

# NURSING RN-BSN: PART-TIME FALL ADMISSION

## Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

It is the goal of WVU Parkersburg's Nursing and Health Sciences Division to provide registered nurses an educational experience which will build on current nursing knowledge and facilitate professional growth. The RN-to-BSN program prepares students for advancement in professional nursing practice and provides a knowledge base for career mobility and graduate study. The program is designed to be an online degree-completion program for licensed registered nurses (RNs). Only RNs with an unencumbered license to practice nursing will be admitted to the program. The program will enable RNs with diplomas and/or associates degrees to continue their education to the bachelor's degree without having to interrupt their education and/or employment. Nursing courses will be taught online to give nurses the flexibility to fit their academic work into their professional and personal calendars. The program will offer a broad-based general education experience. Emphasis will be placed on self-directed learning, professional and personal growth and expanded knowledge of care of the individual, families and communities.

The baccalaureate nursing program at West Virginia University at Parkersburg at the main campus located in Parkersburg, WV is accredited by the:

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

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The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the baccalaureate nursing program is Continuing Accreditation. View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program here (<https://www.acenursing.org/commission-actions-march-2022/>).

## Application to Program

The Nursing and Health Sciences programs have limited enrollment and a selective review process. Applicants requesting admission to the RN-BSN program must first meet the requirements for general admission to the college and be admitted to the college. In addition to meeting all general admission criteria for the college, applicants must complete a separate Nursing and Health Sciences application and provide an official copy of any prior college transcripts demonstrating completion of an associate degree nursing program or diploma from an accredited school/college.

**Applications will be accepted year round. Application forms are available in the Nursing and Health Sciences Division office and online here (<https://www.wvup.edu/wp-content/uploads/bsk-pdf-manager/2023/02/HEALTH-SCIENCES-COVER-LETTER-and-application-2.16.23.pdf>).**

**For an application to be complete, each applicant must:**

- Submit a completed application to the college (new and returning students)
- Submit a completed Nursing and Health Sciences application
- Submit transcripts of any college work from another college

**It is important to note that completion of the application process does not imply that the applicant will be admitted to the nursing program. Acceptance and placement in the program are dependent upon the individual's academic record and upon the number of spaces available.**

## Admission Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing

To be considered for admission to the program, applicants must submit a completed Nursing and Health Sciences application and:

1. Have an associate degree or diploma in nursing from an accredited school.
2. Possess an active unencumbered license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the United States. Admission with conditions may be granted to an applicant to enroll in NURS 311 FRAMEWORK FOR PROF PRACTICE and NURS 320 HLTH ASSESS/PROMTN LIFE SPAN in the semester immediately following graduation from an associate degree or diploma nursing program. Full admission is contingent upon obtaining an active license prior to the completion of NURS 311 FRAMEWORK FOR PROF PRACTICE and NURS 320 HLTH ASSESS/PROMTN LIFE SPAN.
3. Have a valid RN license in the state in which you will be completing assignments.
4. **Not** been dismissed from another baccalaureate nursing program for any reason, including (but not limited to) academic dishonesty, disruptive behavior, or course failure.
5. Have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 based on a 4.0 scale on all college/university courses completed prior to admission.
6. Meet requirements for general admission to college and be admitted to college.
7. Submit completed Nursing and Health Sciences application and submit transcripts of all prior college work.
8. No history of felony convictions.

Students who are currently enrolled in the second year of the Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) program and who plan to continue their education through the RN-BSN track are eligible to enroll in NURS 320 HLTH ASSESS/PROMTN LIFE SPAN, with the consent of the Program Director. ADN

students are still held responsible to meet all of the requirements to graduate with the Associate of Applied Science Degree Nursing at the end of their second year of nursing. To continue in the Bachelors of Science Nursing program, students must successfully complete the NCLEX and have an unencumbered license to practice nursing. Upon graduation from the ADN program, students who wish to pursue the RN-BSN must submit an application to the program and see their academic advisor for current information regarding program requirements. Admission with conditions may be granted to an applicant the semester immediately following graduation to permit time for successful completion of the NCLEX.

## Admission Limitations

Applications will be accepted year round. The selection of applicants is a continuous process, so early application is highly recommended. The RN-BSN program has limited enrollment. Qualified applicants will be admitted as applications are received. Qualified applicants who are not admitted, due to space, will be offered admission in the next cohort. Because of the competition for space, it is possible qualified applicants may not be selected for admission.

All general education courses must be completed prior to or concurrently with NURS 452 COMM & POPULTN BASED HLTH CARE.

With the program being 100% online, computer access, with internet, is required.

## Graduation Requirements

- Complete a minimum of 120 credit hour equivalents with 60 credit hours as outlined in the Program of Study.
- Complete a minimum of 30 credit hours at WVU Parkersburg.
- Maintain an overall cumulative GPA of 2.0
- Complete all courses in the program of study with a minimum grade of "C".
- Complete all course work within five years after enrollment in the first nursing course of the RN-BSN program.
- Complete and file the graduation application, in OLSIS, within the stated deadlines.

The RN-BSN program prepares students for advancement in professional nursing practice and provides a knowledge base for career mobility and graduate study. The program is designed to be an online degree-completion program for licensed registered nurses (RNs).

## Capstone Course

This capstone course is designed to evaluate the program's Student Learning Outcomes through completion of a real-world healthcare project.

## Practicum and Seminar

This course has a project based clinical component that requires a background check on admission, active CPR card and current immunization.

## Experiential Learning

This course has a learning component from a direct experience designed to enhance the intellectual domain of professional competence.

**Total Degree Credits: 120**

## Credit Earned with ADN Program

Code	Title	Hours
RN Licensure		40
Writing and Rhetoric ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr</a> )	Elective	3
Quantitative Reasoning ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr</a> )	Elective	3
Scientific Inquiry ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si</a> )	Elective	4
Select two of the following:		6
Psychology or Sociology Electives		
Free Elective		4
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>

## Required Pre-Requisites for Program

Code	Title	Hours
ENGL 102	~COMPOSITION 2	3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>3</b>

## Additional General Education Courses

Code	Title	Hours
MATH 211	~STATISTICS	3
PHIL 150	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS	3
Human Communication and Interaction ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci</a> ) Elective		3
Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca</a> ) Elective		6
People and Their Worlds ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw</a> ) Elective		3
Scientific Inquiry ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si</a> ) Elective		4
Science Elective		3
Free Elective		3
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>28</b>

Course	Title	Hours
<b>Semester 1</b>		
Fall		
NURS 311	FRAMEWORK FOR PROF PRACTICE <sup>1</sup>	4
NURS 320	HLTH ASSESS/PROMTN LIFE SPAN <sup>2,3</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Semester 2</b>		
Spring		
NURS 324	TRENDS & ISSUES OF HEALTH CARE	3
NURS 330	INFORMATICS: CONCEPT, APPLICATION & ISSUES	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Semester 3</b>		
Summer		
NURS 431	LEGAL & ETHICAL ISSUES IN NURS <sup>2,4</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>3</b>
<b>Semester 4</b>		
Fall		
NURS 440	RESEARCH PROFESSIONAL NURSING <sup>5</sup>	3
NURS 450	EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE PROF NURSING <sup>2</sup>	3
<b>Hours</b>		<b>6</b>
<b>Semester 5</b>		
Spring		
NURS 451	LEADERSHIP & MGMT PROF NURSING <sup>2</sup>	3
NURS 452	COMM & POPULATION BASED HEALTH CARE <sup>6</sup>	4
<b>Hours</b>		<b>7</b>
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>29</b>

- <sup>1</sup> ENGL 102 ~COMPOSITION 2 (Pre-Req)
- <sup>2</sup> Experiential Learning
- <sup>3</sup> 2nd year ADN students may take with permission from Director.
- <sup>4</sup> PHIL 150 INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS (Pre-Req)
- <sup>5</sup> MATH 211 ~STATISTICS (Pre Req)
- <sup>6</sup> Capstone Course - Practicum and Seminar

**Degree requires a total of 120 credit hours. [ Core Course Credit Hours : 35 ]**

Code	Title	Hours
<i>Core Courses</i>		
COLL 101	ORIENTATION TO COLLEGE <sup>1</sup>	0
Writing and Rhetoric ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#wr</a> )		6
ENGL 102	~COMPOSITION 2	
Quantitative Reasoning ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#qr</a> )		6
MATH 211	~STATISTICS	
Scientific Inquiry ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#si</a> )		8
Aesthetics, Creativity, and Appreciation ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#aca</a> )		6

Human Communication and Interaction ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#hci</a> )	3
People and Their Worlds ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw</a> )	6
3 Credits PSYC or SOC	
<i>Program Courses</i>	
RN Licensure <sup>2</sup>	40
NURS 311 FRAMEWORK FOR PROF PRACTICE <sup>3</sup>	4
NURS 320 HLTH ASSESS/PROMTN LIFE SPAN	3
NURS 324 TRENDS & ISSUES OF HEALTH CARE	3
NURS 330 INFORMATICS: CONCPT,APPLIC&ISS	3
NURS 431 LEGAL & ETHICAL ISSUES IN NURS <sup>4</sup>	3
NURS 440 RESEARCH PROFESSIONAL NURSING <sup>5</sup>	3
NURS 450 EVIDENCE-BASED PRACT PROF NSG	3
NURS 451 LEADERSHIP & MGMT PROF NURSING	3
NURS 452 COMM & POPULTN BASED HLTH CARE <sup>6</sup>	4
Ethics Course	3
Science Elective	3
People and Their Worlds ( <a href="https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw">https://wvup-public.courseleaf.com/programs-study/general-education-mission/#ptw</a> )	3
Free Electives	7
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>120</b>

- <sup>1</sup> Institutional Graduation Requirement
- <sup>2</sup> Undifferentiated nursing credit given for RN License
- <sup>3</sup> ENGL 102 ~COMPOSITION 2 pre-req
- <sup>4</sup> PHIL 150 INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS pre-req
- <sup>5</sup> MATH 211 ~STATISTICS pre-req
- <sup>6</sup> Capstone Course