



Bachelor of Science

NURSING (RN TO BSN)

Upgrade Your RN to a BSN Online—On Your Time

Expand your skills beyond the clinical aspects of nursing with WGU's newly redeveloped BSN program built for the next generation of nurses who need next-generation learning.

WGU's online, CCNE-accredited RN to BSN program builds on your previous nursing education and experience by focusing on research, theory, leadership, community concepts, healthcare policy, therapeutic interventions, and current trends in healthcare.

What You'll Learn

The RN to BSN program is evidence based and developed according to The Essentials: Core Competencies for Professional Nursing Education from the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN). Once you complete this program, you'll be able to:

- Demonstrate effective communication in oral, written, interpersonal, and electronic modalities.
- Make clinical judgments based on the best available evidence and ethical principles.
- Assume accountability for providing and ensuring safe, efficient, quality patient care.
- Synthesize available resources to apply critical thinking to complex clinical situations.
- Provide culturally competent care to individuals and families across the lifespan.
- Demonstrate proficiency in caring for communities and populations experiencing threats to well-being.
- Assume leadership roles in creating healthy environments.
- Engage in interprofessional collaboration to improve safety and quality of patient care.
- Integrate concepts of genetics into care across the lifespan.
- Apply clinical technologies and informatics in practice.
- Earn six certificates selected the following areas:

See wgu.edu/bsn under the 'A Redeveloped Program Designed for the Future of Nursing' section for how we lay this out:

Professional Development Certificates Included in the BSN Program:

- Genetics and Genomics
- Palliative Care
- Evidence-Based Practice
- Protection of Human Subjects in Research
- Cultural Competence

Earn an Additional Certificate, of Your Choice:

- Quality and safety
- Wellness
- Sexual orientation and gender identity nursing

Program Details

Your RN license gives you advanced standing worth 50 competency units and could be worth up to 40 more CUs based on transcript review. Students with an active RN license get an average transfer credit of 80 CUs when they begin the program, allowing most to earn their BSN in two years or less.

Core Subject Areas

- Interprofessional Communication and Leadership in Healthcare
- Intrapersonal Leadership and Professional Growth
- Scholarship in Nursing Practice
- Information Technology in Nursing Practice
- Organizational Systems and Healthcare Transformation
- Healthcare Policy and Economics
- Global and Population Health
- Emerging Professional Practice

This program also includes a field experience, which provides you with the opportunity to apply the knowledge you have acquired throughout your degree program in a real-world setting.

Why Earn Your BSN at WGU?

Online and Flexible

Because students can access online coursework, tests, and learning materials any time or place with an internet connection, they can fit school into their busy nursing schedules.

Accredited and Respected

WGU's nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), and our BSN program meets all 2021 AACN Essentials standards. WGU has been designated as a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education by the National League for Nursing (NLN).

Competency-Based Learning

Unlike other universities, mastery of material at WGU is measured by proficiency, not time. Our competency-based learning model means that as soon as students prove proficiency, they can move on to the next course in their personalized learning plan. WGU's programs have been competency-based for 25 years, a standard that CCNE will soon require of nursing programs.

About WGU

WGU is a nonprofit university committed to providing accessible, affordable, high-quality education that meets the needs of working adults. Our online degree programs are respected, recognized, and accredited, and deliver superior results by preparing students to excel in the workplace with "prove what you know" competency-based learning and personalized faculty support.

Contact Us

Call us at 866.225.5948 or visit our website at wgu.edu/bsn. Our enrollment team will be happy to speak with you and answer any questions you may have.

Affordable Tuition

Tuition for this program is charged at a flat rate once per six-month term, regardless of the number of courses you complete. Federal financial aid and scholarships are available to qualified students. This affordable tuition allows many students to graduate with little or no new student debt.

Faculty Support

As you will complete your coursework and even take exams online, you won't be alone. From the first day, you'll receive regular, one-to-one support from faculty mentors.

Personalized Learning

Students can earn four professional development certificates to personalize their knowledge and skills. These certificates are built into the program.



WGU's nursing programs are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791).

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