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Program Highlights:

- Learn how to provide patient-centered nursing care in a variety of settings
- Learn to manage, prioritize, and delegate patient care in a variety of health care settings
- Develop caring, therapeutic nursing relationships with individuals, families, and groups
- Develop skills to effectively communicate and collaborate with patients and interdisciplinary teams

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INFORMATION APPLICABLE TO RN to BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM (Online)

The RN to BSN Program is delivered in a 100% online format. Courses are four or eight weeks in length. The program provides a foundation for professional nursing practice at the baccalaureate level. The program is accredited by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

Admission Requirements

1. Meet all requirements for admission to an undergraduate degree program at the University as outlined in the University Catalog.
2. Have obtained a 2.0 cumulative GPA from a regionally and nationally accredited institution.
3. Submit a separate application for admission into the RN to BSN Program.
4. Provide proof of a current, active, and unencumbered RN license in the State of residence.
5. Provide Evidence of current AHA Healthcare Provider BLS CPR Card throughout the program.
6. Provide evidence of current, active professional liability and malpractice insurance coverage for practicum courses.
7. Provide one official transcript from each college or university attended.

Additional Prerequisite Requirement

Students should be proficient in operating a personal computer, including:

Demonstrated competency in standard computer operating systems, electronic filing systems, basic keyboarding skills, organizing and sorting electronic documents. Demonstrated knowledge of standard computer applications to include Microsoft Word, Excel, and PowerPoint and familiarity with using internet browsers and standard email systems such as MS Outlook.

Admission Process

Admission into the RN to BSN Program at National University is a two-step process:

- 1) Application to the University, and
- 2) Application to the RN to BSN Program.

For information about the program and how to obtain the RN to BSN Program application, students should email the Admissions Coordinator at RNCompletion@nu.edu.

Prospective students should follow the University application requirements listed in the "Academic Information for Undergraduate Degree Admission Procedures" section of this catalog. A prospective student should first meet with an Advisor. Advisors are located at each of the University campus offices and are available online. The prospective student should arrange to have transcripts from all other colleges and universities sent to National University.

Following the receipt of all application items, the prospective student's packet will be reviewed. Admission will be offered to students achieving complete applicant files, until all class positions are filled. The prospective student will receive a letter via email regarding this decision.

Students are not eligible for financial aid until the RN to BSN Program application, evaluation packet, and the formal degree evaluation are completed by the Office of the Registrar.

The Department of Nursing requires that students who participate in practicums at health care related facilities maintain current health insurance coverage and a current AHA Healthcare Provider BLS CPR Card. **Note:** students may be required to provide proof of current immunizations and a clear background check depending on practicum location selection.

Program Advisement

All accepted students will be assigned a Nursing Faculty Counselor. Students are encouraged to periodically communicate with both the Nursing Faculty Counselor and their assigned Advisor throughout the program.

Program Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of this program, students will be able to:

- Develop caring, therapeutic nursing relationships with individuals, families, groups and populations.
- Provide safe, high quality, culturally competent, patient-centered nursing care for individuals across the life span in a variety of settings.
- Participate in the continuous improvement of nursing care quality and safety.
- Use nursing judgment to manage, prioritize, and delegate patient care in a variety of health care settings.
- Effectively communicate and collaborate with patients and the interdisciplinary team.
- Demonstrate professional identity by incorporating established standards of practice within the legal and ethical framework of nursing.
- Apply best, current evidence into nursing practice to achieve desired outcomes.

Degree Requirements

To receive a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), students must complete 180 quarter units as articulated in the general catalog, 45 quarter units must be completed at National University, 76.5 quarter units must be completed at the upper division level and the program must fulfill a minimum 70.5 quarter units of the University General Education requirements. In absence of transfer credit, students may need to take additional general electives to satisfy the total units for the degree. Remedial courses accepted for the ASN degree may not transfer. Students should refer to the section on undergraduate admission procedures for specific information on admission and evaluation. All students receiving an undergraduate degree in Nevada are required by State Law to complete a course in Nevada Constitution.

A maximum of 45 quarter units (30 semester units) of lower division credit may be allowed for clinical courses for a registered nurse who is a graduate of a three-year hospital nursing school. Up to 22.5 quarter units (15 semester units) of additional lower division credit may be granted for academically equivalent coursework. Students should refer to the section on undergraduate admission procedures for specific information on admission and evaluation. A maximum of 31.5 quarter units may apply toward the baccalaureate nursing (RN to BSN) degree if a student has passed the NCLEX-RN examination.

Preparation for Major

(1 Course; 4.5 quarter units)

SOC 350* Cultural Diversity
Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101

* May be used to meet the Upper division General Education requirement.

Nursing Core Courses

(10 courses; 43.5 quarter units)

HTM 310	Health Informatics
NSG 303	Professional Issues for RNs
BST 322	Intro to Biomedical Statistics
NSG 443	Evidence Based Practice
NSG 442	NSG Leadership and Management <i>Corequisite: NSG 442A</i>
NSG 442A	NSG LDRSHP & MGMT Practicum (3 quarter units) <i>Corequisite: NSG 442</i>
NSG 444	Community Population NSG (6 quarter units) <i>Corequisite: NSG 444A</i>
NSG 444A	Comm Pop NSG Practicum (3 quarter units) <i>Corequisite: NSG 444</i>
NSG 447	Qual Improvement <i>Corequisite: NSG 447A</i>
NSG 447A	Qual Improvement Practicum <i>Corequisite: NSG 447</i>

Upper Division Electives

(7 courses; 31.5 quarter units)

In the absence of upper division transfer units, additional quarter units of upper division coursework may be needed to meet the minimum upper division requirement of 76.5 quarter units. Electives should be chosen in consultation with the faculty and/or admission advisor.

Students should choose from the following Upper Division Electives

HSC 330	Health Education & Promotion
HSC 310	Issues & Trends in Healthcare
HSC 300	Legal/Ethical Issues & Hlth Pr
SPN 340A	Spanish for the Work Place
SPN 341	Cross-Cultural Communication
PHL 337	Ethics
	<i>Prerequisite: ENG 100 and ENG 101</i>
GER 310	Healthy Aging