Benedictine University

RN to BSN Program
Information Session
RN to BSN Program

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RN to BSN Overview

- BSN Completion program since 1980
- Accredited by CCNE through June 2023
- Options include face-to-face (hybrid) or online
- Web-enhanced with D2L course shells

MSN (online) 2 tracks

- Nurse Executive
- Nurse Educator

2 MSN class waivers available with a grade of "B" or better in 3 specific BSN courses
BSN Program Format

- Admit ~20 students to each cohort
- Classes are 5 weeks in length
- 12 months to complete Benedictine nursing courses
- Enrolled in course sequence by advisor every term (you do not have to worry about this important step!)
- Students focus on one program course at a time
- Applicants can apply to any location/modality & any term of entry. Term of entry will depend on:
  - Which cohorts open;
  - When pre-requisite courses are complete;
  - When applicant obtains nursing license.
- Hybrid model becomes more “online” as program progresses
- Strong student support from Benedictine faculty
Curriculum & Timeline

- 12 months to complete program once enrolled, either on-ground or fully online.

- Convenient Community College Locations - classes held:
  - COD, Morton, and Triton (pending minimum enrollment)
  - Online

- BSN cohort pathway = Apply during pre-licensure program or as Professional RN, Associate Degree in Nursing completed, unencumbered RN license, meet with BSN student advisor to devise plan of study and select cohort

- “Start to Finish” program schedule outlines 34 credits
  - 10 Nursing courses
  - 1 IDS course (required BenU UG course)
Clinical Experiences

- 2 courses aligned with theory courses
- Focus on Community
- Focus on Leadership
RN to BSN Program Academic Requirements

ADMISSION CRITERIA

- Associate of Applied Science degree in Nursing
- Current unencumbered IL RN license
- A minimum 2.5 / 4.0 cumulative GPA from all colleges & universities attended
- 86 designated semester credit hours documented by official college transcripts
- Completion of prerequisite coursework prior to enrolling in BenU nurse courses and/or an approved academic plan finalized with the academic advisor within 1 month of notification of program admission

GRADUATION CRITERIA

- Completion of all ADN coursework & BenU coursework. Academic plan to be followed.
- Satisfy General Education, Nursing and Elective Core minimum 120 semester hours

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Application Checklist

- Complete Adult Undergraduate Admissions Application. Apply upon admission to your ADN program. (See final slide for link to application specific to BSN online.)
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended sent to Benedictine University.
- Electronic transcripts must be sent directly from the issuing institution to nationalenrollment@ben.edu
- Foreign transcripts must be evaluated by ECE, WES, or Education Perspectives (see your Admissions Counselor or Program Manager).
- Apply for Financial Aid

Also required: Copy of valid, unencumbered Illinois RN license. New grads will be admitted on the condition that license is provided prior to enrolling in BenU courses.
New Student Orientation

- Required to attend approximately 2-4 weeks prior to starting program; 1 session from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
  (Note: online students attend separate online orientation)

- Confirm you have or will complete outstanding prerequisite courses and/or submitted copy of nursing license.

- Request final official transcripts be sent to BenU once all grades are posted.

- Receive program overview, course expectations, finalized cohort schedules, hands on training of D2L, option to get student ID, Q&A, etc.
Support Services

- Liliana Ascencio, Admissions Counselor (Online: See Your Program Manager)
- Peggy Young, RN-BSN Program Director/Interim Advisor
- Orientation Session
- Supportive Faculty
- IT Help Desk
- D2L Student Resource Center
- Student Success Center
- Library Support
Student Feedback

“It was a great program with wonderful staff. I’m so grateful for the invaluable instruction and understanding during the BSN program. Thank you!”
– Diana R., Class of 2018

“Working to earn my BSN while working full time as a nurse often made work more challenging for me, but also more worthwhile.”
– Arielle B., Class of 2019

92% Overall BSN completion rate since 2007
RN to BSN Program Admissions: COVID-19

Fall 2020 enrollment provision for Dec 2019 and May 2020 ADN grads:

➢ Noted potential scheduling delay for NCLEX testing
➢ Waive RN license as an admission requirement for fall 2020 entry into the RN to BSN cohort sequence
  ➢ Can progress through first 5 NRHL courses (first six months of the program)
  ➢ Must schedule NCLEX within this timeframe and notify advisor
  ➢ Following RN licensure, progress to remaining courses (include MSN competencies)
➢ Applicants still need to have earned AAS in nursing degree; completed pre-reqs of WRIT 1101, 1102, and Stats; and achieve overall GPA of 2.5.
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Online Program Managers:

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Thank you to our nurses -
We wish you continued success!