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RN to BSN Progression (Bachelor of Science in Nursing)
Frequently Asked Questions

* PLEASE NOTE TO RECENT CHANGES BY THE US GOVERNMENT ON THE DSEVP rule Non-immigrant students seeking a student visa will need additional nursing courses to participate in the RN to BSN program. The federal requirement calls for 9 hours of face-to-face credits per semester. Since the RN to BSN program is strictly online, an international student must add credits (but no more) of face-to-face courses per semester to their RN to BSN online courses. In most cases, this will add 2 to 3 semesters (at a minimum) and additional coursework (which increases cost) to the RN to BSN program of study. Students register for up to 20 credit hours per semester without special permission.

The best time to apply for the RN to BSN program at Weber State University is during your AAS year at the time you are graduating. The following is meant to help answer questions you might have about the program.

1] What can I do now while I am in my Associate Degree (AS) RN program?

WSU School of Nursing has a goal that all WSU RN graduating students will be able to apply and get into the RN to BSN Program.

All graduating RN students (AS/AAS) can apply in their final semester of RN nursing school to progress right into the RN to BSN program. AS (RN) graduates have all of the Core and Breadth already done. AAS (RN) graduates will need to complete any remaining CORE and BREADTH requirements in the RN to BSN program before graduating. For sure AAS (RN) graduates should plan accordingly as it will take 3 or more semesters to graduate from the BSN level as you are incorporating any remaining Core and Breadth requirements needed to graduate that were not completed during your (RN) program.

Finally, if you have completed all your General Education (Core and Breadth Requirements) and all you have left to complete are the nursing courses and you are looking for something else to add to your schedule that will benefit you towards the completion of the RN to BSN program, then you could take (if you have not already done so) a one 3 credit hour Upper Division Elective course (any course 3000 or 4000 level). At least one Upper Division Elective is required for the RN to BSN program. These Upper Division hours are not considered a prerequisite for the RN to BSN program but you are welcome to work on at least one of these 3 hour Upper Division Electives ahead of time if you would like to or need to at this point in time. In an effort to help guide your thought process related to Upper Division course selection, there is a document available for review as a guide (See nursing student bulletin board). Remember this list is not a comprehensive list. You can choose any 3000 or 4000 level course. See the Upper Division Course list for further information.

3] How many are admitted to the RN to BSN program?

The plan is to admit every qualified (AS) RN graduate from WSU during their final semester of the (AS) RN program.

4] What are the graduation requirements for the BSN program?

120 TOTAL Hours for a BSN: The University requires 120 total hours. If you enter the RN to BSN program with less than 95 total credit hours, you may be required to complete some additional hours during the RN to BSN program to meet your 120 total hours. The University requires 40 hours of Upper Division for a Bachelor of Science Degree. This is how the 40 hours of Upper Division elective credit for current WSU (AS) RN graduates will be accumulated:

40 Hours Upper Division Hours for a BSN:

-25 hours of course work required in the RN to BSN Curriculum

-12 hours are earned through the 2nd year of RN course work you are currently taking.

-3 hour [Upper Division elective](http://weber.edu/wsuiimages/Nursing/CurrentFiles/UpperDivisionRecommendations.pdf)

The Upper Division Elective Credit hours can be taken while you are working on your Associate Degree (AS) RN if you want. This will equal 40 hours of Upper Division once the above is completed.

Core and Breadth/Graduation Requirements

AS (RN) Degree graduates have this all done.