

# NURSING - RN TO BSN

Program length: 2 years

Program Director: Sandra Burns

The bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) RN-BSN program mission, and vision, goals, and expected program outcomes of the John A. Ware School of Nursing are congruent with those of the University of La Verne and College of Health and Community Well-Being (CHCW). The RN-BSN curriculum offers RNs with an associate degree in nursing (or its equivalent) an upper-division program leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Students will complete 90-hours of public health practicum to meet CA BRN PHN certification requirements.

The program consists of a minimum of 128 semester hours:

- Minimum of 44 semester units (required in residency)
- Minimum of 44 upper-division units
- Minimum of 40 units in major (24 units must be upper division with a minimum of 16 units from La Verne)

The RN-BSN program is offered online and designed to be completed full-time in three semesters. *Program pending CCNE accreditation.*

## RN-BSN Admission Requirements

Admission requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing: RN to BSN include:

- Associates Degree in Nursing (or equivalent) from an accredited institution.
- Active, unencumbered, California RN license or be eligible for a California RN License.
- Proof of official NCLEX Results (<https://www.nclex.com/>)
- Applicants must have an overall GPA of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Completion of college level courses in the following areas with a grade of "C" or better:
  - Oral Communication
  - Written Communication
  - Critical Thinking
  - Math
- Completion of School of Nursing prerequisite courses in the following areas:
  - Human Anatomy with Lab
  - Human Physiology with Lab
  - Microbiology with Lab
  - Chemistry (Intro or General)
  - Statistics<sup>1</sup>

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If Statistics is not completed at the time of admission, the student must complete Statistics prior to taking NURS 333 Nursing Research. Statistics may be taken concurrently with NURS 333 Nursing Research in consultation with the student's advisor. Students' individualized curriculum plan may be longer depending on the number of courses needed to complete the required 128 semester hours for a bachelor's degree.

## RN-BSN Application Requirements

The RN-BSN program participates in a Centralized Application Service (NursingCAS). Applications for admission to the program are accepted for the Fall and Spring terms. All RN-BSN Students must complete their application through NursingCAS.

- NursingCAS Application: <https://nursingcas.org/>
- Official transcripts from every accredited US college or university attended
- Current resumé or curriculum vitae
- Professional goal statement of no more than two pages
- One letter of recommendation from an academic instructor or clinical supervisor
- International Applicants: Request that official evaluations of transcripts from all foreign institutions be sent to NursingCAS
  - World Education Services (WES)
  - Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE)
  - National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES)

## RN-BSN Post Admission Requirements

All students must submit the following required documents after admission to the RN-BSN Program:

- Create a student account on <https://CastleBranch.org>
- Select VN00
- Upload all required documents to student account

## Degree Requirements

Total Program: 44 semester hours

### Core Requirements

28 semester hours

Code	Title	Semester Hours
NURS 311	Nursing Informatics	4
NURS 313	Health Assessment	4
NURS 325	Professional Nursing	4
NURS 333	Nursing Research	4
NURS 463	Leadership and Management in Nursing	4
NURS 465	Public Health Nursing	4
NURS 465P	Public Health Nursing Practicum	2
NURS 499	Nursing Capstone	2
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>28</b>

### Required Major Electives

8 semester hours

Code	Title	Semester Hours
HSM 306	Systemic Racism, Disparities, and Health: The Impact on Latinx Community	4
HSM 417	Econ, Soc & Pol Issues in HC	4
<b>Total Semester Hours</b>		<b>8</b>

**Recommended Major Electives**

<b>Code</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Semester Hours</b>
HSM 405	Ethical & Legal Issues in Health Services Management	4
HSM 409	Communications in Health Services Organizations	4
MGMT 359	Management of Change and Conflict	4
MGMT 458	Stress Management	3-4
PSY 308	Social Psychology	4
PSY 312	Psychological Disorders	4
PSY 409	Multicultural Psychology	4
PSY 422	Substance Abuse	4

300-400 level course in any discipline

**Credit for Prior Learning**

Students can use the eight semester hours of prior learning credit, which is awarded for RN licensure, towards the 44 semester hours required for the major.