

REGIS UNIVERSITY

RN to BSN Completion Program

Regis University, the nation's fifth-largest private Jesuit institution of higher education, has been consistently ranked as one of "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News & World Report*. The university's online RN to BSN completion program provides an alternative to traditional classroom learning by acknowledging the needs of students whose personal and professional circumstances make regular, on-campus study challenging.

Regis University has partnered with The College Network™ to offer an online baccalaureate degree program for today's busy nurse. The College Network has developed a Comprehensive Learning Module™ (CLM) program, that works in tandem with Regis University's curriculum. The CLM program works by preparing students to earn transfer credit for general education and elective courses by passing end-of-course college equivalency exams (up to 65 credits). It is available both online and in print to accommodate individual learning styles and preferences. This format eases learners back into school by allowing them to work at a more independent pace than traditional programs. Also, it familiarizes learners with the process of online learning.

As a leader in the educational services industry, The College Network's CLM program is designed with the 21st-century adult learner in mind. Efficiency and accessibility are key elements in the service and materials we provide.

Academic success begins with good preparation, and we have developed a recipe for that. Determining your preferred learning style is a key ingredient. Our Academic Advisors work with you, coaching you on becoming a better learner and keeping you motivated. Support is available by phone or through our web site. Nimble by design, our CLM program offers learners the flexibility to get the most out of their studies and earn their desired degree.

RN to BSN Completion Program Overview

Regis University's RN to BSN completion program is unique in that it offers a well-rounded curriculum in a format that allows busy nurses to complete their upper-level nursing courses in just 12 to 20 months. In addition, all practicum courses are mentored by local preceptors, which eliminates any travel. After completion of Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology, students can begin their upper-level online nursing courses (30 credit hours) immediately. Remaining general education and elective courses can be taken concurrently with upper-level online nursing courses.



- Convenient online learning format
- Courses offered in an accelerated, 8-week format
- Fully accredited
- Complete the program in 12–20 months
- No classroom attendance required
- Guaranteed financing for The College Network portion of the program
- Comprehensive learning modules™ may be completed concurrently with online classes



Regis University's Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions

Regis University's Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions prepares nurses to extend their impact on our changing health care system. Study options within the undergraduate nursing program prepare students for a variety of nursing roles in traditional and nontraditional settings. A Regis University education is part of a 450-year Jesuit tradition of values-centered education, academic excellence, and service to others.

Practicum Experiences

Regis University acknowledges that registered nurses are highly experienced health care professionals who bring valuable skills and abilities to their current academic pursuits. Therefore, courses with a clinical component, called practica, are designed specifically for registered nurses. There are two practicum courses for students to complete in the program: one in community health nursing and the other in health care leadership and management. Each practicum is preceded by a related theory course and requires 45 hours "in the field" at a local agency that can provide meaningful learning experiences for the student in the course content area.

The community health practicum hours are completed in an agency that provides population-based nursing. The major assignment for this course is the completion of a community assessment and program plan. Hours for the advanced practicum in leadership and management may be accomplished at a health care agency of the student's choice. The major assignment for this course is the completion of a project that helps an organization keep up with the fast pace of change in health care today.

In addition to the practicum component of the program, you are required to complete 20 hours of service learning. Service learning provides an educational experience while instilling the belief that service to one's community is a lifelong pursuit. Service learning is integrated into your program of study as part of the BSN program. The nursing faculty and service learning coordinator help you to establish an appropriate service learning project.

An Educational Partnership

Regis University offers nursing degree programs in an online learning format. The programs are offered in both standard and fast-track progression. Through The College Network, students are provided with learning materials and academic support that will enable them to attain undergraduate-level credit that can be transferred to Regis University. Once a student begins the nursing curriculum with Regis, courses will be offered through online learning.

The course descriptions on the opposite page offer snapshots of classes for these particular areas of study.



Degree Track Options for Courses in the Nursing Major

Fast-Track Progression (1 year/6 terms)		
January, May, or September	1 st 8-week term	2 nd 8-week term
Semester 1	NR 444	NR 460R and NR 448
Semester 2	NR 455 and HCE 430R	NR 452 and NR 466R
Semester 3	NR 478 and NR 480R	NR 485R
Standard Progression (20 months @ 1 course in the major per term)		
January, May, or September	1 st 8-week term	2 nd 8-week term
Year 1	NR 444, NR 448, HCE 430R	NR 452, NR 455, NR 460R
Year 2	NR 466R, NR 480R	NR 478, NR 485R

Course Descriptions

<p>NR 444 Professional Role Development (3 SH) Examines themes including the Jesuit mission, service learning, personal and professional values, roles and issues in contemporary professional nursing, standards of practice, and academic tools that foster success in the nursing program.</p>	<p>NR 466R Community Health Nursing (3 SH) Provides overview on population-based nursing. Explores principles relevant to community health nursing including public health, epidemiology, and environmental health. Addresses the impact of health care policies on social justice and health care disparities.</p>
<p>NR 448 Updates in Illness and Disease Management (3 SH) Focuses on pathophysiology and updates in medical management and nursing care of selected acute and chronic illnesses. Social, cultural, and environmental influences on health and illness are explored. Features current research and the use of cutting-edge and web-based health care resources.</p>	<p>NR 478 Community Health Nursing Practicum (3 SH) Fosters integration of community health theory into clinical practice while students complete 45 hours of practicum in a community-based setting. With faculty guidance, students select experiences that provide the opportunity to develop a community assessment and program plan. Service learning activities focus on community and social justice.</p>
<p>NR 452 Contemporary Topics in Health Care (3 SH) Explores professional nursing roles within contemporary health care topic areas, including informatics, human diversity and cultural competence, gerontology, vulnerable populations, violence, social justice, and global health. Students engage in service learning and reflection.</p>	<p>NR 480R The Nurse Leader-Manager (3 SH) Expands knowledge of leadership and management principles applied to health care, the changing health care system, health outcomes, professional issues, political action, and career development. Explores ethical, legal, and policy issues related to nursing practice.</p>
<p>NR 455 Health Promotion Concepts (3 SH) Focuses on health promotion and health teaching for healthy lifestyles in a diverse and multicultural society. Concepts of culture, spirituality, aging, chronicity, advocacy, and client anatomy are explored. The nursing process is applied to health promotion, disease prevention, and wellness through health teaching interventions.</p>	<p>NR 485R Advanced Practicum and Capstone (3 SH) Examines integration of leadership and management principles in practice. Students complete 45 hours of practicum with faculty guidance. Students select an agency and a leader/preceptor which will provide them with opportunities for expanding competency in leadership and management in health care. Students work to collaboratively develop a practice improvement project. Service learning focuses on leadership, social justice, and action.</p>
<p>NR 460R Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing (3 SH) Focuses on analysis and research by the professional nurse. Analyzes research processes and other tools fundamental to evidence-based nursing practice and stresses the importance of both qualitative and quantitative methods to the evolving art and science of nursing. Prerequisite: NR 444.</p>	<p>HCE 430R Health Care Ethics (3 SH) Examines ethical dilemmas in health care and the decision-making process involved in clinical, professional, and organizational ethics. Explores philosophical and faith-based foundations, including Catholic moral tradition, sociocultural influences, professional codes, and organizational and personal ethical norms.</p>

Admissions Criteria

Once your application is complete, Regis University evaluates your entire application to arrive at an admission decision.

1. Complete an application to the program and pay the application fee.
2. Be presently licensed as a registered nurse and be in good standing with the board of nursing in the state in which you will complete your practicum.
3. Have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. (Note: Prospective students with lower GPAs will be considered on an individual basis by the Department of Nursing.)
4. Fill out transcript request forms (provided by The College Network). The College Network will send for your transcripts from all colleges and universities attended and will forward them to the Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions Office of Admissions, RN to BSN Completion Option.
5. Submit two completed recommendation forms. One professional recommendation is required from a current supervisor; the second can be either academic or professional.
6. Online RN to BSN students must meet basic hardware and software requirements and have some experience using the Internet.

All admission materials and supporting documentation must be sent to Regis University at the following address:

Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions

RN-BSN Completion Option
Mail Code G-9
3333 Regis Boulevard
Denver, Colorado 80221-1099

For questions regarding the admissions process, call The College Network toll free at 1-877-CLM LEARN (256-5327) to speak with your representative.

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