BS NURSING ONLINE PROGRAM

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 RN to BSN online degree program is designed for students who have already obtained an associate degree or diploma in nursing and are returning to school to achieve their bachelor's degree. Our flexible program is based on the unique needs of the adult learner and consists of nine nursing courses (31 credits). Students are awarded 30 lower-division credits for their previous nursing courses. 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 admissions 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.

ABOUT OUR PROGRAM

The nursing programs at Millersville University are designed based on national standards, including those of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN), and 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 and self-directed observation experiences. Some hours can even be completed at your workplace! Further, engagement in professional development activities can be applied to the required practicum hours.

“I learned so much in the Millersville online RN to BSN program. The focus on research and leadership was instrumental in my growth as a nurse. The faculty are excellent and extremely understanding of the busy schedules of working professionals. I highly recommend this program to other nurses seeking to advance in their field!”

– Dawn Kremer, ’17, BSN, RN
Assistant Manager, Single-Room Maternity Center
WellSpan Good Samaritan

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PROGRAM COURSES

I. Nursing: Lower Division (30 s.h.)
Upon confirmation of associate degree or diploma program completion, applicant will be awarded 30 credits.

II. Nursing: Upper Division* (31 s.h.)
- NURS 320 Conceptual Basis of Professional Nursing Practice (3)
  Must be taken before any other nursing courses.
- NURS 330 Ethics and Person-Centered Care (D) (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
- NURS 438 Health Policy and Issues in Nursing (3)
- NURS 504 Informatics & Technology in Nursing Practice (3)
- NURS 478 Transforming Health Care Through Leadership in Nursing (W) (4)
  Must be taken as final nursing course.

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

III. Required Related Courses (17-18 s.h.)
- MATH 234 Statistics for Healthcare (4)
- BIOL 254 Human Anatomy and Physiology I** (4)
- BIOL 255 Human Anatomy and Physiology II** (4)
- BIOL 161 Clinical Microbiology** (3)

** Typically taken during the associate or diploma in nursing degree curriculum.

IV. General Education Core (48 s.h.)
- G1. Humanities and Fine Arts (9)
- G2. Science and Mathematics (9)
- G3. Social Sciences (9)
- Foundations for Lifelong Learning (12)
  English Composition, Fundamentals of Speech, Statistics, and Advanced Writing (AW) and Perspectives. AW is the only course that must be taken at MU (ENGL 319 Science Writing).
- Connections & Exploration (9)
  Wellness course requirement waived; thus, three courses minimum, at least 9 s.h.
- Cultural Diversity and Community (diversity requirement)
  Satisfied by NURS 330 or NURS 360
- Writing Intensive (advanced writing requirement)
  Satisfied by NURS 421, NURS 428, NURS 478 (see section II).

After applying, a transfer evaluation will be conducted to identify how many general education credits you will need to take to fulfill degree requirements.

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.

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.