

## **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/](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 402 US Human Geography: Issues for the 21st Century  
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