



## GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

### **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)**

***(Offered by Georgian Court University at Lincroft) revised Oct. 13, 2024***

**This is for students taking their first GCU courses fall 2025 or later.**

#### **BSN Admission Requirements:**

- Licensed registered nurse prepared at the diploma or associate degree level (associate degree preferred).
- The following courses must eventually be completed and if they have not been completed by the time of admission, students may not be able to graduate on schedule:
  - Statistics (MATH131)
  - Pathophysiology HESC165 = NU275
- Below courses should be completed before beginning the program but may be completed after starting the program either at Brookdale or at GCU-Lakewood by taking an equivalent course:
  - Issues in Women's Studies (HUMN129 – replaces required GCU Shaping Lives course)
  - Introduction to Ethics (PHIL227 – fulfills GCU's ethics requirement)
- 2.00 minimum cumulative GPA (from all previous colleges attended),

***Students enrolled as GCU students who have Brookdale courses left in their program will need to pay Brookdale directly for the courses unless students take the courses through the GCU@Brookdale Course Exchange Consortium Agreement. Financial aid will be awarded and paid to students for GCU courses only unless students take Brookdale courses through the GCU@Brookdale Course Exchange Consortium Agreement.***

#### **Dual Admission**

Brookdale Community College and Georgian Court University have partnered together to offer Dual Admissions for BCC students. Dual Admissions allows a BCC student to apply and be admitted to GCU as early as their first semester at BCC. You must apply prior to your last semester at Brookdale. For a full description, please reference the Dual Admissions brochure located at <https://www.brookdalecc.edu/transfer-resources/info-georgian-court/>. Apply for BCC-GCU dual admission online (<https://www.brookdalecc.edu/transfer-resources/dual-admissions-programs/>).

Highlights of this agreement include:

1. Application fee to GCU is waived
2. Guaranteed admission to GCU provided you meet all entrance requirements
3. Your classes at Brookdale will satisfy GCU general education and other bachelor's degree course requirements as outlined in the Dual Admissions Agreement
4. Meetings with Georgian Court University faculty and advisors early and often to ensure a seamless transition and transfer of credits
5. Graduation requirements will not change based on the academic year you are accepted for dual admissions (certain restrictions apply)
6. Your BCC transcripts are automatically sent to GCU from Brookdale, at no charge

#### **How do I learn more?**

Please call GCU Admissions at 732-987-2700 for more information. Information Sessions about the Georgian Court Lincroft Program will be offered periodically by a Georgian Court Admission

Counselor. During the Information Sessions, students will have the opportunity to learn about admission requirements, program overview, benefits of Dual-Admission, and smooth transfer

**Next Steps to Apply to this GCU Lincroft Bachelor's Degree Program (all students, including dual admission students, should follow these steps):**

1. Apply to GCU online ([www.georgian.edu/brookdale](http://www.georgian.edu/brookdale)) or by submitting a paper application available at the Lincroft Campus
2. Submit your official transcripts from all colleges or universities attended (note: for dual admit students, Brookdale transcripts are sent automatically to GCU by Brookdale). If you plan to be an Education Major at GCU, you must also submit Praxis Core, SAT or ACT scores, and two completed Teacher Education Recommendation Forms ([www.georgian.edu/admissions/transfer](http://www.georgian.edu/admissions/transfer)) to GCU.
3. Accepted students will receive notification within 72 hrs of receiving the application and all supplemental documents. A Preliminary Transfer Credit Evaluation will be completed by GCU and sent to you.
4. Confirm your enrollment by submitting your enrollment deposit of \$250 during your last semester at BCC.
5. Submit your FAFSA. The GCU School Code is 002608.
6. Attend a Registration Night during your last semester at BCC to meet with a Faculty Academic Advisor to review your Progress Chart and discuss course selection. You will sign up for GCU classes at this event.

**Structure of GCU BSN Part of Program:**

At Lincroft, Georgian Court offers an RN to BSN program. The nursing curriculum complements the mission, vision, and core values of the university and prepares students to become competent, effective, and caring practitioners of the profession of nursing. Evidence-based care is the organizing framework for the program. The curriculum is based on nursing theories and research as they apply to the performance of evidence-based practice, which is the synthesis by nurses of scientific evidence and patient characteristics and preferences into a plan for delivery and evaluation of care. Theories and research from other disciplines, such as from the biomedical, behavioral, and social sciences, are integrated into the curriculum where appropriate. The program is conducted in partnership with Hackensack Meridian *Health*.

The program has a population health focus. Major Sequence: A minimum of 30 credits including NU221 (Health Assessment), NU275 (Pathophysiology), NU311 (Intro to BSN: Issues & Trends), NU343 (Evidence for Prof Nursing Practice), NU356 (Evidence-Based Care of Older Adult), NU421 (Nursing Pract in Comm), and NU471 (Leadership & Mgmt Nursing), plus 8-10 credits of electives that include NU350 (Health Advocacy), NU351 (Health Policy), and NU470 (Special Topics in Nursing: population health).

**Structure of Rest of the GCU Part of the Program:**

Graduates of an accredited NJ community college who have earned an associate degree with a cumulative GPA of at least 2.0 and have completed the general education requirements established in the statewide agreement will transfer those general education credits in full to satisfy a minimum of 45 (A.A.), 30 (A.S.), or 20 (other associate degree) credits of the Georgian Court General Education Requirements. Only courses in which a grade of "C" or higher has been achieved are eligible for transfer. Courses transferred as part of the community college's general education program that have GCU general education equivalents will be transferred as those equivalent courses. Other general education courses required by the community college will be transferred as general education electives. If an equivalency is not transferred, all four of the following general education requirements must be fulfilled: a designated Religious Studies course, a designated Women and Gender Studies course (BCC's HUMN129 fulfills the requirement), a designated Ethics course (BCC's PHIL227 fulfills the requirement), and the Capstone course (GEN400). The GCU Experiential Learning requirement must be fulfilled as follows: 1) GEN400, which includes a service learning project, and 2) a clinical practice experience (satisfied by the student's culminating nursing clinical placement at the licensure level).

**Tuition:**

\$605/credit for 2024-2025. No general fees are charged.

**Degree FAQ:**

**How many credits can I transfer to this program?**

Georgian Court University will accept all Brookdale courses listed as requirements on the Lincroft RN to BSN degree plan plus Brookdale requirements that are not part of the degree plan [e.g., Oral Communications course]. Remaining required course work must be completed through GCU. GCU will accept up to 75 credits from Brookdale or other community colleges. Up to 15 additional credits will be accepted from 4-year institutions. At least 30 credits must be earned at Georgian Court, including at least 15 credits in the Nursing major.

**How many credits are required?**

Students must earn a minimum of 120 credits to meet requirements for the BSN in Nursing.

**Can I attend courses at the Lakewood campus as well?**

Yes, if the courses are approved by your advisor. Some restrictions apply. Please consult the policy entitled "Students taking courses at an enrollment location other than their own" in the GCU catalog at <http://georgian.edu/publications/>.

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GCU Admissions Office: 732-987-2700, or [admissions@georgian.edu](mailto:admissions@georgian.edu)

**Georgian Court University and Brookdale Community College: Lincroft  
B.S.N. Full Time Schedule (RN to BSN) (subject to change) (14 week courses)  
2+2 program for students enrolling at GCU's 2+2 Lincroft program in fall 2025**

	Fall 25	Spr 26	Sum 26	Fall 26	Spr 27
Full-time	#^NU221 ^NU311 (2 cr) ^NU456 (2 cr) ^ReligStudies (10 cr total)  ^HESC165=NU275 and/or MATH131 (if not yet taken) (3 cr. each)  #Enrolled as a GCU student	^NU350 ^NU343 ^NU421 (6 cr) (12 cr total)  ^HESC165=NU275 and/or MATH131 (if not yet taken) (3 cr each)  #Enrolled as a GCU student	^PHIL227*** and ^HUMN129 (if not yet taken) (6 cr total)  #Enrolled as a GCU student	^NU471 ^NU351 ^NU470 (1-4 cr) #^GEN400 (10-13 cr total)  #Enrolled as a GCU student	Electives if needed

**Georgian Court University and Brookdale Community College: Lincroft  
B.S.N. Part Time Schedule (RN to BSN) (subject to change) (14 week courses)  
2+2 program schedule**

	Fall 25	Spr 26	Sum 26	Fall 26	Spr 27	Sum 27
Part-time	#^NU221 ^NU311 (2 cr)  #Enrolled as a GCU student	^NU350 ^NU343  #Enrolled as a GCU student		^NU356 (2 cr) ^ReligStudies  #Enrolled as a GCU student	^HESC165=NU275 and/or MATH131 (if not yet taken) (3 cr each)  #Enrolled as a GCU student	

	Fall 27	Spr 28	Sum 28	Fall 28	Spr 29	Sum 29
Part-time	^NU351 ^NU470 (1-4 cr)	^NU421 (6 cr)	^PHIL227*** and ^HUMN129 (if	^NU471 #^GEN400 (10-13 cr total)	Electives if needed	

	#Enrolled as a GCU student	#Enrolled as a GCU student	not yet taken) (6 cr total) #Enrolled as a GCU student	#Enrolled as a GCU student		
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^Required course. All other courses listed are recommended but not required. Student's financial aid status may be adversely affected by not taking a full-time (or part-time, depending on aid) load of GCU credits. Where "or" is shown, course offered is determined by GCU.

# In order to be a full-time student for financial aid purposes when enrolled in a GCU Lincroft program, undergraduate students will need to be enrolled in at least 12 GCU credits. Students who have completed appropriate course prerequisites may choose to take courses offered at Lincroft in a different GCU program. Otherwise, students may take GCU online or Lakewood courses at the Lincroft tuition rate. Students who have Brookdale courses left in their program will need to pay Brookdale directly for the courses even if taking a mixture of Brookdale and GCU courses, unless students take the courses through the GCU@Brookdale Course Exchange Consortium Agreement. Financial aid will be awarded and paid to students for GCU courses only unless students take Brookdale courses through the GCU@Brookdale Course Exchange Consortium Agreement. See separate Course Exchange Consortium Agreement documents for more information. Questions about financial aid should be referred to the GCU financial aid office (732.987.2258 – please identify yourself as a Lincroft student).

\*\*\*Students who do not take BCC's PHIL227 may take a GCU Ethics course online to fulfill GCU's Ethics Requirement

All courses are 3 credits unless otherwise indicated

NU221 Health Assessment	NU471 Leadership & Mgmt Nursing
NU275 Pathophysiology	NU350 Health Advocacy
NU311 Intro to BSN: Issues/Trends (2 cr)	NU351 Health Policy
NU343 Evidence for Prof Nursing Practice	NU470 Spec Topics: Population Health (1-4 cr)
NU421 Nursing Pract in Comm (6 cr)	GEN400: Visioning a Future
NU356 Evidence-Based Care of Older Adult (2 cr)	Ethics: BU319 Bus& Prof Ethics, PL300 Phil Ethics, RS334 Theol Ethics, or RS336 Soc Just Ethics
ReligStudies: RS208 Discovering the Bible, RS213 Women & the Bible, RS220 Christian Trad., or RS260 Christianity in Dialogue	

Advising notes for students:

1. Students do not have to have taken all transferable credits prior to entry into the bachelor's degree program. HOWEVER, all requirements listed in this handout and the GCU catalog MUST eventually be completed. Students must earn at least 30 credits from GCU to graduate, even if the program of courses offered at Lincroft does not total 30 credits. Please note in particular the requirements for these courses that GCU does not offer at Lincroft: Statistics (BCC's MATH131 fulfills the requirement), a designated Women and Gender Studies course (BCC's HUMN129 fulfills the requirement), and a designated Ethics course (BCC's PHIL227 fulfills the requirement). The student's GCU Registrar-issued Progress Chart shows which requirements have or have not been completed.
2. Students may complete some general education or general elective credits at Brookdale.
3. The program is designed for full-time students. Students not following the published cohort schedule in its entirety should realize that they may experience some course conflicts. GCU is not responsible for resolving such conflicts.
4. Some courses may be offered in online mode only. GCU attempts to offer courses on no more than two days per week but cannot guarantee that the courses will be offered on only two days per week or that the days per week will not change from semester to semester.
5. Lincroft students must earn at least 48 GCU credits in courses graded A-F to be eligible for degree honors.