



RN – BSN OPTION

Distance Accessible

The RN-BSN Pathway to BSN for registered nurses (RNs) provides an opportunity for advanced placement in the program of nursing studies for individuals with previous nursing knowledge and/or experience. The RN-BSN pathway to BSN is open to any student who has submitted evidence of successful completion of an accredited diploma or associate degree nursing program and who is licensed to practice as an RN in the state in which the student will do their student practicum. Upon admission to the School of Nursing, RNs can earn their BSN degree in two semesters if they enter as a full time student; however, the curriculum plan can be individualized for students who choose to decelerate their pace due to other commitments. A plan of 3 to 5 semesters is recommended for students who are employed full-time.

CURRICULUM

The RN-BSN pathway to BSN requires a total of 125 semester hours divided as follows: BSN Foundation/General Studies requirements, 59 semester hours; BSN upper division course work of 30 semester hours; block credit of 36 semester hours for previous nursing courses and work experience, which is awarded after successful completion of NUR 474, NUR 475, NUR 381 and NUR 347.

FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

Distance Accessible Courses

Upper division courses in the RN-BSN pathway to BSN are fully distance accessible, offering RN students the flexibility of completing the BSN course work while maintaining their work and family responsibilities. A variety of on-line teaching methods are used including online discussions, web-based activities, and online testing. Faculty are available in person, by phone or in a virtual classroom format. Students are required to attend an on-campus orientation prior to beginning the program.

Leadership Development Practicum

Students complete one practicum course focusing on leadership and management skills. Faculty will work with students in planning individualized experiences to meet the course objectives. Students must complete 90 clinical hours for the leadership practicum course. Students may complete the leadership practicum in their own community.

GETTING STARTED

Admission to the RN to BSN option is available in the fall and spring terms. Requirements for admission include:

- Admission to UAB as an RN Mobility student through the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, Once accepted, students need to apply to the School of Nursing; contact Student Affairs at (205) 934-5491 for an application.
- Admission grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- A grade of at least “C” in Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Microbiology, Descriptive Statistics and an elective (Area V courses).
- Evidence of successful completion of an accredited diploma or associate degree nursing program and a current license to practice as a registered nurse in the state in which you will do your student practicum. Students who enter the RN-BSN directly from their ADN program must show proof of licensure before beginning their second semester of course work.
- Possess a nursing license to practice nursing in the state where you plan to conduct your clinical practicum
- Students may begin nursing courses if 6 or less semester hours of general studies requirements are to be completed; all general studies coursed must be completed before starting their third semester of course work.
- Advisement with the program coordinator whose contact information is listed on the next page (this can be done before applying to UAB).

RN-BSN COURSE REQUIREMENTS

General Studies/ BSN Foundation Courses:

** Students with a bachelor's degree in another field are only required to complete Area V pre-requisites.*

| Area I: Written Composition | | 6 hours total | Area II: Humanities and Fine Arts | | 12 hours total |
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| EH 101 | English Composition I | 3 | | Literature* | 3 (or 6)* |
| EH 102 | English Composition II | 3 | | Arts | 3 |
| | | | | Humanities | 3 |
| | | | | Area II: Elective | 3 |
| Area III: Natural Sciences and Mathematics | | 11 hours total | Area IV: History, Social, and Behavioral Sciences | | 12 hours Total |
| CH 105/106 | Inorganic Chemistry | 4 | PY 101 | Psychology | 3 |
| CH 107/108 | Organic Chemistry** | 4** | PY 212 | Developmental Psychology | 3 |
| MA 105 or 110 | Pre-Calculus or Finite Math | 3 | | History* | 3 (or 6)* |
| | | | | Area IV: Elective | 3 |
| Area V: Additional Pre-Nursing Requirements | | 18 hours total | TOTAL: 59 hours | | |
| BY 115 | Human Anatomy | 4 | * Student needs either a <u>6-hour sequence</u> of literature or history. ** Applies to students who take Microbiology at UAB. Students may otherwise take any additional science with lab (excluding Geology and Astronomy). | | |
| BY 116 | Human Physiology | 4 | | | |
| BY 261 | Microbiology | 4 | | | |
| | Descriptive Statistics | 3 | | | |
| | Elective | 3 | | | |

* Students must complete either a 6 hour sequence of literature OR history. If the student elects to complete a history sequence, the student can take an Area II elective. If the student elects to complete a literature sequence, the student can take an Area IV elective.

Upper Division Nursing Curriculum for BSN**

| | Course | Credit Hours |
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| NUR 474 | Transition to Professional Nursing Practice | 4 |
| NUR 475 | Health Assessment Across the Lifespan for RNs | 4 |
| NUR 381 | Informatics and Research for Nursing Practice for RNs | 4 |
| NUR 347 | Pathophysiology for Professional Nursing Practice for RNs | 3 |
| NUR 378 | Nursing of the Older Adult for RNs | 3 |
| NUR 397 | Community Health Nursing for RNs | 4 |
| NUR 457 | Leadership and Management for RNs | 3 |
| NUR 458L | Leadership Development Practicum for RNs | 2 |
| NUR † | Nursing Elective | 3 |

Where can I get more information?

Internet website: <http://www.uab.edu/nursing/home/rn-bsn>

UAB Office of Undergraduate Admissions

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