

Admission Procedure

All RN students must apply to Undergraduate Admissions for admission to The University of Akron as transfer students and are admitted directly to the College of Nursing as “prenursing” undergraduates. College of Nursing advisers will guide the students through the prerequisite courses required and create a plan of study that will best meet the student’s needs.

As “prenursing” students, those in the RN progression programs will apply to enter the major through their College of Nursing Academic Adviser during a specified period to be considered for full admission into the nursing major. Students must meet the minimum criteria listed below.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RN TO BSN

- Valid Ohio state license as a registered nurse
- Undergraduate admission to The University of Akron and College of Nursing
- A minimum Grade Point Average of 2.75 in prerequisite courses (All prerequisites must be completed by the end of spring semester)
- Maintenance of a “C” or above in all prerequisite courses
- Courses taken at other colleges may be used to satisfy prerequisite requirements. Grades of equivalent transfer courses are combined with those earned at The University of Akron in the computation of the admission GPA

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RN TO BSN TO MSN

- Valid Ohio state license as a registered nurse
- Undergraduate admission to The University of Akron and College of Nursing
- A minimum Grade Point Average of 3.0 in prerequisite courses (All prerequisites must be completed by the end of spring semester)
- Minimum 96 semester hours earned and posted to The University of Akron transcript (Graduate school requirement)
- A minimum 2.75 overall Grade Point Average (Graduate school requirement)
- Maintenance of a “C” or above in all prerequisite courses
- Courses taken at other colleges may be used to satisfy prerequisite requirements. Grades of equivalent transfer courses are combined with those earned at The University of Akron in the computation of the admission GPA
- Admission into the RN to BSN to MSN does not guarantee admission into the graduation program or a nursing track

Prerequisite Courses for Entry into the RN Sequence					
Course	Course Number	Credits	Course	Course Number	Credits
Principles of Microbiology	3100:130	3	Introduction to Ethics	3600:120	3
Anatomy and Physiology I Lecture and Lab	3100:200 & 201	4	Introduction to Psychology	3750:100	3
Anatomy and Physiology II Lecture and Lab	3100:202 & 203	4	Developmental Psychology	3750:230	4
Intro. to General, Organic and Biochemistry I*	3150:110	3	Physical Education+	5540:120-190	1
Intro. to General, Organic and Biochemistry I Lab	3150:111	1	Introduction to Public Speaking or Effective Oral Communication	7600:105 or 7600:106	3
Intro. to General, Organic and Biochemistry II	3150:112	3	Electives		7
Intro. to General, Organic and Biochemistry II Lab	3150:113	1	Additional prerequisites for the RN to BSN to MSN:		
Cultural Anthropology or Introduction to Sociology*	3230:150 or 3850:100	4	Humanities in the Western Tradition I	3400:210	4
English Composition I*	3300:111	4	Humanities Option	(See Undergraduate Bulletin)	3-4
English Composition II	3300:112	3	Area Studies and Cultural Diversity	(See Undergraduate Bulletin)	4
Statistics for Everyday Life or Basic Statistics	3470:250 or 3470:260	4	Graduate Statistics	See Adviser	3-4

CHANGE OF REQUIREMENTS:

Without limiting the generality of its powers to alter, amend, or revoke rules and regulations, The University of Akron reserves the right to make changes in degree requirements of the student enrolled prior to the change by:

- Altering the number of credits and/or courses required in a major field of study
- Deleting courses
- Amending courses by increasing or decreasing the credits of specific courses
- Offering substitute courses in the same or cognate fields

*CLEP options available (credit by examination)

+ All students admitted must meet this requirement. Age exemption does not apply.

RN TO BSN PROGRAM OF STUDY (FULL-TIME)

Courses	Course Number	Credits
<i>Summer Semester</i>		
Cultural Dimensions in Nursing (Five wk 1)	8200:325	2
Concepts of Professional Nursing (Ten wk 1)	8200:336	4
Health Assessment for RNs (Eight wk 2)	8200:337	3
Humanities in the Western Tradition I	3400:210	4
	Total	13
<i>Fall Semester</i>		
Nursing Care of Healthy Individuals/Families (Rotation I)	8200:405	3
Palliative Nursing Care (Rotation II)	8200:406	2
Nursing Research/RN only (Entire semester)	8200:436	3
Nursing Care of Communities/RN only (Rotation I)	8200:445	3
Nursing Care of Communities Practicum/RN only (Rotation II)	8200:444	2
Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement		2-3
	Total	15-16
<i>Spring Semester</i>		
Complex Care of Aging Families/RN only (Rotation I)	8200:415	3
Professional Nursing Leadership* (Rotation I)	8200:446	3
Professional Nursing Leadership Practicum (Rotation II)	8200:447	2
Professional Nursing Capstone (Rotation II)	8200:448	2
Humanities Requirement		3-4
Area Studies/Cultural Diversity Requirement		2-3
	Total	15-16
By-Pass Credit:		36
Total Hours for RN TO BSN Degree:		133-135

RN TO BSN TO MSN PROGRAM OF STUDY (FULL TIME)

Courses	Course Number	Credits
<i>Summer Semester</i>		
Cultural Dimensions in Nursing (Five wk 1)	8200:325	2
Concepts of Professional Nursing (Ten wk 1)	8200:336	4
Health Assessment for RNs (Eight wk 2)	8200:337	3
	Total	9
<i>Fall Semester</i>		
Nursing Care of Healthy Individuals/Families (Rotation I)	8200:405	3
Palliative Nursing Care (Rotation II)	8200:406	2
Nursing Care of Communities/RN only (Rotation I)	8200:445	3
Nursing Care of Communities Practicum/RN only (Rotation II)	8200:444	2
Inquiry I* (Entire semester) [Required]	8200:613	3
	Total	13
After completion of 8200:613 students earn credit by examination for 8200:436 nursing research, RN only. See the Undergraduate Bulletin for current credit by examination fee. Students must formally apply to Graduate School Spring Semester.		
<i>Spring Semester</i>		
Complex Care of Aging Families/RN only (Rotation I)	8200:415	3
Professional Nursing Leadership** (Rotation I)	8200:446	3
Professional Nursing Leadership Practicum (Rotation II)	8200:447	2
Theoretical Basis for Nursing* or Policy and Issues in Nursing* [Optional]	8200:603 or 8200:607	3
Professional Nursing Capstone (Rotation II)	8200:448	2
Pathophysiological Concepts* (Entire semester) [Recommended for quick progression into the NP or CNS Tracks]	8200:608	3
	Total	15-17
By-Pass Credit:		36
Total Hours for RN TO BSN TO MSN Degree:		141-143

*Graduate courses, evening program lasting the entire semester; taken with permission

Students may qualify to portfolio 446 and/or 447 depending on their background in nursing and their clinical competencies.

Both RN to BSN and RN to BSN to MSN students are held to a minimum of 128 semester hours to graduate.

Students must take a minimum of 32 credits at The University of Akron to meet residency requirements for graduation.

By-pass credit does not satisfy this requirement.

