BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY
IN VERITATIS AMORE

DONNA AND ALLAN LANSING SCHOOL OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES

Bellarmine RN to BSN Program

This fully online program 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 want to pursue full-time study may meet with their faculty advisor to plan their course of study.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Completion of a state-approved pre-licensure program that is regionally accredited and ACEN (NLN) accredited.
- Validation of an unencumbered RN licensure by the Kentucky Board of Nursing
- A completed application at www.nursingcas.org. There is a $45 application fee.
- Final official transcript(s) from each college or university attended should be mailed directly to Nursing CAS as instructed at the application website.
- 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 is available at: www.aacrao.org, www.wes.org and www.ece.org. The Office of Graduate Admission reserves the right to request a certified copy of the original transcript(s).
- A personal interview, if requested by the Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee.
- The Lansing School of Nursing and Health Sciences requires an official TOEFL iBT score for verification of language proficiency. Applicants who fall into any of the following categories should supply an official TOEFL iBT score: a) born outside the US, b) for whom English is a second language, c) have a degree or transcripts from a non-US institution. Applicants must earn a total score of 83 or higher and a speaking score of 26 or higher to meet the language proficiency requirement. The Admission, Progression and Graduation Committee reserves the right to require a TOEFL score from any applicant.

TRANSCRIPT REVIEW

The program requires 29 credit hours of nursing, 34 credit hours of general education and cognate courses, and 12 credit hours of electives. The department does not place an age limit on previous coursework and will consider all credits from regionally accredited colleges and universities to meet the lower-level General Education requirements.

Julie Armstrong-Binnix, Senior Graduate Admission Officer, can provide a preliminary transcript review to determine how many credit hours you need to complete the program. Email an unofficial copy of your previous transcripts to julieab@bellarmine.edu

FAQ

What are the pre-requisites for the RN to BSN program?

- Completion of a state-approved pre-licensure program that is regionally accredited and ACEN (NLN) accredited and a valid, unencumbered RN license.
- 15 credit hours of Math and Natural Sciences
- 6 credit hours of Social Science
- 3 credit hours of English Composition

When are classes offered?

- The program is offered completely online.

How long will it take to complete the program?

- Students can complete the RN-BSN in as few as 6 semesters (24 months).
- The length of time to complete the degree is determined by the individual transcript review.

WHAT SETS BU APART FROM OTHER PROGRAMS?

- Bellarmine nursing program has an outstanding reputation in the community and region
- One of the longest running RN to BSN programs in the state
- Combines professional nursing courses with liberal arts in the Catholic tradition
- Individual transcript review determines credit hours needed for completion
- No age limit on prior coursework
- No entrance examination required
- Students are able to network leading to improved graduation rates.
- Classes include only RN-BSN students
- Option to Portfolio a class if work/experience have met course objectives
- Flexibility – classes offered fully online
- Competitive pricing

TUITION AND FEES FOR 2014-2015

- Tuition: $420 per credit hour. The number of credits will be determined by the transfer credit evaluation.
- Comprehensive Fee: $45 per course (Technology, Drop/Add Fees, Transcript Fees)
- Course Fees: approximately $200 for the total program
- Books estimate: approximately $1,250 for the total program

INTERNATIONAL APPLICANTS

Financial Affidavit. All applicants must provide a financial affidavit certifying the ability to fund the cost of attending Bellarmine University for one academic year. Figures must be expressed in United States currency.

NEXT STEPS

1. If you are ready to apply, complete the application at www.nursingcas.org. It takes 2-4 weeks for Nursing CAS to verify your application and submit it to Bellarmine electronically.
2. Final official transcript(s) from each college or university attended should be mailed directly to Nursing CAS as instructed on the application.
3. Complete the FAFSA and contact your Human Resources office about tuition reimbursement.
4. You will receive notification of an admission decision 5-7 business days after Bellarmine receives your application from Nursing CAS.
5. After you are admitted and submit your confirmation deposit and Intent to Enroll form, we will register you for your first semester of courses.

FUNDING ASSISTANCE

At Bellarmine, we recognize that the cost of private higher education is a major consideration for you and we are committed to providing you with a high quality education at a reasonable cost. Our staff will work closely with you to explore all of the resources and funding options available. Qualified RN-BSN students are eligible to apply for both federal Stafford loans and alternative loans. For more information on how to fund your Bellarmine education, please visit www.bellarmine.edu/financialaid and www.fafsa.gov. The Bellarmine school code is 001954. RN to BSN students may also consult their employer's Human Resources or Workforce Development Offices for employee education benefit information.

Am I eligible for financial assistance?

- To learn more about your eligibility for financial assistance, complete the 2014-15 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at www.fafsa.gov. Use your 2013 tax return to complete this form.
- Your financial aid package will include any federal or state grants and federal Stafford student loans based on your FAFSA data.
- If you would like an estimated financial aid package before registering, you may contact the Office of Financial Aid at 502.272.7300.
- Alternative Loans are based on credit worthiness and have a slightly higher interest rate than federal Stafford Loans. For more information and to apply for an Alternative Loan, please visit: www.bellarmine.edu/financialaid/AlternativeLenderList
- Part time students are also eligible for a payment plan. Contact the Office of the Bursar at 502.272.8264 for details.

PROGRAM CURRICULUM

Semester 1

NURS 301	Dynamics of Professional Nursing (7 weeks)
NURS 311	Health Assessment (7 weeks)
ENGL 200	Reading Literature (full semester)

Semester 2

NURS 312	Health Care Research (7 weeks)
MATH 200	Statistics and Society (full semester)
THEO 200	Ultimate Questions (full semester)

Semester 3

NURS 313	Pharmacology (7 weeks)
NURS 425	Health Care Finance (7 weeks)
PHIL 160	Introduction to Philosophy (full semester)

Semester 4

NURS 400	Health Policy (7 weeks)
IDC 301	Transcultural Experience (full semester)
PHIL 301	Ethics (full semester)

Semester 5

NURS 410	Community/ Public Health Nursing (7 weeks)
NURS	Elective (7 weeks)
THEO	Elective (full semester)

Semester 6

NURS 435	Nursing Leadership and Management (7 weeks)
BIOL 300	Pathophysiology (full semester)
IDC 401	Senior Seminar (full semester)

Semester 7*

**Only if student does not transfer these General Education Requirements.*

FINE ARTS	(full semester)
HISTORY	(full semester)

This is a sample matrix.
Courses may be offered in a different sequence than listed.

ACCREDITATION

Commission on Collegiate
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Pending approval by SACSCOC

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COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

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).

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