

RN-BSN

BSN DEGREE COMPLETION SEQUENCE FOR REGISTERED NURSES

Program Description

Healthcare is characterized by rapid change and innovation that demands a highly skilled and well-educated nurse workforce. In addition, career advancement and educational mobility require nurses to have, at a minimum, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). The Oakland University School of Nursing (SON) understands this, so the BSN degree completion sequence for registered nurses (RN-BSN) emphasizes clinical reasoning, provides the nursing knowledge needed by today's RNs, and prepares students for graduate study in nursing.

The BSN degree completion sequence for registered nurses (RN-BSN) curriculum builds on your initial nursing education and your ability to successfully pass the NCLEX-RN as foundational to achieving the BSN essential competencies. The RN-BSN curriculum is taught fully online, is offered either as traditional 14-week courses or the **NEW 7-week RN-BSN FAST TRACK** option, and offers nursing-specific concentrated areas of study. In addition, all RN-BSN students pay in-state tuition.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADMISSION

1. Completion of an associate degree in nursing with an overall grade point average of 2.5 or higher.
2. Valid unrestricted RN license.

APPLYING TO OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

1. Submit an application to Oakland University via the website oakland.edu/apply, and use major code 7040.
2. Have official transcripts from each college/university you attended sent to:
Oakland University, Admissions Office
North Foundation Hall, Room 101
318 Meadow Brook Rd.
Rochester, MI 48309-4454
The transcripts must be mailed directly from the academic institution to OU.
3. When you complete the OU application, the OU admissions office will forward your file to the SON.

COMPLETING THE BSN DEGREE

The SON encourages students to complete the BSN requirements within four years. An individual academic plan of study will be prepared for each student that outlines the specific courses needed to complete the BSN degree. In total, **125 credits** (including transfer credits) are required to earn a BSN degree at OU. Students can take courses over the traditional 14 weeks or they can enroll in the new seven week RN-BSN fast track option.

RN-BSN FAST TRACK OPTION

Students who want to complete their BSN degree as quickly as possible should enroll in the RN-BSN fast track option. Courses in the fast track option are seven weeks versus the traditional 14, and students who have satisfied the MACRAO/MTA requirements during their ADN educations can complete the RN-BSN fast track curriculum in as little as 15 months.

SCHOOL OF NURSING ACCREDITATION

The Oakland University School of Nursing undergraduate program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) (American Association of Colleges of Nursing, One DuPont Circle, NW Ste. 530, Washington, DC).

I. PRE-REQUISITE NON-NURSING COURSES

All will be waived with a valid RN license.

II. NURSING CURRICULUM

COURSE	CREDITS	PREREQUISITES (P) & COREQUISITES (C)
NRS 221 Nursing Informatics	2	P/C: NRS 310
NRS 310 Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing Education	4	P/C: NRS 221
NRS 452 Research Basis of Nursing Practice <i>The course satisfies the OU general education requirement for a writing intensive course in the major.</i>	3	P: NRS 221, NRS 310 C: NRS 340
NRS 340 Health Promotion in the Community	4	P: NRS 221, NRS 310 C: NRS 452
NRS 355 Nursing Leadership and Health Care Issues	3	P: NRS 221, NRS 310, NRS 340, NRS 452 C: NRS 450
NRS 450 Nursing Care of Populations with Health Disparities <i>The course satisfies the OU general education requirement for U.S. diversity.</i>	4	P: NRS 221, NRS 310, NRS 340, NRS 452 C: NRS 355
NRS 426 Community Nursing	4	P: NRS 221, NRS 310, NRS 340, NRS 355, NRS 450, NRS 452 C: NRS 474
NRS 474 Nursing Synthesis	4	P: NRS 221, NRS 310, NRS 340, NRS 355, NRS 450, NRS 452 C: NRS 426
NRS 475 Nursing Synthesis Clinical* <i>The course satisfies the OU general education requirement for the capstone experience.</i>	4	P: NRS 221, NRS 310, NRS 340, NRS 355, NRS 426, NRS 450, NRS 452, NRS 474

*All RN-BSN students take this course over 14 weeks. Specific clinical concentrations are available.

III. NCLEX-RN COMPLETION COMPETENCY CREDITS

Students will register for the 19 credits at Oakland University that will be used toward the BSN degree credits for successfully passing the NCLEX-RN. No coursework or test is required to receive the 19 credits; you will simply register and pay the current “competency” rate set by OU.

COURSE	CREDITS
NRS 399P	19

IV. OU GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Students must satisfy all of the OU general education requirements to obtain the BSN degree. Students who have satisfied the MACRAO/MTA requirements during their ADN educations will usually enter with all of the OU general education requirements satisfied. For students who do not have MACRAO/MTA, then one course in each OU general education category is required.

GENERAL EDUCATION CATEGORY	CREDITS
ARTS	4
FOREIGN LANGUAGE and CULTURE	4
FORMAL REASONING (PHL 102/107)	4
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE	4
KNOWLEDGE APPLICATION (PSY 225)	4
LITERATURE	4
NATURAL SCIENCE and TECHNOLOGY (CHM 104)	4
SOCIAL SCIENCE (PSY 100)	4
WESTERN CIVILIZATION (PHL 101)	4
WRITING FOUNDATION (WRT 160)	4