BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING
RN TO BS COMPLETION

The Nursing Department at Winona State University-Rochester offers an RN bachelor’s degree completion program as an alternative to the traditional nursing major. The program is for students who already hold a registered nurse license and are now seeking a Bachelor of Science degree. Students must provide a copy of their current RN licensure issued by a state or territory of the United States.

The RN Completion program can be completed on full-time or part-time basis and is designed for optimal flexibility while maintaining the integrity of the baccalaureate nursing program and builds on prior knowledge by focusing on specific content areas-leadership, research, holistic caring, health promotion, continuity of case, teaching-learning and public health/community health.

To graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, a minimum of 120 semester credits are required. Eighty (80) credits can be transferred from a two-year institution; however, a baccalaureate degree must include 40 credits of upper division coursework. At least 30 semester credits must be taken from Winona State University during the junior and senior years combined, and students must be enrolled at WSU during the semester of graduation. Graduates can apply to the Minnesota Board of Nursing for Public Health Nursing Certification and to the Minnesota Department of Education for a Minnesota school nurse license.

Admission Information:
Admission to the WSU Department of Nursing requires a two step application process:

1. Students are required to apply and be accepted to WSU prior to applying into nursing program.

2. After receiving a letter of acceptance to WSU, students can obtain prerequisite coursework, admission deadlines and criteria at: www.winona.edu/rochester/rochesternursing.asp

Additional degree requirements beyond nursing courses will need to be completed for graduation. It is highly recommended that all other credit requirements be completed prior to starting the Baccalaureate RN Completion Program.

- The admission GPA is calculated on the most recent five years of college coursework or the last 50 semester hours of credits of college work. A 2.75 GPA is required for admission into the Baccalaureate RN Completion Program.
- Includes sequenced upper-division nursing courses that can be completed in one to two years after all other degree requirements are completed.

For additional information, please contact the WSU-Rochester Admissions and Recruitment Advisor by making an appointment at 507.285.7100 or emailing rochscs@winona.edu.