____
_____	_____	+ _____	+ _____

$$\text{TOTAL:} \quad \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{Sum of points}} \div \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{Sum of GPA Units}} = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{Weighted GPA}}$$

For Admissions Committee Use only

College Name	Cumulative GPA	Quality Points	GPA Units
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	+ _____	+ _____
_____	_____	+ _____	+ _____
_____	_____	+ _____	+ _____

$$\text{TOTAL:} \quad \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{Sum of points}} \div \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{Sum of GPA units}} = \frac{\text{_____}}{\text{Weighted GPA}}$$