WINONA STATE UNIVERSITY
RN-BS COMPLETION PROGRAM

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How many credits are needed to graduate from Winona State University?

A: 120 credits

- 28 credits from the Nursing Major
- 12 Upper Level Elective Courses Numbering 300-499
- Students may choose electives for additional credits needed. Outreach and Continuing Educations offers Professional Development Workshops that may be taken to complete upper level credits. For more information, visit www.winona.edu/oced/pdws.asp

Q: How many two year credits will transfer?

A: Up to 80 transferable credits

Q: What is the number of credits needed to satisfy WSU Residence Rule?

A: 30 credits (28 credits from the Nursing Major and 2 additional upper level credits from WSU)

Q: How many credits are in the WSU RN-BS Completion Program?

A: 28 upper division credits

Q: What are the plans of study?

A: Full-Time and Part-Time (2/3/4 year plans)

Q: Do I have to have a current RN license prior to applying to WSU and the RN-BS Program?

A: Students may apply to WSU and the RN-BS Completion prior to obtaining the RN licensure. However, students need to have an unencumbered license prior to starting the RN-BS Completion Program.

Q: What is the admission process?

A: There are 2 steps to be taken: 1. Complete WSU online transfer application. Official transcripts need to be submitted from non-MNSU colleges. Students who have taken WSU credits and haven’t completed degree requirements need to complete Intent to Return. 2. Apply for admission into the RN-BS Completion Program after meeting with an advisor for a Degree Audit Review. (Students need to meet with a nursing advisor specific to the campus they desire to attend).

Q: When are WSU RN-BS Program applications available?

A: Applications are available at the end of January
Q: What are the program locations?
   A. Austin, LaCrescent and Rochester

Q: What semester do the RN-BS Completion courses start?
   A: Fall semester

Q: Are there clinical hours required?
   A: Practice hours are required for various community-based courses

Q: Is Statistics required?
   A: Statistics must be completed prior to taking N375. Students will need to verify that they met the necessary prerequisite for Statistics.

Q: Does the program meet the requirements for Public Health Certification?
   A: The RN-BS Completion program meets the criteria for public health certification in the state of Minnesota.

Q: What is the GPA admission requirement?
   A: A 2.75 cumulative grade point average is required. If a student has less than 2.75 GPA than the most recent 50 credits are counted to determine if a 2.75 has been met.

Q: What options are available for diploma graduates?
   A. The Comprehensive Nursing Assessment Test (CNAT) is used as a challenge for graduates of diploma programs. Students may earn 24 credits.

Q: What options are available for students who graduate from non-accredited nursing programs?
   A: WSU accepts students from non-accredited programs.

Q: Is the WSU RN-BS Completion Program accredited?
   A: Yes, the RN-BS Completion is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)

Q: Does WSU have an RN-MS Professional Pathway?
   A: Yes. Students need to be enrolled in the WSU RN-BS Completion Program. There is a separate application process for the RN-MS Professional Pathway. All electives need to be completed prior to applying to the RN-MS Pathway Program. Acceptance in a focus area is not guaranteed. The WSU Graduate Catalog and the Department of Nursing should be consulted for additional information.

Q: Where would I find scholarship or financial aid information?
   A: Admissions Scholarship information: http://www.winona.edu/admissions/scholarships.asp
       Foundation Scholarship information: http://www.winona.edu/foundation/scholarships.asp
       Financial Aid Services information: http://www.winona.edu/financialaid/
Q: What is the tuition cost?

A: Refer to Student Services for current tuition/fees

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Q: Who should I contact if I have additional questions?

A: nursing@winona.edu

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