

Bachelor of Science in Nursing - RN to BSN Online Degree Completion Program

The RN to BSN program offers advanced placement to registered nurses seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The program is completely online, is accessible 24 hours a day, and can be completed in as little as one calendar year or up to six years of part-time study. Thirty (30) hours of credit for life experience is awarded upon documentation of successful completion of the NCLEX-RN exam. This value added program builds on the skills of the registered nurse's previous nursing educational program. The BSN expands an RN's knowledge base to provide a means for continued advancement in the profession, and to meet the necessary requirements for pursuing a graduate degree in nursing. Students interested in more information should visit the RN to BSN webpage (<http://wichita.edu/RNtoBSN/>)¹ or contact the RN to BSN advisor at:

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¹ Link opens new window.

Admission

Registered Nurses must:

1. Apply to Wichita State University and submit official transcripts of college courses and records verifying completion of an accredited registered nurse program;
2. Submit verification of current license to practice as a registered nurse in their state of residence; and
3. Submit an application to the RN to BSN program.

Transcript evaluation will determine the plan of study required for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Students with an Associates Degree in Nursing (ADN) from an accredited university will meet WSU's General Education Program (<http://catalog.wichita.edu/undergraduate/academic-information/general-education-program/>) requirements.

Prerequisite Courses

A minimum total of 120 credit hours is required for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing which includes 61 credit hours of major (professional) courses and 30 credit hours of prerequisite courses. All prerequisite courses must be completed with a minimum grade of C (2.000). Students must meet all University graduation requirements.

Course	Title	Hours
ENGL 101	College English I	3
ENGL 102	College English II	3
COMM 111	Public Speaking	3
PSY 111	General Psychology	3
PSY 325	Developmental Psychology	3
SOC 111	Introduction to Sociology	3
BIOL 220	Introduction to Microbiology	4
or BIOL 330	General Microbiology	
BIOL 223	Human Anatomy and Physiology	5
or HS 290	Foundational Human Anatomy and Physiology	
STAT 370	Elementary Statistics	3

or ECON 231	Introductory Business Statistics
or PSY 301	Psychological Statistics

Total Credit Hours 30

Professional Curriculum

Professional curriculum is 31 credit hours. (Nursing courses are offered in eight-week blocks.)

Contact the School of Nursing for individualized plan of study.

Course	Title	Hours
General Education and Program Prerequisites ¹		
General Education requirements and program prerequisite courses considered completed through transfer work		49-50
Retroactive Credit		
Upper-division nursing credits awarded retroactively on the basis of successful completion of NCLEX-RN exam (30 credit hours)		30
Professional Curriculum		
NURS 346	Health Assessment for the Practicing RN	3
NURS 329	Evidence-Based Nursing for the Practicing RN (STAT 370 is a course prerequisite)	3
NURS 337	Foundations of Nursing Leadership for the Practicing RN	4
NURS 451	Care of Populations for the Practicing RN	3
NURS 490	Healthcare Leadership for the Practicing RN	3
NURS 496	Nursing Leadership Practicum for the Practicing RN	2
Intro to Pathophysiology		4
Clinical Pharmacology		3
Select two courses from the following list ²		6
PHS 310	Introduction to U.S. Healthcare and Administration	
PHS 326	Emerging Global Healthcare Issues	
PHS 408	Adaptive Leadership	
MLS 430	Impact of Disease Upon Global Events	
FA 321	Avant-Garde Art, Film, Rock Music and Subcultures	
BIOL 370	Introductory Environmental Science	
PSY 534	Psychology of Women	
SOC 316	Men and Masculinities	
SOC 319	Sociology of Sexualities	
SOC 326	Sociology of Race & Ethnicity	
SOC 346	Sociology of Globalization	
THEA 385	Theatre as a Mirror of Today's America	
IB 333	International Business	
ID 301	Leadership is Essential Seminar	
Open Electives		
Select enough electives to reach 120 credit hours		9-10
Total Credit Hours		120

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² Students wishing to explore alternative courses not listed, must contact the RN to BSN academic advisor.

Graduation and Program Requirements

1. All prerequisite and professional courses must be completed with a C (2.000) or higher.
2. Graduation requirements:
 - a. 30 credit hours must be taken from WSU;
 - b. Last 24 of 30 credit hours must be at WSU;
 - c. 45 upper-division credit hours (up to 30 of these awarded via credit for life experience); and
 - d. 120 total credit hours required for Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
3. 2.500 cumulative GPA for admission to the School of Nursing.
4. Licensed RN (must be obtained within the first eight weeks of beginning the program).

Credit Awarded For Life Experience (Nursing Licensure)

Registered nurses are eligible for credit for life experience towards the BSN degree by demonstrating successful completion of the NCLEX-RN national exam. There is no fee for credit for life experience. The University requires 45 upper division hours. Credit for life experience can help achieve these requirements. Thirty (30) credit hours will be posted to the student's transcript upon admission to the RN-BSN program.

Applied Learning

Students in the RSN to BSN degree completion program are required to complete an applied learning or research experience to graduate from the program. The requirement can be met by completing all required coursework culminating with the NURS 496 Nursing Leadership Practicum for the Practicing RN course.