

Nursing: RN to BSN Completion Program • Bachelor of Science

Why Choose the RN to BSN Completion Degree?

There are many opportunities for nurses with experience and a BSN degree. Traditionally a field that provided a constant number of nursing career opportunities, health care is now growing at an unprecedented rate. Driven by technological developments, rapid advancements in disease prevention and health promotion, increased public awareness of health concerns, and a booming, aging population, this field offers you a wide variety of job openings, ranging from traditional but expanded patient care to health care administration.

Students with a diploma or associate degree in nursing and a RN license can complete Ferris' Bachelor's degree (BSN) on a part-time basis at selected geographic sites across the state or fully online. The recent addition of a fully online option has also increased the opportunities for BSN degree completion at a part time or accelerated pace that can be determined by the student.

The BSN completion program is based upon a learner-centered instructional approach and builds upon your prior learning and reduces unnecessary repetition to minimize your investment of time and money. Designed expressly for associate degree and diploma RNs who want to further their educational growth and development; classes are scheduled for evenings, held fully online or in a mixture of classroom and online time to accommodate the busy lives of working RNs.

The Ferris State University BSN program is fully accredited by the national League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC).

Get a Great Job

The Ferris BSN degree equips you with the theory-based knowledge and skills to work in many of the new and expanding fields of nursing. It increases your understanding of illness prevention, health promotion and maintenance, counseling and education and rehabilitative services as they apply to a wide range of patient populations and health care delivery settings.

You will acquire the skills and the self-assurance that will qualify you for diverse career opportunities when you graduate. You'll be prepared to lead health care teams, coordinate and plan nursing care for a variety of clients, collaborate with other health professionals, and make confident, independent decisions.

Nurses with BSN degrees typically earn higher salaries than ADN or diploma nurses with the additional opportunities to assume leadership roles in community and health care institutions. The BSN degree also provides the foundation for graduate nursing programs. Advanced practice nurses with education beyond the BSN can earn salaries ranging from \$60,000 to \$90,000 per year, depending on the specialty and location of employment.

Admission Requirements

To be eligible for the RN to BSN completion program you must have a Registered Nursing (RN) license, a cumulative GPA of 2.0 in the basic nursing program (ADN or Diploma), and in each of the foundation science courses. A completed application, copy of the RN license and official transcripts from other educational institutions are all that is required for the application process.

Graduation Requirements

Graduation requires a minimum of 2.0 GPA. Students must earn a grade of "C" or better in the nursing major courses and meet all general education requirements as outlined on the General Education website.

Required Courses

	Credit Hours
Scientific Understanding Coursework from RN program (Anatomy & Physiology with lab, etc.)	7
CCHS 101 Orientation-Health Care	3
CCHS 102 Safety Issues-Health Care	1
CCHS 103 CI Skills-Health Care Provider	1
Choose One:	
COMM 105 Interpersonal Communication	3
Or	
COMM 121 Fundamentals-Public Speaking	3
Or	
COMM 221 Small Group Decision Making	3
Or	
Other foundation Communication Course	3
ENGL 150 English 1	3
ENGL 250 English 2	3
ENGL 321 Advanced Composition	3
EHSM 315 Epidemiology - Statistics	3
Electives: Social Awareness Category	9
Electives: Cultural Enrichment Category	9
MATH 115 Intermediate Algebra	3
Or	
MATH 117 Contemporary Mathematics	4
NURS 324 Transition Profess Nursing	3
NURS 325 Professional Nurse Skills Dev	1
NURS 310 Population Based Health Prom	3
NURS 340 Community Nursing	3
NURS 350 Research in Nursing	3
Choose one NURS elective:	
NURS 300 Pathophysiology Nurs Practice	3
NURS 314 Gerontological Nursing	3
NURS 315	3
NURS 316 Transcultural Nursing	3
NURS 317	3
NURS 318 Advanced Health Assess	3
NURS 319	3
NURS 440 Leadership in Nursing	3
NURS 450 Nursing Capstone	3
NURS 495	4
Total Program Credits required (minimum)	120

Note: A grade C or better is required in all NURS courses. MATH 115 or MATH 117 requirement may also be met with an ACT Math subscore of 24 or higher.



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The NLNAC publishes a variety of nursing and nursing education materials, including a list of nursing programs and information on student financial aid. For a complete list of NLN publications, write for a career information brochure. Send your request to:

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