

# BSN in Nursing (RN to BSN)

## Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree is an RN-to-BSN program.

## Delivery Mode

Global Online (100% online)

## Academic Passport, Portfolio Evaluation and Transfer Credits

Students are able to apply credits from previous coursework to their bachelor's degree through an Academic Passport. Upon admission, the following will be accepted as the Academic Passport: 30 credits from the RN's basic nursing program lower-division coursework, along with 30 credits (as appropriate) for completed General Education courses such as English Composition I and II, the natural sciences (e.g., Anatomy and Physiology I and II, Microbiology), social sciences, etc. An additional 12 credits will be awarded through completion of an entry-level portfolio evaluation to be completed during the first semester in the program.

Students with more General Education credits completed may transfer the additional coursework per the University's transfer credit policy to meet the RN-BSN program requirements. Students who already have another bachelor's degree are exempt from meeting the General Education requirements, with the exception of public speaking and statistics, which are required by the nursing program.

## Curriculum

Students must consult with an academic adviser to determine courses needed for graduation. It is recommended that all General Education courses be completed prior to entering the nursing courses due to the accelerated nature of the program; however, general education courses may be taken with, or following completion of, nursing courses. Students will not graduate until nursing and general education requirements are all met.

Course	Credits
<b>General Education Courses</b>	<b>40</b>
<i>Building a Sense of Community</i> <b>UNI 100</b> First-Year Seminar	Waived
<i>Composition</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>ENG 101</b> English Composition I</li><li>• <b>ENG 102</b> Composition II</li></ul>	6
<i>Public Speaking</i> Any Public Speaking Course	3
<i>Mathematics and Quantitative Literacy</i> Statistics Course (recommended: MAT 205, 215 or 225)	3
<i>Technological Literacy</i> Any Computer Science Course	3
<i>Humanities</i> Any Humanities Course	3
<i>Fine Arts</i> Any Fine Arts Course	3

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Course	Credits
<i>Natural Sciences</i> <b>BIO 226</b> Basic Microbiology OR <b>BIO 126</b> Introductory Microbiology OR <b>BIO 326</b> General Microbiology	4
<i>Social Sciences</i> Any Social Sciences Course	3
<i>General Education by Entry-Level Portfolio</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural Sciences Course</li> <li>• Ethics and Multicultural Awareness Emphasis Course</li> <li>• Communications Course</li> <li>• Health and Wellness Course</li> </ul>	12
<b>Required Major Courses</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>NUR 330</b> Philosophy of Professional Nursing	3
<b>NUR 361</b> Nursing Research	3
<b>NUR 375</b> Leadership and Change in Nursing	6
<b>NUR 420</b> Nursing Informatics	3
<b>NUR 430</b> Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing	3
<b>NUR 450</b> Trends and Issues in Nursing	3
<b>NUR 465</b> Nursing Assessment and Health Promotion of Individuals and Families	6
<b>NUR 475</b> Community Health Nursing	6
<b>BIO 230</b> Anatomy and Physiology I OR <b>HSC 110</b> Anatomy and Physiology I	4
<b>BIO 260</b> Anatomy and Physiology II OR <b>HSC 120</b> Anatomy and Physiology II	4
<b>Transfer Credits*</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Free Electives</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>120</b>

Additional requirements, not counted toward the General Education requirements, include:

- **Special Experience Course (1 course required):** NUR 475 Community Health Nursing

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- **Writing-Intensive Component Courses (2 courses required):** NUR 375 Leadership and Change in Nursing AND NUR 465 Nursing Assessment and Health Promotion of Individuals and Families
- **Laboratory Course (1 course required):** BIO 260 Anatomy and Physiology II OR HSC 120 Anatomy and Physiology II

\* 30 transfer credits are allowed for lower-division nursing courses, and additional credits may transfer per University policy. 12 credits are awarded through a required entry-level portfolio evaluation.

### Program Notes:

- This professional BSN program is for RNs who are graduates of diploma or associate degree basic nursing programs.
- A pre-requisite of NUR 361 is required for NUR 430.
- A minimum grade of C is required for completion of each nursing course. Additionally, all of the University's graduation requirements apply to the RN-to-BSN program.

## Program Webpage

<https://www.calu.edu/academics/undergraduate/bachelors/nursing-rn-bsn/index.aspx>