

# NURSING (RN-BSN ONLINE PROGRAM) (BSN)

This program was approved for students entering the university in the Summer 2024–Spring 2025 catalog year. For more information about catalog year, go to Catalog Year Information (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/university-wide-unit-specific-policies/catalog-year/>).

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Unit: Nursing (<http://www.louisville.edu/nursing/>)

Academic Plan Code(s): NUR\_BSNUDO

**This program is for students who are already licensed Registered Nurses.**

## Program Information

*This program is completed entirely online (<http://louisville.edu/online/programs/bachelors/rn-to-bachelor-of-science-in-nursing/>).* The RN-BSN requires a Community Health Leadership Practicum (NURS 476) that includes 84 clinical hours, which can be completed in your local community unless restrictions apply. Please note that the Board of Nursing in certain states may restrict access to practicums. These restrictions may change without notice, thus it is important to notify your advisor in advance of any relocation while completing the online RN-BSN program. For a list of states with practicum restrictions, please review the FAQ on the Online Learning site (<https://louisville.edu/online/programs/bachelors/rn-to-bachelor-of-science-in-nursing/rn-to-bachelor-of-science-in-nursing/#faq>), specifically the answer to the "Are there any clinicals for the RN-BSN?" question.

This fully online program provides the flexibility working nurses need to balance working full-time with furthering your nursing education. Develop your expertise in nursing leadership, meet growing employer expectations, and expand your ability to work with diverse global populations in a variety of settings—without any campus requirement or set class times. Eight-week classes and a flexible curriculum path helps nurses maintain a successful work-life-education balance.

RN-BSN students must present official transcripts of coursework completed from all universities and schools attended.

Prospective students interested in a first-degree BSN program should refer to the Pre-Licensure Nursing (<https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/majors/nursing-pre-licensure-program-bsn/>) program.

Individuals with a bachelor's degree in another discipline, who are interested in pursuing a nursing degree, may pursue the traditional bachelor of science in nursing degree program or an accelerated second degree option.

## Degree Summary

Code	Title	Hours
	General Education Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>1</sup>	31
	Ten (10) hours of General Education requirements may be satisfied through coursework required by the degree program.	
	College/School Requirements (pre-professional courses) <sup>1</sup>	30
	RN-BSN Core Courses <sup>1</sup>	31

Nursing Portfolio	30
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

<sup>1</sup> Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

Specific coursework information can be found on the Degree Requirements tab.

## Admission Requirements

The RN-BSN 100% online program is offered by the University of Louisville's School of Nursing for registered nurses who have an associate degree in nursing (ADN) or a nursing diploma.

Students may be admitted directly into the RN-BSN program if the admissions requirements are met. Students may be admitted for any term. Most of the curriculum is offered in eight-week terms.

To apply to the program, applicants must:

- Submit a University of Louisville undergraduate admissions application.
- Submit all official college transcripts to the Office of Admissions.

### Admissions Requirements:

- Minimum cumulative college grade point average of 2.0 on 4.0 scale in all college work
- Unrestricted Registered Nurse license or eligibility to take the NCLEX
- Certified criminal background check required before clinical course. Details on the School of Nursing website

For more information on program requirements and how to apply, please visit the online programs website (<http://louisville.edu/online/programs/bachelors/rn-to-bachelor-of-science-in-nursing/apply/>).

### RN-BSN Concurrent Enrollment Program

Students enrolled in the Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program at any Kentucky Community and Technical College (KCTC) or Ivy Tech institution are eligible to apply for the RN-BSN Concurrent Enrollment Program (CEP). KCTC and Ivy Tech students working toward their ADN can earn their RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing in less time by taking RN-BSN courses at the University of Louisville (UofL), while they are still enrolled at their home KCTCS or Ivy Tech school. Students admitted into the CEP program will attend UofL as a non-degree seeking (continuing studies) student while completing their ADN. Once the ADN degree is conferred, CEP students will be admitted as degree seeking students in the RN-BSN program.

CEP Admission Criteria, by ADN Institution:

#### KCTCS CEP Admission Criteria

- Current enrollment in good standing at KCTCS School
- Successful completion of first ADN semester at KCTCS School
- No prior failures in a nursing course
- 2.0 cumulative GPA

#### Ivy Tech CEP Admission Criteria

- Minimum grade of a B in the first Ivy Tech Nursing Course
- Cumulative GPA of 2.3 - 4.0 on a 4.0 scale GPA. Students with a 2.2 - 2.29 cumulative GPA will be considered on an individual basis.

## General Education Requirements

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General Education Requirements ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>1</sup>		31
The following courses are required by the program and fulfill the respective General Education Requirement:		
MATH 109	Elementary Statistics - QR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
NURS 388	Global Health: Disparities and Social Determinants - D2 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>31</b>

All degrees require the completion of the University-wide General Education Program (link provided above). Some General Education requirements may be met in the requirements for the major or supporting coursework, in which case additional electives may be required to complete the minimum hours for the degree.

## College/School Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Nursing Pre-Professional Courses</b>		
BIOL 260	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3
BIOL 261	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3
BIOL 264	Human Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	1
BIOL 265	Human Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	1
Select one of the following:		3
MATH 109	Elementary Statistics - QR ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	
PSYC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
SOC 301	Introduction to Social Statistics	
BSW 204	Introduction to Social Statistics	
PHST 301	Quantitative Methods in Public Health	
Free Electives <sup>2</sup>		varies
<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>30</b>

Note: Students must have a minimum total of 60 credit hours from the pre-professional curriculum (including General Education).

## Program/Major Core

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Online Nursing Courses</b>		
NURS 355	Portfolio Equivalency	30
NURS 381	Foundations for Evidenced-Based Professional Nursing	3
NURS 382	Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice	3
NURS 383	Case Management of Individuals and Families	3

NURS 385	Nursing Leadership and Health Policy	4
NURS 387	Pathophysiology and Pharmacotherapeutics for RNs	4
NURS 388	Global Health: Disparities and Social Determinants - D2 ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ), SB ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> )	3
NURS 470	Community Health Nursing	4
NURS 482	Health Promotion for Individuals, Families, and Communities	3
NURS 488	Leadership Project	2
NURS 476	Community Leadership Practicum - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>3</sup>	2

<b>Minimum Total Hours</b>		<b>61</b>
Code	Title	Hours
<b>Minimum Total Hours, Degree Program</b>		<b>120</b>

At least 30 of the last 36 credit hours must be completed at the University of Louisville.

All RN-BSN nursing courses are taught online. The RN-BSN requires a Community Health Leadership Practicum (NURS 476) that includes 84 clinical hours, which can be completed in your local community unless restrictions apply. Please note that the Board of Nursing in certain states may restrict access to practicums. These restrictions may change without notice, thus it is important to notify your advisor in advance of any relocation while completing the online RN-BSN program. For a list of states with practicum restrictions, please review the FAQ on the Online Learning site (<https://louisville.edu/online/programs/bachelors/rn-to-bachelor-of-science-in-nursing/rn-to-bachelor-of-science-in-nursing/#faq>), specifically the answer to the "Are there any clinicals for the RN-BSN?" question.

Code	Title	Hours
<b>Culminating Undergraduate Experience (Graduation Requirement)</b>		
Requirement fulfilled by completing:		
NURS 476	Community Leadership Practicum - CUE ( <a href="https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/">https://catalog.louisville.edu/undergraduate/general-education-requirements/</a> ) <sup>3</sup>	

- <sup>1</sup> Some courses required in this degree program satisfy multiple requirements. To complete the degree in the **minimum number of hours** listed, some hours from the General Education Requirements must be satisfied by courses defined by the unit and/or program.
- <sup>2</sup> To complete the degree in the minimum number of hours listed, some hours from the General Education Requirements must be satisfied by courses defined by the unit and/or program. Using other courses to satisfy General Education requirements will require additional hours to complete the degree requirements (or decrease the listed electives).
- <sup>3</sup> All courses are online, except for the 84-hour community leadership practicum (NURS 476) that includes 84 clinical hours, which can be completed in your local community unless restrictions apply. Please note that the Board of Nursing in certain states may restrict access to practicums. These restrictions may change without notice, thus it is important to notify your advisor in advance of any relocation while completing the online RN-BSN program. For a list of states with practicum restrictions, please review the FAQ on the Online Learning

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