

RN to BSN Program FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

General BSN Program questions

1. **Will I be able to complete the program part-time?** Yes, Students wanting to complete the program part-time will need to follow the 4 semester plan.
2. **How much will tuition be for the whole BSN program?** The BSN cost of attendance can be found on the program website at <https://www.fsw.edu/academics/programs/bsnursing>
3. **Are the books for the BSN program available in hardcopy and not online only?** 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.
4. **Is there a certain time frame in which the BSN program must be completed?** It is expected that students complete the BSN Program in 4 semesters. If students experience a hardship the students can request an extension to complete the BSN courses. The longest time period a student can take is 6 semesters from when the student started.
5. **How many semester plan options do we offer to complete our BSN?** We currently have a 4 semester student progression path for BSN students. If a student needs a full time Fall and Spring term load to meet the required hours for financial aid please notify the BSN Advisor or Program Director so an individualized course plan can be corrected. A full time course load can be accomplished by an individualized plan of 3 semesters.
6. **Are there any scholarships available for BSN students?** BSN students have the opportunity to apply for various scholarships to assist with tuition and or books. Students will need to visit a financial aid counselor telephone or video conferencing or in person appointments.
7. **Will I receive any credits toward my degree for having a valid nursing license?** Students who have attended non-accredited nursing institutions and who are lacking credits toward their degree will have the opportunity to apply 30 credits (called ASE credits) of lower nursing courses toward their BSN degree. These ASE credits are applied by Registrar in the student last term before graduation. A form is filled out by the BSN Advisor and forwarded to Registrar.

Admissions

1. **Can you start the program in the summer term?** Yes, students may be admitted and enrolled in the BSN program during the summer.

2. **I am a recent graduate of the ASN program at FSW, will I have to pay the application fee to apply for the program?** All applicants to the BSN Program will need to pay for the application evaluation form. Applicants will need to pay the BSN application evaluation fee each time they apply to the BSN Program. However former or current FSW students do not have to pay the college admission fee.
3. **Can I apply to the BSN program even to have the declared BSN Major awarded even though I am missing a few prerequisite courses?** Even though students are missing a few pre-requisite courses, students can still apply to the program. However please be advised that all prerequisite courses must be completed in order for full acceptance in to the BSN Program. Some may be permitted to take up to 9 credits or 3 courses in the BSN Program. Please contact the BSN Advisor if you would like more information about this. Applicants will need to pay the BSN application evaluation fee each time they apply to the BSN Program. However former or current FSW students do not have to pay the college admission fee.
4. **I see in the portal that my BSN application is complete. When I will hear back if I am admitted into the program?** Once the FSW Admissions Office has received your application and all documents have been processed students will receive an email from the BSN Advisor indicating that all FSW BSN Admission requirements have been met. Shortly thereafter students will receive a welcome letter from the BSN Faculty and Staff outlining the students next steps to follow.
5. **I applied to the program, but some of the credits that were transferred in are coming up short and or missing. How do I address this credit shortfall or missing credits so that I can be admitted?** Students who have transferred credits in that are coming up short or missing will need to complete the credit review request. The credit review request form can be found on the registrar's website.

Course registration

1. **I am attempting to register for a BSN Nursing class, 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 the advisor will work with administrators to open a new section. Students will need to email the advisor which course they are requesting to enroll in so that an additional section can be opened.
2. **Summer 2020. I am trying to register for the Leadership and Capstone class this SUMMER 2020, but I cannot find any place that does my background check level II and fingerprint with all this turmoil of the Covid-19. What should I do?** Not required for SUMMER 2020 ONLY
3. **I am a newly admit 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.

4. **I'm not sure what course to sign up for since I sat out for a semester and withdrew from a few courses?** Students can email the BSN Advisor or Program Director to have their advising plan updated to get them back on track.

Graduation

1. **I am in my final semester in the BSN program. Will my BSN degree get sent in the mail for me?** Students who are opted in for graduation will receive their diploma in the mail. Students will need to ensure that the most accurate address is on file.
2. **How many total program hours does the BSN program consist of in order to graduate?** The BSN program consist of 120 credits with 30 credits being higher nursing level courses.
3. **When is the graduation ceremony (Commencement) for the BSN program?** Students have the opportunity to participate in the FSW Commencement Ceremony during the month of May. Students will receive an email about the Commencement Ceremony in their FSW Email account.

Leadership in Nursing Practice course FAQs

Questions and Answers regarding NUR 4827C Leadership in Nursing Practice can be found on the BSN Colloquium on the home page.

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