

BACHELOR OF SCIENCES IN NURSING

Admission for RN-To-BSN Option (Online)

The RN-to-BSN option is offered to registered nurses (RN) with an associate degree in nursing (ADN) or a diploma in nursing. This option is completely online.

Initial admission to the RN-to-BSN option is based on requirements for admission to the University; however, admission to the university does not assure admission into the nursing program. Upon successful completion of one semester of nursing coursework, the student will be awarded credit based on prior nursing knowledge and academic work in previous nursing program.

Requirements for admission to the online program are:

- Complete a formal application to the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions. Applications are available on the ACONHP website at <http://www.una.edu/nursing/>.
- Submit official proof of a current registered nursing license and be in good standing with the Board of Nursing.
- Graduate from an accredited associate degree in nursing program or a diploma program in nursing.
- Possess a minimum of "C" or higher in all required math, science, and Area V courses.

Admission for RN-to-MSN Option (Online)

The RN-to-MSN option is offered to registered nurses (RN) with an associate degree in nursing (ADN) or a diploma in nursing who plan to pursue a master's degree in nursing. This option is completely online.

The RN-to-MSN option allows the substitution of nine semester hours of graduate nursing courses for nine hours of undergraduate courses:

- NU 508, Advanced Physical Assessment (3) in lieu of NU 305R, Health and Physical Assessment
- NU 509 Diversity, Ethics, Health Promotion and Informatics in Patient Centered Care (3) and NU 502 Health Policy, Social Issues, and Theory in lieu of NU 418 Concepts, Theory, and Issues in Nursing (6).

A complete description of graduate courses is available in the Graduate Catalog. Students who are enrolled in the RN-to-BSN option may opt to follow the RN-MSN option provided they meet the following requirements:

- A minimum 3.0 GPA after completing 12 credit hours of undergraduate nursing courses at UNA
- Advisor permission to register for graduate nursing courses

After successful completion of all requirements for a BSN degree, including graduation application, the student may apply for acceptance into the MSN program. All applicants must meet MSN program requirements as described in the Graduate Catalog. Once admitted to the MSN program, students will receive graduate credit for successful completion of NU 508, NU 509, and NU 502.

Progression and Retention - RN-to-BSN and RN-to-MSN Options (Online).

Retention and progression in the online RN-to-BSN option or RN-to-MSN option is based on continued satisfaction of health requirements, certification, liability requirements, and appropriate academic progress with a grade of C or higher in each nursing course.

- Appropriate academic progress with a grade of C (73) or higher in each professional nursing course is required
- Clinical is graded as "Pass" or "Fail". Satisfactory clinical consists of participating for the required number of hours, meeting clinical requirements specific to each course, behaving in a professional manner. Note: Student must complete all required clinical hours and all required clinical assignments in order to receive a passing course grade.
- A student who has failed a nursing course for any reason may repeat the failed course only once. In the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions, no student will be permitted to use the Repeat/Recompute Policy or the Second Chance Provision for any nursing course (NU designation). A student in the nursing program can receive no more than one course failure throughout the nursing program. After two course failures, the student will be dismissed from the program.
- In accordance with University policy, students who withdraw from a course by the designated deadline in the UNA catalog will receive a "W" for the course. After the designated deadline, courses dropped with averages of less than a 73 will be a "WF". In nursing courses, a "WF" for any reason is considered a course failure.
- All general education requirements must be met or be in progress prior to completion of the last required nursing course.
- A 2.0 GPA is required for graduation
- Students in the RN-MSN option must achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA after completion of 12 credit hours of undergraduate nursing courses at UNA and meet the requirements for successful completion of, Health Policy, Social Issues, and Theory (NU 502), Advanced Nursing Theory (NU 503), and Advanced Health Assessment (NU 508) (as described in the Graduate Catalog) to continue in the RN-MSN option.

Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing RN-to-BSN and RN-to-MSN Option (Online)

Additional Graduation Requirements (<https://catalog.una.edu/undergraduate/academic-procedures-requirements/graduation-requirements>)

| Code | Title | Hours |
|--|---|-------|
| General Education Component (https://catalog.una.edu/undergraduate/academic-procedures-requirements/general-education-component) | | |
| Area I (Written Composition) | | 6 |
| Area II (Humanities and Fine Arts) | | 12 |
| Area III (Natural Sciences and Mathematics) | | 11 |
| Select one from the following: | | |
| CH 101 & CH 102 | Introductory Chemistry and Introduction to Organic and Biochemistry ¹ | |

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| CH 111 & CH 112 | General Chemistry and General Chemistry ¹ | |
| Area IV (History, Social and Behavioral Sciences) | | 12 |
| ED 299 | Human Growth and Development | |
| PY 201 | General Psychology | |
| Area V (https://www.una.edu/areav) | | |
| BI 241 & BI 242 | Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology II | |
| BI 307 | Microbiology | |
| MA 147 HES 342 | Elementary Statistics | |
| Nursing/General Electives | | |
| Major Core Requirements | | |
| NU 302R | Community Health Nursing Online ^{2,3} | 6 |
| NU 303R | Foundations of EBP in Nursing ² | 3 |
| NU 411R | Leadership and Management in Nursing Online ² | 6 |
| NU 416R | Quality/Safety in Prof Nursing ² | 6 |
| Option | | |
| Select one from the following options: | | 9 |
| Option I: RN to BSN (https://catalog.una.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/nursing/nursing-online/#rn-bsn) | | |
| Option II: RN to MSN (https://catalog.una.edu/undergraduate/colleges-programs/nursing/nursing-online/#rn-msn) | | |
| Minor | | |
| A minor is not required | | |
| Total Hours | | 71 |

¹ Course options: Introductory Biology (BI 101), Introductory Biology (BI 102), Principles of Biology (BI 111), Principles of Biology (BI 112), Cell Biology (BI 305), or Interactive Physics (PH 101). Introductory Physics (PH 121), General Physics I (PH 241)

² Community Health Nursing Online (NU 302R) fulfills the computer literacy requirement

³ Online "R" courses are subject to online nursing fees. (See Expenses section)

Option I: RN-to-BSN

| Code | Title | Hours |
|-------------|--|-------|
| NU 305R | Health and Physical Assessment Online ¹ | 3 |
| NU 418WR | ¹ | 6 |
| Total Hours | | 9 |

¹ Community Health Nursing Online (NU 302R) fulfills the computer literacy requirement

Option II: RN-to-MSN

| Code | Title | Hours |
|-------------|---|-------|
| NU 502 | Health Policy, Social Issues, and Theory ¹ | 3 |
| NU 508 | Advanced Health Assessment ¹ | 3 |
| NU 509 | Diversity, Ethics, Health Promotion and Informatics in Patient Centered Care | 3 |
| Total Hours | | 9 |

¹ See course descriptions in Graduate Catalog. All nursing masters courses are subject to online nursing fees as listed in the Expenses Section of the Graduate Catalog

Healthcare Simulation Microcredential

The healthcare simulation micro-credential is designed to prepare educators and clinicians to deliver high-quality instruction by utilizing simulation. The course work will not satisfy elective course requirements, however it will allow the student to prepare for fieldwork in healthcare simulation.

| Code | Title | Hours |
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| NU480PR | Foundations of Healthcare Simulation | 6 |
| NU 481PR | Healthcare Simulation Logistics | 6 |