



Registered Nurse (RN) to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) Frequently Asked Questions

WHAT ARE THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS?

The RN to B.S.N. program is for registered nurses seeking a bachelor's degree in nursing. A student who is a graduate of an associate degree or diploma program and currently holds an unencumbered RN license (or is eligible for licensure) to practice nursing may be eligible.

Prerequisites should be completed prior to start of program.

- Nutrition (3 credits)
- Pathophysiology (3 credits)
- Statistics (3 credits)
- Humanities electives (2)

HOW DO I APPLY?

Contact Pete Heeley, director of Transfer Admissions, at (207) 602-2385 or phееley@une.edu.

WHAT KIND OF FINANCIAL AID DO YOU OFFER?

In addition to a deep tuition discount and a cost structure that is 50 percent less than standard tuition, scholarship monies are available to accepted RN to B.S.N. students. All financial aid for undergraduate students at UNE is administered through the Financial Services Department, www.une.edu/sfs. Prospective students are also encouraged to search for external scholarships.

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE ME TO COMPLETE THE RN TO B.S.N. PROGRAM?

Students who have completed all of their core academic courses could complete the program in 12 months or less, provided they are full-time students and take two courses every seven weeks.

IS THE PROGRAM ACCREDITED?

Yes, the B.S.N. program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing and approved by the Maine State Board of Nursing.

DO I HAVE TO GET ALL OF MY ACADEMICS AT UNE?

No. We often have students complete general education requirements online or at a local community college. Please keep in mind that the RN to B.S.N. Completion program requires 30 nursing credits to be taken in residence to receive a bachelor's degree from UNE.

DOES UNE OFFER GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES?

Yes, and UNE also offers several mechanisms for earning course credit based upon the College Level Examination Program (CLEP).

WHAT NURSING COURSES CAN I TEST OUT OF?

Students can test out of the following Nursing courses prior to beginning, or during the course of their program:

- Pharmacology (Nursing Competency Exam)
- Health Assessment (Nursing Competency Exam)

This is managed through the Department of Nursing

IS THERE A SET ORDER TO THE COURSES THAT I NEED TO FOLLOW?

RN to B.S.N. courses are only offered during select terms, and plans of study must be followed precisely to stay on track with the program within the projected time frame.

ARE THERE ANY EXPERIENTIAL REQUIREMENTS?

Yes. Community Health and Nursing Leadership require an experiential component that can be completed in your community.

CAN I WORK FULL-TIME AND COMPLETE THE PROGRAM?

Our seven-week semester is tailored to be flexible for those with full-time jobs and family commitments. This program is condensed and rigorous. Students need to assess both education, work and personal responsibilities.



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