

# Online Bachelor of Science In Nursing RN to BSN

Offered by the UTEP School of Nursing

## Program Highlights

120 credit hours

In-state tuition: \$336.12/credit hour\*

Out-of-state tuition: \$336.12/credit hour\*

\* Tuition is based on 2021-2022 rates and is subject to change.

- Convenient and 100% online for maximum flexibility
- Developed specifically for working nurses and offered by UTEP's School of Nursing
- Highly competitive with no statistics requirement
- Ranked in the top 20 most affordable RN to BSN programs by BestValueSchools.com
- Accredited by the Collegiate Commission on Nursing Education (CCNE)
- Fast-paced and can be completed in as few as 12 months; nursing program courses are taken one at a time for convenience



## Why an RN-BSN?

The AACN (American Association of Colleges of Nursing) recommends that registered nurses (RNs) be prepared with a BSN or the equivalent because RNs with better levels of education have better patient outcomes and are also more qualified for different jobs including those in nursing administration and education.

## Required Mentorship Component

Effective Summer 2018, all students enrolled in the RN to BSN program must complete a mentorship component. This additional graduation requirement is the result of the American Association of Colleges of Nursing's (AACN) new CCNE accreditation rules and will affect all RN to BSN programs nationwide.



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## Admissions Requirements

To qualify for admission to the online RN to BSN program, you must:

- Complete and submit an application to and be fully admitted by the UTEP Office of Admissions
- Hold a minimum overall 2.0 GPA for full university acceptance and submit transcripts from EACH college or university attended to the Office of Admissions

*NOTE: All transcripts in languages other than English must be accompanied by a certified English translation by the educational institution, an American Consulate, or a certified English translator. In order to be considered official, academic transcripts must be mailed directly from the issuing institution to UTEP's Office of Undergraduate Admissions.*

- Additionally, all applicants must meet the following School of Nursing (SON) requirements:
  - Complete all Texas core and/or residency courses before beginning RN-BSN nursing courses
  - Hold an active, unencumbered licensure to practice as a Registered Nurse in the U.S.
  - Have a minimum overall 2.5 GPA for SON acceptance
  - Complete 9 hours of Texas core and/or residency courses at UTEP\* (see information under Curriculum)
  - Complete the Compliance Requirements Checklist (this is completed during the first nursing program course)
    - RN Licensure
    - Criminal background check

### International students must also submit:

- Official TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) scores

## Curriculum

The minimum requirements for completion of the RN to BSN degree are a total of 30 hours at UTEP, which must include 21 hours of RN to BSN nursing courses and an additional 9 hours to meet minimum residency requirements for graduation. The 9 hours can be met by taking general education courses at UTEP. Some students may need additional general education courses to satisfy the University's graduation requirements.

Advanced Standing Credit will be given for designated courses (**TCR**) upon successful completion of the first RN to BSN semester. Courses will be awarded TCR based on the nursing license and previous ADN. For more information about the RN to BSN degree plan, please visit <https://www.utep.edu/nursing/>

General Education Courses	33 semester credit hours
9 of which are awarded Advanced Standing Credit (TCR)	
Pre-professional Courses	35 semester credit hours
All pre-professional nursing courses are eligible for Advanced Standing Credit (TCR)	
RN to BSN Nursing Courses	43 semester credit hours
22 of which are eligible for Advanced Standing Credit (TCR)	
Electives	9 semester credit hours

**Total Credits for Degree Completion 120 semester credit hours**

### RN to BSN Nursing Courses

NURS 4402	RN to BSN Role Transition
NURS 4303	Nursing Informatics & Technology
NURS 4414	Evidence-Based Research
NURS 4502	Nursing Leadership & Management
NURS 4503	Nursing in the Community

*Note: Curriculum is subject to change.*



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