

RN TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

The RN to Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) is designed for the Registered Nurse (RN) with an Associate's Degree in Nursing who is ready to change healthcare delivery to patients. This degree builds on nursing practice skills and experience integrating new and innovative methods to advance healthcare. Emphasis is placed on the professional nursing role including patient-centered care, use of technology, improving outcomes and innovative leadership while using evidence as a foundation for best practice.

Program Learning Outcomes

The RN to Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing provides a curriculum that links theory and practice to promote nine program learning outcomes that are based on the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (2008) Essentials of Baccalaureate Education for Professional Nursing Practice:

- **Liberal Education:** Integrate knowledge, skills, and values from the arts and sciences into nursing practice.
- **Organizational and Systems Leadership:** Incorporate managerial and leadership principles to achieve desired healthcare outcomes.
- **Scholarship:** Implement evidence-based thinking into practice.
- **Information and Patient Care Technology:** Apply informatics and patient care technology skills to improve patient care.
- **Healthcare Policy, Finance, and Regulatory Environments:** Demonstrate responsibility and accountability as a manager of care in all healthcare environments.
- **Interprofessional Communication and Collaboration:** Engage in effective interprofessional, personal and collaborative communication to improve patient outcomes.
- **Clinical Prevention and Population Health:** Provide population focused nursing care with an emphasis on health promotion and disease prevention across healthcare settings.
- **Professionalism and Professional Values:** Demonstrate core professional values and practices within an ethical and legal framework.
- **Baccalaureate Generalist Nursing Practice:** Incorporate knowledge, skills, and attitudes essential to clinical decision making and patient care provision for individuals and populations across the lifespan.

Course Delivery

The RN to Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN) is designed for the working RN with an Associate Degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited institution. Students have 4 options to complete this degree program:

- Option 1: Full-time students take 2 courses per 8-week session and complete the nursing core coursework within 1 academic year.
- Option 2: Part-time students take 1 course per 8-week session and complete the nursing core coursework within 2 academic years.
- Option 3: Community College Wrap Full-time: Students will take 2 courses in the summer sessions between their first and second year in the associate degree program, and 2 courses during the following summer session. Students will take 2 courses per 8-week session during the fall and spring semesters following the completion of their associate degree program. Students complete the RN to

BSN program within 1 year of completing their Associate Degree in Nursing.

- Option 4: Community College Wrap Part-time: Students will take 2 courses in the summer sessions between their first and second year in the associate degree program, and 2 courses during the following summer session and 1 course during each of the subsequent 8-week sessions. Students complete the RN to BSN program within 2 years of completing their Associate Degree in Nursing.

The Musco School of Nursing and Health Professions program blends three instructional strategies to produce an engaged learning curriculum. The first is immersion: our programs include face-to-face meetings conducted at the Irvine campus or regional locations in a 2 to 3 day session. There is one immersion session for the RN to BSN program, at the beginning of the program to introduce students to their cohort, the University and to orient them to our digital platforms. During the immersion sessions, students may receive orientation instruction, work as teams, and participate in demonstrations, exercises, assessments, and evaluations. Students are invited to present their evidence-based baccalaureate leadership change projects at a subsequent immersion. The second is practicum experience: our program includes a community practicum and evidence-based leadership experience conducted where students live or work. The third is self-directed study: all courses include online lectures, discussions, social networking, demonstrations, tutorials, readings, and/or other homework. Many courses include additional real-time instruction via web conference, phone conference, or live chat sessions.

Attendance: Students may be dismissed from the program at the Dean's discretion due to absence from required meetings.

Transfer Credit

Brandman University awards a maximum of 72 semester credits in a block transfer for successful completion of an Associate's Degree in Nursing from an accredited institution. Additional transfer credits may be granted per Brandman University Transfer Credit Policy.

Admission to the Program

Admission into the RN to BSN program is three times per year in Fall I, Spring I or Summer II for students taking Option 1 or Option 2. Community College Wrap students are admitted once a year during Summer 1 for Option 3 or Option 4.

Application Deadlines

- Priority application deadline for Fall 1, 2017 admission is May 15, 2017.
- Final completed application deadline for Fall 1, 2017 admission is August 15, 2017.
- Priority application deadline for the Spring 1, 2018 admission is October 30, 2017.
- Final completed application deadline for Spring 1, 2018 admission is December 1, 2017.
- Priority application deadline for Summer 1, 2018 admission is March 15, 2018
- Final completed application deadline for Summer 1, 2018 admission is May 15, 2018.

Admission Requirements

- Complete a Musco School of Nursing and Health Professions RN to BSN application available online at <https://www.brandman.edu/nursing-health-professions>.
- Students who are applying for Options:
 - Students who are applying for Option 1 or Option 2 must have an Associate Degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited Institution with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0, or have an Associate Degree or Bachelor's Degree from a regionally accredited associate degree nursing program with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.
 - Students who are applying for Option 3 or Option 4 must be currently enrolled in a regionally accredited institution and nationally accredited associated degree nursing program and currently maintaining a GPA of 2.0.
- Official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended. Only credits from regionally accredited institutions and nationally accredited associate degree nursing programs will be accepted in transfer. Failure to report any previous academic work at another college or university is considered a violation of academic integrity.
- Self-evaluation and goal statement.
- Three letters of recommendation.
- Students who are taking Option 1 or Option 2 must hold an unencumbered RN license in the state where you plan to do your practicum experiences (or has evidence of a scheduled National Council Licensure Examination [NCLEX]*).

* The NCLEX must be passed by the end of the first session of enrollment to continue in the program.

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(All requirements are due by the end of the first session unless otherwise indicated and/or required by a student's clinical practicum or Clinical Scholarly Project [CSP] site):

- Proof of unencumbered RN or APRN licensure in the state where the student will be completing clinical practicum and/or CSP residency hours;
- Proof of a negative Tuberculosis (TB) Skin Test or blood test (*within 90 days prior to the start of clinical practicum or CSP residency hours*);
- Proof of completion of Hepatitis A and B immunization series or titer;
- Proof of two doses of Measles/Mumps/Rubella (MMR) immunization or titer;
- Proof of Tetanus/Diphtheria/acellular Pertussis (Tdap) immunization within the past 5 years;
- Proof of two doses of Chicken Pox (Varicella) immunization or titer;
- Background clearance;
- Copy of American Heart Association Basic Life Support CPR card that will not be expiring within the next 12 months and/or during clinical practicum or residency hours;
- Proof of current negative drug screen (*within 90 days prior to the start of clinical practicum or CSP residency hours*);
- Proof of annual Influenza immunization;
- Professional **Student** Liability Insurance (1 mil per occurrence/3 mil aggregate) for the time that the student is engaged in clinical

practicum or CSP residency hours (*within 90 days prior to the start of clinical practicum or CSP residency hours*) and

- Any additional laboratory tests, immunizations, physical exam and/or documentation required by a student's clinical practicum or CSP residency hours site.

Catalog Year

Students admitted to the Musco School of Nursing and Health Professions are admitted to the catalog year that is in effect the date when they begin the program (either Fall I, Spring I or Summer I).

Specific Requirements for the RN to Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

In addition to the general education requirements as described below, the RN to Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing consists of three components. The first component involves five foundation courses. The second component describes the 36 credits of upper division nursing core requirements. The third component entails possible elective credits to satisfy the 120 undergraduate credits for the degree.

Foundation courses will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis in the block transfer of credits to be applied to the degree and must be passed with a grade of "C" or higher.

All courses taken in the Nursing Major (36 credits) must be passed with a grade of "C" or higher.

Total Credit Hours for the Degree

Code	Title	Credits
General Education and Block Transfer Credit Hours:		
	ASN/ADN Block Transfer	68
	Foundation Credits *	16
	Total Nursing Core Credits	36
	Total Credits	120

* Electives: If the 5 foundation courses (16 credits) are embedded in block transfer, students may need additional elective credits to satisfy the degree requirement of 120 credit hours.

General Education Requirements for the RN to Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing

Note: General Education Requirement credits may be embedded in block transfer.

Code	Title	Credits
Basic Skills (12 Credits) *		
Writing Communication I:		
ENGU 103	Writing and Rhetoric	3
Written Communication II:		
ENGU 104	Writing About Literature	3
	Quantitative Reasoning	3
	Oral Communication	3
Breadth Requirements (30 credits) *		
Humanities:		
Select 9 credits from three different areas:		9

Communications	
English	
Fine Arts	
Foreign Languages	
Humanities	
Liberal Studies	
Philosophy	
Religious Studies	
Natural Sciences (12 credits):	
Select 12 credits	12
Social Sciences (9 credits):	
Select 9 credits from 3 different areas:	9
Criminal Justice	
Early Childhood Education	
Economics	
History	
Marketing	
Organizational Leadership	
Political Science/Legal Studies	
Psychology	
Social Science	
Social Work	
Sociology	
Foundation Courses (16 credits) **	
Written Communication:	
ENGU 104 Writing About Literature	3
Introduction to Chemistry, with a lab:	
CHMU 101 Introduction to Chemistry (with a lab)	4
Introduction to Statistics:	
MATU 203 Introduction to Statistics	3
Growth and Development across the Lifespan:	
PSYU 320 Human Development across the Lifespan	3
Humanities (Foreign Language or Sign Language preferred)	3
Nursing Core Courses (36 credits)	
NURU 400 Transitions to Inquiry Based Practice: Baccalaureate Generalist Nursing Practice	3
NURU 401 Nursing's Public Image and Professional Issues	3
NURU 403 Managing Health Care Reform	3
NURU 404 Healthcare Communication and Collaboration	3
NURU 405 Evidence-Based Thinking for Scholarship and Practice	3
NURU 406 Improving Patient Health Care Outcomes: Quality Care & Patient Safety	3
NURU 407 Cultural and Spiritual Diversity in Health and Nursing	3
NURU 408 Information, Patient Care, and Decision-Support System Technology	3

NURU 409	Understanding Health Issues and Health Delivery in the Community Setting	3
NURU 410	Practicum in the Community Setting (96 required practicum hours)	3
NURU 411	Transformational Leadership and Management in Nursing	3
NURU 412	Practicum in Transformational Leadership and Management in Nursing (80 required practicum hours)	3

* Students in the RN to BSN degree program must meet the minimum 42 general education credits. Credits are satisfied with the Basic Skill and Breadth Requirements sections.

** These credits may be embedded in the block transfer and/or satisfy General Education Requirements for course content. However, if these credits are not embedded in the block transfer, additional credits may be required to meet the 120 total credit hours for the degree.