

# Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN)

SouthCentral Collaborative

Associate in Applied Science, Bachelor of Science in Nursing



## RIBN Program Description

RIBN is a partnership between Sandhills Community College (SCC) and UNC Pembroke (UNCP) that utilizes a four-year shared curriculum pathway for students to achieve a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) at the beginning of their nursing careers. This program offers an affordable and accessible option for obtaining a baccalaureate degree while remaining in one's home community; a longer career with increased earnings and career options; and increased educational opportunities for graduate education at the masters and doctoral levels.

Employment opportunities are vast within the global health care system and may include positions within acute, chronic, extended, industrial, and community health care facilities.

**The ADN program at SCC and the BSN program at UNCP are approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.**

## Students in the RIBN Track

- **Receive Early Assurance of admission into the UNCP BSN program.**
- Complete the first three years home-based at SCC with prerequisite, general study courses the first year and then both nursing and general education courses the second and third years.
- Focus on nursing course work that includes and builds upon the domains of healthcare, nursing practice, and the holistic individual. Content emphasizes the nurse as a member of the interdisciplinary team providing safe, individualized care while employing evidence-based practice, quality improvement, and informatics.
- Receive their Associate Degree in Nursing at the end of the third year and must successfully pass the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) to be eligible to progress into fourth year of the program.
- Complete the fourth year at UNCP (all courses offered online) inclusive of courses on community health nursing, nursing research, and nursing leadership perspectives to complete the BSN degree.
- Have the option to work part-time as a registered nurse (RN) while completing the fourth year of the program.

## Recommended High School Pathway

Future Ready Core; College and Career Promise ADN Pathway; Health Science CTE cluster consisting of Health Science I, Health Science II, and Nursing Fundamentals. Anatomy & Physiology, Chemistry, and four Mathematics recommended.

## Contact Information

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In accordance with North Carolina and federal legislation, undocumented immigrants are not permitted to be admitted to a program of study that requires a professional license. For more information, please refer to the SCC College Catalog, pages 42-43, or speak with the Director of Admissions.

## RIBN ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All students applying for the RIBN program must complete the following steps:

- Have a minimum High School GPA of 3.0 unweighted; OR minimum GPA of 3.0 in college classes if the student has completed more than 12 credit hours;
- Complete and submit an SCC Admissions Application and UNCP Admission Application;
- Submit official transcripts to SCC and UNCP from all previously attended high schools and colleges;
- Submit SAT/ACT or college placement test scores to SCC and UNCP: Place into ENG 111 without a corequisite and place into MAT 143/152 without a corequisite;
- Contact the RIBN Student Success Advocate to obtain and submit a RIBN Application;
- Meet with your SCC RIBN advisor to register for classes.

Students seeking to enter the RIBN track at the beginning of Year Two must also:

- Have a minimum 2.8 college GPA; have completed or be able to complete all Year One courses and the Nurse Aide requirement before entering the program; have already achieved the necessary score on the HESI A2 exam at the time of submitting their RIBN application.

### Deadlines

**Priority Applications are due by February 1.** Students are encouraged to apply during the fall semester during the year prior to their anticipated entry. Seating is limited. Qualified applicants will be placed until the program limit is reached.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS and PROGRESSION

**Students must have already completed, or be able to complete by the end of Year One, a *state-approved Nurse Aide I course*.** If the course was completed more than 2 years from the start of Year Two, students must also have an active listing on the North Carolina NA I registry.

As the RIBN program features a structured curriculum, all students must remain in compliance with the plan of study, as determined by their academic advisor, throughout the program, and must notify their academic advisor of any changes to their academic schedule. Failure to do so may result in dismissal from the RIBN track.

### YEAR ONE

**The HESI A2 (Admission Assessment Exam) must be completed by May 1.** A 75+ cumulative score, including a 75+ in reading comprehension and a 75+ in math, is required on one single test date. (The cumulative score is the average of all five sections tested: Reading Comprehension, Grammar, Vocabulary, Anatomy & Physiology, and Math)

- Students can only take the HESI A2 twice in an academic year (Aug-July).
- Dates and registration are online and can be accessed from the Nursing department webpage.
- Cost is \$42 (price subject to change).
- A photo ID is required.
- HESI A2 scores for tests taken within the last three years will be reviewed.

Complete first year curriculum plan. Achieve a grade of "C" or better in all courses.

Submit the Certificate of Completion from a state-approved NA I training program.

Students who successfully complete all year one courses, achieve and maintain a GPA of 2.8 or greater, and pass the HESI A2 exam will be offered a seat in the fall ADN Program.

# ADN ADMISSION and ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## Prior to Fall Semester, Year Two

RIBN students qualified to enter the fall ADN class must attend a Nursing Department Orientation (summer) and submit all required documents by the designated due date. Students will receive a final placement letter once all additional requirements have been met: submit medical form and immunization records; submit current CPR certification card: **American Heart Association – Basic Life Support (CPR and AED) Program**.

- SCC offers a state-approved Nurse Aide I course as a college-credit course, NAS 101, or as a Continuing Education course. Either option is acceptable. For questions regarding the Nurse Aide requirement, please speak to the Nurse Aide Program Coordinator.
- Students are responsible for extra costs for uniforms, supplies, medical exams, insurance, criminal background checks and drug screening, travel to clinical sites, and clinical agency requirements. Initial costs may exceed \$3000.
- Students with a criminal conviction or North Carolina Nurse Aide I Registry listing with substantiated findings of abuse, neglect, or misappropriation might not be eligible for licensure, which is required for employment. In North Carolina, each situation is evaluated individually by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.
- Drug screens and background checks are required by our clinical affiliates in order to attend clinical rotations. Complete information regarding the procedure will be provided at the information session.
- For complete information and updates, go to [sandhills.edu/nursing/ribn](http://sandhills.edu/nursing/ribn).
- If you have previously been enrolled in the Sandhills Nursing program (ADN or PN) please speak with your nursing advisor.

## YEARS TWO AND THREE

- Complete second and third year curriculum plans at SCC.
- Maintain a minimum 2.8 GPA.
- Graduate with an Associate Degree in Nursing at the end of Year Three.
- Take the NCLEX-RN and obtain an RN license to Practice in North Carolina prior to the fall semester of Year Four.

## UNCP BSN COMPLETION

### YEAR FOUR

- Students may elect to work part-time with select practice partners.
- Complete fourth year curriculum plan at UNCP.
- Graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at the end of Year Four.

## LOCATION and SCHEDULES

General education classes in Years One, Two and Three are located on the Sandhills Community College campus in Pinehurst. Some classes may be available online.

Nursing clinical classes in Years Two and Three are located on the Sandhills Community College campus in Pinehurst. Clinical courses meet face-to-face three-four days a week.

Nursing clinical assignments in years Two and Three are located at a variety of sites in and around Moore County. Clinical assignments vary by semester. Students should expect at least one full clinical day each semester; some semesters may require 2-3 clinical days per week as the program progresses..

UNCP Nursing classes in Year Four are available completely online. Face-to-face classes may be available on a limited basis with approval from the RN-BSN Coordinator.

# RIBN Curriculum Plan

Year One Fall		Year One Spring		Year One Summer	
ACA 122	1	BIO 166	4	<i>CHM 151</i>	4
BIO 165	4	ENG 112	3		
ENG 111	3	PSY 241	3		
PSY 150	3	<i>MAT 143 or 171</i>	4		
Fine Art Elective (1)	3	SOC 210	3		
<i>MAT 152</i>	4				
	<b>18</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>4</b>

**Students must have completed a state-approved NA I course by the end of Year One Summer.**

**Students should submit a Stage II worksheet for the ADN program in the spring of Year One.**

Year Two Fall		Year Two Spring		Year Two Summer	
NUR 111	8	NUR 112	5	NUR 114	5
<i>History Elective (2)</i>	3	NUR 211	5		
<i>Humanities Elective (3)</i>	3	BIO 275	4		
<i>PED Elective (4)</i>	1	<i>Literature Elective (5)</i>	3		
	<b>15</b>		<b>17</b>		<b>5</b>

Year Three Fall		Year Three Spring		Year Three Summer	
NUR 113	5	NUR 213	10	<b>NCLEX-RN</b>	
NUR 212	5	<i>COM 231</i>	3		
<i>Sociology Elective (6)</i>	3	<i>UNCP NUR 2020 (optional)</i>	1		
<i>Social Science Elective (7)</i>	<b>3</b>				
	<b>16</b>		<b>14</b>		

Year Four Fall		Year Four Spring	
<i>UNCP BSN Curriculum</i>	14	<i>UNCP BSN Curriculum</i>	17

## ELECTIVE COURSE CHOICES

1. **Fine Art:** ART 111, 114, 115; or MUS 110, 112
2. **History:** HIS 111, 112, 131, 132
3. **Humanities:** PHI 215, 240, HUM 115
4. **Physical Education:** 110, 111, 117, 120, 128, 130, 143, 186
5. **Literature:** ENG 231, 232
6. **Sociology:** SOC 213, 220, 225, 230
7. **Social Science:** ECO 251, 252, or POL 120

*Courses listed in italics are required by UNCP for the BSN. Other elective courses already completed by the student may be accepted by UNCP toward the BSN, in consultation with the RIBN Student Success Advocate.*