

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING—RN-TO-BSN

Description and Outcomes

A Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree prepares members of the nursing profession who are effective in the integration of evidence as a foundation for practice. The program emphasizes professional growth and lifelong learning by building upon a foundation of the arts, sciences, and humanities. Program outcomes promote leadership in a culturally diverse and global health care system that is rapidly changing. Graduates are prepared to provide direct and indirect care for individuals, families, communities, and populations.

The RN-to-BSN program option provides registered nurses with the education to enhance their skills, better meet the complex demands of health care, and pursue employment in numerous nursing management and practice specialties. Program outcomes align with professional nursing standards and guidelines. The core courses cover in-depth physical assessment, evidence-based practice, and chronicity throughout the lifespan, interprofessional collaboration, information technology, leadership, case management, and public health nursing. Near the end of the program, you will create a professional development plan, a curriculum vitae (CV), and an ePortfolio displaying your coursework, which can be shared with future employers. Finally, the program is designed as a foundation to support registered nurses interested in pursuing graduate nursing studies.

Tracks of Study

The RN-to-BSN program option features two tracks of study: the advanced start track and standard track. You will enroll in the track relevant to your previously completed nursing program. If you enroll in the standard track, you will be provided with an individualized plan of study that will allow you to complete required coursework intended to provide a solid foundation for the bachelor's degree curriculum.

Nursing Electives

You will complete nursing elective courses as part of your degree requirements, available in the following areas:

- Case management across the continuum of care
- Faith community nursing
- Holistic professional nursing practice
- Hospice and palliative care
- Independent study
- Primary care in the ambulatory setting
- Transcultural nursing

Some of the nursing elective courses may also prepare you for certifications recognized by the Magnet Recognition Program[®]. Please see the Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams (p. 3) section for more information. You may also speak to your Student Advisor for more information on the nursing elective courses.

ExcelTrack Option

The ExcelTrack option for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing—RN-to-BSN is designed to allow students with applicable skills, professional experience, and self-direction to accelerate their pace toward earning their degree. In the ExcelTrack option, there are no required weekly

assignments or class hours per course—just one final comprehensive project. Students must take all modules of the master course outcome. All modules must be taken in sequential order. Students cannot test out of any part. With a few rare exceptions, ExcelTrack courses are divided into small one-credit courses that allow flexible course loads each term. ExcelTrack uses a term-based tuition model: the more courses students complete per term, the greater their cost savings. To determine if ExcelTrack is a good fit for you, speak to your University representative. For more information on the policies governing ExcelTrack programs, see the academic policy (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information>) section of the Catalog.

Accelerated Master of Science in Nursing Option

If you are interested in earning both a bachelor's and master's degree in nursing, consider the Accelerated Master of Science in Nursing option. Refer to the Progression Requirements (p. 3) section for details.

Program Length

The RN-to-BSN program option of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program consists of a minimum of 180 quarter credit hours including the requisite associate's degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing. In addition, you must also complete all prerequisites for the bachelor's degree courses. Thus, you may need to complete more than the minimum number of credits required for the bachelor's degree. Upon successful completion of the program, you will receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

Program Outcomes

Discipline-Specific Outcomes

1. Integrate theoretical and empirical knowledge from the arts, sciences, and humanities to support nursing practice.
2. Apply organizational and systems leadership concepts in providing safe, cost-effective, and quality nursing care.
3. Integrate evidence in planning, implementing, and evaluating outcomes of care.
4. Implement safe and appropriate use of informatics and emerging health care technologies in the delivery of nursing care.
5. Analyze the influence of power, politics, policy, finance, and regulatory guidelines on health systems and nursing practice.
6. Employ interprofessional communication to lead collaborative teams in delivering patient centered care.
7. Incorporate health promotion, prevention, and risk-reduction strategies to provide population-focused care.
8. Demonstrate clinical reasoning that reflects ethical and professional nursing values.
9. Deliver nursing care to individuals, families, groups, communities, and populations to achieve positive outcomes in a variety of health care settings.

General Education Literacies and Professional Competencies

In addition to the discipline-specific outcomes, general education literacies and professional competencies are integrated throughout your academic program. You can review the general education literacies and professional competencies associated with your academic program in the undergraduate School of General Education (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/general-education>) section of this Catalog.

Program Availability

For program availability, please refer to the U.S. State and Other Approvals (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/university-information/accreditation-approvals-memberships>) section and Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>).

Policies

Admissions Requirements

You must meet the below admissions requirements in addition to Purdue Global's general requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements>).

If applying for admission, you must:

1. Provide documentation of a current, unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse in at least one U.S. state or provide evidence of a nursing license comparable to a U.S. registered nurse license from the nation, province, or region where you are employed as a nurse. Proof of foreign licensure must be submitted at the time of enrollment. The University will verify the authenticity of all submitted foreign nursing licenses. If you are a recent graduate of an Associate of Science in Nursing program and have not yet passed the NCLEX-RN® exam, you may apply for admission through the prelicensure contingency enrollment procedures set forth below.
2. Possess an associate's degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing with a minimum of 50 quarter credit hours of eligible credit with a focus in nursing.
3. Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 (out of 4.0) reflected on the transcript for the applicant's nursing degree or apply for admission through the alternative admissions procedures set forth below.

Alternative Admissions Options

If you have a GPA between 2.0 and 2.5 from an accredited institution, you may apply for admission to the program by completing an Alternative Admissions Dean's Evaluation.

The Dean of the School of Nursing or a designee will review your work history, transcripts, and resume and determine whether admission is appropriate. If you have a cumulative GPA below 2.5 and have not completed an Alternative Admissions Dean's Evaluation, you will not be admitted to the program.

Prelicensure Contingency Enrollment

If you have graduated within the past 3 months from an Associate of Science in Nursing program, but have not yet taken or passed the NCLEX—RN exam, you may apply for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program by completing a Contingency Enrollment Dean's Evaluation.

In addition to meeting the stated admissions requirements, the following documentation will be required at the time of application:

1. An unofficial transcript indicating a completed associate's degree in nursing and a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher from an accredited institution. By the end of the first term, you must provide the University with an official copy of the transcript. Refer to the First-Term Responsibilities (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/first-term-responsibilities>) section for additional information.

2. A letter of recommendation submitted directly from the Director of Nursing/Dean or equivalent at the previous institution verifying your aptitude to undertake the NCLEX-RN exam and enroll in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing—RN-to-BSN program.

The Dean of the School of Nursing or a designee will determine if you may enroll.

If you are accepted under the terms of prelicensure contingency enrollment, you will be considered conditionally admitted and will also be required to:

1. Submit a request for a criminal background check (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements>) to the Purdue Global-approved vendor prior to the first day of your first term. If your background check is not approved by the end of the third week of your first term, your enrollment will be cancelled.
2. Submit proof of a current, unencumbered license to practice as a registered nurse in at least one U.S. state by the end of the second term. This will indicate that you have successfully passed the NCLEX-RN exam.

If the proof of RN licensure is not submitted by the end of the second term, you will be blocked from classes until such documentation is provided. If, for any reason, you do not furnish proof of RN licensure by the end of the second term, or if the documentation submitted is found to be false, you will be subject to immediate dismissal from the University and the University will take all other appropriate actions. If you furnish valid proof of RN licensure after your dismissal, and all other requirements are met, you may be fully accepted into the Bachelor of Science in Nursing—RN-to-BSN and will only then be able to receive credit for all coursework completed. You must re-enroll through the Office of Returning Students.

Requirements for Graduates of Foreign Nursing Programs

If you graduated from a foreign nursing program, you must submit an official course-by-course evaluation of your nursing program to a foreign credential evaluation service. The University will accept an unofficial copy of the foreign transcript evaluation submitted at the time of licensure in the U.S. or the equivalent educational verification that was required at the time of licensure in a foreign nation, province, or region. The official foreign credential evaluation must be received by the Office of the Registrar prior to the end of the first term.

The evaluation must be completed by an approved agency listed by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services at <http://www.naces.org/members.htm> or by another service approved by the University.

Due to the variation in structure of foreign nursing programs, it is not always possible to identify equivalent nursing courses in U.S. certificate, diploma, or associate's degree programs. If, at the time of enrollment, you meet the following requirements, you may be approved for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing—RN-to-BSN program:

- You are licensed as a registered nurse in at least one U.S. state or in the U.S. military or provide evidence of a nursing license comparable to a U.S. registered nurse license from a foreign nation, province, or region

- Your transcript evaluation reflects a minimum of 50 quarter credit hours of eligible credit with a focus in nursing

The School of Nursing will admit applicants on a case-by-case basis.

Progression Requirements

- You must achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each of the required courses for the program and attain a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
- You will be withdrawn from the program if unable to successfully complete a course on the second attempt.
- The Bachelor of Science in Nursing—RN-to-BSN program has an articulation plan that allows you to obtain higher education academic credit and reduce repetition of previous coursework. The articulation options are determined using your state of residency and original transcripts from the certificate, diploma, or degree-granting institution. Your transcripts will be evaluated in their entirety for possible transfer of prior academic credits.
- By the end of the first term, you must submit official transcripts indicating a completed associate's degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing. This same transcript must also show a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher from all previous coursework. Refer to the First-Term Responsibilities (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/first-term-responsibilities>) section for additional information.

Accelerated Master of Science in Nursing Option

If you choose to complete the Accelerated Master of Science in Nursing option, you will have the opportunity to complete up to three graduate courses (listed below) in place of open elective requirements.

Code	Title	Credits
MN501	Advanced Nursing Roles	5
MN502	Theoretical Foundations of Advanced Practice Nursing	5
MN504	Scientific and Analytic Approaches to Advanced Evidence-Based Practice	5

If you choose this option, you will be subject to the graduate-level grading scale (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/academic-standards/grades-marks>) while enrolled in the graduate-level courses. Upon subsequent enrollment in the Master of Science in Nursing, the final grades from these courses will be applied to the Master of Science in Nursing degree plan and will count in the evaluation for satisfactory academic progress (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/academic-standards/satisfactory-progress>).

Criminal Background Check

Before you are fully admitted into the program you must submit a request for a criminal background check (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/policy-information/admissions/requirements>) to the Purdue Global-approved vendor prior to the first day of your first term. If your background check is not approved by the end of the third week of your first term, your enrollment will be cancelled.

Graduation Requirements

In addition to Purdue Global's general graduation requirements (<https://catalog.purdueglobal.edu/undergraduate/policy-information>), you must achieve a minimum grade of "C" in each of the major and core requirements for the program.

Certification, State Board, and National Board Exams

Certain state certification and licensure boards have specific educational requirements for programs to lead to a license or nongovernmental certification that is a precondition for employment in a recognized occupation.

Unless otherwise specified, Purdue Global's programs are not designed to meet any specific state's licensure or certification requirements. If certain licensed occupations, vocations, or professions are not explicitly listed, Purdue Global has not made a determination with respect to the licensure or certification requirements of those occupations, vocations, or professions. Licensure-track programs may limit enrollment to students in certain states; please see Purdue Global's Program Availability Information (<https://www.purdueglobal.edu/catalog-program-availability-info.pdf>) to determine enrollment eligibility.

You are responsible for understanding the requirements of optional certification exams. Such requirements may change during the course of your program. You are not automatically certified in any way upon program completion. Although certain programs are designed to prepare you to take various optional certification exams, Purdue Global cannot guarantee you will be eligible to take these exams or become certified. Your eligibility may depend on your work experience, completion of education and/or degree requirements, not having a criminal record, meeting other certification requirements, or the program or the University itself having appropriate accreditation or licensure.

Degree Plan

Program Requirements

RN-to-BSN - Advanced Start Track

Code	Title	Credits
Prior Degree Requirements ¹		
	Prior Degree or Diploma in Nursing	90
	Total Prior Degree Requirements	90
Core Requirements		
CS204	Professionalism - Theory and Practice in the Global Workplace	3
MM207	Statistics	5
SC246	Fundamentals of Microbiology	5
Arts and Humanities (select one of the following):		5
HU200	Arts and Humanities - Modern Creative Expressions	
HU245	Ethics	
HU250	Humanities and Culture	
Social Science (select one of the following):		5
SS211	The 1960s - Reshaping the American Dream	
SS236	People, Power, and Politics - An Introduction to American Government	
SS250	The Technological Revolution - A Social Scientific Approach	
Total Core Requirements		23
Major Requirements		
NU300	Professional Leadership Transitions	6
NU310	Research Guided Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	6

NU333	Health Assessment for the Nursing Professional	5
NU416	Chronicity Within Nursing Care Across the Life Span	6
NU420	Leadership and Management in the Changing Health Care Environment	6
NU450	Public Health Nursing - Population-Centered Health Care in the Community	6
NU499	Bachelor's Capstone in Nursing	6
Total Major Requirements		41
Open Elective Requirements		
300/400 Level	Nursing Electives	10
	Open Electives ²	16
Total Open Elective Requirements		26
TOTAL CREDITS		180

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RN-to-BSN - Standard Track

Code	Title	Credits
Prior Degree Requirements		
	Prior Degree or Diploma in Nursing	50
Total Prior Degree Requirements		50
Prerequisite Requirements¹		
CM107	College Composition I	
CM220	College Composition II	
MM150	Survey of Mathematics	
	or MM212 College Algebra	
PS124	Introduction to Psychology	
Core Requirements		
CS204	Professionalism - Theory and Practice in the Global Workplace	3
MM207	Statistics	5
SC246	Fundamentals of Microbiology	5
Arts and Humanities (select one of the following):		5
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HU245	Ethics	
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Open Elective Requirements		
300/400 Level	Nursing Electives	10
	Open Electives ²	56
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Prior Degree Requirements¹		
	Prior Degree or Diploma in Nursing	90
Total Prior Degree Requirements		90
Core Requirements		
CS204 Professional Presence		
CS204M1	Maintaining a Professional Presence	1
CS204M2	Professional Communication Skills and Online Presence	1
CS204M3	Professional Culture and Career Marketability	1
MM207 Statistics		
MM207M1	Examining Data	1
MM207M2	Graphical Methods	1
MM207M3	Variable Relationships	1
MM207M4	Applying Probability	1
MM207M5	Confidence Intervals	1
SC246 Fundamentals of Microbiology		
SC246M1	Introduction to Microbiology and Chemistry	1
SC246M2	Microbial Growth and Genetics	1
SC246M3	Prokaryotic and Eukaryotic Microbes, Viruses, and Chemotherapy	1
SC246M4	Epidemiology, Microbial Pathogenicity, and Immunology	1
SC246M5	Environmental Microbiology	1

HU200	Arts and Humanities - Modern Creative Expressions	
HU200M1	The Humanities and Photography	1
HU200M2	Painting and Architecture	1
HU200M3	Theatre and Literature	1
HU200M4	Cinema and Music	1
HU200M5	Television and the Interrelationship of the Arts	1
SS236	People, Power, and Politics - An Introduction to American Government	
SS236M1	The Constitution and Federalism	1
SS236M2	The Executive and Legislative Branches	1
SS236M3	The Judicial Branch and Civil Rights and Civil Liberties	1
SS236M4	Politics Today - Political Parties and Outside Interests	1
SS236M5	Politics Today - Domestic, Economic, and Foreign Policies	1
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Major Requirements		
NU300	Professional Leadership Transitions	
NU300M1	Leading in Excellence	1
NU300M2	Leading in a Diverse World	1
NU300M3	Leading in Evidence-Based Practice	1
NU300M4	Leading in Health Care Technology	1
NU300M5	Leading in Professionalism	1
NU300M6	Leading in Health and Wellness	1
NU310	Research Guided Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	
NU310M1	Components and Models	1
NU310M2	Credibility of Sources	1
NU310M3	Theory and Nursing Research Connections	1
NU310M4	Ethical Research Principles	1
NU310M5	Clinically Relevant Interprofessional Practice	1
NU310M6	Best Practice to Improve Patient Outcomes	1
NU333	Health Assessment for the Nursing Professional	
NU333M1	Comprehensive Holistic Assessment and History	1
NU333M2	Assessment Techniques for Skin, Hair, Nails, and Head	1
NU333M3	Assessment Techniques for Thorax and Abdomen	1
NU333M4	Musculoskeletal and Neurological Assessment	1
NU333M5	Comprehensive Holistic Health Assessment	1
NU416	Chronicity Within Nursing Care Across the Life Span	
NU416M1	Strategies for Therapeutic Communication	1
NU416M2	Technology and Chronic Condition Self-Management	1
NU416M3	Factors That Influence Chronic Illness	1

NU416M4	Holistic Health Assessment	1
NU416M5	Applying Evidence to Chronic Care Management	1
NU416M6	Using Evidence to Maximize Wellness	1
NU420	Leadership and Management in the Changing Health Care Environment	
NU420M1	Leadership Theory and Research	1
NU420M2	Change Agent to Diverse Populations	1
NU420M3	Organizational Structure	1
NU420M4	Quality of Care	1
NU420M5	Accountability of Care and Ethics	1
NU420M6	Communication Techniques and Working Relationships	1
NU450	Public Health Nursing - Population-Centered Health Care in the Community	
NU450M1	Ethics, Equity, and Public Health Practices	1
NU450M2	Population Health Appraisal	1
NU450M3	Population Health Determinants	1
NU450M4	Nursing Practice and Risk Reduction	1
NU450M5	Public Health System Analysis	1
NU450M6	Innovation and Strategic Planning	1
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CM107M1	Understanding What You Read - A Pathway to Reading and Writing Success	
CM107M2	Using Language Appropriate to Audience and Writing Situation	
CM107M3	Writing an Effective Academic Essay	
CM107M4	Locating, Integrating, and Citing Reliable and Relevant Sources	
CM107M5	Writing Effective Professional Documents	
CM220	College Composition II	
CM220M1	Defining Effective Communication in Different Contexts	
CM220M2	Constructing Logical Arguments	

CM220M3	Using Research to Support Academic and Professional Assertions	
CM220M4	Articulating a Strong Written Argument	
CM220M5	Communicating Solutions With Digital Media	
MM212	College Algebra	
MM212M1	Factoring and Polynomials	
MM212M2	Analyzing Rational and Radical Expressions	
MM212M3	Solving Linear Equations and Graphing	
MM212M4	Solving Quadratic Equations	
MM212M5	Solving Exponential and Logarithmic Equations	
PS124	Introduction to Psychology	
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CS204	Professional Presence	
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