



RN to BSN Online Learning Program

St. John's College RN-BSN program is an online program for nurses who hold an unencumbered RN license and have graduated from an accredited diploma or associate in nursing program.

Faculty advisors guide students through their educational experience.

Our expert faculty members work with each RN student to increase clinical reasoning skills, use the best evidence-based practice methods and provide a solid foundation for graduate school.

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Admissions Requirements for RN - BSN Students

Applicants who meet the admission criteria and core performance standards are considered for 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.

Admissions Requirements

1. Completed application accompanied by a \$60 non-refundable application fee.
(Application fee waived for HSHS colleagues)
2. Graduation from an accredited diploma or associate degree nursing program (must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale in nursing courses). If graduation was more than five years ago, must have practiced as an RN within the last two years.
3. RN with an unencumbered license.
4. Good academic standing at the last institution attended.
5. Completion of 56 semester hours of pre-nursing curriculum with a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
6. Submission of official transcripts from all regionally accredited college(s) attended showing:
 - A minimum grade of C in all required courses completed prior to enrollment in St. John's College.
 - 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.
7. Provide two professional references.
8. Submission of a legal document showing proof of name at time of application (RN license and state-issued photo ID).
9. All applicants with English as a second language are required to take the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) and achieve a score of 560 on the paper version, 220 on the computer based version or 83 on the internet-based (iBT) version.

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

1. Complete a pre-entrance health examination and provide proof of up-to-date immunizations.
2. Complete a criminal background check with no disqualifying conditions.
3. Undergo a drug screening.
4. Undergo a personal interview as requested by the College.
5. Provide proof of CPR certification (within last year).
6. Provide proof of medical insurance.
7. Provide proof of malpractice insurance.

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

Medical-Surgical Nursing	19 hours
Childbearing/Childrearing	5 hours
Psychiatric Nursing	5 hours
Pathophysiology/Pharmacology	1 hour
Health Assessment	1 hour
Professional Practice	2 hours
Total	33 hours

Additional Information

The last 30 credit hours of the RN-BSN degree must be taken at St. John's College.

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

Courses are fluid and taken in alternative sequence with the exceptions of the Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice course which must be taken 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.

Students must take a minimum of six hours per semester and must complete the program within four years.

Enrollment as an RN Student-At Large

(Pending completion of prerequisites)

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. 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

RNs may take academic courses for continuing education credit. Nurses may convert a three-hour course to 45 hours of continuing education. Completion of a four-hour course converts to 60 hours of continuing education. Please see the 2010 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.

Students seeking admission to St. John's College must submit a statement indicating the reason they wish to transfer and provide copies of all nursing course syllabi.

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 six 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 one credit hour. Students who wish to submit a portfolio to be evaluated for credit for prior learning should contact the Academic Dean for guidelines at least one full semester before expecting to receive credit.

Questions regarding the cost of this process should be directed to the Financial Aid Officer.

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 articulation to the St. John's baccalaureate program. Contact LLCC or St. John's College for details.

Lower Division Pre-Nursing Requirements

Courses	Semester Hours
English Composition	6
Speech, Philosophy, Logic, Religion, Music, Art, Theater, History, Literature and/or Foreign Language	9
Anatomy & Physiology with Lab	8
Chemistry with Lab	4
Microbiology with Lab	4
Sociology, Psychology, Anthropology, Political Science and/or Economics	12
Intro to Statistics	3 - 4
General Electives (Can be from any area of study. Must be transferrable.)	9 - 10



St. John's College
Department of Nursing

St. John's College is accredited by:

The Higher Learning Commission
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60602

The Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
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
State Agency for Veteran's Benefits- Montgomery G.I. Bill