

NURSING

RN to BSN Program

The School of Nursing at Wichita State University offers advanced placement to registered nurses seeking a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. The curriculum is designed so that the RN who has received an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) from a nationally accredited program and who meets the work experience criteria may achieve advanced standing in the basic nursing program through retroactive credit. Retroactive credit (25 hours) will be awarded during the final semester of course work upon written notification. RN-Diploma students may achieve the 25 nursing credits through credit by examination (CrE) and portfolio review where applicable.

The baccalaureate nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). Wichita State University's RN to BSN program follows the Kansas Nursing Articulation Plan. Graduates are prepared for professional nursing positions in a variety of health care settings. The baccalaureate program also provides a foundation for graduate study in nursing.

The RN to BSN Plan provides educational and career advancement opportunities through:

- A distance learning program featuring on-line courses and a preceptored clinical experience which can be arranged in most geographical locations.

Arrangements must be negotiated with individual agencies and qualified preceptors.

- 2 credit-hour clinical capstone course for RNs comprised of 96 clinical hours. Half of the course focuses on nursing in the community, while the focus for the other half is designed by RN students in consultation with the School of Nursing.
- The Care Manager course addresses the needs of nurses in the managed care environment.
- Individual plans of study are developed with an advisor.
- Most students complete the professional coursework in two years.

Admission Requirements for the RN to BSN

To qualify as a candidate for admission, a student must:

- Be admitted to Wichita State University
- Have proof of RN licensure in the state where nursing is practiced
- Have completed all prerequisite courses
- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.50 and a grade of C (2.0) or better in required prerequisite courses
- Meet work experience criteria: 1,000 hours in the last three years if graduated from a nursing program five or more years ago; no experience necessary if graduated within the last five years

Application deadline for fall semester admission is August 1; for the spring semester it is January 1.

Graduation Requirements

- Of the 124 hours required for the degree, 60 hours must be completed at a 4-year college/university
- 45 hours at the 300+ course level must be completed
- Of the 124 hours required for the degree, 30 hours must be completed at WSU

Other Nursing Options and Programs

Options offered by the WSU School of Nursing include:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree
- Accelerated BSN
- LPN to BSN
- MICT to BSN
- RN to MSN Program
- Master of Science in Nursing Program
 - Clinical Nurse Specialist
 - Nurse Practitioner
 - Nurse Midwifery (in collaboration with KU)
- Doctorate of Nursing Practice
 - Post Baccalaureate entry
 - Post Masters entry
- Graduate (post-master's) certificate

Curriculum Outline – RN to BSN Plan

Preprofessional Courses	Semester Hours
English I and II	6
Public Speaking	3
College Algebra	3
Fine Arts appreciation course	3
Introductory Humanities	3
Introduction to Philosophy	3
Introduction to Sociology	3
General Psychology	3
Developmental Psychology	3
Chemistry with Lab	5
Anatomy and Physiology with Lab	5
Microbiology with Lab	4
Statistics	3
General Elective	16
Total	63

Additional Courses Required for a BSN Degree

General Education Issues and Perspectives course	3
Upper-division ethics course (Bioethics)	3
Upper-division elective	3
Total	9

Professional Courses	Semester Hours
HS 301 Clinical Pharmacology**	3
NURS 334 RN Bridge Course**	4
NURS 325 Intro to Evidence Based Practice**	2
NURS 345 Health Assessment**	4
NURS 456 Primary Prevention**	2
NURS 461 Care Manager**	4
NURS 495 Clinical Capstone Course-RN*	2
Career Enhancement Electives	6
Total	27

Upper-Division Retroactive Credits
 Awarded retroactively on the basis of associate degree in nursing or credit by exam 25

Total Hours Required for BSN 124

*Check with the School of Nursing in regards to requirements for participation in clinical course.

**Courses offered on the Internet or through distance learning.

Electives are available through telecourses, online courses, summer workshops and on-campus courses that meet once per week.

Sequence of Courses

Offered every semester:

Nurs 334– 4 hrs. Bridge-First course

Nurs 495– 2 hrs. Clinical-Last course

Fall Only

Nurs 325—2 hrs

Full-Time Faculty

- Heather Baker, RN, MSN, ARNP-CNS, PNP
- Mary L. Burnett, MS, RN, C. Critical Care
- Theresa Cooper, RN, MSN/MBA, Medical/Surgical
- Terri Core, ARNP, MSN, Adult nursing
- Betty Elder, MS, MSN, PhD, RN. Informatics and Genetics
- Phyllis Fletcher, RN, MN, CCRN. Critical Care
- Jeanie Harris, ARNP, MSN, PN P-C Pediatrics
- Shirley Hazen, RN, MN, CNOR. Management/Perioperative
- Alicia Huckstadt, PhD, FNP, ARNP
- Brandy Jackson, RN, MSN/MBA, Critical Care, Infection Control
- Phyllis Jacobs, RN, MSN. Psych Mental Health Nursing
- Mary Koehn, PhD, RN, FACCE, ARNP. Maternal Newborn
- Pamela Martin, RN, MSN, ARNP, Maternal Newborn
- Jacque McClendon, RN, PhD, Diabetes Care
- Victoria Mosack, PhD, RN, ARNP, Psychiatric-Mental Health nursing
- Stephanie Nicks, RN, MSN, FNP, Medical/Surgical nursing
- Susan Parsons, PhD, RN, Critical Care, Medical/Surgical
- Debra Pile, RN, DNP, PCNS-BC. Pediatrics
- Betty Smith-Campbell, RN, PhD. Community health/public policy
- Elaine Steinke, PhD, RN. Adult nursing
- Virginia Teel, RN, DHS. Adult Medical/surgical
- Jane Washburn, RN, MSN. Psychiatric-mental Health nursing
- Debra Klecker, RN, FNP-BC. Adult nursing, community.
- Carol Bett, RN, MN. Adult nursing

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