

RN to BSN, B.S.N.

Degree Offered

- RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Nature of the Program

RN TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

Registered nurses can complete the BSN requirements online through a completely web-based RN to BSN program. Advising for the program can occur at WVU in Morgantown or Charleston. Nursing courses for RN to BSN students are offered every semester to provide opportunity for individualized progression plans and completion of degree requirements in two to three semesters of full-time study if non-nursing courses are already completed. Part-time options are also available. The School offers in-state tuition for all students enrolled in the RN to BSN program, regardless of residency.

Admissions for 2026-2027

RN TO BSN PROGRAM ADMISSION

Registered nurses that graduated from nationally accredited associate degree or diploma nursing programs are admitted directly to the School of Nursing and RN to BSN Program. Acceptance and placement in the program are dependent upon the individual's academic record and upon the number of spaces available. An active, unencumbered RN license and a grade point average of 2.5 or better on all college work attempted are required to be eligible for consideration. Applicants with a grade point average of 2.0-2.49 on all college work attempted may be eligible for provisional admission.

New graduates from nationally accredited associate degree or diploma nursing programs that have not yet taken the NCELX-RN can be provisionally admitted with the condition that an active, unencumbered RN license is obtained prior to the day that midterm grades are due during their first semester in the program. If the provision is not satisfied by the deadline, the student will be withdrawn from the program. Students entering the two-semester accelerated RN to BSN option must have an active RN license prior to the first day of classes.

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 based on RN licensure. All RN to BSN students will be required to meet WVU's General Education Foundations (GEF) requirements (the University waives the GEF requirements for those with a previous bachelor's degree, Associate of Arts degree, Associate of Science degree, or Associate of Applied Science degree, but the student is still required to complete nursing general education requirements). Advisors will work with students to identify courses already appearing on the transcript that meet GEF requirements and develop a plan to fulfill any remaining requirements. RN to BSN general education requirements, regarding of University GEF credit requirements, include ENGL 101, ENGL 102, and STAT 211.

For example:

120 credits (minimum required to graduate)
 -50 undifferentiated nursing credits for RN license
 70 credits remaining

-30 credits RN-BSN nursing courses (See program of study)
 40 general education credits remaining*

*General education credits may be fulfilled by course work from associate degrees or other college work completed at regionally accredited colleges or universities. For more information about General Education Foundations; see link GEF Requirements (<https://registrar.wvu.edu/curriculum-catalog/general-education-foundations-gef/>). 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.

Students who have been dismissed from any nursing program (WVU or otherwise) are ineligible for admission to any of the WVU BSN program; however, students who have received degrees or additional credentialing post-academic dismissal from a nursing program are eligible for admission to the BS/BA to BSN, RN-BSN, or graduate programs, provided they meet all other admission requirements and based on space available.

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/>).

Major Code: 8650

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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.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Foundations		
F1 - Composition & Rhetoric		3-6
ENGL 101 & ENGL 102 or ENGL 103	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric and Composition, Rhetoric, and Research Accelerated Academic Writing	
F2A/F2B - Science & Technology		4-6
F3 - Math & Quantitative Reasoning		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

Please note that not all of the GEF courses are offered at all campuses. Students should consult with their advisor or academic department regarding the GEF course offerings available at their campus.

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 bachelor's degree in another discipline, you will be required to complete ENGL 101, ENGL 102, and STAT 211 (if not already completed at a regionally accredited college or university) 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. Note that the last 30 credit hours taken for the degree MUST come from WVU in order to meet residency requirements.

Code	Title	Hours
All students need to maintain a 2.5 overall GPA in Nursing major requirements.		
Transfer Credits		
Undifferentiated nursing transfer credit		50
GEF 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8		25
Additional elective transfer credit *		6
Required Courses		
Must be completed with a grade of C- or better		
ENGL 101	Introduction to Composition and Rhetoric (GEF 1)	3
ENGL 102	Composition, Rhetoric, and Research (GEF 1) **	3
STAT 211	Elementary Statistical Inference (GEF 3) **	3
NSG 333	Ethics in Nursing	3
NSG 361	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	4
NSG 362	Health Promotion Across the Lifespan	4
NSG 373	Professional Leadership in Nursing	3
NSG 461	Healthcare Policy and Finance for Professional Nursing Practice	3
NSG 475	Applied Research and Evidence-Based Practice	5
NSG 465	Foundations of Evidence-Based Practice	3
NSG 471	Population Health Nursing: Theory and Interventions	5
Total Hours		120

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Used to meet minimum total credits of 120 for the degree.

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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

First Semester	Hours
Transfer credit*	
GEF	
NSG 333	3
NSG 361	4
NSG 362	4
	11
Second Semester	Hours
NSG 461	3
NSG 465	3
NSG 373	3
	9
Third Semester	Hours
NSG 471	5
NSG 475	5
	10
Total credit hours: 30	

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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

First Year					
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
Transfer credit.*		NSG 373		3 GEF	3
NSG 333		3 GEF			
NSG 361		4			
		7		3	3
Second Year					
Fall	Hours	Spring	Hours	Summer	Hours
NSG 362		4 NSG 465		3 NSG 475	5
GEF		3 NSG 461		3 NSG 471	5
GEF		3			
		10		6	10
Total credit hours: 39					

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

Major Learning Outcomes

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

1. Integrate knowledge and theories from nursing and other disciplines to form the basis for clinical judgement and innovation in nursing practice.
2. Evaluate evidence-based, inclusive, equitable, and compassionate nursing care for diverse individuals, families, and communities.
3. Engage in collaborative partnerships with communities, public health, and other industries to address social determinants of health and improve health outcomes.

4. Utilize evidence-based nursing interventions, information, and communication technologies to drive decisions that enhance quality of care, reduce risk potential, and improve health outcomes in accordance with regulatory standards and health policy.
5. Collaborate with interprofessional teams, families, and communities to support the acquisition of shared knowledge and expertise to optimize communication and the healthcare experience to strengthen health outcomes.
6. Coordinate nursing resources within complex systems to promote safe, quality, and equitable care to diverse populations.
7. Model behaviors that reflect accountability, integrity, and characteristics that align with professional and ethical nursing standards.
8. Participate in activities and self-reflection that foster personal health and resilience to support well-being, the acquisition of nursing expertise, leadership development, and lifelong learning.