



Bluefield State
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FAST FACTS!

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
ONLINE RN TO BSN PROGRAM
Bluefield, West Virginia



The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at Bluefield State College is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001 (202) 887-6791

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OVERVIEW AND ACCREDITATION

The BSN Program is a nationally accredited RN to BSN Program that is designed for the working registered nurse. This is a “2 + 2” nursing program in which AS nursing graduates can complete their BSN in 3 or 4 semesters.

All nursing classes are offered online and some courses require clinical experiences that may be completed in the student’s home county. Boot Camps are required days of class with faculty provided via “Live Streaming.” Students have 3 options for attending the required classes: Attend live class on the Bluefield campus, attend live class virtually from their home computer, or watch the archived class video within one week from when the class was held.

Students may complete support courses at Bluefield State College or other colleges or universities. Completion of the BSN degree requires a total of 120 credit hours.

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RN to BSN Program MISSION, GOAL & STUDENT OUTCOMES

Mission: The mission of the RN to BSN Program is to provide students an opportunity for quality baccalaureate nursing education that is both affordable and geographically accessible, and prepares students to meet the diverse health care needs of the community, state, and nation. The nursing faculty is committed to planning and implementing a quality baccalaureate program for registered nurses which promotes students’ intellectual, personal, ethical, and cultural development in a diverse and caring environment. The scope of professional nursing education is believed to be one that enables and empowers the student to recognize the ethical, legislative, economic, regulatory and political aspects that define the scope of professional nursing practice. The roles inherent in the status of the professional nurse include but are not limited to: provider of direct and indirect care, designer/manager/coordinator of care, member of a profession, patient/client advocate and educator, and life-long learner.

Excellent nursing education that is affordable and accessible.

All nursing & non-nursing classes are online

120 hours for completion of BSN Degree

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(304) 327-4022
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**RN to BSN Program Part-Time/Open Enrollment
(Complete in 6 semesters)**

Semester 1: Fall

- _____ Nursing 301 Advanced Health Assessment for RNs - 3 hrs.
and/or
- _____ Nursing 303 Complex Health Problems – 4 hrs.
- _____ Support Course (s) *Make Math 210, Elementary Statistics a
priority

Semester 2: Spring

- _____ Nursing 306 Ethics and Issues in Professional Nursing–3 hrs.
- _____ Support Course (s)

Semester 3: Fall

- _____ Nursing 300 Concepts of Professional Nursing - 4 hrs.
- _____ Nursing 303 Complex Health Problems (if not previously
completed)
- _____ Support Course (s)

Semester 4: Spring

- _____ Nursing 302 Community Nursing – 3 hrs.
- _____ Support Course(s) *Must have completed Math 210 Statistics
to be eligible to take NURS 405 Nursing Research.

Semester 5: Fall

- _____ Nursing 403 Gerontological Health Care Issues - 3 hrs.
- _____ Nursing 405 Nursing Research - 3 hrs.
- _____ Support Course (s)

Semester 6: Spring

- _____ Nursing 402 Nursing Management and Leadership – 3 hrs.
- _____ Nursing 412 Senior Practicum – 4 hrs.
- _____ Support Course (s)

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Goal: The goal of the BSN Program is to provide registered nurses with learning opportunities to acquire the knowledge base and skills to practice nursing at the professional level.

Student Outcomes:

1. Assess the health/illness status of individuals, families, and communities throughout the lifespan utilizing a holistic perspective.
2. Recognize how components of diversity impact health and health care.
3. Broaden advocacy skills for the nursing profession and the patients/clients served.
4. Employ critical thinking skills as a basis for professional nursing practice.
5. Use effective communication skills and interprofessional collaboration consistent with the role of the professional nurse.
6. Understand how to read and critique nursing research for its applicability for evidence-based nursing practice.
7. Utilize professional nursing management, leadership, and interprofessional educational (IPE) skills to coordinate comprehensive health care.
8. Apply an ethical decision-making framework incorporating the ANA Professional Code of Ethics, professional standards, and an awareness of personal values in nursing practice.
9. Develop and implement health education programs for diverse populations in a variety of settings.
10. Apply an increased depth and breadth of knowledge in managing patients/clients with acute complex health problems.
11. Utilize evidence-based nursing strategies in planning care for patients/clients throughout the lifespan.
12. Understand the increased complexity of health, wellness, and health problems experienced by the older adult.

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BSN Eligibility Requirements

1. GPA of 2.5 from college courses.
2. Meet general admission requirements of Bluefield State College.
3. Have completed the English and Math general studies requirements.
4. Be a graduate of a state approved, ACEN accredited Associate Degree or Diploma Nursing Program.
5. If not a graduate of Bluefield State College Associate of Science in Nursing program, official transcripts are required.
6. Have a current, unrestricted U.S. RN license – BSN faculty will verify this online.
7. Second Year ASN students may be accepted but enrollment is contingent upon passage of the NCLEX-RN licensure examination prior to the first day of class.
8. Meeting minimal qualifications does not guarantee acceptance.

The application to the RN to BSN program is online (<https://www.bluefieldstate.edu/admissions/apply>) & available year round.

Call Admissions at 304-327-4065 or 4066 with any questions. The fall class will be accepted beginning in the spring semester of the year for which admission is sought.

*Out of state residents may qualify for “metro rate” tuition.

PART-TIME/OPEN ENROLLMENT OPTION

RNs who wish to pursue the BSN degree may enroll in the 3 BSN open enrollment courses (if seats available) while awaiting full-time admission to the program. This option helps ease the transition to online learning and helps to lighten the academic load for the newly graduated RN as well as the experienced RN considering returning to school.

The 3 BSN open enrollment courses are:

Nursing 301: Advanced Health Assessment for RNs. (3 credit hours)*

Nursing 303: Complex Health Problems (4 credit hours)*

Nursing 306: Ethics & Issues in Professional Nursing (3 credit hours)*

To take these courses, students must complete the BSN application online **and then email Jennifer Johnson, Senior Admissions Counselor (jjohnson@bluefieldstate.edu) and Carol Cofer, RN to BSN Program Director (ccofer@bluefieldstate.edu) that the part-time/open enrollment option is desired.**

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3 SEMESTER OPTION

The 3 semester option is available to students admitted to the RN to BSN program who are currently enrolled in the Junior Year – Fall Semester. Applications are due by December 1 and will be reviewed by the BSN faculty. Students will be notified by the conclusion of fall semester if they have been accepted.

This option is academically demanding, requiring 20-30 hours of academic work each week, regular communication with nursing instructors, and is best suited to the mature student who can commit the time necessary to complete the demanding course work. Academic performance in the BSN Program is evaluated when faculty review applications. Space is limited in this track.

The 3 semester track in the RN to BSN program is a very rigorous academic track.

The semesters are as follows:

Junior - Fall: NURS 300, 301, 303 (11 credits)
Junior - Spring: NURS 302, 306, and 402 (9 credits)
Senior - Fall: NURS 403, 405, and 412* (10 credits)

*Nursing 412 is an independent, advanced practicum that requires exceptional time management and leadership skills.

Minimal Eligibility Requirements:

1. Overall GPA 3.0 or greater.
2. Bluefield State College overall GPA 3.0 or greater.
3. Student's grade in each BSN Nursing course must be a "B" or higher.
4. Student must make a grade of "B" or higher on the oral presentation in Nursing 300.
5. Student must make a grade of "B" or higher on the final paper in Nursing 303.
6. The candidate must show a mastery of APA skills as evidenced by his/her assignments in Nursing 300 and Nursing 303. Oral and written communication skills from assignments in these 2 courses will be used to evaluate critical thinking and competency in APA, which is mandatory to succeed as a 3 Semester student.
7. Completion of all support courses by the conclusion of the first semester in the BSN Program.*

*If a student has completed all the open enrollment BSN nursing courses (N301, N303, N306), exceptions may be considered for completion of electives. All electives must be completed prior to starting the last (third) semester of the nursing program.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR BSN DEGREE

<u>Lower Level Nursing Courses (ASN Nursing)</u>	40 hours*
<u>Basic Skills Component</u>	15 hours
Composition (English 101, 102)	6 hours
Mathematics (Math 101, 101L, 109, 109L, 110, 220, GNET 115, GNET 116, BUSN 250)	3 hours
Technology Literacy (any COSC-prefix course, BUSN 130, MEET 112)	3 hours
Communication (COMM 201, 208)	3 hours
<u>Core Skills Component</u>	3 hours
Literature (ENGL 201, 205)	3 hours
<u>Fine Arts/Humanities/Social Science</u>	9 hours
<u>Required:</u> General Psychology (PSYC 103)	3 hours
<u>Recommended:</u> Principles of Sociology (SOC 210)	3 hours
<u>3rd course may be selected from:</u>	3 hours
ARET 205, ECON 211, 212, ARTS 101, 205, 208, FREN 101/102, SPAN 101/102, GEOG 150, HIST 101, 102, 105, 106, HUMN 150, 222, 223, MUSC 150, 200, POSC 200 or 210, 218, THEA 200.	
<u>Health & Wellness</u>	2-3 hours
Health 101, 310	
Physical Education (any 2 hour PHED course)	
<u>Physical/Biological Sciences (Must include lab courses)</u>	8 hours
<u>Required:</u> Anatomy & Physiology (BIOL 210 or 212)	3 hours
<u>Required:</u> Anatomy & Physiology Lab (BIOL 211L or 213L)	1 hour
<u>Remaining 4 credits of lecture/lab may be selected from:</u>	4 hours
Biology (BIOL 101/103L, 102/104L, 202/204L or 4 additional A&P lecture/lab), Chemistry (CHEM 101/103L, 102/104L), Environmental Science (ENSC 201/203L, 202/204L) Physical Science (PHSC 101/103L, 102/104L), Physics (PHYS 201/203L, 202/204L), General Engineering Technology (GNET 101, 102)	

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Required:

Elementary Statistics (MATH 210) **3 hours**

Electives: 10 elective credit hours are required.

Recommended: Life Span Human Development (PSYC 210)

3 hours 100-200 level **3 hours**

7 hours 200-400 level **7 hours**

BSN Nursing Courses **30 hours**

NURS 300 Concepts of Professional Nursing 4 hours

NURS 301 Advanced Health Assessment for RNs 3 hours

NURS 302 Community Nursing 3 hours

NURS 303 Complex Health Problems 4 hours

NURS 306 Ethics and Issues in Professional Nursing 3 hours

NURS 402 Nursing Management and Leadership 3 hours

NURS 403 Gerontological Health Care Issues 3 hours

NURS 405 Nursing Research 3 hours

NURS 412 Senior Practicum 4 hours

Total Credits **120 hours**

72 credit hours may be transferred from a community college. An additional 8 credit hours may be considered for transfer, evaluated on an individual basis.

*Students who have fewer than 40 nursing credit hours in their Associate Degree Nursing program will need to take additional electives to earn the required 120 credit hours for the BSN degree.

BSN Required Nursing Courses

4 Semester Plan

All 300 level courses must be completed in this sequence.

Fall Semester - Junior Year

NURS 300 Concepts of Professional Nursing 4

NURS 301 Adv. Health Assessment for RNs 3 (OE)*

NURS 303 Complex Health Problems 4 (OE)**

Total Hours **11**

Spring Semester - Junior Year

NURS 302 Community Nursing 3

NURS 306 Ethics & Issues in Prof. Nursing 3 (OE)**

Total Hours **6**

Fall Semester - Senior Year

NURS 403 Gerontological Health Care Issues 3

NURS 405 Nursing Research 3

Total Hours **6**

Spring Semester - Senior Year

NURS 402 Nursing Mgmt. & Leadership 3

NURS 412 Senior Practicum 4

Total Hours **7**

Total Hours BSN Nursing Courses **30**

*Open enrollment course available to RNs and to qualified (GPA 3.0) current second year BSC ASN students.

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