

Gaston College
Bridge to Professional Advancement in Nursing Partnership
with Gardner-Webb University

The Gaston College (Gaston) Bridge to Professional Advancement in Nursing Partnership with Gardner-Webb University provides a seamless ASN-to-MSN pathway for Gaston College nursing students. This agreement offers two pathways for students:

Pathway 1:

Students who are accepted into Gaston's PN program are dually accepted into the Advanced Placement LPN option in the Hunt School of Nursing ASN program at Gardner-Webb with a seamless pathway to the Davis RN-to-BSN program and Master of Science in Nursing (Education/Administration) programs.

By collaborative agreement between Gaston College (Gaston) and Gardner-Webb University, Gaston students in the LPN program are automatically accepted into the Hunt School of Nursing's Advanced Placement LPN option (within the ASN program), conditional upon the following:

- Minimum GPA of 2.85 on a 4.0 scale. Students with 60 or more college credit hours will only have their last 60 hours of GPA calculated for admissions. Students with less than 60 will have their cumulative GPA evaluated for admission,
- TEAS (most recent version) overall score of 65 at minimum. Scores must be within the last two years. Only three attempts are allowed in a 12-month period. **Students with an earned bachelor's degree or higher from an accredited college or university are not required to submit test scores.*
- Completion of Biology, Chemistry, and Algebra with a minimum of "C" in high school or college. These grades must be reflected in the transcripts the applicant provides with the application. The most recent course attempt will be evaluated.
- Satisfactory criminal background check
- Satisfactory health/physical report signed by a healthcare provider.
- BLS CPR Certification for Healthcare Providers through American Heart Association
- Immunizations required by the University,
- Holding an unrestricted practical nursing license,
- Successful completion of Human Anatomy & Physiology I (BIO 203), Human Anatomy & Physiology II (BIO 204), and General Psychology (PSY 201), and
- Request a final, official transcript be sent from all prior colleges to Gardner-Webb University Undergraduate Admissions, P.O. Box 817, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

Upon receipt of these documents, an enrollment representative from Gardner-Webb will contact the student to assist with registration for classes.

Upon successful completion of the ASN program, students may be seamlessly admitted into Davis RN-to-BSN program.

Pathway 2:

Students who are accepted into Gaston's ADN program are dually accepted into the Davis RN-to-BSN program in the Hunt School of Nursing at Gardner-Webb with a seamless pathway to the Master of Science in Nursing (Education/Administration).

By collaborative agreement between Gaston and Gardner-Webb University, Gaston students in the ADN program are automatically accepted into the Hunt School of Nursing's Davis RN-BSN program, conditional upon the following:

- Minimum GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. Students with 60 or more college credit hours will only have their last 60 hours of GPA calculated for admissions. Students with less than 60 will have their cumulative GPA evaluated for admission,
- Immunizations required by the University,
- Satisfactory Criminal Background Check,
- Holding an unrestricted nursing license, and
- Request a final, official transcript be sent from all prior colleges to Gardner-Webb University Degree Completion Program, P.O. Box 1896, Boiling Springs, NC 28017.

Upon receipt of these documents, an enrollment representative from Gardner-Webb will contact the student to assist with registration for classes.

Upon successful completion of the Davis RN-to-BSN program and meeting the following requirements, students will be seamlessly enrolled in the MSN (Education/Administration).

- GPA of 2.70 on all undergraduate work OR GPA of 2.7 for last 60 hours of undergraduate or graduate work Completion of (1) NURS 500 *Theoretical Basis for Advanced Practice*; (2) NURS 501 *Nursing and Healthcare Systems and Issues*; and (3) Statistics class, and
- Maintaining good academic standing in the Bridge to Professional Advancement in Nursing program
- Receipt of three graduate letters of reference.

Note: Students who delay enrollment beyond one year must submit a new application to the MSN program for consideration.

Hunt School of Nursing Programs

- Associate of Science in Nursing
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- Davis RN-to-BSN
- Master of Science in Nursing (Administration, Education)
- Post-master's certificate, Nursing Administration
- Post-master's certificate, Nursing Education
- Doctor of Nursing Practice, Leadership
- Doctor of Nursing Practice, Family Nurse Practitioner
- Doctor of Nursing Practice, Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

Gardner-Webb University's Advanced Placement LPN Option in the Associate Degree in Nursing Program.

Gaston College	CREDIT HOURS	Gardner-Webb University	CREDIT HOURS
COURSE		COURSE	
Recommended:	5	BIOL 203 Human Anatomy/Physiology II	4
BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I			
BIO 169 Anatomy and Physiology II	5	BIOL 204 Human Anatomy/Physiology II	4
NUR 101 Practical Nursing I	11		
NUR 102 Practical Nursing II	10		
NUR 103 Practical Nursing III	9		
ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry	3	ENG 101 English Composition	3
PSY 150 General Psychology	3	PSYC 201 General Psychology	3
Following successful completion of PN licensure the student will be given equivalency course credit for the GWU nursing courses: NURS 106 Fundamental Concepts, NURS 107 Fundamentals Concepts Lab, and NURS 108 Application of Fundamental Concepts. This credit is awarded by the Hunt School of Nursing in conjunction with Registrar Services.			6
Allowable Transfer Credit Hours			20
Optional Community College Courses or GWU Courses			
ENG 113 Literature-based Research	3	ENGL 102 English Composition II	3
BIO 170 Introductory Microbiology	4	BIOL 105 Microbiology	4
PED (Any Course)	1-3	PHED (Any course)	1-3
REL 211 Intro to Old Testament or REL 212 Intro to New Testament	3	RELI 300 Introduction to Old Testament or RELI 301 Introduction to New Testament	3
PSY 110 Life Span Development or PSY 241 Developmental Psych	3	PSYC 206 Developmental Psychology	3
Optional Transfer Credit Hours			14-16
Remaining Gardner-Webb University Courses			
DIMS 111 Dimensions			
DIMS 112 Dimensions			
NURS 105 Pharmacology Concepts			2
NURS 109 Basic Concepts of Health Assessment			2
NURS 110 Health Assessment Experiential Lab			1
NURS 115 Basic Concepts Experiential Lab			1
NURS 116 Application of Basic Concepts			2
NURS 117 Basic Concepts of Clinical Nursing			4
NURS 118 Concepts in Psychiatric Nursing			3
NURS 206 Nursing Concepts of Childbearing Families			6
NURS 207 Childbearing Families Lab			1
NURS 208 Application of Nursing for Childbearing Families			2
NURS 209 Advanced Concepts of Clinical Nursing			6
NURS 210 Advanced Concepts Experiential Lab			1
NURS 211 Applications of Advanced Concepts			3
NURS 290 Transition to Practice			3
Gardner-Webb Hours			37
Total Hours			71-73

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Seamless Pathway from Gaston College's Associate Degree in Nursing to Gardner-Webb University's Bachelor and Master of Science in Nursing

Gaston College COURSE	CREDIT HOURS	Gardner-Webb University COURSE	CREDIT HOURS
BIO 168 Anatomy and Physiology I	4	BIOL 203 Human Anatomy/Physiology I	4
BIO 169 Anatomy and Physiology II	4	BIOL 204 Human Anatomy/Physiology II	4
BIO 275 Microbiology	4	BIOL 206 Microbiology	4
ENG 111 Writing and Inquiry	3	ENG 101 English Composition	3
ENG 112 Writing/Research in the Discipline	3	ENG 102 English Composition II	3
Humanities/Fine Arts (3 hours)	3	Humanities/Fine Arts requirement met	3
Recommended: ART 111 or MUS 110			
NUR 111 Introduction to Health Concepts	*		*
NUR 112 Health-Illness Concepts	*		*
NUR 113 Family Health Concepts	*		*
NUR 114 Holistic Health Concepts	*		*
NUR 211 Health Care Concepts	*		*
NUR 212 Health System Concepts	*		*
NUR 213 Complex Health Concepts	*		*
PSY 150 General Psychology	3	PSYC 201 General Psychology	3
PSY 241 Developmental Psychology	3	PSYC 206	3
*Students may receive up to 40 senior hours of transfer credit upon the completion of nine hours of nursing courses at Gardner-Webb University. This credit is awarded by the Hunt School of Nursing in conjunction with Registrar Services.			40
Optional Community College Courses or GWU Courses		Gardner-Webb University	
ENG 231, 232, 241, 242, 261, or 262	3	Literature requirement met	3
REL 211 Old Testament	3	REL 300 Survey of Old Testament	3
REL 212 New Testament	3	REL 301 Survey of New Testament	3
HIS 111 Western Civilization I or HIS 112 Western Civilization II or HIS 132 American History II	3	One History requirement met	3
HEA 110 Health and Wellness	3	HPE 338	3
MAT 152 Statistical Methods I	4	MTH 316 Statistics	4
General Elective Courses	4	Elective Hours	4
		Optional Transfer Hours	90*
Remaining Gardner-Webb University Courses			
LIB 301 Research Skills			1
SSC 305 Global Understanding or PSC 302 American Government			3
NURS 500 Concepts in Professional Nursing (counts toward BSN and MSN)			3
NURS 501 Trends in Healthcare (counts toward BSN and MSN)			3
NUR 301 Research in Nursing			3
NUR 312 Advanced Health Assessment			2
NUR 307 Communication Skills in Nursing			3
NUR 402 Nursing Care of Older Adult			3
NUR 403 Leadership and Management			4
NUR 409 Senior Seminar			3
NUR 412 Community and Public Health			4
NUR 415 Community and Public Health Practicum			2
		Gardner-Webb Hours	34
		Total Hours	124*

Gardner-Webb University MSN Courses	
NURS 500 Concepts in Professional Nursing (if taken in BSN)	*
NURS 501 Trends in Healthcare (if taken in BSN)	*
NURS 502 Methods of Advanced Research	3
NURS 504 Statistical Techniques for Graduate Research	3
NURS 506 Professional Role Development for Advanced Nursing Practice	3
Required Concentration: Nursing Education OR Nursing Administration	9
Education: NURS 600 The Nurse Educator, NURS 601 Curriculum Theory and Application, and NURS 602 Instructional and Educational Strategies	
Administration: NURS 606 Nursing Economics and Finance, NURS 607 Administration of Nursing and Health Care Organizations, and BADM 641 Health Care Law and Ethics	
NURS 616 Advanced Nursing Specialty Practicum	6
NURS 610 Thesis	3
NURS 612 Thesis	3
Total Additional Hours to Earn MSN	30

1. A student can receive transfer credit for courses according to the list of equivalencies set forth within the attached Transfer Plan. To receive credit for a course, a student must have earned a "C" (2.0) or better in that course. Other courses taken will be evaluated for transfer on a course-by-course basis by Gardner-Webb University's Registrar Services.
2. Up to 90* transfer hours could be awarded for RN-to-BSN transfer students. For a bachelor's degree, the final 30* credit hours for graduation must be taken at Gardner-Webb.
3. Transfer hours and program requirements may vary and are dependent upon the individual student's transfer work.
4. Students must complete 60* credit hours at GWU to be eligible for graduation honors.
5. Under the terms of the Gaston College Bridge to Professional Advancement in Nursing Partnership with Gardner-Webb University, qualifying Gaston students are accepted seamlessly into the RN-to-BSN and MSN at Gardner-Webb upon acceptance into Gaston's ADN.

*Gaston student beginning GWU fall 2021.

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Agreement made [, 2021] between Gaston College and Gardner-Webb University. This agreement will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Admissions Procedures



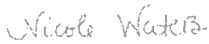


- To be considered for acceptance into the bridge program, Gaston ADN students submit in writing to the Director of Nursing their consent for Gaston to share the student's application/admission documents with GWU. Upon receipt of these documents, an enrollment representative from GWU will contact the student to assist with registration for classes.
- Students admitted to the Bridge to Professional Advancement in Nursing must meet admission requirements of the Associate Degree in Nursing at Gaston and Gardner-Webb University.
- Gardner-Webb University's Enrollment Management Office and Registrar Services will accept Gaston official application/admission documents as official copies of Gardner-Webb University application/admission documents for the purpose of entering applicant data into the Gardner-Webb University student data systems as a dually admitted Bridge to Professional Advancement in Nursing student in both the Gaston ADN and Gardner-Webb University.
- Gardner-Webb University will only process the applications of admitted applicants into the Gaston ADN program into the Gardner-Webb University student data systems after they have been accepted to the ADN.
- There is no application fee to Gardner-Webb University for Bridge to Professional Advancement in Nursing students.
- All documents will be processed through the Gaston Registrar's Office and official copies provided to Gardner-Webb University's Enrollment Management Office.
- Each enrolling Gardner-Webb University student must have an immunization record on file at Gardner-Webb University (as required by law) before registration. Gardner-Webb University reserves the right to cancel admission offers to students who do not provide full documentation or meet the requirements for acceptance by the stated deadline.

Academic Procedures


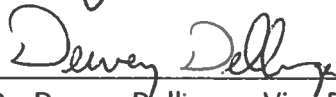
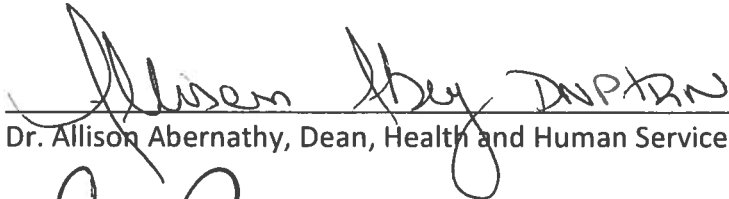
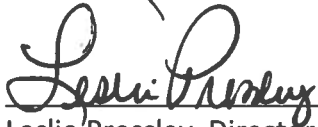
- On the ADN-to-MSN pathway, Gaston will serve as the home institution for students' enrollment until they have completed their ADN, and Gardner-Webb University will serve as the home institution for students who have completed their ADN and enrolled in the Davis RN-to-BSN.
- Dual admission and continued enrollment for each school will be ensured for Bridge to Professional Advancement in Nursing students each year by maintaining full-time status at the home institution as designated above.
- Students accepted into the Bridge to Professional Advancement in Nursing must meet the academic and professional requirements for eligibility to continue in the home institution as designated above.

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Signatures of representatives from Gardner-Webb University

 _____	<u>2/18/21</u>
Dr. William Downs, President	Date
 _____	<u>2/17/21</u>
Dr. Benjamin Leslie, Provost and Executive Vice President	Date
 _____	<u>2/17/21</u>
Dr. Nicole Waters, Associate Provost, College of Health Sciences	Date
 _____	<u>2/16/21</u>
Dr. Tracy Arnold, Dean, Hunt School of Nursing	Date
 _____	<u>2/8/21</u>
Dr. Elizabeth Pack, Dean, Adult and Distance Education	Date

Signatures of representatives from Gaston College

 _____	<u>3/4/21</u>
Dr. John Hauser, President	Date
 _____	<u>3/31/2021</u>
Dr. Dewey Dellinger, Vice President, Academic Affairs	Date
 _____	<u>3/7/2021</u>
Dr. Allison Abernathy, Dean, Health and Human Services	Date
 _____	<u>3/5/2021</u>
Leslie Pressley, Director, Nursing Programs	Date