



# RN to BSN and Undergraduate Certificates in Nursing



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Thanks to the convenience of online learning through Penn State World Campus, no matter where you are in the world, you can access the Penn State College of Nursing’s high-quality, renowned programs.

**Reputation**—The Penn State RN to BSN program is one of the top online programs in the nation. The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, master’s degree program in nursing, Doctor of Nursing Practice program, and post-graduate APRN certificate program at The Pennsylvania State University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791. Further information can be found at [www.ccneaccreditation.org](http://www.ccneaccreditation.org).



**Convenience**—We understand the need for flexible and convenient learning options, using technology not just for convenience, but also to support learning outcomes.

**The Real Penn State**—There will be no distinction on your diploma that your courses were completed at a distance. Our online programs are led by the same dedicated, expert faculty who teach on campus.

# Online Undergraduate Programs in Nursing

As a working nurse, you focus every day on taking care of others. Find the time to take care of yourself by advancing your career through one of Penn State's undergraduate nursing programs, offered online through Penn State World Campus:

- › RN to BSN
- › Nursing Management Certificate
- › Nursing Informatics Certificate
- › Nursing Forensics Certificate

Your courses will be taught by faculty in Penn State's highly respected College of Nursing. You will receive the same support and credentials as students in our resident nursing programs, but with the added

convenience of studying according to your personal schedule. And you can earn your degree or certificate without setting foot on campus.

Take your career to the next level by applying to one of Penn State's online undergraduate nursing programs—we can be your partner in lifelong learning. We also offer graduate nursing degrees and certificates online. No matter your ultimate education goals—bachelor's, master's, or doctoral—Penn State World Campus has a pathway to get you there. For more information on the entire portfolio of nursing programs available, visit:

**[worldcampus.psu.edu/nursing](http://worldcampus.psu.edu/nursing)**



“The program enabled me to work full-time, thus giving me the opportunity to incorporate my studies with real-life situations. With the knowledge that I have attained from Penn State, I am better placed to thrive in my current role and aspire to new and exciting opportunities.”

—Stacey O.  
RN to BSN, graduate

# RN to BSN

If you are currently licensed as a Registered Nurse (RN) with an associate degree or nursing diploma, continuing your education with the Penn State RN to BSN program can help you do more than just keep up with this evolving field. With your new degree, you can be ready for more challenging—and possibly higher-paying—positions in the fast-paced world of nursing. This degree can open the door to positions you may not have considered before—in community agencies, rehabilitation centers, hospitals, nursing homes, home health agencies, hospices, schools, family planning centers, and business and industry.



“Every day on the job, I use something I learned as a nursing student at Penn State World Campus.”

—Michael B.,  
RN to BSN, graduate

## Advance Your Education and Your Career

Apply your knowledge in a position supervising other nurses and personnel, or change your daily focus with a role in administration. A bachelor’s degree in nursing is also your entry into master’s and doctoral programs, so you can prepare for a career as a nurse educator, nurse practitioner, nurse researcher, or nurse leader.

## Make Connections

The interactive RN to BSN program allows you to develop and sustain relationships with your faculty and nursing professionals in other fields. This collaboration connects you with faculty with diverse backgrounds and intellectual perspectives.

## Student Services

Even from a distance, you can access a full range of services dedicated to handling the unique challenges faced by returning adult students.

# Curriculum

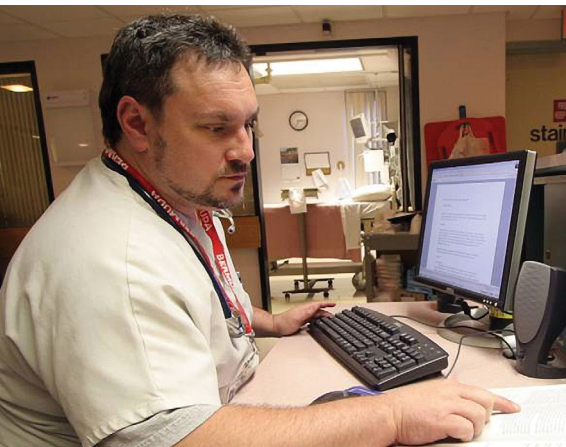
The curriculum in Penn State's 120-credit RN to BSN program focuses on current topics in the field of nursing, including data management, ethics, and nursing research. Because you are already an RN, you may receive up to 33 of those credits by portfolio. You will work closely with your academic adviser to put together the most appropriate academic plan, based on your current time commitments, background, and career goals.

We offer some of the courses in an accelerated format that can help you limit the time it takes to complete your degree. You will receive the same quality instruction in a format that is compressed into seven-and-a-half-week sessions, allowing you to complete some of your nursing courses more quickly. For ultimate flexibility, the accelerated nursing courses can be taken in conjunction with our standard semester-length courses.

## RN to BSN Clinical Requirements

As an RN to BSN student in the Penn State College of Nursing, you will be required to complete clinical experiences to complement your course work. Our clinical experiences are designed to differ from those of your pre-licensure program. This will be a "health-related activity," and will include completing a project or spending time in a health care setting that will help you grow as a nursing professional.

These clinical experiences will provide you with an exciting opportunity to analyze and evaluate aspects of health care that are aligned with your career goals. Even for experienced nurses working in the field, the clinical requirements can provide valuable opportunities to train in new departments or move up to higher-level responsibilities.



"Interaction with professors and other students has been great. They've all been just excellent."

—Al B., RN to BSN, graduate

# Undergraduate Certificates

Our online undergraduate nursing certificates can help you gain an area of specialization while pursuing your RN to BSN degree. Many of the required credits in these undergraduate certificates may be applied toward the RN to BSN program. Or, you can choose to earn a certificate as an excellent stand-alone credential to help set yourself apart among your peers.

## Nursing Management Certificate

This 12-credit program is designed to help you better understand the administration of nursing services, analyze and manage budgetary and other data, and manage nursing personnel.

## Nursing Informatics Certificate

This 9-credit program can help prepare you to support, promote, and assist in the implementation and efficient,

ethical, and safe use of informatics tools in technology-rich health care environments. The curriculum includes courses on electronic health records, clinical decision support tools, and database management geared specifically for registered nurses.

## Nursing Forensics Certificate

This 12-credit program can help registered nurses gain a foundational knowledge in forensic nursing, providing skills in injury identification, evaluation, and documentation. You can gain the tools you need to provide specialized services for victims and perpetrators of traumatic events. Learn about evidence collection and preservation; forensic documentation; the recognition of domestic violence, assault, and stalking; as well as legal and ethical issues in this field.

“Although I have been an RN for 23 years, completing Penn State’s Nursing Forensics Certificate program increased my ability to help my patients and understand my role as a forensic nurse. ”

—Laura O., BSN, RN II, CPN, P-SANE



# Begin Your Application Today

You must be a currently licensed registered nurse to apply to any of Penn State's online nursing programs.

To start the application process, visit [worldcampus.psu.edu/nursing](https://worldcampus.psu.edu/nursing), choose your program of interest, and click on the **"Apply Now"** button.

## Application requirements for the certificates\* or the RN to BSN program:

- › a completed online application form and fee
- › official military transcripts (if applicable)
- › official high school transcripts or GED
- › TOEFL or IELTS score (if applicable)

\* The curriculum in Penn State's online certificates may help prepare you for national certification, and you will receive a certificate from Penn State upon successful completion of the courses. However, you will still need to investigate the professional organization's information on national certification in the field of interest and meet all of the eligibility requirements in order to be awarded the national credential.

Please visit our admissions website for a more detailed description of the requirements and application process: [worldcampus.psu.edu/admissions](https://worldcampus.psu.edu/admissions)



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