

Bethel College RN to BSN-Completion

Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What is the BSN-Completion degree?*

The BSN-Completion degree is a bachelor-completion degree available for RNs who have an earned associate degree or a diploma in nursing degree and wish to continue their studies to obtain a bachelor degree in nursing. If you do not currently hold a registered nurse (RN) license and you wish to become a nurse, you can learn more about Bethel College School of Nursing pre-licensure degrees - associate degree in nursing (ADN) or the bachelor degree in nursing (BSN) - at www.bethelcollege.edu/nursing

2. *How many nursing courses do I need to take to complete my BSN?*

Bethel's BSN-Completion Program requires 10 nursing courses. The total credit requirement for the BSN-Completion program is 120 credits, consisting of 29 nursing course credits, 55 general education/cognate course credits, and 36 lower level nursing credits (transferred from nursing courses taken during the associate or diploma in nursing degrees). Current course requirements are available at <http://www.bethelcollege.edu/academics-programs/academic-catalog/>

3. *How long will it take for me to complete my BSN?*

Two timeframes are available for completing the program:

- **Twenty-month option** completed in five semesters, including one summer. Students take one nursing course at a time.
- **Twelve-month accelerated option** completed in three semesters. Students are able to fast-track the BSN degree completion by taking two courses in each seven week-terms during Fall and Spring semesters.

4. *What locations does Bethel offer the BSN-completion program?*

Nursing courses are offered at three locations:

- Bethel College in Mishawaka, IN
- Grace College in Winona Lake, IN
- Lakeland Health in St. Joseph, MI

The Bethel College Mishawaka campus admits new cohorts twice a year in the Fall (August) and Spring (January). The satellite campuses (Lakeland Health and Grace College) admit new student cohorts once a year in the Fall (August), depending on class size and demand. A minimum of eight (8) students is needed for a new cohort to start.

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5. *What are the admission requirements?*

- Admission to Bethel College which includes sending all previous transcripts to Bethel College
- Minimum GPA 2.5 on prior coursework
- Current and unencumbered RN licensure in the state where projects will be completed

Please note admission to the college does not guarantee admission to the School of Nursing. Applicants will receive separate notification from the School of Nursing of acceptance into the BSN-Completion Program.

6. *What are the School of Nursing matriculation requirements?*

Matriculation and continued enrollment in the School of Nursing is contingent upon submission of the following:

- Proof of immunizations, CPR, and health insurance
- Physical examination by a healthcare provider
- Criminal background check and drug screening with acceptable results

7. *Is there an application fee?*

No, there is no application fee. Students can apply at www.bethelcollege.edu/adult

8. *What is the tuition cost for the BSN-C program?*

The tuition cost can be found in the Bethel Catalog available under the 'Financial Information' section at <http://www.bethelcollege.edu/academics-programs/academic-catalog/>

9. *Are there any other fees?*

Yes. There is a 'Services Assessment Fee' for undergraduate adult students, assessed after you are registered for classes every semester, and a nursing fee upon enrollment to the first nursing course, NUR 381 "Transition to Professional Nursing," to cover the background screening and drug testing fee. Students are required to provide proof of CPR, immunizations, and a physical exam yearly, and they are responsible for covering the cost of this requirement.

All current fees are listed under the 'Financial Information' section at <http://www.bethelcollege.edu/academics-programs/academic-catalog/>

10. *Is financial aid available?*

Information about financial aid can be accessed at <http://www.bethelcollege.edu/academics/adult-and-graduate/adult/financial-aid-apply.html>

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11. *Are scholarships available?*

Information about scholarships is available at

<http://www.bethelcollege.edu/academics/academic-programs/nursing-school/scholarships-aid-nursing.html>

Students are also encouraged to inquire with their employer about the availability of tuition reimbursement and scholarship programs.

12. *What is the method of teaching – online, classroom, or hybrid?*

Currently, BSN-Completion nursing courses are offered in two tracks:

- Courses offered completely online
- Hybrid format, which is a mix of face-to-face with online instruction. The exceptions are NUR 300 “Nursing Informatics” and NUR 487 “Global Health,” which are offered entirely online in both tracks.

13. *What is a typical hybrid course offering schedule?*

Adult courses are offered in a 7-week format.

Most BSN-C hybrid nursing courses are offered using the following schedule:

Classes meet face-to-face on weeks 1, 3, 5, 7; during weeks 2, 4, 6 classes take place online via asynchronous delivery.

14. *Are there clinicals?*

Students complete a practice experience project in two courses, NUR 485 “Community and Population Based Nursing” and NUR 471 “Leadership and Management in Nursing.” The projects are completed on a flexible timeline that fits the student’s schedule.

In NUR 485, students choose one initiative from Healthy People 2020, and carry out a teaching project in the local community to improve the health of communities and populations served.

In NUR 471, students choose a quality initiative related to The Joint Commission National Patient Safety Goals, and work alongside a nurse manager mentor to carry out a quality improvement project to benefit the unit.

A Bethel faculty member guides, evaluates, and grades the students’ practice experience projects.

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15. Do the nursing courses follow a particular sequence?

BSN-C nursing courses can be taken in any sequence, except for NUR 381 “Transition to Professional Nursing,” which must be taken first. A suggested course sequence is as follows:

Sample Course Timeline (20 month or 12 month option)

| | Year 1 | Year 2 | 2 year option | | 12 month option |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-------|-----------------|
| | | | Yr 1 | Yr 2 | |
| Fall 1 | NUR 381 3 cr. | NUR 380 2 cr. | 5 cr. | 6 cr. | 11 credits |
| Fall 2 | NUR 382 2 cr. | NUR 485 4 cr. | | | |
| Spring 1 | NUR 300 3 cr. | NUR 487 3 cr. | 6 cr. | 8 cr. | 14 credits |
| Spring 2 | NUR 395 3 cr. | NUR 471 5 cr. | | | |
| Summer 1 | NUR 410 2 cr. | | 4 cr. | xxx | 4 credits |
| Summer 2 | NUR 383 2 cr. | | | | |

16. What is the general cost for books and supplies?

The approximate total cost for nursing books required in all 10 BSN-C courses in 2016 was:

Rental: \$209.19

Used: \$491.92

New: \$932.76

17. Does Bethel accept transfer credit?

Bethel College is a very transfer-friendly institution. The 55 required non-nursing credits can all be transferred in, except once the student reaches the last 30 credits required for the degree completion. Once the student is down to the last 30 credits needed for degree completion (nursing + non-nursing courses), courses must be taken at Bethel, or the student has the option to take them online through straighterline.com, or test out via College Board CLEP (for equivalent course options available).

18. I am certified in my nursing specialty. Can I use my certification as general education credit?

In addition to transferring in general education courses as previously described, students are able to submit proof of ACLS, PALS, or any nursing specialty certification for general elective credit. Students also have the option to earn general elective credits through prior learning assessment (PLA).

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19. Do you have an RN to MSN program?

Bethel College offers a RN to MSN option with a BSN-Completion bridge. Students who complete the BSN or BSN-Completion program at Bethel are eligible to seamlessly progress into the MSN program, as long as they meet admission criteria for the MSN program. Financial incentives are available to all students who choose to remain continuously enrolled at Bethel College upon successful completion of the BSN degree, awarded after admission into the MSN program (administrator or educator tracks). Continuous enrollment for BSN to MSN is defined as 'within 15 months or less of BSN graduation.'

20. How do I order textbooks?

The textbooks are available by course search at <http://www.bethelcollege.edu/course-schedule>. For textbook ordering instructions go to <http://bethelcollegestore.com>.

21. Does Bethel offer tutoring services?

The Learning Commons has tutors available to help you. The information is available at <http://www.bethelcollege.edu/academics-programs/center-for-academic-success/learningcommons/>

22. How do I contact the admissions counselor if I have further questions?

You can contact the Adult and Graduate Studies Department at 1-800-422-4251 or the School of Nursing directly at 574-807-7062 and ask to speak to an admissions counselor. You can also inquire via email at ags.info@bethelcollege.edu

23. I have additional questions about the BSN-Completion program. Who do I contact?

Contact the School of Nursing at 574-807-7062 and ask to speak with the BSN-C Program Director, Cibele Webb MSNEd., RN, or email her directly at cibele.webb@bethelcollege.edu