

**Arkansas State University
RN-to-BSN Program**

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What are the requirements to be admitted to the program?

These may be found at

<http://www.astate.edu/college/conhp/departments/nursing/degrees/details.dot?mid=22a8a87a-96c7-454d-bfd4-7bcb6cfc2e41>

What courses must be completed prior to admission to the RN-BSN option?

English, Algebra, All sciences except pathophysiology which is part of the course rotation. All must be completed with a C or better.

What are the requirements for the degree? Or the courses required?

There are 35 general education credit hours required (see list below) and 49 major credit hour requirements. ASU participates in the statewide articulation agreement and awards 36 credit hours under this agreement. $35 + 49 + 36 = 120$ hours required for a baccalaureate degree. Many of the general education requirements and science requirements may have been completed as a requirement for your previous degree.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS (35 credit hours):

COMMUNICATIONS -- 6 HOURS

ENG 1003 Freshman English I
ENG 1013 Freshman English II

MATHEMATICS - 3 HOURS

MATH 1023 College Algebra

ARTS AND HUMANITIES -- 9 HRS

One of the following in Fine Arts:

MUS 2503 Fine Arts Music
THEA 2503 Fine Arts Theater
ART 2503 Fine Arts Visual

One of the following in Humanities:

ENG 2003 Intro to the Literature of the
Western World I
ENG 2013 Intro to the Literature of the
Western World II
PHIL 1103 Intro to Philosophy

SOCIAL SCIENCES -- 9 HRS - *REQUIRED

HIST 2763 or HIST 2773 U.S. History to/since 1876
OR POSC 2103 Intro to United States Government
*PSY 2013 Introduction to Psychology
*SOC 2213 Principles of Sociology

SCIENCES – 8 HRS

BIOL 2103 Microbiology for Nurses
BIOL 2101 Microbiology Lab for Nurses
CHEM 1043 Fundamentals of Chemistry I
ChEM 1041 Fundamentals of Chemistry I Lab

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS – BSN (49 credit hours)

ZOOL 2003 Human Anatomy & Physiology I
ZOOL 2001 Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab
ZOOL 2013 Human Anat. & Phys. II
ZOOL 2011 Human Anat. & Phys. II Lab
CHEM 1052 Fundamentals of Chemistry II
NRS 2203 Basic Human Nutrition
NRS 2793 Health Assessment and Exam
HP 3413 Cultural Competence in Health Professions
NRS 3713 Evidence Based Practice
NRS 3723 Clinical Pathophysiology
Statistics_(any 3 credit hour statistics course)
NRS 4713 Chronic Illness Nursing
NRS 4723 High Acuity Nursing
NRS 4733 Nursing Management
NRS 4743 Community Nursing
NRS 4763 Professional Nursing Role
NRSP 4793 RN-BSN Capstone
NRS Upper Level Elective _____

What if I believe some of my previous courses are the same as those listed?

First check the transfer equivalencies at:

<http://registrar.astate.edu/transfer-equivalency.php>

If you do not see your course listed from your university, contact the registrar's office and request they have the course evaluated by the appropriate department. You will need documentation if the department grants a substitution.

How long will it take to complete the RN-BSN course work?

That depends on how many of the general education and support courses you have remaining when you apply. If all of these are completed, you can complete the RN-BSN option in as little as 12 months.

Where do I do my clinical?

The RN-BSN Capstone course is the clinical course. You may complete it within the state of Arkansas, at any institution where ASU has a clinical agreement. You will identify the site and preceptor during your management course. The Capstone course requires that an evidence based project be completed in that area. Under the guidance

of your instructor and preceptor you will identify the project and develop a plan to address the issue.

What is the cost?

The cost includes tuition, library and technology fees, books, and supplies. You will need a dependable internet connection and a computer. Included in the supplies is a Remote Proctor which is both hardware and software. These costs may vary depending where you purchase your computer, internet supplier, and other supplies. Tuition is set each year by the Board of Trustees and can be located on ASU's webpage.

Why do I have to have a Remote Proctor?

Unfortunately, not everyone is honest and we must proctor exams. This device allows you to test from home without having to schedule a time with an approved proctor. Graduate schools want to know that efforts to curb academic dishonesty are in place.

How are the courses offered?

Courses are offered each semester in 7 week sessions. You may take 2 nursing courses each 7 weeks. This would be like taking a full time semester but allows you to focus on only 2 courses each time rather than juggling 4 courses then entire semester. There is a week between each 7 week cycle.

Tuition information

<http://degree.astate.edu/tuition.aspx> This has the most current costs for online classes. Please use the BSIS to figure costs.