

# RN TO BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (B.S.N.)

## ONLINE

### PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The RN to BSN program at the University of South Dakota is an online program for working RN's with an Associate Degree or Diploma in Nursing, designed for completion of the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing. There are several plan of study options for completing the program. For students who want to complete the program quickly, a two semester fast track is offered. For students who prefer a slower pace, the five semester plan (two courses per semester) is ideal. A one course per semester plan is also available. Prospective students are encouraged to speak with a nursing advisor for guidance as needed.

Students move through the program in a cohort; cohorts begin each fall. Most students take an average of two courses per semester. The part-time options make it possible for students to work full-time while completing the program. Clinical experiences are also part of the program. These clinical experiences may be arranged where students are working or in the community where the students live.

### RN to BSN Program:

#### Why finish your BSN?

- Hospitals with Magnet Recognition prefer to hire nurses with a BSN
- BSN required for leadership positions
- Required for entrance into graduate education/nurse practitioner programs
- Recommended by National Organizations such as the American Nurses Association, American Organization of Nurse Executives, National Council of State Boards of Nursing, American Association of Colleges of Nursing, National League for Nursing

### USD NURSING

For more information about the University of South Dakota's Nursing programs, please visit: [www.usd.edu/nursing](http://www.usd.edu/nursing)

### TUITION RATES

For the most up-to-date online course tuition information, please visit: [www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm](http://www.usd.edu/cde/tuition-rates.cfm)



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### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to be considered for the RN to BSN program, you must meet the following requirements:

- Cumulative undergraduate grade point average (GPA) of 2.7 or above (on a 4.0 scale)
- Graduate of an accredited ADN or Diploma Nursing Program
- Active, unencumbered RN license to practice nursing
- Accepted to the University of South Dakota
- Successful completion of RN - BSN support coursework required in the major
- Application and acceptance to the RN to BSN program

For more information, please visit:

<http://www.usd.edu/health-sciences/nursing/admissions.cfm>

### HOW TO APPLY

To apply to The University of South Dakota, visit:

[admissions.usd.edu/apply](http://admissions.usd.edu/apply)

**Please Note:** On the application, indicate that you will study online.

Apply online or submit your application materials, along with the \$20 application fee to:

The University of South Dakota  
The Division of Continuing & Distance Education  
Attn: Matt Hammer  
414 E. Clark Street  
Vermillion, SD 57069

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on the RN to BSN program, please visit [www.usd.edu/cde](http://www.usd.edu/cde) or contact the USD Nursing Program:

University of South Dakota  
Department of Nursing  
414 East Clark Street  
Julian Hall 243  
Vermillion, SD 57069  
E-Mail: [RN-BSN@usd.edu](mailto:RN-BSN@usd.edu)  
605-677-5006

University of South Dakota  
Division of Continuing & Distance Education  
414 East Clark Street  
McKusick Technology Center 211  
Vermillion, SD 57069  
[cde@usd.edu](mailto:cde@usd.edu)  
605-677-6240 or 800-233-7937

# PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

## GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS:

Course/No.	Course Title	Site	Rotation
PHGY 220/220L	Human Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab (4 cr.)	Online	Every Semester
PHGY 230/230L	Human Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab (4 cr.)	Online	Every Semester
ENGL 101	Composition I (3 cr.)	Online	Every Semester
	Humanities/Fine Arts (Electives*) (6 cr.) *One course must be a Fine Arts elective	Online	Every Semester
CHEM 106/106L	Chemistry Survey with Lab I (4 cr.)	Online	Every Semester
PSYC 101	General Psychology (3 cr.)	Online	Every Semester
MATH 102	College Algebra (3 cr.)	Online	Every Semester
MICR 230	Microbiology (3 cr.)	Online	Every Semester
SPCM 101	Fundamentals of Speech (3 cr.)	Online	Every Semester
ENGL 201	Composition II (3 cr.)	Online	Every Summer
ENGL 210	Introduction to Literature (3 cr.)	Online	Every Semester
SOC 100	Introduction to Sociology (3 cr.)	Online	Every Semester
STAT 281	Introduction to Statistics (3 cr.)	Online	Every Semester
HLTH 422	Nutrition (3 cr.)	Online	Every Semester
	Advisor Approved Electives (10 cr.)	Online	Every Semester
<b>General Education Requirements Total Credit Hours: 58</b>			

## NURSING CORE REQUIREMENTS:

Course/No.	Course Title	Rotation
NURS 315	Pathophysiology (4 cr.)	Fall
NURS 383	Physical Assessment Across the Lifespan (3 cr.)	Fall
NURS 470	Population Based Health Promotion & Disease Prevention (3 cr.)	Spring
NURS 475	Population Based Health Promotion & Disease Prevention Practicum (4 cr.)	Spring
NURS 352/ PHAR 452	Pharmacology (3 cr.)	Summer
NURS 350	Research & Evidence Based Practice (3 cr.)	Summer
NURS 485	Designer, Coordinator, & Manager of Core Capstone Practicum (4 cr.)	Fall
NURS 487	Health Care Policy, Finance, & Regulatory Environment (3 cr.)	Fall
<b>Nursing Core Requirements Total Credit Hours: 27</b>		

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING CREDITS:

<b>Associate Degree Nursing Total Credit Hours: 35</b>
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## RN TO BSN PROGRAM TOTAL: 120 CREDIT HOURS

\*If you are a prospective student with a disability and need assistance or accommodations during the admission/application process, please contact the Director of Disability Services, 119B Service Center North, USD, Vermillion, SD 57069. Phone: 605-677-6389 Fax: 605-677-3172 E-mail: [disabilityservices@usd.edu](mailto:disabilityservices@usd.edu)

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