

The bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) program is designed for the registered nurse who wishes to advance his or her knowledge in nursing, the sciences, and the liberal arts. The program helps the registered nurse develop analytic and communication skills for professional excellence.

The BSN curriculum focuses on holistic health promotion for the student, the profession, the client, the family, groups, and the community. There is a strong emphasis on the nurse's professional development, the needs and future of the profession, and the broad, accountable nursing role that is needed and expected by today's health care consumer. Faculty expertise, a variety of teaching strategies, and learning environments are used to meet program and student goals.

The program is tailored to working adults, offering part-time enrollment and eight-week terms. To accommodate individuals' unique learning preferences, classes are offered in two formats: face-to-face and online. Eligible students may attend evening face-to-face classes at our St. Louis-area corporate partner sites.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A minimum of 128 credit hours consisting of the following:

- 27 credit hours in upper division nursing coursework
- 3 credit hours in the required Global Keystone Seminar
- 26 credit hours in designated University Global Citizenship Program (GCP)*
- 32 credit hours of lower-division nursing coursework*
- 40 elective hours*

RN-BSN students are required to take at least 30 credit hours at Webster University.

**Most students transfer in many of these credit hours.*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE NURSING (RN-BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM)



LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of the program, the graduate will be able to:

- Demonstrate professionalism in nursing practice
- Apply leadership skills to promote a culture of quality care and patient safety
- Discuss research and evidence as it applies to professional nursing practice
- Describe the role of information technology in professional nursing practice
- Demonstrate basic understanding of the impact of health policy, finance, social, political, and regulatory processes on the healthcare system
- Advocate for the client's needs in a diverse, global environment
- Collaborate with clients and other healthcare professionals to promote quality care
- Apply principles of health promotion and prevention to individuals, families, and populations



CURRICULUM

Required Courses

- **NURS 3010** Concepts of Professional Nursing (3 credits)
- **NURS 3020** Lifespan Health Assessment for RNs (3 credits)
- **NURS 3270** Evidence-Based Practice for Nurses (3 credits)
- **NURS 3410** Health Promotion and Education (3 credits)
- **NURS 4110** Interprofessional Collaboration (3 credits)
- **NURS 4240** Organizational and Systems Leadership (3 credits)
- **NURS 4250** Population Health: Clinical Prevention with Families and Communities (3 credits)
- **NURS 4255** Population Health Practicum (2 credits)
- **NURS 4410** Health Care Policy, Finance, and Regulatory Environments (3 credits)
- **NURS 4800** Capstone Portfolio (1 credit)
- **Global Keystone Seminar** (3 credits)

OTHER COURSE REQUIREMENTS

All registered nurse (RN) applicants must successfully establish college credit hours in the following areas:

- English (3 credits)
- General Psychology (3 credits)
- General Sociology (3 credits)
- Physical and Natural World Sciences (PNW) (8 credits)
- Quantitative Literacy (3 credits)
- Humanities (3 credits)
- Second language study or arts appreciation (3 credits)

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

To progress through the program, nursing courses (NURS) must be completed with a grade of “C” or higher. In addition, in courses with a clinical component, students must receive a grade of “Satisfactory” in the clinical portion of the course in order to pass the course.

Unsatisfactory completion of the clinical component of the course results in automatic failure of the course. Students may repeat a specific nursing course only one time, and no more than two nursing courses may be repeated during the program.

ADMISSION

Students who are interested in applying to this degree program should see the Admission Section of the undergraduate catalog for general requirements and review the Special Admission Requirements which are specific to the RN-BSN program.

SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

RN-BSN applicants must also:

- Provide proof of current unencumbered U.S. registered nurse licensure or be eligible for licensure as an RN and have a scheduled NCLEX exam within three months of beginning the program. Progression through the program is contingent on maintenance of an unencumbered nursing license.
- Provide transcripts from nursing schools and all colleges from which academic credit has been granted.
- Demonstrate a GPA of 2.5 on 4.0 scale in previous scholastic work.
- Complete the Webster University undergraduate application and submit the application fee.
- Submit a résumé.
- Complete an advising interview with a faculty member.
- Successfully and satisfactorily complete a drug screen and criminal background check, plus submit other required documents including, but not limited to, a health history; a vaccination/immunization profile (influenza, HepB, TDap/Td, MMR, and varicella); annual TB test/screen; evidence of American Heart Association CPR or ACLS certification; a copy of current personal health insurance card; and a signed student contract.

Supplemental application materials should be sent to:

Office of Admissions
470 E. Lockwood Ave.
St. Louis, MO 63119-3194 USA

OR submitted electronically to: admit@webster.edu



ACCREDITATION

Webster University is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission, 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604 · hlcommission.org · 800.621.7440.

Webster University BSN and MSN programs are accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN),
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