

St. Johns College, Department of Nursing RN to BSN

Admission Fast Facts

Take a path that leads to a future full of varied experiences and opportunities, challenges and personal rewards – choose nursing.

How do I know if I qualify as a "RN-BSN Student"? St. John's College RN-BSN program is designed to facilitate learning for the busy professional nurse who possesses an unencumbered RN license, and has graduated from an accredited diploma or Associate in Nursing program. The student must also complete the admissions process as indicated on the website and College catalog. Students will have the option of completing the program on a full-time or part-time plan of study. Their faculty advisor will guide them through their educational experience, while at St. John's College.

How is this program different? This is a hybrid program. That means there is both an on-line component and a minimal face to face component to facilitate the busy professional seeking to earn their BSN. These courses are offered in eight week sessions in order to facilitate success with the on-line student. We welcome you in this exciting new career goal.

Qualified students are admitted to St. Johns College regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, veteran status or handicaps that do not impede patient care activities.

The Hospital Sisters of St. Francis founded the College. Their philosophy, moral and ethical standards of behavior and a legacy of caring and healing impact all St. Johns College experiences.

Students at St. Johns College participate in learning about self, about developing personal spirituality and maturity and about becoming a helping professional.

The typical student at St. Johns College is inquisitive, articulate, and creative and a productive member of the community in which he or she participates.

The professional education planned for students at St. Johns College, Department of Nursing emphasizes professional growth, a capability to contribute to the welfare of society and to demonstrate caring for others.

St. Johns College, Department of Nursing graduates are well versed in how to pursue lifelong learning, to continue growing as nurses in an ever-changing healthcare field.

Teaching, learning and community service are special to St. Johns College faculty and students. The unique faculty-student ratio allows students to receive individualized education with guidance from an expert faculty mentor.

The College RN to BSN full-time tuition for 2012 - 2013 fall and spring semesters is \$5,421 and the summer semester is \$2,502. Also, various fees and miscellaneous expenses apply.

Students may apply for financial assistance, college work study funds, loans or other sources of funding to finance their nursing education. Every effort is made to assist students in their full time study of nursing at St. Johns College.



St. Johns College, Department of Nursing is the oldest Catholic hospital based school of nursing in the United States and has been providing nursing education without interruption since 1886.

As graduates, St. Johns College students become nurses whose practice exemplifies excellence in health care and value-based leadership

For more information about St. John's College, Department of Nursing, go to the web site: www.stjohnscollegespringfield.edu

To apply for admission to St. Johns College, students pay the \$60.00 application fee and complete the required forms, obtained on the website.

For more information call (217) 525-5628 or e-mail: <u>information@stjohnscollegespringfield.edu</u> or <u>admissions@stjohnscollegespringfield.edu</u>

To inquire about Financial Assistance call (217)-525-5628 or e-mail: financialaid@stjohnscollegespringfield.edu

St. Johns College is accredited by:

The Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools 30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, Illinois 60602.

The National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission, 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326.

The College is approved by the:

Illinois Board of Higher Education The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation.

Admissions: RN to BSN Students

Applicants who meet the admission criteria and core performance standards are accepted into the program without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, handicap or veteran status on a space available basis throughout the year. Applicants are expected to exemplify good character enabling them to actively seek the moral, intellectual and professional growth described in the mission statement of the College. Students are encouraged to recognize that submission of minimum acceptance requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the program. While applications are accepted throughout the year, on a rolling basis, applicants are encouraged to apply early due to the competitiveness of acceptance.

re-Nursing Course Requirements	Semester Hours
English Composition	6
Intro to Philosophy or Logic	3
Anatomy and Physiology I&II with	Lab 8
Chemistry with Lab	4
Nutrition	3
Microbiology with Lab	4
General Psychology	3
Introduction to Sociology	3
Lifespan Growth and Development	3
Political Science (Government)	3
Introduction to Statistics*	3
Communications/Humanities Electi	ves 6
General Electives	11
Total	60 hours

Admissions Requirements

- 1. Completion of 57 semester hours of pre-nursing curriculum (*the 3 hour statistics requirement may be taken concurrently with the RN-BSN curriculum but must be taken prior to taking NSG 319: Introduction to Nursing Research.) with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- A. Submission of official transcripts at the end of each term from all regionally accredited College(s) attended showing:
- B A minimum grade of C in all required science courses completed prior to enrollment in St. John's College.
- C. No designated lower division course may be repeated more than once. Official transcripts must come from the granting institution directly to St. John's College. Hand carried transcripts are not acceptable.
- 2. Graduation from an accredited diploma or associate degree nursing program.
- 3. Good academic standing at the last institution attended.
- 4. RN with an unencumbered license.
- 5. Graduated as an RN within the last 5 years or, if graduated more than 5 years ago must have practiced as an RN within the last 2 years 6. Completed application accompanied by a \$60.00 nonrefundable application fee. A late fee, \$50.00, will apply to applicants applying after enrollment deadline.
- 7. Submission of a legal document showing proof of name at time of application (certified birth certificate, marriage license, divorce decree, etc.)
- 8. Proof of graduation from a high school approved by the State Board of Education via an official transcript or possession of a high school equivalency certificate verified by an official GED score report.
- 9. All applicants with English as a Second Language are required to contact the College for advisement and required testing.

Upon notice of formal admission and to receive permission to enroll in classes, the student must:

- 1. Provide Two professional references.
- 2. Complete a pre-entrance health examination.
- 3. Criminal background check with no disqualifying conditions.
- 4. Personal interview as requested by the College.

Upon formal acceptance to the College and satisfactory completion of 15 hours of RN-BSN curriculum, the registered nurse will be granted credit for the following:

Escrow Credit

Medical-Surgical Nursing
Childbearing/Childrearing
Psychiatric Nursing
Total

19 hours
7 hours
4 hours
30 hours

The last 32 credit hours of the RN-BSN degree must be taken at St. John's College.

A 3 hour upper division non-nursing elective is also required prior to graduation. The upper division elective may be taken prior to or concurrent with the RN-BSN curriculum.

Courses are fluid and may be taken in alternative sequence with the exceptions of the Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice course which must be taken concurrent with or after completion of the Introduction to Nursing Research course, and the Leadership in Contemporary Nursing Practice Capstone course which must be taken at the end of the curriculum.

Part time students must take a minimum of 6 hours per semester and must complete the program within 4 years.

Enrollment as an RN Student-At Large (Prerequisites pending completion).

RNs may enroll as a Student-At Large without having completed all prerequisites. The RN student may take up to a maximum of 10 hours before officially enrolling in the program. Once the Student-At-Large completes the maximum number of hours allowed, no additional coursework may be completed without formal admission to the RN-BSN program option. Once registered for the course, Students-at Large are subject to all College Policies.

Enrollment as an RN seeking continuing education hours through academic coursework.

Per the 2010 Nurse Practice Act, Registered Nurses may take Academic courses for Continuing Education Credit. Nurses may convert a three (3) semester hour course to 45 hours of continuing education. Completion of a four(4) semester hour course converts to 60 hours of continuing education. Please see the Illinois Nurse Practice Act or call the College for further details.

Transfer of Upper Division Credit

Students who wish to transfer credit for courses completed in other accredited baccalaureate programs must meet the general admission criteria and submit an official transcript and a College catalog. In addition, students seeking admission to the Nursing major must submit a statement indicating the reason they wish to transfer and provide copies of all nursing course syllabi. Upper division non-nursing courses taken on a CR/NC or P/F basis will be accepted only if the granting institution evaluates this option as a grade of C or above. The course hours will be counted towards graduation, but will not be calculated in the GPA.

RN to BSN Credit for Prior Learning

A portfolio process is available for RN to BSN students to earn credit for prior learning for the course NSG 437 Community Health Nursing for the Public's Health. The student who satisfactorily completes a portfolio process will earn 6 semester hours. The cost of the portfolio review and charge for recording the credit hours to the academic transcript is equivalent to the cost of 1 credit hour. Students who wish to submit a portfolio to be evaluated for credit for prior learning should contact the Academic Lead for guidelines at least one full semester before expecting to receive credit. Questions regarding the costs of this process should be directed to the Financial Aid Officer.

Dual Enrollment with Lincoln Land Community College

A dual enrollment process is available for Lincoln Land Community College (LLCC) students who have been admitted to the Lincoln Land nursing program (ADN). The process provides dual advising for the students and facilitates the ADN graduate's articulations to the St. John's Baccalaureate program. Contact LLCC or St. John's College for details.

RN to BSN Plan of Study Options

Option 1: Completed in 1 year; taking two classes every eight weeks for three consecutive semesters

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits	Semester 3	Credits
Session A:		Session A:		Session A:	
NSG 317 Introduction to Informatics in Nursing Practice	3	NSG 325 Pathophysiology : Pharmacology to Advance Clinical Reasoning	4	NSG 439 Leadership in Contemporary Nursing Practice/Capstone	6
NSG 319 Introduction to Nursing Research	3	NSG 435 Introduction to Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3		
Session B:		Session B:			
NSG 321 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan to Promote Clinical Judgment	4	NSG 437 Community Health Nursing for the Public's Health **	6		
NSG 323 Issues and Ethics in Contemporary Nursing Practice	3	Upper Division Non-Nursing Elective. (May be taken prior to or concurrent with RN to BSN curriculum)	3		
Semester hours	13		16		6

Option 2: Completed in two years taking one class every eight weeks times two semesters then after the second year starts, continuing with one class

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits	Semester 3	Credits	Year in Program
Session A:		Session A:				
NSG 317 Introduction to Informatics in Nursing Practice	3	NSG 325 Pathophysiology : Pharmacology to Advance Clinical Reasoning	4			Year 1 of 2 year option
Session B:		Session B:				
NSG 321 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan to Promote Clinical Judgment	4	NSG 437 Community Health Nursing for the Public's Health **	6			
Total Credit/Semester	7		10			17 credits/ year
Session A:		Session A:		Session A:		
NSG 319 Introduction to Nursing Research	3	NSG 435 Introduction to Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3	NSG 439 Leadership in Contemporary Nursing Practice/Capstone	6	Year 2 of 2 year option
Session B:		Session B:				
NSG 323 Issues and Ethics in Contemporary Nursing Practice	3	Upper Division Non-Nursing Elective. (May be taken prior to or concurrent with RN to BSN curriculum)	3			
Total Credit/Semester	6		6		6	18 credits/ year 2

Option 3: Completed in four years, taking one class every semester for two semesters the first three years, in the final year the student would take one class a semester for the three remaining semesters, completing their program of study that year.

Semester 1	Credits	Semester 2	Credits	Semester 3	Credits	Year in Program
Session A:		Session A:				Year 1 of 4
NSG 317 Introduction to Informatics in Nursing Practice	3	NSG 325 Pathophysiology : Pharmacology to Advance Clinical Reasoning	4			7 credits/ year
Session B:		Session B:				Year 2 of 4
NSG 321 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan to Promote Clinical Judgment	4	NSG 437 Community Health Nursing for the Public's Health **	6			10 credits/ year
Session A:		Session A:				Year 3 of 4
NSG 319 Introduction to Nursing Research	3	NSG 435 Introduction to Evidence-Based Nursing Practice	3			6 credits/ year
Session B:		Session B:		Session A:		Year 4 of 4
NSG 323 Issues and Ethics in Contemporary Nursing Practice	3	Upper Division Non-Nursing Elective. (May be taken prior to or concurrent with RN to BSN curriculum)	3	NSG 439 Leadership in Contemporary Nursing Practice/Capstone	6	12 credits/ year

RN to BSN Tuition & Fees 2012-2013

RN to BSN Tuition: Full Time: \$5,421.00 **Fall and Spring semester** \$4

\$417.00/ **credit hr.**

Full Time: \$2,502.00 Summer semester

FEES:

Application Fee: \$60.00

Semester 1	Fall 2012	Spring 2013	Summer 2013
Health	40	40	20
Library	50	50	25
Technology (per credit hour)	50	50	50
Graduation (estimated)			225

Full time student charges **per session:**

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Eight week Session A	\$2,502.00	\$2,919.00	\$2,502.00
Eight week Session B	\$2,919.00	\$2,502.00	NA
Tuition:	\$5,421.00	\$5,421.00	\$2,502.00
Fees:	740	740	345

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