

Bachelor of Science in Nursing RN to BSN option (Online)

Option Description

The RN to BSN option provides educational mobility for registered nurses who are seeking a bachelor of science in nursing. RNs have the opportunity of using their prior education and professional experiences to earn advanced placement status at East Carolina University. East Carolina University College of Nursing is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, Telephone: 202.887.6791, and approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

The purpose of the option is to educate students to become professional nurses and to assume leadership roles in a variety of settings. The American Nurses Association and many other organizations recognize the baccalaureate degree as the requirement for entry into professional nursing. This professional option is built upon the liberal arts and the natural and behavioral sciences. The option stresses the learning of concepts and principles, as well as the use of the nursing process in caring for individuals, families and groups.

Upon completion of the option, the graduate

- Integrates knowledge from nursing, social and natural sciences and humanities to provide professional nursing care across the health care continuum.
- Demonstrates competency as a care provider, communicator, advocate, collaborator, coordinator, manager, educator, consumer of research, leader, information manager, innovator and change agent.
- Demonstrates pursuit and application of knowledge, respect for diversity, application of principles of critical reasoning, and informed moral and ethical decision-making.
- Applies strategies to manage issues of professional nursing practice in a diverse and global health care environment.
- Engages in caring nurse-client/patient relationships using effective therapeutic nursing interventions, evidenced-base practice, communication and critical reasoning to optimize client/patient and population outcomes.
- Functions in professional nursing roles as a member of inter- and intra- professional teams.

Fees

Information and a schedule of current tuition and fees are available from the ECU Cashier's Office at <https://online.ecu.edu/tuition-financial-aid/tuition/>

Admission Requirements

All students enter the University as General College students with an intended major of nursing. Upon admission to the RN to BSN option, students may declare the major.

Admission to the RN to BSN option requires that the following University and College of Nursing requirements be met:

- Associate degree or diploma in nursing from an accredited educational institution
- Current, unrestricted license to practice as a registered nurse in North Carolina or an NCSBON-compact state (international applicants must validate credentials with the Commission of Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools before applying for RN licensure). **(Students must reside and if employed, practice in North Carolina or an NCBON compact state while enrolled in the program)**
- Minimum requirements as specified in the current undergraduate catalog
- Minimum overall grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Grade of "C" or higher in all mathematics and science courses
- Satisfactory completion of prerequisite general education and cognate courses
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- Criminal background checks and drug screenings are required prior to enrolling in nursing courses

Students who were admitted to the Regionally Increasing Baccalaureate Nurses (RIBN) option and remain in the option, will be directly admitted to the RN to BSN option at the prescribed point in the curriculum.

Admission Process

Applying to the RN to BSN option is a two application process:

1) Students must submit an application to East Carolina University Office of Undergraduate Admissions

Application forms, official transcripts, and questions regarding admission to the university should be directed to: Undergraduate Admissions, East Carolina University, 106 Whichard Building, Greenville, NC 27858-4353

East Carolina University admission procedures, including an online application, are located at www.ecu.edu/admissions/.

The admission process may take several months, so the process should be initiated early. Students cannot be admitted to the RN to BSN option without admission to East Carolina University.

2) 2) The College of Nursing RN to BSN application is available online at: https://nursing.ecu.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/226/2018/09/RNBSN_app.pdf

The RN to BSN application should be submitted no later than April 1st for fall semester admission and November 1st for spring admission.

Prospective students interested in the RN to BSN option should request an unofficial transcript review prior to submitting an application. This review will provide information regarding required prerequisites that should be completed prior to applying to the RN to BSN option. Information and instructions for requesting an unofficial review can be viewed online at: <https://nursing.ecu.edu/student-resources/transcript-review/>

Curriculum Plan

Semester	Course(s)	Weeks	Hours
I (either fall or spring)	NURS 4901 - Nursing Research, Clinical Scholarship, and Evidence Based Practice	Semester	5
	NURS 4902 - Professional Communication in Nursing	7 weeks	3
	NURS 4903 – Critical Thinking to Facilitate Role Transition: RN to BSN	7 weeks	3
II (either spring or summer)	NURS 4904 - Professionalism in Baccalaureate Nursing Practice	5 ½ or 7 weeks	3
	NURS 4905 – Nursing in a Global Society (WI)	5 ½ or 7 weeks	4
III (either summer or fall)	NURS 4906 - Community Health Nursing (WI)	Semester	6
	NURS 4907 – Nursing Leadership and Finance	5 ½ or 7 weeks	3
IV (either fall or spring)	NURS 4908 – RN to BSN Practice Experience Capstone	Semester	6
Total hours			33

The RN to BSN curriculum was designed with the working registered nurse in mind and includes the following special features:

- No placement examinations.
- Online courses.
- The curriculum is based on feedback from prospective students and is designed to meet recommendations and requirements of accrediting bodies. The courses focus on areas of study congruent with the needs of preparing nurses to practice as BSNs. Summer courses are required. Students will earn their BSN in 4 semesters.
- The curriculum is designed to offer more structure and ease in providing students with a plan of study. The courses are offered sequentially in that students must complete the courses in the semester to move forward.
- Some of the courses are presented in a blocked format to allow the completion of two or more courses per semester but being able to focus on only one or two courses at a time.
- Some of the courses (NURS 4902, 4906, 4908) will contain practice experiences in which the student may be required to complete activities away from the computer. An example of such an experience **may** be in NURS 4902-Professional Communication in Nursing-students **may** be asked to interview someone in a leadership role in the community.

Important Note to Residents Outside North Carolina

Admission of applicants residing outside the State of North Carolina to an online degree, certificate program or individual online course offered by East Carolina University is dependent on ECU’s ability to secure authorization from the applicant’s state of residence, if such authorization is required.

For questions specific to the state authorization process, call 252-737-9206 or:

<https://online.ecu.edu/online-programs/> or <https://online.ecu.edu/wp-content/pv-uploads/sites/146/2018/04/StateAuthorization.pdf>

Contact Information

For further information, contact:
 Director, RN to BSN Option
 East Carolina University
 3164 Health Sciences Building
 Greenville, NC 27858-4353
 Telephone: 252.744.6470
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The University

The university is the third largest in the University of North Carolina system (UNC), which consists of the state’s sixteen degree-granting public institutions. ECU is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award baccalaureate, master’s, and doctoral degrees and is designated as an academic health center by the Association of American Health Centers. Governed by its own Board of Trustees, which is responsible to the UNC Board of Governors, ECU offers 80 departmental certificates, 93 baccalaureate degree programs, 76 master’s degree programs, two specialist degree programs, six first professional programs, and 15 doctoral programs in our professional colleges, the Thomas Harriot College of Arts and Sciences, the School of Dental Medicine, and the Brody School of Medicine. It confers more than 5,800 degrees annually and it has approximately 160,000 alumni.

East Carolina University is committed to equality of educational opportunity and does not discriminate against applicants, students, or employees based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, age, creed, sexual orientation or disability.
 An equal opportunity/affirmative action employer, which accommodates the needs of individuals with disabilities.