Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN)

Welcome
The RN to BSN curriculum is designed to build on the education registered nurses (RNs) received in their AD programs.

Students will expand their knowledge base in
- Leadership and management
- Teaching and learning
- Communication and collaboration
- Critical thinking
- Health promotion and wellness
- Research
- Evidence-based interventions
- Informatics
- Community/public health
- Ethics
- Professional issues

Program Highlights
- Accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing
- Offers nursing courses using online delivery method
- Limited on-campus meetings
- Allows students to challenge 3 nursing courses (9 credit hours)
- Offers both part-time and full-time cohort options
- Schedules clinical course (application/public health) in a flexible manner
- Gives credit for previous nursing and general education courses

Studying Online
Web-based classes require self-discipline and motivation, especially since you do not have a specific time and place established for class meetings. Familiarizing yourself with what’s required of an online student and the many tools available to support online learners is key!

The Orientation for Online Learners provides guest access to Blackboard, along with helpful information ranging from pre-enrollment through registration. It is designed to walk you through the different processes involved with admissions, financial aid, advising and registration. The Student Resource Portal provides one-
click access to academic support and student resources across campus. The link to each area is provided below:

**Orientation for Online Learners:**  [www.wku.edu/online/orientation](http://www.wku.edu/online/orientation)

**Student Resource Portal:**  [www.wku.edu/online/srp](http://www.wku.edu/online/srp)

In addition to online support, which is accessible in these areas, there is also a team of distance learning professionals available to answer questions, listen to your concerns and provide solutions. You can reach us at [learn.online@wku.edu](mailto:learn.online@wku.edu).

**Admission Requirements**

Applicants must first apply and be admitted to WKU. Visit [www.wku.edu/admissions](http://www.wku.edu/admissions) to apply online. Applicants must also apply to the School of Nursing for admission into the RN to BSN program. Applications and instructions are available online at [www.wku.edu/nursing](http://www.wku.edu/nursing).

Applications and transcripts must be received no later than September 15th for consideration for the spring cohort and no later than February 15th for the fall cohort.

**Supporting documentations should be mailed to the following address:**

Office of Admissions  
1906 College Heights Blvd. #11020  
Bowling Green, KY 42101-1020

**Admission Application Deadlines:**

Kentucky and Out-of-State Residents
- Fall Semester: February 15
- Spring Semester: September 15

**Degree Program Requirements**

In addition to the nursing curriculum outlined in the next section, students must also complete the following:

- Colonnade/general education requirements for a baccalaureate degree
- 3 credit hour statistics course
- In addition, students must have completed or have evidence of equivalent courses in:
  - HMD 211 (formerly FACS 111): Human Nutrition
  - Completion of other courses may be recommended prior to starting the program

**The RN to BSN program consists of 36 hours of upper level nursing courses.**

- Nurs 300 Concepts of Disease Process (3 credits)
- Nurs 309 Health Assessment (3 credits)
- Nurs 315 Concepts of Pharmacology (3 credits)
- Nurs 321 Transcultural Nursing (2 credits)
- Nurs 323 Concepts/Professional Nursing (2 credits)
- Nurs 339 Care of the High Acuity Patient
- Nurs 340  Teaching and Health Promotion (3 credits)
- Nurs 400  Nursing Leadership/Management (3 credits)
- Nurs 405  Nursing Informatics (2 credits)
- Nurs 408  Professional Issues (3 credits)
- Nurs 412  Nursing Research (3 credits)
- Nurs 430  Concepts of Public Health Nursing (4 credits)
- Nurs 431  Application/Public Health Concepts (2 credits)

**Recommended Sequence of Courses**

Certain courses may be offered on a rotating basis, so please plan your program of study carefully by consulting your advisor and reviewing information at [http://www.wku.edu/online/nursing/program-schedules.php](http://www.wku.edu/online/nursing/program-schedules.php).

**Financial Aid Eligibility**

Financial Aid includes grants and loans for educational purposes. The government requires the student to file a form online to the government agency for this purpose, which is called FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to apply. Once that form is completed and filed, the student will receive an email from WKU about the status. All financial aid comes through the WKU Student Financial Aid office and they communicate mostly through email. The email will explain all the grants and/or loans that are available to the student and how to receive the money.

Nearly all students are eligible for some form of financial assistance. In fact, over 90% of the students who applied for financial aid in recent years received an award offer. Every effort is made to assist you and your family in obtaining the resources necessary to meet the difference between the total cost of attending Western Kentucky University and your ability to contribute toward your education.

If you would like to apply for financial assistance (loans, grants, scholarships, veteran's benefits) the first step is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Please refer to the Financial Aid Guide for additional information and complete instructions.

Please keep in mind, student must maintain satisfactory academic progress to continue to qualify for financial aid. For additional information on receiving, and keeping your financial aid, please refer to the WKU Financial Aid website to review the complete policy on Satisfactory Academic Progress at [http://www.wku.edu/financialaid/sap.php](http://www.wku.edu/financialaid/sap.php).

**Financial Aid and Scholarship Resources**

- WKU Scholarship Information, including scholarships for transfer students: [http://www.wku.edu/scholarship/](http://www.wku.edu/scholarship/)
- Student Aid: Types of aid, who qualifies and how to apply: [https://studentaid.ed.gov](https://studentaid.ed.gov)
- Scholarships: How to find them, how to apply, types of scholarships: [https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships](https://studentaid.ed.gov/types/grants-scholarships/finding-scholarships)

Career Resources and Average Salary Information

Resources to aid in finding a major right for you, as well as the most current information regarding average salary, job outlook and the most common positions within the field, may be found on the websites below:

- Find Occupations, Salary Information and Job Outlook: http://www.onetonline.org/find/career
- Major and Career Search: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/majors-careers
- Identifying A Career Based on Personal Interests: https://bigfuture.collegeboard.org/explore-careers
- What Can I do with this major: http://www.wku.edu/career/wcidwtmajor.php

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