RN to BSN
Online Program
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Designed for RNs who already hold an associate’s degree or diploma in nursing, this convenient program brings a degree from UT’s College of Nursing within reach, even for busy working nurses. You’ll learn from UT’s dedicated and experienced online faculty, with accessible advisors and support staff, flexible start dates, full- and part-time options, and no distant travel required for clinicals or campus visits.
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Complete 34 credit hours of online coursework in a convenient eight-week course format and automatically receive an additional 26 credit hours of proficiency credit.

General education requirements are already fulfilled for graduates of any Tennessee Board of Regents institution. Graduates from other systems and those with a nursing diploma may have additional requirements.

The program is fully online, with no travel to UT required and clinical components that can be completed either virtually or close to home.

Scheduling is flexible, with either a fall or spring start, and a structure that lets you continue working as you earn your degree or study full time and complete the program within a calendar year. Part-time options are also available.

Unmatched resources are within easy reach with the College of Nursing’s faculty, advisors, and support staff.

ADMISSION

To be eligible to apply, you must meet these criteria:

• Hold an associate’s degree or diploma in nursing.
• Be licensed or in progress as a registered nurse.
• Have a minimum of 63 hours credit eligible for transfer to UT.
• Meet the statewide US history requirement for a bachelor’s degree (either one unit at the high school level or 6 credit hours at the college level).
• If you did not graduate from a Tennessee Board of Regents institution, you must also complete any remaining general education requirements. You can verify that your college falls under the TBR at tbr.edu, and view a list of UT’s general education requirements at catalog.utk.edu.

To apply, complete an application for admission to the University of Tennessee at vip.utk.edu and choose Nursing RN to BSN as your major.
The full-time program is divided into five eight-week sessions arranged over three semesters covering one calendar year.

### Full-Time Study: Fall Start

**Semester 1:** 12 credit hours

**First 8 weeks**
- 305 Professional Practice and Role Development (3)
- 343 Transcultural Nursing for the RN (3)

**Second 8 weeks**
- 320 Pathophysiology for the RN (3)
- 334 Health Assessment for the RN (3)*

**Semester 2:** 15 credit hours

**First 8 weeks**
- 350 Healthcare Informatics (3)
- 383 Population Health and Global Health Perspectives for the RN (5)*

**Second 8 weeks**
- 401 Pharmacotherapeutics for the RN (4)
- 472 Evidence-Based Practice and Nursing Research (3)

**Semester 3:** 7 credit hours

**First 8 weeks**
- 455 Nursing Leadership and Management Dimensions (3)
- 494 Portfolio Development for the RN (4)

### Full-Time Study: Spring Start

**Semester 1:** 12 credit hours

**First 8 weeks**
- 305 Professional Practice and Role Development (3)
- 343 Transcultural Nursing for the RN (3)

**Second 8 weeks**
- 320 Pathophysiology for the RN (3)
- 334 Health Assessment for the RN (3)*

**Semester 2:** 8 credit hours

**First 8 weeks**
- 350 Healthcare Informatics (3)
- 383 Population Health and Global Health Perspectives for the RN (5)*

**Semester 3:** 14 credit hours

**First 8 weeks**
- 401 Pharmacotherapeutics for the RN (4)
- 472 Evidence-Based Practice and Nursing Research (3)

**Second 8 weeks**
- 455 Nursing Leadership and Management Dimensions (3)
- 494 Portfolio Development for the RN (4)

Because the sequence of courses is fixed, you may require an additional full year to complete the program if you fall out of sequence.

* Clinical course (completed either virtually or in your geographic area)
PROFICIENCY CREDIT
During your first or second semester, you apply for 26 hours of proficiency credit for Nursing 201 and five of the major clinical courses. These hours are held in escrow until your final semester, then applied toward your BSN.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS
Graduation requires a total of 123 credit hours; you can meet this requirement with qualifying transfer credit, proficiency credit, and credit earned in the program. If you require additional hours, they can be completed during any semester before graduation.

The combination of earned credit (34 hours) and proficiency credit (26 hours) meets the requirement that at least 60 credit hours be earned at a four-year institution.

HONORS REQUIREMENTS
You must earn 60 hours of credit at UT Knoxville to be eligible for honors designations.
APPLICATION DEADLINES

SPRING SEMESTER
December 1

FALL SEMESTER
July 1

QUESTIONS?
Please get in touch if you have any questions about the program, the UT College of Nursing, or online study options.

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