The RN to BSN online program at Millersville University is designed for those who have obtained their associate degree or diploma in nursing and RN license. The program is offered in an online format designed for students with busy schedules.

DEGREES/CERTIFICATIONS

RN TO BSN ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAM

Our flexible program is based on the unique needs of the adult learner and consists of nine nursing courses (31 credits). All transferred credits are applied to the BSN transcript, and only statistics (if not previously taken) and an advanced writing course are required. Students can take nursing elective courses to achieve 120 credits.

Program highlights include courses focused on ethics, diversity, population health and integration of technology in healthcare. All courses can be completed 100% online.

RN TO MSN PATH

This innovative program allows you to get a jump-start on your master’s degree while completing your bachelor’s degree. By taking MSN courses as part of your BSN program, you will be able to complete your MSN degree with as few as 24 credits (depending on the MSN track)!

With our new RN to MSN curriculum path, BSN students can take up to four MSN-level courses (13 credits) during their BSN program, and at BSN tuition rates. These courses will replace BSN undergraduate courses, so there is no change in the overall number of credits/courses needed to obtain your BSN! The MSN courses are offered over a full semester, while the BSN courses are offered in seven-week mini-mesters.

The application process is still the same for the online RN to BSN program and the RN to MSN path. Once you have completed your BSN, you can either begin your MSN program directly after or take time off and complete your MSN at the accelerated rate when you return! As long as you maintain a 3.0 or higher GPA and have no other academic or professional issues, your transition to the MSN program you choose will be relatively seamless. You will still need to complete an application to be accepted into the MSN program.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission to the program is open to those applicants with an accredited associate degree in nursing or diploma and RN license. Applicants must satisfy all admission requirements; however, new nursing graduates may be offered early acceptance pending results of the NCLEX examination. The BSN online program has “rolling admissions” and no application deadlines. Applicants may apply for the program at any time. We do recommend applying as soon as possible, as cohorts fill up quickly. The program has six starts per year – two starts in fall, spring and summer.

ACCREDITATION

Millersville’s nursing programs are designed based on national standards and the American Nurses Association Scope and Standards of Professional Nursing Practice. Our programs are designed to meet the unique needs of nurses returning to school while also working. Practicum requirements allow students to focus on an area of interest to them through individualized observation experiences. Some hours can be completed at your workplace! Further, engagement in professional development activities can be applied to the required practicum hours.

The Millersville University RN-BSN program is accredited by the National League for Nursing Commission for Nursing Education Accreditation (NLN CNEA).
PROGRAM COURSES

I. Nursing: Upper Division* (31 s.h.)
- NURS 320 Conceptual Basis of Professional Nursing Practice (3)
- NURS 330 Ethics and Person-Centered Care (3)
- NURS 340 Environmental Factors Affecting Health Status (3)
- NURS 360 Assessment and Diversity (D) (4)
- NURS 421 Population-Based Nursing (W) (5)
- NURS 428 Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice (3)
- NURS 438 Health Policy and Issues in Nursing (3)
- NURS 504 Informatics and Technology in Nursing Practice (3)
- NURS 478 Transforming Healthcare Through Leadership in Nursing (W) (4)

*Please note that all Upper Division nursing courses are delivered in an asynchronous, fully online, seven-week accelerated format.

II. Additional Requirements* (31 s.h.)
- Required Statistics (3) (if not previously taken/transferred)
- Advanced Writing – University Distinctive Course (3)

III. Nursing Electives
Students who need additional credits to achieve 120 credits can choose from a variety of nursing electives:
- NURS 315 Scientific Advances (3)
- NURS 316 Women, Health and Healthcare (3)
- NURS 350 Pathways to Healthy Aging (3)
- NURS 370 Telehealth Foundations (3)
- NURS 460 Telehealth Policy, Advocacy and Clinical Foundations (4)
- NURS 461 Advanced Telehealth

COST-EFFECTIVE PROGRAM

Millersville University’s RN to BSN program is the most affordable in the area. We pride ourselves on our incredible flexibility in terms of academic progression. Each student can progress through the program at his or her own pace. The program can be completed in as few as three terms, or students can choose to take a slower pace. Having a BSN is quickly becoming the gold standard for RN employment.

SCHOLARSHIP

WEHRHEIM SCHOLARSHIP: Liselotte R. Wehrheim gifted Millersville University a large endowment to encourage nontraditional nursing students to pursue their education. Wehrheim herself was a nontraditional student who graduated with her degree in nursing in 1974 at age 59. Her scholarship is for nontraditional students of ages 25 years and older who have unusual or special circumstances affecting the completion of their education. Ms. Wehrheim’s scholarship, among many others, is available to our RN to BSN online nursing students at Millersville University.

ABOUT OUR GRADUATES

The Millersville University BSN graduate is uniquely prepared to advocate for patients and the profession. Our graduates frequently report that they encourage and lead change initiatives in their work environment, based on their work in our program.

We believe our students are the leaders of the future, and we encourage them to continue their education. The majority of our students continue on to graduate school and have reported they feel well prepared for that challenge. Our students routinely move into management, education and other advanced roles in healthcare. Additionally, our graduates are demonstrating their knowledge and skills by presenting at local and national conferences more frequently.

“Millersville’s RN to BSN program helped expose me to various cultures and prepared me to be accepting of the differences in cultures. In turn, that has helped the transitions into different nursing opportunities in both Asia and Africa.”
– Jennifer Handrich, ’13, RN to BSN Program