

Online Bachelor of Science in Nursing

RN to BSN Option

OFFERED BY THE UTEP SCHOOL OF NURSING



If you are a working nurse who wants to earn your BSN and advance your nursing career, UTEP's fully **online RN to BSN** is for you.

Offered by UTEP's School of Nursing, the degree's fully online format is flexible and convenient for busy nurses.

Connect with Advanced Career Opportunities

The demand for nurses with a BSN is great per the **Future of Nursing 2020** report from the National Academies Health and Medicine Division. According to the report

- The healthcare industry needs a more educated workforce and this need can be met by nurses who have a BSN
- Nurses with a BSN are also more likely to achieve higher levels of education needed to hold positions like nurse researchers, nurse faculty and primary care providers. All these positions are also in high demand in the healthcare workplace.

A key recommendation of the report is that by 2020, 80% of the nursing population should have BSN degrees to meet increased industry demand.

(Source: National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine/

Health and Medicine Division; "The Future of Nursing: Focus on Education"; <http://www.nationalacademies.org/hmd/Reports/2010/The-Future-of-Nursing-Leading-Change-Advancing-Health/Report-Brief-Education.aspx>)

UTEP's RN to BSN program also boasts several features that are of particular interest to students. Our program

- Has no statistics requirement
- Can be completed in as few as 12 months
- Teaches evidence-based practices
- Is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Texas State Board of Nursing (BON)
- Is highly affordable – students can pay for courses as they take them; the program is also ranked #17 on a list of most affordable RN to BSN degree programs published by BestValueSchools.com
- Awards advanced standing credit for designated nursing courses upon completion of the first nursing program semester

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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 <http://www.utep.edu/nursing/academic-programs/degree-plans.html>

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| 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

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| 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.

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.

