Westchester Community College

A.A.S. Nursing

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EXCELSIOR UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Science in Nursing for Registered Nurses

Applicants to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program must meet the following eligibility requirements:

(1) Hold and maintain an active and unencumbered U.S. Registered Nurse (RN) license or the equivalent.

(2) Submit an official transcript showing the completion of an associate degree in nursing or an RN diploma education. The associate degree in nursing or RN diploma education must be earned from a program with specialty accreditation, a regionally accredited institution, or a New York State (NYSED) approved program.

Associate in nursing graduates looking to pursue the Bachelor of Science in Nursing for Registered Nurses while preparing for the NCLEX can get a jumpstart with the Provisional Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing option which is open to:

(1) Graduates of an RN diploma program of nursing.

(2) Graduates of an accredited college or university in the United States with an associate degree in nursing.

Excelsior University is not accepting applicants to the associate, bachelor's, RN to MS, or MS in Nursing degree programs who reside in California or the state of Washington.

A minimum of one hundred and twenty (120) credits including 30 credits at the upper level are needed for completion of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. The following provides information on how credits from Westchester Community College will transfer into Excelsior's Bachelor of Science in Nursing for Registered Nurses.

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The following courses are required by partner to meet associate degree program requirements.			
Westchester CC Requirement	**Semester Hours**	**Excelsior University Requirement**	**Semester Hours**
BIOL 121: Anatomy and Physiology I (and Lab)	4	Anatomy and Physiology I Requirement	3
ENG 101: Writing and Research	3	Written English Requirement	3
BIOL 123: Anatomy and Physiology 2 (and Lab)	4	Anatomy and Physiology II Requirement	3
BIOL 202: Pharmacology (for Nurses)	3	Duplicative Credit	0
PSYCH 101: Introduction to Psychology	3	Social Sciences/History Elective	3
BIOL 221: General Microbiology (and Lab)	4	Microbiology Requirement	3
MATH 117: College Quantitative Reasoning or higher	3	Recc. MATH 140: Statistics for Statistics Req	4
NUTR 109: Nutrition for Health Care	3	N/A	0
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED	**27**	**TOTAL CREDITS ACCEPTED**	**19**

Additional Credits That May Be Transferred <u>OR</u> Taken With Excelsior University		
Westchester CC Courses	**Semester Hours**	**Excelsior University Requirements**
ENG 102: Writng and Literature	3	Written English Requirement
PHIL 160: Ethics	3	Ethics Requirement
Humanities	6	Humanities Requirement (Humanities subjects include, but are not limited to, art, music, literature, foreign language, philosophy, religion, speech, or a subject area other than writing). **Recommended Excelsior Courses:** COMM 125: Public Speaking and COMM 210: Interpersonal Communication
Social Sciences/History	3	Social Sciences / History Requirement (Social Sciences / History subjects include, but are not limited to, anthropology, criminal justice (theory-based, not applied criminal justice), economics, geography, government, history, political science, psychology, and sociology). **Recommended Excelsior Courses:** PSY 360: Social Psychology
Natural Sciences / Mathematics	3	Natural Sciences / Mathematics Requirement (Natural Sciences / Mathematics subjects include, but are not limited to, astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth science, physics, algebra, geometry, analysis (which includes calculus), and applied mathematics (which includes probability and statistics. Restrictions include developmental or remedial courses, no more than three courses of mathematics credit below the level of calculus, no more than one course or examination may be applied that is (1) terminal in nature with no prerequisite beyond the level of arithmetic; (2) intended for students outside of science or mathematics; or (3) a mathematics appreciation course). **Recommended Excelsior Courses:** NS 110: Science in Today's World is recommended.
PSYCH 116: Lifespan Development	3	Prerequisite to Major Core Requirements
SOC 101: Intro to Sociology	3	Intro to Sociology Requirement
Arts & Sciences Elective	11	Arts & Sciences Elective Requirement **Recommended Excelsior Course:** HSC 320: Health Care Issues in Culturally Diverse Populations; HUM 306: Creating Problem Solving; HUM 307: Critical Thinking; SOC 240: Additions in America
Total Credits	**35**	

Credits To Be Taken With Excelsior University

All courses MUST be completed with Excelsior with a minimum grade of C or higher. External sources of credit will not be accepted.

University Requirements

INL 102: Information Literacy	1
IND 101: Cornerstone A (Foundations) **OR** IND 301: Cornerstone B (Pathways)	3

General Education Requirements

MATH 114: Intermediate Algebra	3

Prerequisite to Major Core Requirements

Nursing credit granted for prior learning validated by nursing education and successful completion of the NCLEX-RN	30

Nursing Elective

Nursing Elective Requirement Recommended Excelsior Course: HSC 403: Nutrition for Wellness	3

Major Core Requirements

PHASE I	
NUR 301: Bridge for Professional Socialization	2
NUR 338: Introduction to Informatics for Nurses	2
NUR 342: Holistic Health Care Across the Lifespan	4
NUR 356: Leadership and Management in Nursing	4
PHASE II	
NUR 430: Research in Nursing	3
NUR 446: Teaching and Learning in a Diverse Society	3
NUR 448: Community Health Nursing: Caring for the Public's Health	4
PHASE III	
NUR 462: Nursing Capstone	4
TOTAL CREDITS	**66**

EVALUATION SUMMARY	Semester Hours
Credits Accepted from Westchester CC	19
Additional Credits That May Be Transferred **OR** Taken With Excelsior	35
Credits To Be Taken With Excelsior	66
TOTAL CREDITS REQUIRED	**120**

* **This guide is only a sample scenario.** Excelsior University reviews each student individually and actual requirements needed will depend on what a student has already completed and is eligible to transfer in at the time they apply to the university.

Transfer Credit Guidelines

Excelsior University is committed to providing access to education and providing students with the opportunity to transfer in coursework by reviewing credits from degree-granting institutions, military and job training records, and professional certifications and licenses to determine applicability and number of credits awarded. Students must meet minimum degree, program, and institutional credit requirements as appropriate, and Excelsior reserves the right to accept or deny credit from any specific institution or program.

Students will be reviewed individually, and official evaluations will be conducted at the time a student is admitted to Excelsior to identify applicability of approved sources of credit as it relates to an Excelsior degree program and its requirements. Applicability of transfer credit at Excelsior will be based upon the following:

(1) Transfer, application and enrollment policies in effect at the time a student is admitted.
(2) The program and curriculum requirements in place at the time a student is admitted.
(3) Coursework completed and applicability to degree requirements.
(4) Final grades a student receives on outside sources of credit.

Applicants are admitted to Excelsior degree and certificate programs when they meet all admission requirements for the specific program of study as outlined in the Admission and Enrollment Policy. Some degree programs have special criteria for admission which may be found in our catalog. The Transfer Credit Policy and Procedure governs the sources of credit which are considered for transfer into Excelsior University. The Credit Application Policy and Procedure dictate which eligible transfer credits can apply toward an Excelsior degree program. Both policies include limitations and restrictions for specific degree programs.

Military Credit

The primary method for considering college credit for military learning experiences is the submission of an official Joint Services Transcript (JST) listing American Council on Education (ACE) recommended credits or an Air University/Community College of the Air Force transcript.

International Credit

Students must forward their official documents to an evaluation agency recommended by Excelsior for evaluating and interpreting international credentials. Courses taken at postsecondary institutions without this status will not be considered for credit unless the credits fall under another acceptable credit source category. Students who wish to submit transcripts from post-secondary institutions outside the United States should check the publication "Transcripts Accepted Directly from Institutions Outside of the U.S. and U.S Territories" (https://www.excelsior.edu/admissions/international/) on the University's website. Transcripts from institutions on this list may be submitted directly following guidelines the Submission of Incoming Official Credit Bearing Documentation policy.

For all other institutions, students must forward their official documents to an evaluation agency recommended by Excelsior University for evaluating and interpreting international credentials. International transcripts should not be submitted directly to Excelsior in this case. Students must review the Transfer Credit Sources policy to review the degree program breakdown to identify the appropriate evaluation agency and report type for the degree program they are seeking. All evaluation agencies charge a fee for their services.

Non-Collegiate Sources of Credit

Excelsior reserves the right to evaluate and accept/deny transfer credit for non-collegiate learning experiences that have been evaluated and recommended for college credit by the National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS) and the American Council on Education Learning Evaluations (ACE), and Excelsior prior learning assessment. Excelsior will maintain a list of acceptable credit in an approved NCCRS/ACE Excelsior course list and details regarding documentation and restrictions may be found by reviewing the Non-Collegiate Sources of Credit Procedure (https://www.excelsior.edu/policy/transfer-credit-sources/) on the Excelsior website.

Rabbinical & Talmudic School Credits (AARTS)

Excelsior will consider credits in transfer from Rabbinical and Talmudic schools accredited by the Association for Advanced Rabbinical and Talmudic Schools (AARTS) on a sliding scale when a student has successfully completed between 30 and 60 semester hours of credit and the institution holds "accredited" status or held "candidate" status during the student's attendance and subsequently achieved "accredited" status. "Correspondence" status and schools in "candidate" status that never achieved "accredited" status are not acceptable. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 is required.

New York University Foreign Language Proficiency Examination Credit

Excelsior considers the credit recommendations for foreign language proficiency examinations administered by the School of Continuing Education at New York University.

International Baccalaureate Credit

Excelsior will consider credit for the International Baccalaureate (IB) certificate or an IB diploma based on scores received on the Higher Level (HL) examinations passed.

Credit for Prior Learning Assessment Presented as Transfer Credit on Official Transcripts

This procedure applies to PLA credit that appears on an official transcript from institutionally accredited schools that meet the criteria of the Institutionally Accredited Institutions of Transfer Credit Source Policy. Credit from ACE, NCCRS, Excelsior's PLA program, and military credit do not follow this procedure.

The current Start with More Credit page (https://www.excelsior.edu/start-with-more-credit/), Transfer Credit Sources policy (https://www.excelsior.edu/policy/transfer-credit-sources/), and Grade Scale, GPA, and Credit Application policy (https://www.excelsior.edu/policy/grade-scale-gpa-and-credit-application/) will provide additional information on sources of credit which are considered for transfer into Excelsior and procedures that must be followed.

Fee to Transfer Credit

There is no fee for the credit evaluation of transcripts, certifications, and training submitted with an admissions application and up to 30 days after admission to the university. At this time, any credit submitted for evaluation will require a student to request a Post Admission Credit Evaluation to be completed for $300 per new evaluation requested. To learn visit https://www.excelsior.edu/start-with-more-credit/transfer-more-credits/transfer-credit-guidelines/.

Undergraduate Transfer Credit

Excelsior provides students with transfer pathways and may accept credit from outside sources of credit. Students must earn the equivalent of a C- or higher on outside sources of credit to be considered for applicability to an Excelsior degree program. All approved transfer credit will be transferred in as a "Pass" and will not factor in the Excelsior GPA. Excelsior requires completion of a minimum of 30 upper-level credits for all degree programs.

Graduate Transfer Credit

Previously completed graduate-level coursework (**up to 15 credits**) may be used to satisfy the requirements of the graduate degree programs if approved by faculty. It is the policy of Excelsior University, in accordance with New York State Education Department policies, to limit and in some cases prohibit the application of post-baccalaureate coursework toward an undergraduate or dual degree. It is at the purview of Excelsior to determine if post-baccalaureate credits can be considered toward an Excelsior degree.

Undergraduate Programs	
All undergraduate students must complete a minimum number of courses with Excelsior prior to earning an undergraduate degree to include Cornerstone, Information Literacy, and Capstone.	
Program of Study	**Transfer Credit Guidelines**

Business	For the Bachelor of Science in business, credit being transferred into the business component must have been earned within 15 years prior to admission.
Health Sciences	For the Bachelor of Science in Health Care Management, credit being transferred into the Professional Business core must have been earned within 20 years prior to admission.
Liberal Arts	Students may transfer in as many as 53 credits towards an associate degree or 113 credits towards a bachelor's degree. There is no time limit on the acceptance of transfer credit.
Nursing	Up to 25% of the general education component can be comprised of non-collegiate sources of credit. Non-collegiate sources of credit will not apply to the following: nursing/major core component, Lifespan Developmental Psychology, Sociology, Anatomy and Physiology, Microbiology, Ethics, Psychology, and Statistics. External nursing courses are not applicable to any Excelsior nursing program. For the AAS Nursing, AS Nursing, and LPN to BS Nursing degree programs Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology courses must be completed within 5 years prior to admission.
Technology	Non-collegiate sources of credit will not apply to the following requirements: (1) BS Nuclear Engineering Technology (Calculus I and II, Physics I and Lab, Physics II and Lab, Chemistry and Lab, Atomic/Nuclear Physics, Thermodynamics and Lab, Nuclear Engineering Technology Component); (2) BS Electrical Engineering Technology (Calculus I and II, Differential Equations, Physics I and Lab, Physics II and Lab, Chemistry, Electrical Engineering Technology Component); (3) BS Information Technology (Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Information Technology Component); (4) BS Cybersecurity (Statistics, Discrete Mathematics, Cybersecurity Component); and (6) BS Computer Science (Discrete Mathematics, Major Core and Concentration Requirements). For the BS Cybersecurity, BS Information Technology, and BS Computer Science, transfer credit must have been earned within 5 years prior to admission. For the BS Electrical Engineering Technology, BS Nuclear Engineering Technology, transfer credit must have been earned within 10 years prior to admission. More detailed information can be found by visiting Excelsior's Grade Scale, GPA, and Credit Application policy (https://www.excelsior.edu/policy/grade-scale-gpa-and-credit-application/).

Graduate Programs	
Program of Study	**Transfer Credit Guidelines**
Business	Graduate-level transfer and Excelsior credits must have been earned within 5 years prior to admission and require a minimum grade of B-.
Health Sciences	Graduate-level transfer and Excelsior credits must have been earned within 5 years prior to admission and require a minimum grade of B-.
Nursing	No external credits will be accepted in transfer and Excelsior courses must be completed within 5 years prior to admission.
Public Service	Graduate-level transfer and Excelsior credits must have been earned within 5 years prior to admission and require a minimum grade of B-.
Technology	Graduate-level transfer and Excelsior credits must have been earned within 5 years prior to admission and require a minimum grade of B-.

More detailed information on Excelsior degree programs and requirements can be found by visiting our Excelsior University website (https://www.excelsior.edu) or the Excelsior University Catalog (https://www.excelsior.edu/programs/catalogs/).