

ASN TO RN-TO-BSN FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Will I be able to complete the RN-to-BSN program part-time?** Yes, students are able to complete the program part-time (less than 12 credits) or full-time (12+ credits) and can get an individualized advising plan from the Student Success Advisor.
- **How much does the RN-to-BSN program cost?** The RN-to-BSN cost of attendance can be found on the program website at <https://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/bsnursing>
- **How are the books for the RN-to-BSN program available?** Books are available in hard copy and e-books (most). Books are available for purchase and rental options. If a course software package has an e-book, print copies are available for an added fee. The FSW library has copies of most textbooks in the reference section and can be checked out for 3-hour periods.
- **Is there a certain time frame in which the RN-to-BSN program must be completed?** It is expected that students complete the RN-to-BSN Program in 4 terms. If a student experiences a hardship the student can request an extension to complete the requirements. The longest time period a student can take is 9 terms from when the student started.
- **How many semester plan options do we offer to complete the RN-to-BSN program?** We currently have 4-semester and a 6-semester advising plans for RN-to-BSN students. If a student needs a full-time schedule (12+ credits), please notify the Student Success Advisor or Program Director so an individualized advising plan can be created for you.
- **Are there any scholarships available for RN-to-BSN students?** Yes. You can apply for scholarships through this link: <https://www.fsw.edu/financialaid/scholarships>
- **When can I begin the RN-to-BSN program?** Students may be admitted for Fall, Spring or Summer full terms.
- **I am a recent graduate of the ASN program at FSW. Will I have to pay the application evaluation fee to apply for the RN-to-BSN Program?** All applicants to the RN-to-BSN Program will need to pay the application evaluation fee. However, former or current FSW students do not have to pay the college admission fee.
- **May I apply to the RN-to-BSN program even though I am missing a few general education courses?** Yes. Students do not need to have all general education requirements met to apply to the program. All general education requirements must be completed prior to the last term of BS Nursing courses.
- **I see in the portal that my RN-to-BSN application is complete. When will I hear back if I am admitted into the program?** Once the FSW Admissions Office has received your application and all documents have been processed, the RN-to-BSN application notice will be sent to the Student Success Advisor. The Advisor will evaluate the application and notify the student of acceptance or provide the student with a detailed list of what is still needed. All FSW ASN students are currently eligible for admission once they have a RN license eligible to work in

Florida. Admitted students will receive a welcome letter from the RN-to-BSN Faculty and Staff, outlining the student's next steps to follow.

- **I applied to the RN-to-BSN program, but some of the credits that transferred to FSW are coming up short and or missing. How do I address this credit shortfall or missing credits so that I can graduate?** It is recommended to schedule an appointment with the Student Success Advisor to review your options which may include submitting a petition for a credit review request.
- **I am attempting to register for a RN-to-BSN Nursing course, however I do not see the specific class being available during registration period?** If any course is currently full then students will not see the course as being available. If this occurs contact the RN-to-BSN Advisor or Program Director. FSW requires a minimum of 15 students before another section can be open, if all current sections are closed.
- **I am a new student in the program, however I have a "time ticket" error on my account that is preventing me from enrolling in classes. What is this and how can it be removed?** Once a student is accepted, FSW has an automated process that runs hourly to update the student's account and apply a registration 'time ticket'. This time ticket is what allows the student to register (assuming there are no other holds). Students may need to wait 24 hours for their account to be updated. The process itself should make the update within that time frame or sooner.
- **Are there any clinical courses in the BSN Program?** There are no clinical courses similar to the ASN Program. There are two courses that have "practice experiences." A practice experience does not require that an instructor be with a student because the student holds an RN license. Community Health Nursing has a practice experience with specific objectives that the student does on their own, guided by the course faculty. Leadership in Nursing Practice has a practice experience in which some hours require the student to shadow a nurse leader that the student chooses and some hours are done independently, guided by course faculty. Community Health Nursing is taken in the second or third term, while Leadership in Nursing Practice must be taken in the last term of the program.
- **May I take RN-to-BSN courses in any order?** No. We assist students in the pathway through the Program, knowing the how courses build on one another and the workload of each course. The first course in the Program is Professional Roles and Dimensions which provides an example of the types of assignments done in the RN-to-BSN Program.
- **I plan on being a traveling RN accepting assignments out of Florida. Will this be an issue?** No, provided you maintain a license that allow you to practice as an RN in Florida. There may be restrictions in some states for college students who attend colleges outside their state in regards to practice experiences. This will be determined on a case-by-case bases dependent on the Nurse Practice Act of that state. The practice experience can be timed for when the student is back in Southwest Florida and can be completed in three days.

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- **Can I be admitted to the RN-to-BSN program before I have an RN license?** No. Students must have a clear/active RN license to be admitted to RN-to-BSN program.
- **Do I need a background check, drug screen, and to provide medical documentation before I can be admitted to the RN-to-BSN Program?** No. Students will need to do this before the Leadership in Nursing Practice course during your last term.
- **If I have further questions who can I contact?** Sarah Hamula, Nursing Student Success Advisor II (Sarah.Hamula@fsw.edu).

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