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Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in our nursing programs at Georgia Southern University. The RN-BSN and RN-MSN programs are designed for students who have completed a Diploma or an Associate Degree Nursing Program and are Registered Nurses in Georgia. It is a tremendous decision to return to school and I applaud you for that effort.

The RN-BSN program is all online and we admit students each spring and fall semester. Clinical course requirements are designed to be met online. Completion of 45 hours of core courses is required before applying to the program. It is acceptable to have 8-10 hours of core remaining upon enrollment in the program. A G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher is required for full admission, while provisional admission is available with a G.P.A. of 2.7.

At this point you may be trying to decide if you want to go beyond earning your BSN and work toward earning both your BSN and MSN on the RN-MSN track, where you are prepared to become a Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP since 1982), or \*Community Health Clinical Nurse Specialist (CHCNS or CNS). While completing the undergraduate (BSN) requirements, RN-MSN students take the GRE or MAT and apply for admission to the College of Graduate Studies (COGS). The graduate MSN level courses use a \*\*hybrid format, with the final four courses meeting weekly.

\* CNS requires a cohort of students and may not be offered after July 2010.

\*\*Hybrid format means that the course meets on campus several times during the semester with the remainder online.

An all day on-campus orientation event is held each semester for new students, on the Saturday before classes begin, for new students to be advised, register for courses, have photo ID's made, and spend time exploring at least one online course. This orientation substitutes for the required university orientation called SOAR.

RN-BSN and RN-MSN program information and application materials are attached or can be found at: <http://www.georgiasouthernhealthscience.com/departments/school-of-nursing/undergraduate/registered-nurse-program.html>

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Regards,

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