

RN to B.S. in Nursing

GENERAL EDUCATION STUDIES 36 hours

General Education: *9 hours*

- COM 1143 Fundamentals of Speech
- ENG 1113 Composition and Rhetoric I
- ENG 1123 Composition and Rhetoric II

Psychology/Sociology: *3 hours*

Biological Sciences: *12 hours*

Electives or other courses: *6 hours*

General Biblical Studies: *12 hours*

- BIB 2213 Bible Study
- REL 1133 Authentic Christianity
- REL 1153 New Testament Literature
- THE 2113 Introduction to Theology and Apologetics

PROFESSIONAL STUDIES 48 hours

Transferable pre-licensure Nursing courses with a minimum grade of a C

MAJOR STUDIES - Upper Level Nursing 36 hours

- NRS 3113 Health Assessment
- NRS 3125 Pathophysiology and Disease Management
- NRS 3133 Health Care Trends and Issues
- NRS 3153 Nursing Role Transition
- NRS 4113 Theories and Models of Nursing
- NRS 4123 Health Care Informatics and Quality Improvement
- NRS 4213 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice
- NRS 4222 Community Health Project
- NRS 4223 Community Health Nursing
- NRS 4233 Leadership and Management of Health Care
- NRS 4243 Leadership Project

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree is designed as a cap-stone degree completion program only for nurses who hold unrestricted license as a Registered Nurse in their own home state. The program is evidence-based, utilizing a state of the art online learning system, to provide learning opportunities in the most flexible and convenient way. The program consists of advanced clinical topics as well as leadership topics with a Christian perspective.

This program is a single track Bachelor's Degree in Nursing, designed for currently active Registered Nurses seeking to obtain their four year degree consisting of 48 hours of professional course work and a component of general education and biblical studies. The program is delivered completely online to give students maximum flexibility in their degree, while completing the course of study in about two years.

Upon completion of this program students should be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and clinical competence in performing a complete health assessment, determining the pathology and disease management options.
2. Demonstrate knowledge and competence in addressing geriatric population needs.
3. Demonstrate competence in assessing the health needs of a defined community.
4. Demonstrate knowledge of theories of nursing and their applicability to practice.

RN to B.S. in Nursing *continued*

Recommended Nursing Electives (as needed)

- APS 3313 Experiential Learning Credit
- NRS 4133 Ethical and Legal Issues
- NRS 4183 Nursing Education
- PSY 2423 Cultural Issues in the Helping Professions
- PSY 3443 Crisis Intervention and Management
- Other Accounting, Business or Management courses

TOTAL PROGRAM HOURS 120 Hours

5. Demonstrate understanding of the research process and ability to seek for evidence of best practice.
6. Demonstrate understanding of current issues and trends in health care.
7. Demonstrate proficiency in providing culturally competent care and contributing as an effective team member of a diverse workforce.
8. Demonstrate knowledge and competence in crisis management.
9. Demonstrate knowledge of management and leadership theories.
10. Identify an opportunity for improvement and complete a process improvement project utilizing knowledge and strategies learned throughout the program.

Additional Program Stipulations

1. Transferable general education courses with a grade of "C" or better.
2. Transferable nursing courses with a grade of "C" or better.
3. Fully online program.
4. Applicant transcripts evaluated individually.
5. Students must attend specific orientation at the beginning of the program.

Students may apply for experiential learning credit via APS 3313 (up to a maximum of 30 credits).

1. Certification credit (up to 18 credits)
 - a. Full time work experience in nursing (up to 12 credits)
 - b. Current certification/credential in specialized nursing practice awarded by professional healthcare and/or nursing organizations, such as ANCC, AACN, ENA, ONS, etc. (up to 6 credits)
2. Challenge Credits
 - a. Providing evidence of competency for 6 nursing courses (up to 19 credits)
 - Health Assessment
 - Role Transition
 - Health Care Informatics and Quality Improvement
 - Community Health Nursing
 - Community Health Project
 - Leadership and Management of Health Care
 - b. Other catalog curricula which may fit the degree, such as business courses.