



BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY  
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DONNA AND ALLAN LANSING SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES

# RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

This track is for registered nurses who wish to pursue a bachelor's degree in nursing. The curriculum is designed to be completed on a part-time basis. RNs who wish to be full-time students may meet with their faculty advisor to plan their course of study. The program generally takes 2.5 years to complete.

## Procedure for Admission

- Complete the RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Application.
- Submit a \$25 application fee (unless a Bellarmine University alumni/a)
- Completion of a state-approved pre-licensure program for registered nursing.
- Final official transcript(s) from each college or university attended should be mailed to the Office of Graduate Admission and not be marked "Issued to Student".
- If any transcripts or undergraduate degree(s) are from an international institution you must provide an official copy of a third party course by course credential evaluation. The following organizations offer this service and information regarding processes and fees available at: [www.aacrao.org](http://www.aacrao.org), [www.wes.org](http://www.wes.org) and [www.ece.org](http://www.ece.org). The Office of Graduate Admission reserves the right to request a certified copy of the original transcript(s).
- Validation of an unencumbered RN licensure by the Nursing Department; verification placed on file with the Office of the Registrar.
- A personal interview, if requested by the Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee.
- If your undergraduate degree is from an international institution, you were born outside the United States, or English is your second language, you will be required to submit an official TOEFLiBT (internet-based test) total score of 83 or higher and a 26 or higher on the speaking test. We will also consider an equivalent score on the IELTS or MELAB tests. The Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee reserves the right to require a TOEFL score from any applicant.

## International Applicants

Please complete the items above under Procedure for Admission and submit the following:

U.S. law requires financial statements from a bank or other financial institution certifying the student's ability to fund the cost of attendance for one academic year minus the amount of any scholarship dollars received. Figures should be in U.S. dollars and must be certified as an official document by the bank or financial institution. A sponsor may be used if the sponsor attaches a signed affidavit stating that he/she will financially support the student until completion of a degree at Bellarmine University. If a sponsor is used, the sponsor's bank statement should accompany the letter. The amount that would need to be shown is \$26,661. This amount includes tuition and fees associated with the program and an average cost for living expenses, books, supplies, health insurance, transportation and personal expenses.

*Note: Graduates from non-regionally accredited diploma or associate degree programs who meet the admission criteria above will be awarded 28 hours of lower level nursing credit at the time of application for graduation from the RN to BSN degree program, approximately one year prior to degree completion.*

## Lower-Level General Education Requirements

The department will consider all previous coursework from regionally accredited colleges and universities to meet the lower-level General Education requirements. The department does not have an age limit on previous coursework. For a review of your transcripts, please contact Julie Armstrong-Binnix, Graduate Admission Officer, at 502.272.7200 or julieab@bellarmine.edu.

## General Education Requirements & Electives

<b>BIOL 300</b>	Pathophysiology (4)
<b>FINE ARTS</b>	General Education Requirement (3)
<b>ENGL 200</b>	Reading Literature (3)
<b>MATH 200</b>	Statistics and Society (3)
<b>PHIL 160</b>	Introduction to Philosophy (3)
<b>PHIL 301</b>	Ethics (3)
<b>THEO 200</b>	Ultimate Questions (3)
<b>THEO ELEC</b>	General Education Requirement (3)
<b>IDC 301</b>	Transcultural Experience (3)
<b>HIST 116 OR 117</b>	The Western World I or II (3)
<b>IDC 401</b>	Senior Seminar (3)
<b>ELECTIVES</b>	Electives (12)

## Nursing Requirements

<b>NURS 301</b>	Dynamics of Professional Nursing (3)
<b>NURS 311</b>	Health Assessment (3)
<b>NURS 312</b>	Health Care Research (3)
<b>NURS 313</b>	Pharmacology (3)
<b>NURS 400</b>	Health Policy (3)
<b>NURS 410</b>	Nursing Process in the Community (4)
<b>NURS 425</b>	Healthcare Finance (3)
<b>NURS 435</b>	Nursing Leadership and Management (4)
<b>NURS ELEC</b>	Elective (3)

*\*Diploma graduates must also take IDC 200 - American Experience*

## NURSING 301 Dynamics of Professional Nursing (3)

This course provides an overview of the professional nurse's role. Topics include nursing history, professional socialization, health care delivery, and leadership. Legal, ethical, and political aspects of health care trends and issues are considered.

## NURSING 311 Health Assessment (3)

This course focuses on health assessment of the adult client. Students will develop skills for obtaining health histories and performing physical examinations and documentation.

## NURSING 312 Health Care Research (3)

This course provides an introduction to the basic principles of evidence-based practice. It includes examination of selected health care research for applicability to clinical practice. Critical analysis of health care research studies is emphasized. (Pre/corequisite: MATH 205.)

## NURSING 313 Pharmacology (3)

This course focuses on concepts of clinical pharmacology. Emphasis is placed on the role of the professional nurse in exploring current evidenced-based practice issues in pharmacology.

## NURSING 400 Health Policy (3)

This course analyzes and projects trends in health care. Actual cases of policy issues at local, state, and federal levels are used for analysis of the relationship of the health care industry to policy making. Selected organizational systems, legislative, ethical, and regulatory problems provide course content.

## NURSING 410 Nursing Process in the Community (3)

This course provides an introduction to community and public health theories, principles, practices, and research. The nursing process is emphasized in the provision of nursing care to families and aggregates in the community setting. (3 hours class per week; 45 hours clinical per semester.) (Prerequisites: NURS 301, 311.)

## NURSING 425 Health Care Finance (3)

This course enables the student to gain a beginning understanding of financial management issues in varied health care settings. Issues such as revenue generation, marketing, budgeting, and payment methodologies, are explored. Basic financial concepts and skills necessary for health care managers are introduced.

## NURSING 435 Nursing Leadership & Management (4)

This course focuses on the applied leadership and management roles in professional nursing. Leadership theories and models of planned change and decision making are used to develop plans for problem solving in health care settings. (Prerequisites: NURS 301).

### ACCREDITATION

Commission on Collegiate  
Nursing Education (CCNE)  
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### CONTACT INFORMATION

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### MAIL MATERIALS TO

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Office of Graduate Admission  
2001 Newburg Road  
Louisville, Kentucky 40205

# RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Application

This application is for:  Fall 20 \_\_\_\_\_  Spring 20 \_\_\_\_\_  Summer 20 \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending:  Full-time  Part-time

## PERSONAL DATA

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST FIRST MIDDLE MAIDEN

Preferred Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY STATE/PROVINCE COUNTRY

Permanent Address \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_  
CITY COUNTY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP CODE COUNTRY

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Extension \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship  U.S.  Permanent U.S. Resident  Non U.S. Citizen

If you are not a U.S. citizen, what is your country of citizenship? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your current country of residence? \_\_\_\_\_

Is English your first language?  Yes  No Are you Hispanic or Latino?  Yes  No

In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:

American Indian or Alaskan Native  Asian  Black or African American  
 Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  White

Current Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Present Position \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Employer \_\_\_\_\_  
STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE/PROVINCE ZIP CODE

Will tuition be subsidized by your employer?  Yes  No

Will you be applying for aid with the Veterans Administration?  Yes  No

Where did you hear about Bellarmine's RN-BSN program? \_\_\_\_\_

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## EDUCATIONAL DATA

Please list all colleges and/or universities you have attended.

INSTITUTION	LOCATION	DATES ATTENDED	DEGREE RECEIVED	GPA

## PROFESSIONAL/COMMUNITY ACITIVITES

NURSING EXPERIENCES	AGENCY	CITY/STATE	DATES

REGISTERED NURSE LICENSE(S)	STATE	NUMBER

## BACKGROUND DATA

Have you ever been dismissed from a college or university for disciplinary reasons, or been sanctioned by a disciplinary board?  Yes  No

If yes, from where? \_\_\_\_\_

*A release will be mailed to you. You must sign and complete the form and mail it back to the Office of Admission at Bellarmine University one month prior to the first week of classes. This form will be mailed to your current Dean of Students asking for an explanation of the sanction and circumstances.*

Have you ever been convicted of a felony?  Yes  No

*If you answered yes to either of the last two questions, please explain on a separate sheet of paper how you were held accountable (i.e., outcomes, sanctions), when the incident occurred and any additional information you wish to provide. Please note that we may need to request additional information.*

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

I declare that the information provided on this form is true, correct and complete. Bellarmine University has my permission to verify information by obtaining documents as needed. I understand that providing false information may result in Bellarmine University revoking my status as an accepted or enrolled student. Also, I grant Bellarmine University or its appointee(s) permission to post my personal and academic information on Bellarmine's secured, password protected intranet and student portal.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Bellarmino University admits qualified students of any age, sex, sexual orientation, race, color, religion, or national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school. It does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, sexual orientation, race, disability, color, religion, or national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship and loan programs, and athletic and other school administered programs. Bellarmine University is an Affirmative Action-Equal Opportunity employer.