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IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR MAJOR:

The BSN is a highly competitive major at ECU. Students must meet eligibility requirements to apply to the program. The first two years students complete all general education and prerequisite course requirements. Students apply to nursing school in the final semester of these courses. An applicant's competitiveness is driven by the College of Nursing ranking formula and scores on the HESI Admission Assessment (A2) exam

More details will be presented at orientation. In addition to helping you review and plan courses, your nursing Academic Advisor will work with you on strategies each semester to ensure you understand how to become competitive for program admission.

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WILL YOU HAVE AP/IB OR DUAL ENROLLMENT TRANSFER CREDIT?

If you anticipate transferring in college credit from high school, please utilize the following online resources to determine how your scores/courses may apply to your requirements at ECU:

- AP/IB Placement Credit Table
- Transfer Course Equivalency Information
- BSN 4 Year Curriculum Guide
- Undergraduate Catalog: Course Descriptions *(to determine prerequisite requirements)*

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MATH COURSE REQUIREMENTS & PLACEMENT TEST INFORMATION:

The BSN sample curriculum suggests students take MATH 1065, *College Algebra* during the freshman year and a Statistics class in the sophomore year. At the start of freshman registration, MATH 1065 will be restricted to majors where freshmen MUST take it in the fall to stay on track for graduation in four years. This does not include Intended Nursing so you will NOT be able to register for MATH 1065 when registration first opens. Seats may be made available to all majors later in the summer. Our students often take MATH 1065 in the spring of freshman year for this reason.

Please be sure to review ECU's math placement standards and exam options to determine where you stand with the BSN math course requirements and if you need to complete ECU's math placement exam in your ECU Canvas account (free and online).

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COURSE DELIVERY METHODS:

You will find face-to-face, hybrid and online course options for your fall schedule. The "Delivery" column on the far right side of the screen when looking at the course schedule will confirm the course delivery format. A brief description of course delivery methods is below:

- **Face to Face** = Course meets 100% in-person on days/times specified for the course section
- **Hybrid** = Course meets in person but will require some online meetings and/or course requirements
- **Online Synchronous** = Course meets 100% online and holds virtual class sessions on days/times specified for the course section
- **Online Asynchronous** = Course meets 100% online with no virtual meeting time. Students work through requirements at their convenience but in accordance with a course schedule of dates for quizzes, exams, assignments, etc.

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REGISTRATION KEY TERMS:

Academic Advisor: The staff member who will educate you on requirements for your degree and assist with course registration and degree planning, among other duties.

Add/Drop Period: A grace period at the beginning of each semester when you can add or drop a course without penalty.

Course Load: The number of courses you are taking a semester.

Credit Hour: You may also see this referred to as "semester hour credit." Each course is assigned a number of credit hours that measures the instruction and learning for that course.

Full-Time: To be enrolled as a full-time student, you should register for at least **12 credit hours** a semester.

General Education: Requirements outside of your major that are chosen to give you a broad, "well rounded" education.

Orientation: Required session/event where you will learn about campus resources, how you are expected to behave on campus (also known as a code of conduct), learn more about Academic Advising, and finalize your fall schedule.

Pre-Requisite: Course or placement score you must complete/earn before taking a course.

Semester: Measurement that divides the academic year into 15-16 week terms. The main semesters are Fall (August through December) and Spring (January through May); however, there are also shorter semester (8 week) options for some courses, as well as the Summer semester (May through August).

Semester Hour Credit: A semester hour credit is how college courses are measured. It is defined by the Federal Student Aid Handbook as "one hour of classroom or direct instruction, plus a minimum of two hours outside class work per week, for fifteen weeks" (the length of a semester).

Did you know?

- If you want to complete your degree within 4 years, without enrolling in summer courses, you should register for 14-16 credit hours for the fall (and spring) semester.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR CLASSES?

1. Make sure you follow the instructions exactly.
2. Do not wait until your Orientation to register.
3. At your Orientation, your Academic Advisor will review your schedule.
   a. If a schedule change is needed, you can do so through the first week of the fall semester.
4. Courses fill up quickly, so register for your classes as soon as possible.

5. If you were an Early College or Dual Enrollment student, make sure you submit a **final, official** transcript from your community college/university in addition to your high school transcript.
6. To be full-time for tuition purposes register for at least 12 semester hours. Tuition information can be found HERE. Important Financial Aid information related course planning can be found HERE.

STEP ONE: LEARN HOW TO USE REGISTRATION & PLANNING IN PIRATE PORT

Click HERE to open a step-by-step, screenshot tutorial on how to register for classes.

(A full page of helpful registration tutorials can be found on the Registrar's website HERE. Registration errors and solutions are explained HERE. We recommend opening these resources on additional tabs of your browser for reference as you register for fall classes.)

STEP TWO: CREATE YOUR FALL SCHEDULE

1. Begin with the PRIORITY course for your major. If this course is full, please join a waitlist and then move on to the next step to continue registering for courses. You can check for open seats in priority courses until the first week of the fall semester.

   Your PRIORITY courses:

CHEM 1120: *Introduction to Chemistry for Allied Health*	**3 credit hours**

2. Choose your remaining 11-13 credit hours from the course options below. <u>All courses are options for your first semester</u>, even if you see them in a different semester on a sample BSN curriculum guide.

   To graduate in four years, please register for 14-16 total credit hours. **For financial aid, insurance, and tuition purposes, you should register for at least 12 hours, so you are a full-time student.**

SOCI 2110: *Introduction to Sociology*	**3 credit hours**

PSYC 1000: *Introductory Psychology*	**3 credit hours**

HLTH 1000: *Health in Modern Society*	**2 credit hours**

ETHICS:	**3 credit hours;** Choose ONE of the following options: PHIL 1175: *Introduction to Ethics, or* PHIL 1700: *Death and Dying, or* PHIL 2274: *Business Ethics, or* PHIL 2275: *Professional Ethics, or* PHIL 2277: *Biomedical Ethics*

NUTRITION:	**3 credit hours;** Choose ONE of the following options: NUTR 1000: *Contemporary Nutrition, or* NUTR 2105: *Nutrition Science*

GENERAL EDUCATION HUMANITIES OR FINE ART: *(NOTE: Students must take at least ONE Fine Art to meet graduation requirements)*	**6 credit hours;** The following are some recommended options: ART 1827: *Photography Changes Everything* ART 1910: *Art Appreciation* DNCE 1000: *Introduction to Dance* MUSC 2207: *Enjoyment of Music* MUSC 2249: *Music in World Cultures* MUSC 2257: *Jazz Appreciation* THEA 1000: *Intro to Theater* ENGL 1000: *Exploring Literature* CLAS 1300: *Greek and Latin for Vocabulary Building* CLAS 1500: *Classical Mythology* HIST 1030: *World Civilizations to 1500* HIST 1031: *World Civilizations Since 1500* HIST 1050: *American History to 1877* HIST 1051: *American History Since 1877* GLST 1000: *Introduction to Global Studies* RELI 1000: *Introduction to Religious Studies* RELI 1690: *World Religions* A full list of general education fine arts can be found HERE. A full list of general education humanities can be found HERE. Not all classes will be offered in fall.
ENGL 1100: *Foundations of College Writing*	**3 credit hours** NOTE: This may fill quickly. That is OKAY. You can take this course in the fall or spring of your freshman year.

STEP THREE: TOTAL CREDIT HOURS, WAIT LISTS, AND CONFIRMING YOUR SCHEDULE

- **Remember, the schedule you create now does not have to be perfect.** If you are registered for your priority course and 12 or more total credit hours from the courses above, you're in great shape!
- **If there is a course you want to take, but it is closed, you can add yourself to a wait list.** Wait list instructions can be found HERE. If you join a wait list, it is essential that you check your ECU email daily (even on weekends!) so you do not miss a waitlist notification. You only have 24 hours from the date and time of your notification to go register for the open seat. If you miss this window, there is nothing you (or your Academic Advisor) can do.
- **If you choose to wait list one or more course options, please register for second choice options so that you build a schedule of at least 12 hours NOW.** You can always drop these second choices should you get a seat in your first choice courses between now and the start of fall semester.
- **Complete Step 6 on the PIER website to confirm your registration** and learn how you can email and/or print your fall schedule of classes.

STEP FOUR: NEED HELP? CONNECT WITH ACADEMIC ADVISING

- If you have questions that this packet or the PIER website does not answer, please email the nursing advising team at CONAdvising@ecu.edu for assistance. Please include your Banner ID (e.g. B001…).
- If you have questions regarding anticipated transfer credit that the resources on page 1 do not answer, it is very helpful for advisors if you include copies of your transcripts or screenshots that include name of school, course numbers/titles, final letter grades and credit hours.
- If you have paid your enrollment deposit, please monitor your ECU email for an introductory email from your specific nursing Academic Advisor starting in mid-April!