

NURSING (RN TO BSN)

Registered nurses who enroll at The University of Alabama may opt to pursue one of two options toward the completion of a higher degree or degrees. Both programs of study allow students to continue working while completing coursework online.

RN to BSN

The RN to BSN program of study is specifically designed for the registered nurse student to earn a bachelor's degree. The program consists of 52-58 semester hours of required lower-division coursework and 25 semester hours of upper-division coursework. Lower-division studies include courses that meet University Core Curriculum requirements for a bachelor's degree. All lower-division hours must be successfully completed prior to enrolling in upper-division courses. Upon admission to the University as a RN to BSN student, credit for 40 hours of NUR courses is awarded.

RN to BSN		Hours
Lower Division courses		
BSC 215 & BSC 216	Human Anatomy & Physiology I and Human Anatomy & Physiology II	8
BSC 242	Microbiology And Man	4
CH 104	Introductory Chemistry (or other approved Natural Science course)	4
CS 102	Computer Applications	3
EN 101 & EN 102	English Composition I and English Composition II	6
HD 101	Life Span Human Development	3
MATH 110	Finite Mathematics (or higher)	3
PHL 223	Medical Ethics (or other approved Humanities course)	3
PY 101	Intro To Psychology	3
SOC 101	Intro To Sociology (or other approved Social Behavioral Science course)	3
Fine Arts ¹		3
Literature and History ²		9
Statistics		3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		55
Upper Division courses		
NUR 319	Nrsg Informatics for RNs	3
NUR 329	Inq. Evidence Based Pract RNS	3
NUR 348	Role Tran in Baccalaureate Nur	4
NUR 449	Community Health For RNs	5
NUR 455	Leadership & Management Roles	5
NUR 465	Complex Client Sys RNs	5
Credit Hours Subtotal:		25
Total Hours		80

Footnotes

- ¹ List of approved Fine Arts courses can be found here.
- ² All students are required to complete a six-credit-hour sequence in either History or Literature. Students opting to enroll in the Literature sequence must also complete an approved three-credit History course. Students opting to enroll in the History sequence must also complete an approved three-credit Literature course. If students take two history courses and one literature course, one additional literature, humanities or fine arts course is required to satisfy the 12-hour humanities core requirement.

Promotion to Upper Division

Every effort will be made to promote all applicants who meet the criteria. The number of applicants promoted is dependent on the educational resources available to support this track. The application for promotion is due in the Office of Nursing Student Services by March 1 for summer promotion, June 1 for fall promotion and October 1 for spring promotion. Applications submitted after the deadlines may be considered.

Promotion Criteria

To be eligible for promotion to the upper division, a registered nursing student must have the following:

- satisfactory completion of all lower-division requirements (grade of C- or higher)
- an overall grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale on the required lower-division courses
- an overall grade point average of 2.0 on all required science courses
- an unencumbered RN license in the state where clinical course requirements will be completed
- graduation from an ACEN or CNEA accredited school of nursing
- applicants must reside and be licensed in one of the states in which the Capstone College of Nursing is authorized to provide online education. To view the list of approved states click here.

Advanced degree opportunities for Registered Nurses

The Capstone College of Nursing has a pathway for RNs that hold an associate degree or diploma in nursing to attain their BSN and MSN degrees. The pathway is divided into two specific phases, undergraduate and graduate. Students who are accepted for this pathway will earn the BSN degree and the MSN degree upon successful completion of the plan of study. The concentration area for the MSN is nurse administrator.

This pathway requires 52-58 semester hours of lower-division coursework (see lower division courses above) in addition to undergraduate and graduate nursing upper-division coursework. Enrollment in this pathway is only considered for summer admission.

Click the "Plan of Study Outline" tab above to view the sequence of courses for phase 1 of the curriculum.

Eligibility requirements for this pathway:

- satisfactory completion of all lower-division requirements
- acceptance to the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs
- an overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale on the required lower-division courses

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- an unencumbered RN license in the state where clinical course requirements will be completed
- graduation from an ACEN accredited school of nursing
- applicants must reside and be licensed in one of the states in which the Capstone College of Nursing is authorized to provide online education. To view the list of approved states click here.

RN to BSN Plans of Study

Full-Time enrollment		Hours
Semester 1		
NUR 319	Nrsg Informatics for RNs	3
NUR 348	Role Tran in Baccalaureate Nur (W)	4
Credit Hours Subtotal:		7
Semester 2		
NUR 329	Inq. Evidence Based Pract RNS	3
NUR 449	Community Health For RNs	5
Credit Hours Subtotal:		8
Semester 3 (graduating semester)		
NUR 455	Leadership & Management Roles	5
NUR 465	Complex Client Sys RNs	5
Credit Hours Subtotal:		10
Total Hours		25

Part-Time enrollment		Hours
Semester 1		
NUR 348	Role Tran in Baccalaureate Nur (W)	4
Credit Hours Subtotal:		4
Semester 2		
NUR 329	Inq. Evidence Based Pract RNS (W)	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		3
Semester 3		
NUR 319	Nrsg Informatics for RNs	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		3
Semester 4		
NUR 449	Community Health For RNs	5
Credit Hours Subtotal:		5
Semester 5		
NUR 465	Complex Client Sys RNs	5
Credit Hours Subtotal:		5
Semester 6 (graduating semester)		
NUR 455	Leadership & Management Roles	5
Credit Hours Subtotal:		5
Total Hours		25

RN/BSN Pathway to MSN (Phase One)

[Click here to view the Phase Two plan of study](#)

Nurse Administrator		Hours
Summer 1		
NUR 319	Nrsg Informatics for RNs	3
NUR 348	Role Tran in Baccalaureate Nur (W)	4
Credit Hours Subtotal:		7
Fall 1		
NUR 449	Community Health For RNs	5

NUR 737	Interdisciplinary Leadership and Role Development for Practice Excellence ^{1,2}	3
Credit Hours Subtotal:		8
Spring 1		
NUR 727	Foundations of Implementation Science and Evidence-Based Practice ¹	3
NUR 740	Health Policy & Politics: Implications in Health Care ¹	3
NUR 465	Complex Client Sys RNs	5
Credit Hours Subtotal:		11
Complete BSN requirements; BSN awarded		
Total Hours		26

Footnotes

- ¹ Course counts towards completion of BSN & MSN
- ² W designated course for RN to BSN/MSN students only

Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Schools, Higher Education, Government Policy Development, Home Health, Public Health Departments, Physicians Offices, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, Nurse Practitioners, Clinical Nurse Leaders, Case Management, Doctor of Nursing Practice.

Types of jobs Accepted

Many of our graduates accept positions in hospitals to begin with. From there, they will go on to graduate programs or other areas of practice. The career opportunities are limitless.

Learn more about opportunities in this field at the Career Center