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Advance your nursing career

| RN to BSN
Completion Program

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■ Why an RN to BSN Degree Completion Program?

Become a trusted leader in the nursing field

Now, more than ever, we need caring and compassionate healthcare professionals with the skills, experience, and professionalism required to address modern healthcare concerns. As our understanding of health evolves and scientific breakthroughs and advancements in technology help us provide more effective and efficient treatment, we need nurses who are dedicated to advancing in the field and sharpening their existing skills.

At University of Bridgeport, you can enroll in our fully online RN to BSN completion program and begin your journey to a more fulfilling career. You'll have the opportunity to use your work experience to demonstrate your expertise and add to classroom and group discussions, and you will work side-by-side with your peers during clinical hours to gain the advanced nursing skills needed to accelerate your career growth.

When you decide to pursue your bachelor's degree in Nursing, you'll enjoy:

- Higher earning potential
- Increased leadership opportunities
- A fully online program
- The opportunity to finish your degree in as few as 12 months!

Don't wait — earn your BSN today!

Meet the Program Director



Say 'hello!' to the Director of the School of Nursing, Dr. Linda Wagner

Dr. Linda Wagner, Director of the School of Nursing, has been in leadership roles at University of Bridgeport since 2015. She started as Associate Dean for the RN to BSN program and then provided program leadership as the Associate Director for BSN when it began in 2017.

Dr. Wagner has more than 30 years of experience teaching undergraduate and graduate nursing students. Her clinical background is in child health. Over the years, she has facilitated several community engagement activities, as well as partnerships in the community and local school systems. She has presented her research at the national and international levels on stigma tool development and stigma in Sickle Cell Disease, as well as other studies on transitions and vulnerable populations. Other areas of research include leadership development for nursing students and the outcomes of taking nursing students on global health experiences. She also conducted a qualitative research study on nurses who participate in disaster relief efforts, and her most recent research explores the experiences of parents whose children are transgender.





■ Why Choose UB?

Earn your BSN degree at University of Bridgeport

Flexible online learning

Whether you're working full-time, taking care of your family, or both, we believe that your personal life is just as important as completing your degree — that's why our RN to BSN completion program is **entirely online** and designed for busy working professionals. At UB, you can complete your BSN in as **few as 12 months!** Courses are offered in an accelerated 7-week format, with most students taking one or two courses at a time. You also have the option of accelerating your completion time by going back to school full-time and taking up to four courses per 7-week session. You shouldn't have to sacrifice time with the people you love to further your career, and at UB, you don't have to.

At UB, we start with you

At University of Bridgeport, we take a student-centered approach to learning. Our expert faculty are dedicated to giving you the one-on-one attention you deserve, and we offer a variety of resources on campus, including counseling services, financial aid, our Knight's Pantry, student involvement opportunities, and more. While earning your degree, UB will be with you every step of the way!

A focus on career-readiness

Earning your Nursing degree can lead to a fulfilling career with a high earning potential, and University of Bridgeport will prepare you for success in the field. Our curriculum is tailored to give you the skills and experience to manage real-world patient care issues. You'll be ready for a variety of nursing positions once you graduate.

Advance your nursing career through our RN to BSN Completion program

Increase your earning potential

As a registered nurse, you practice your caretaking skills and use core nursing concepts every day. Your extensive knowledge of human anatomy, medical procedures, and care plans, in addition to your years of experience in a variety of healthcare settings, are the foundation of your future, including increased earning potential. In May 2021, the average annual salary for nurses who hold a BSN degree was \$77,699*.

*U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Become eligible for leadership roles in your organization

You have years of experience as an RN. Now, it's time to build on that experience and help lead the next generation of nurses. By earning your bachelor's degree in Nursing, you'll demonstrate your commitment to becoming a more informed, experienced healthcare professional ready to take on leadership roles in any healthcare setting. An RN to BSN program shows your employer that you're prepared to take on more responsibilities and lead by example in your role as an RN. Earning your BSN will open you up to a world of new career opportunities, including supervisory and managerial roles.

Expand your professional network

When you earn your BSN here at University of Bridgeport, you'll have the opportunity to expand your network of professional colleagues. You'll interact with other registered nurses from diverse backgrounds and working environments, offering the chance to form relationships that could grow into larger professional opportunities in the future. In addition, you'll learn from and interact with experts in the field who bring with them a wealth of experience and knowledge.





Curriculum

Online RN to BSN Courses

As a student you will complete a total of 120 credits. You may transfer up to 90 credits from a previous nursing program at an accredited institution. The last 30 credits of your BSN coursework must be completed at UB.*

*You must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 and a grade of at least C+ or better in all nursing, mathematics, and science courses.

For complete curriculum details, please visit [our website](#).

Admission requirements and tuition information updated for the 2023-2024 academic year.

■ Course Format

Our RN to BSN program is designed for busy working RNs!

We understand that you're juggling work and personal responsibilities — that's why our **RN to BSN completion program is offered entirely online!** Our curriculum can be completed **part-time** in **as few as 12 months**. At University of Bridgeport, we understand you work hard — that's why we make it easier for you to earn your degree and advance your career.

RN to BSN completion program admission requirements

- Current, unencumbered registered nurse license in your state of residence
- Cumulative G.P.A of 2.5 or higher
- Completed [University of Bridgeport application](#)
- Transcripts from any colleges or universities attended
- Proof of high school completion or its equivalent

International applicants

Please consult the [International admission requirements page](#), or for specific queries, [contact your admissions officer](#).





Financial Aid Information

Paying for college doesn't have to be stressful. At University of Bridgeport, there are a variety of financial aid programs available to you, including scholarships, grants, student loans that need to be repaid, and work-study opportunities that provide a regular paycheck. The Office of Student Financial Services is ready to connect with you and guide you toward achieving your dream of a college education.

Check out our [financial aid page](#) to find out how University of Bridgeport can help you pay for your education.

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Testimonials



Yanique Edwards, RN, BSN

“Obtaining my BSN from the University of Bridgeport was a breeze. The enrollment period was super easy, and the program was manageable and fit right into my busy schedule. The professors were very reliable and made it easy to understand what was expected weekly. The program helped me develop a deeper understanding of the nursing profession while allowing me to have more flexibility in my nursing career. I really valued how helpful the staff was and how students were always able to reach out to someone for support. The program really helped me grow, not only as a better nurse but as a better person.”



Maria Cantito, BSN, RN

“I graduated with my associate degree as an RN in 1986. I postponed my bachelor’s degree and took a hiatus from nursing for several years after having children. When I went back into nursing, it felt a lot like riding a bike in many ways, but I realized a lot had changed in the ten years I was away, so I decided to pursue my BSN. I wanted a program that would allow me to work and use my experience to enhance my learning. From the information session to the admissions process, UB made it easy to navigate, and they offered guidance when I needed it.”

Student Resources and Support

At University of Bridgeport, we are committed to helping our students succeed. That's why we offer resources and support services to help you reach your personal and professional goals!

<h2>Academic Resources</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Advising Center (AAC) • Admissions • Financial Aid • Registrar's Office 	<h2>Academic Supports</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Preparation • The Heckman Center • Wahlstrom Library
<h2>Personal Support Services</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling Services • Health Services • Knight's Pantry • Student Accessibility Services 	<h2>Student Experience</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs and Organizations • Events • Greek Life • Recreation
<h2>Professional Development</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Development Services 	



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