RN to BSN Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q: Is the RN to BSN Program 100% on-line?
A: Yes, the program is 100% on-line.

Q: Do I ever need to travel to campus?
A: No, you won’t need to come to campus to complete the program.

Q: Is the RN to BSN Program accredited?
A: Yes. The program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

Q: Is FHSU accredited?
A: Yes. FHSU is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

Q: What is the rate of tuition + fees?
A: Tuition rates can be found here: http://www.fhsu.edu/sfs/students_parents/tuition/

Q: How long does the program take to complete?
A: For full-time students (12 or more credit hours per semester) 2-4 semesters (1 to 1.5 years)
   For part-time students (3-9 credit hours per semester) 4-6 semesters (1.5 to 3 years).

Q: How long are courses?
A: 16 weeks = Fall and Spring semesters
   8 weeks = Summer semester

Q: What courses are required for the RN to BSN Program?
A: See page 2 of this document.

Q: How are classes taught?
A: FHSU uses Blackboard to administer courses. Blackboard can be accessed from anywhere you have access to
   the internet.

Q: How many nursing credit hours are required?
A: 30 credit hours.

Q: How many credit hours does it take to complete a Bachelor’s Degree in Nursing?
A: The minimum number of credit hours to graduate with a Bachelor’s Degree from FHSU is 124.

Q: Are there any clinicals? If so, what is required?
A: Yes, there are clinical portions to the program.
   Clinical hours for the following courses:
   **NURS 632 Population-Focused Care for the RN:** 24 hours
   **NURS 631 and 631L Integration of Professional Nursing for the RN and Internship for the RN:**
   48 clock hours of risk management and/or case management types of projects (w/ approved facility and
   preceptor) and 60 hours of community based projects and a research paper (the last 60 hours are done on
   your own time).

Q: How do I get started?
A: First, you must apply to FHSU (through admissions webpage). Then, you will need to send official transcripts
to FHSU Registrar’s Office.

Q: How do I apply to the RN to BSN Program?
A: Once you meet the pre-requisite courses (see program requirements), you will need to fill-out and send in
the RN to BSN Application (found on the Department of Nursing webpage) to the Department of Nursing.
RN to BSN requirements for earning a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing from FHSU

(when transferring from another college or university with an associate's degree):

1. Student must have attended/graduated from an accredited college or university
2. Student must hold a current RN License granted in the United States
3. Student must take at least 30 hours directly from FHSU
4. Student must complete the following requirements to graduate from FHSU

A minimum of 55 credit hours of general education with distribution in the following fields:

- **Twelve (12) hours of Basic Skills courses:**
  - 6 hours of English Composition (Comp I & Comp II)
  - 3 hours of Speech Communication (Public Speaking)
  - 3 hours of college level mathematics (College Algebra)

Additional Nursing Requirement:

- Statistics, 3 credit hours

- **Twelve (12) hours of Humanities courses (performance/studio courses are excluded) from at least three of the following disciplines:**
  - Art
  - Theater
  - Philosophy
  - Music
  - History
  - Literature

- **Twelve (12) hours of Social and Behavioral Science courses from at least three of the following disciplines:**
  - Sociology
  - Psychology
  - Political Science
  - Economics
  - Geography
  - Anthropology

- **Eleven (11) hours of Natural Science courses from at least two disciplines including two (2) labs:**
  - Anatomy & Physiology + Lab
  - Microbiology + Lab
  - Chemistry

- **In addition, all transfer students must fulfill a three-hour upper division integrative course which fulfills a university requirement. A student must complete one of the following courses:**
  - IDS 300 Economic Ideas & Current Issues
  - IDS 325 Ideal Societies in Fiction
  - IDS 326 Literature and the Environment
  - IDS 360 Social Justice
  - IDS 390 Technology in Society
  - IDS 400 Bioethics
  - IDS 401 Ethical Issues in the Professions and Business
  - IDS 405 Heritage: Society, Science & Culture Since 1700
  - IDS 440 Conceptions of the Mind
  - IDS 468 Political Communication
  - IDS 499 Global Environmental Issues

- **RN to BSN Program:**
  - Can be taken before admission to the RN to BSN Program:
    - NURS 207 Pathophysiology I (Nursing Pre-Req, must take before applying to program)
    - NURS 280 Foundations of Nursing (Nursing Pre-Req, must be taken before/when applying to program; must be taken from FHSU)
    - NURS 294 Nursing Transitions (Nursing Pre-Req, must be taken before/when applying to program; must be taken from FHSU)
    - NURS 307 Pathophysiology II
    - NURS 603 Health Assessment & Lab
    - NURS 320 Health Care Ethics
    - NURS 321 Health Care Legal Aspects
    - NURS 491 Systems/Policy/Cost
  - Can only be taken after admission to the RN to BSN Program:
    - NURS 322 Nursing Inquiry
    - NURS 612 Nursing Concepts
    - NURS 632 Population-Focused Care
    - NURS 631 Integration + NURS 631 L Internship