RN to Bachelor of Science Program

The WVU School of Nursing RN to BSN program offers graduates of diploma and associate degree nursing programs the opportunity to complete requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN) at the Charleston, Morgantown, and Beckley campuses. Nursing courses in the RN to BSN program are designed for completion in three semesters of full-time study. Alternate progression patterns are available for students needing to maintain 12 credit hours each semester and for students wishing to maintain part-time enrollment. All the courses are offered as web courses. The School of Nursing offers in-state tuition for all students enrolled in the RN-BSN program, regardless of residency.

ADMISSION FOR RN TO BSN PROGRAM

Registered nurses are admitted directly to the School of Nursing. Acceptance and placement in the program are dependent upon the individual's academic record and upon the number of spaces available. An unrestricted license to practice nursing, an Associate Degree in Nursing from a nationally accredited program, and a grade point average of 2.5 or better on all college work attempted are required to be eligible for consideration. The School of Nursing offers in-state tuition for all students enrolled in the RN-BSN program, regardless of residency.

All Registered Nurses will transfer 50 hours of undifferentiated nursing credit. All RN to BSN students will be required to meet WVU's General Education Foundations (GEF). Students who already hold a bachelors degree in another discipline will be required to complete ENGL 102, STAT 211, PSYC 101, PSYC 241, and SOCA 101 or SOCA 105 (if not already taken) to fulfill the GEF requirements. Advisors will work with students to identify courses already appearing on the transcript that meet GEF requirements, and then develop a plan to fulfill any remaining requirements. For example:

- 120 credits (minimum required to graduate)
- 50 undifferentiated nursing credits for RN license
- 70 credits remaining
- 28 credits RN-BSN nursing courses (See program of study)

42 general education credits remaining

*General education credits may be fulfilled by course work from associate degrees or other college work. For more information about General Education Foundations; see link below. For more information about course equivalence please see the following website: Transfer Course Equivalency System (http://admissions.wvu.edu/admissions/university-requirements/transfer_equivalency).

PLEASE NOTE: The last consecutive 30 enrolled credits must be taken at WVU in order to meet residency requirements for graduation.

Note: Admission criteria are subject to change. Please see the School of Nursing website for the most up-to-date criteria (http://nursing.hsc.wvu.edu).

Click here to view the Suggested Plan of Study (p. 2)

GENERAL EDUCATION FOUNDATIONS

Please use this link to view a list of courses that meet each GEF requirement. (http://registrar.wvu.edu/gef)

NOTE: Some major requirements will fulfill specific GEF requirements. Please see the curriculum requirements listed below for details on which GEFs you will need to select.

**General Education Foundations**

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| F2A/F2B - Science & Technology | 4-6 |
| F3 - Math & Quantitative Skills | 3-4 |
| F4 - Society & Connections | 3 |
| F5 - Human Inquiry & the Past | 3 |
| F6 - The Arts & Creativity | 3 |
| F7 - Global Studies & Diversity | 3 |
| F8 - Focus (may be satisfied by completion of a minor, double major, or dual degree) | 9 |

Total Hours: 31-37
RN to BSN Curriculum

All Registered Nurses will transfer 50 hours of undifferentiated nursing credit. All RN to BSN students will be required to meet WVU's General Education Foundations Curriculum (GEF). If a student already holds a bachelors degree in another discipline, you will be required to complete ENGL 102, STAT 211, PSYC 101, PSYC 241, and SOCA 101 or SOCA 105 (if not already taken) to fulfill nursing requirements. Advisors will work with students to identify courses already appearing on the transcript that meet GEF requirements, and then develop a plan to fulfill any remaining requirements.

Student must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on college work attempted and carry an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher throughout through completion of degree. Note that the last 30 credit hours taken for the degree MUST come from WVU in order to meet residency requirements.

Overall GPA of 2.5 or higher is required through completion of degree
Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher on college work attempted is required

Transfer Credits

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Required Courses

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<td>NSG 471 Community Health Nursing: Theory and Interventions</td>
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Total Hours 120

* Used to meet minimum total credits of 120 for the degree.
** Transfer credit equivalent to the specific course is allowed.
*** 120 credit hours are required by WVU for awarding of an undergraduate degree

Suggested Plan of Study for Full Time RN-BSN: 3 Semesters

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Total credit hours: 8

* Completion of transfer credit or courses to fulfill GEF requirement and reach a total of 120 credits is required.

Suggested Plan of Study for Part-Time RN-BSN: 2 Years/5 Semesters

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Total credit hours: 40

* Completion of transfer credit or courses to fulfill GEF requirement and reach a total of 120 credits is required.

**Major Learning Goals**

**RN TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING**

**CRITICAL THINKING:** Employ scholarly inquiry and evidence-based reasoning and creativity in the process of assessment, interpretation, analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and inference as a basis for professional nursing practice.

**NURSING INTERVENTION:** Ensure quality care by applying theory, evidence-based clinical judgment and decision-making, and patient care technology in the delivery of safe and skilled nursing therapeutics with individuals, families, communities, and populations across the health-illness continuum.

**PROFESSIONAL ROLE:** Demonstrate knowledge, attitudes, professional values, personal qualities and behaviors consistent with the nursing roles of health care designer and coordinator, organization and system leader, and advocate for consumers and the nursing profession.

**CARING:** Provide empathetic, culturally sensitive, and compassionate care for individuals, families, communities, and populations that upholds moral, legal, and ethical humanistic principles.

**COMMUNICATION:** Integrate therapeutic, interpersonal, intraprofessional, interprofessional and informatics communication processes in professional nursing practice.