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.
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 College of Nursing 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/

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**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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