

NURSING, RN-BSN

OVERVIEW

The RN to BSN program at Roosevelt University is designed for licensed registered nurses seeking to advance their education, strengthen clinical knowledge, and expand career opportunities in today's evolving healthcare environment. This flexible program builds on prior nursing education and experience, allowing students to transfer a significant number of previously earned credits and complete the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree in an efficient and supportive format.

The curriculum emphasizes leadership, evidence-based practice, population health, and professional development. Students develop skills in critical thinking, communication, and care coordination across diverse healthcare settings. The program prepares graduates for expanded roles in nursing, including leadership and management positions, and provides a strong foundation for graduate study.

With a focus on flexibility and student success, the RN to BSN program supports working professionals while maintaining the academic rigor and quality expected of a Roosevelt University degree.

STANDARDS

Students enrolled in the fully online RN to BSN program must:

- Successfully complete all required upper-division nursing coursework in the designated online format
- Complete remaining general education or university core requirements, as applicable
- Earn a minimum grade of C (or equivalent) in all nursing courses
- Maintain the program's required minimum cumulative GPA [2.0]
- Meet institutional credit hour and residency requirements

The RN to BSN online program at Roosevelt University is designed for registered nurses seeking to advance their education and expand their professional opportunities. The program allows students to transfer up to 70 credits from a community college and up to 90 credits from a four-year institution, maximizing prior academic work.

To earn the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, students must complete a minimum of 30 credits in nursing coursework at Roosevelt University. A total of 120 credits is required for graduation. Any remaining credits needed to meet this requirement will be fulfilled through additional coursework as determined by an academic advisor.

The curriculum builds on prior nursing knowledge and focuses on leadership, evidence-based practice, community health, and professional development to prepare graduates for advanced roles in healthcare.

Nursing courses

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Required program courses (online)		
NURS 300	CONCEPTS FOR NURSING PRACTICE	3
NURS 301	SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH	3
NURS 302	CULTURALLY COMPETENT NURSING CARE	3
NURS 303	NURSING RESEARCH	3
NURS 304		3
NURS 306	HEALTH ASSESSMENT	3

NURS 308	NURSING INFORMATICS	3
NURS 335	NURSING MANAGEMENT & LEADERSHIP	3
NURS 390	CAPSTONE: CONTEMPORARY ISSUES PRACTICUM I	3
NURS 392	CAPSTONE;CONTEMPORARY ISSUES PRACTICUM II	3

Total Credit Hours 30

TRANSFERRED RN COURSES

Code	Title	Credit Hours
Students entering the RN to BSN online program may transfer previously completed coursework required for the registered nursing (RN) degree. Acceptable transfer courses typically include foundational sciences such as Anatomy and Physiology (I and II), General Chemistry, Microbiology, and General Biology, as well as other prerequisite and support courses completed as part of an accredited RN program. These courses will be evaluated and applied toward the BSN degree requirements, allowing students to build on their prior academic work and progress efficiently toward completion of the 120 total credits required for graduation.		42-43

Total Credit Hours 42-43

CORE Requirements (General Education)

Code	Title	Credit Hours
First Year Success Course or Transfer Success Course		
FYS 101 or TRS 101	FIRST YEAR SUCCESS COURSE TRANSFER SUCCESS 101	1
Communication Requirement		
ENG 101	COMPOSITION I: CRITICAL READING & WRITING	3
ENG 102	COMPOSITION II: INTRODUCTION TO ACADEMIC RESEARCH	3
COMM 101	PUBLIC SPEAKING (or program specific CORE communications course)	3
Ideas of Social Justice		
3 credits in coursework categorized as Ideas.		3
Humanities and Fine and Performing Arts ^{2,3}		
9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Art History, English (excluding ENG 101 and ENG 102), History, Languages, Music, Philosophy, Theatre, Communication and Women's and Gender Studies		9
Mathematics		
MATH 110	QUANTITATIVE LITERACY (or above) ¹	3
Science		
One biological science and one physical science required (one must include a one credit lab).		7-8
Social Sciences ^{2,3,4}		
9 credits from the following subject areas: African-American Studies, Criminal Justice, Economics, History, Journalism, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology and Women's and Gender Studies		9
Experiential Learning		

6 credits from coursework categorized as Experiential Learning.	6
Total Credit Hours	47-48

- ¹ Higher level of Math may be required by major
- ² Coursework must come from outside of students' major discipline
- ³ A maximum of 9 credits can be applied from a single discipline towards humanities and social science requirements
- ⁴ Digital Advertising and Public Relations Majors must complete COMM 110 with a grade of C or higher. This course can fulfill one Social Science requirement.

These quantitative requirements also apply to degrees.

- Students must earn a minimum of 120 semester hours.
- Students may apply no more than 60 credit hours of 100-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must apply no fewer than 60 credit hours of 200- and 300-level courses toward the degree.
- Students must have at least 18 credit hours (of the 60 credit hours above) at the 300 level.
- Students may transfer in no more than 70 credit hours from community colleges.
- Students earning less than 60 total hours in residence must take their final 30 hours at Roosevelt University. Note that some majors have additional requirements for RU hours.
- Students must have a grade point average of 2.0 or higher to graduate. Note that some majors have additional GPA requirements.

A full-time degree map for the RN to BSN program at Roosevelt University provides a structured, semester-by-semester plan that allows students to complete the program efficiently. Designed for full-time enrollment, the degree map outlines the recommended sequence of nursing and general education courses to ensure timely progress toward graduation. Students who follow the full-time plan can typically complete remaining degree requirements within one academic year, depending on the number of transfer credits applied.

Your degree map is a general guide suggesting courses to complete each term on the academic pathway to your degree. It is based on the most current scheduling information from your academic program. Your program's degree map is reviewed annually and updated as schedules change (although you retain the same course requirements as long as you are continuously enrolled in your degree program).

Always work closely with your academic advisor to understand curriculum requirements and scheduling, as each student's academic plan can look slightly different.

DEGREE MAP: FULL TIME

Year 1		
Fall	Credit Hours Spring	Credit Hours
NURS 300	3 NURS 303	3
NURS 306	3 NURS 308	3
NURS 301	3 NURS 304	3
NURS 302	3 NURS 335	3
General Elective *	3 General Elective *	3
General Elective *	3 General Elective *	3
18		18

Year 2	
Fall	Credit Hours
NURS 390	3
NURS 392	3
General Elective *	3
General Elective *	3
General Elective *	3
15	
Total Credit Hours 51	

* As needed to reach 120 total credits.

A part-time degree map for the RN to BSN program at Roosevelt University provides a flexible, semester-by-semester plan for students balancing school with work and other responsibilities. It outlines a recommended sequence of courses to support steady progress toward graduation over an extended timeline, depending on transfer credits.

Your degree map is a general guide and is updated as schedules change. Students should work closely with their academic advisor, as individual plans may vary.

DEGREE MAP: PART TIME

Year 1			
Fall	Credit Spring Hours	Credit Summer Hours	Credit Hours
NURS 300	3 NURS 301	3 NURS 303	3
NURS 306	3 NURS 302	3 NURS 308	3
General Elective *	3 General Elective *	3 General Elective *	3
9		9	9
Year 2			
Fall	Credit Spring Hours	Credit Summer Hours	Credit Hours
NURS 304	3 NURS 390	3 General Elective *	3
NURS 335	3 NURS 392	3 General Elective *	3
General Elective *	3 General Elective *	3	
9		9	6
Total Credit Hours 51			

* As needed to reach 120 total credits.