

Health Sciences

Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the RN to BSN program, students are expected to:

- Promote safe, quality, evidence-based care to populations and communities in structured and unstructured healthcare environments.
- Analyze quality improvement measures used in both structured and unstructured healthcare environments.
- Act as an evolving scholar, translating current evidence into nursing practice.
- Evaluate collaboration techniques used in various healthcare environments.
- Apply leadership principles and theories to both the practice and the profession of nursing.
- Apply information management principles, techniques, and systems to manage knowledge, mitigate error, and support decision-making.

Accreditation

The RN to BSN program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, Inc. (ACEN). GBC is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU).

The Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science degree in nursing at Great Basin College at the Elko campus located in Elko, Nevada is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400
Atlanta, GA 30326
(404) 975-5000

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the RN-BSN Program is Continuing Accreditation.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at <https://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>.

Mission Statement

The mission of GBC's registered nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is to prepare registered nurses for research and theory based professional practice roles as leaders and change agents in the transformation of nursing and health care for rural and under served populations.

Program Description

A totally online program, the registered nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is designed for non-traditional RN students with an associate degree who want to continue their education in nursing and still be engaged in practicing their profession. The program allows the flexibility to work toward a degree full-time or part-time and to adapt completion of course assignment times and locations convenient to the student's personal and professional lives. All practicum experience is community-based and can happen in students local area.

Contact Information

Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing,
775.327.2317.

The RN to BSN program is independent of Great Basin College's Associate of Applied Science in Nursing program, but builds upon the associate degree in nursing education's lower-division general education and nursing core course requirements. The RN to BSN program also integrates additional lower-division and upper-division general education courses consistent with Great Basin College's Bachelor of Science degrees. These courses are also available online. Nursing course theoretical content and practicum application is relevant across all healthcare settings and nursing roles, including those unique to the needs of rural populations and communities.

Program Requirements

Licensed (active status) registered nurses who have graduated from an ACEN accredited associate degree in nursing program awarded by a regionally accredited institution are eligible to apply for admission. **Admission to the RN to BSN Program is a separate process from admission to Great Basin College. In order to be considered for admission to the RN to BSN program, all students must meet the requirements for formal admission to Great Basin College.** College-level courses of equivalent semester hour credit and content may be transferred by direct credit from other accredited institutions. Transcript evaluation might be necessary and may require supporting information such as course syllabi and books. Transcript(s) should be sent to the Director of Enrollment Services for evaluation.

Application Process

An in-person or telephone advisory meeting with a nursing faculty advisor is recommended at the time of application and required prior to enrollment in any RN to BSN course.

All students applying for the RN to BSN program must meet the following **minimum** criteria:

- Have graduated from a regionally accredited college or university with an associate degree in nursing from a program that is ACEN accredited.
- Possess an active status, good standing registered nursing license.

Once minimum criteria have been met, interested RNs must submit the following information to GBC's health science and human services department, no later than 5 p.m., July 1, in order to meet the fall application deadline:

- Official transcripts reflecting a cumulative grade point average equal to or greater than 3.0 as calculated by Great Basin College formulas with final grade of C or higher in any required associate degree program course and/or any course being considered for transfer credit. (Note: students who have a 2.5-3.0 GPA may be admitted provisionally. Provisional admission means that a student must maintain a GPA of 2.7 or better during their first semester in the program in order to continue in the program.)
- Completed application packet for admission to the RN to BSN program.
- Completed application for admission to GBC (unless student has previously attended GBC).
- Letters of reference requirement is waived for graduating GBC ADN students.

Enrollment in the program is limited and students are admitted only in the fall semester. Selection is made using a points system based on overall GPA, resume, essay, and reference letters.

Academic Progression

Upon admission to the RN to BSN program, students can begin coursework.

Enrolled students are subject to all program policies as described in the RN-BSN student handbook.

NOTE: Year of admission to the RN to BSN program determines catalog year and course requirements.

NOTE: The amount of time between entrance and completion of the program shall not exceed six years.

The RN to BSN program consists of a total of 51 credits of upper-division nursing courses and lower- and upper-division general education courses.

General Education Requirements

INT	359	Integrative Math Seminar, or	
HSC	300	Statistics for Health Sciences	3
		Fine Arts or Humanities General Education**	3
		Total Credits.....	6

Program Requirements

CHEM	100	Molecules and Life in the Modern World ..	3
MATH	120, MATH 120E	Fundamentals of College Mathematics, or	
MATH	126, MATH 126E	Precalculus I, or	
STAT	152	Introduction to Statistics or higher	3
NURS	326	Transition to Professional Nursing	5

NURS	417	Information Systems & Quality Management	4
NURS	420	Evidence-Based Practice & Research in Nursing	3
NURS	429	Population Focused Community Health Theory	4
NURS	436	Population Focused Community Health Practicum	4
NURS	437	Diversity & Healthcare Policy in Rural Environments.	3
NURS	443	Nursing Leadership & Management Theory	4
NURS	449	Nursing Leadership & Management Practicum	4
NURS	456	Senior Synthesis Seminar (Capstone).....	5
		Total Credits	42

Program Elective (select one):

NURS	312	Health Assessment & Health Promotion (Spring)	
NURS	337	Pathophysiology (Fall), or	
NURS	490	Special Topics	3
		Total Credits	3

Total Credits for RN to BSN program 51

Minimum credits required for degree 120

** (Note: All RN to BSN students must satisfy the U.S. and Nevada Constitution requirement, ENG 102, 3 credit humanities and 3 credit fine arts. If they were not completed in their AAS degree program, they must be completed before graduation from the RN to BSN Program.)

3 units are satisfied by taking PSC 101 or HIST 101/102 plus 3 additional of social science PSY 101.

Maintaining Good Standing

Students who have been admitted to the RN to BSN program must maintain their status as students in good standing based on specific criteria in the RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing student handbook.

In order to maintain good standing in the BSN degree, a student must:

- Maintain a minimum grade of C (e.g., 76% or higher) in all nursing courses.
- Maintain a minimum grade of C or higher in all non-nursing classes applied to the BSN.

Failure to do so could result in probation then dismissal from the program. It is the student's responsibility to immediately notify the RN to BSN program Director in writing of any changes in licensure, insurance, certification, and/or health status.

Fees

RN to BSN students follow the fee schedule and refund policy described on page 68. In addition to tuition and lab fees, there are other costs specific to the RN to BSN program. These are subject to change. An approximation of the additional expenses include:

Textbooks \$840.00
Nursing School Pin..... \$40.00-\$160.00

**SUGGESTED COURSE SEQUENCE
TRADITIONAL TRACK
RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

FALL—1st Semester		Credits
NURS	326	5
NURS	443	4
NURS	449	4
TOTAL		13

SPRING—2nd Semester		Credits
CHEM	100	3
NURS	429	4
NURS	436	4
TOTAL		11

FALL—3rd Semester		Credits
HUMANITIES OR FINE ARTS*		3
INT	359 or HSC 300	3
NURS	417	4
NURS	420	3
TOTAL		13

SPRING—4 Semester		Credits
STAT	152	3
NURS	437	3
NURS	456	5
TOTAL		11

ELECTIVE (choose one)*		Credits
NURS	312 (spring)	3
NURS	337 (fall)	3
TOTAL		3

Minimum Credits: 51

***Choose with an advisor**

RN-BSN Program: All students who graduate from GBC AAS Nursing Program and pass the NCLEX are automatically enrolled into the RN-BSN program upon submission of application.

**SUGGESTED PLAN OF STUDY
FAST TRACK
RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing**

FALL—1st Semester		Credits
NURS	326	5
NURS	420	3
NURS	443	4
NURS	449	4
TOTAL		16

SPRING—2nd Semester		Credits
CHEM	100	3
NURS	429	4
NURS	436	4
NURS	437	3
TOTAL		14

SUMMER—3rd Semester		Credits
HUMANITIES OR FINE ARTS*		3
INT	359 or HSC 300	3
NURS	417	4
NURS	456	5
STAT	152	3
TOTAL		18

ELECTIVE (choose one)*		Credits
NURS	312 (spring)	3
NURS	337 (fall)	3
		3

Minimum Credits: 51

***Choose with advisor**

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