

## RN *to* BSN

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### Frequently asked questions (FAQ)

#### **What are the benefits of obtaining the BSN?**

**Graduates** of the RN-BSN completion program **have a strong track record of career advancement.** With a bachelor of science in nursing degree from Baptist College, you will have the knowledge, skills, and confidence needed to compete for the very best jobs, advance your education and become a leader in the nursing profession.

#### **Is the program offered online?**

Yes, courses in the RN-BSN program are offered in variety of formats (online, blended, flex and face to face). Students select the delivery format best suited for them.

#### **What are the minimum requirements for acceptance into the RN-BSN Completion degree program?**

RN-BSN students will be admitted to Baptist College and the professional program simultaneously upon successful completion of the following criteria:

- Graduate from a regionally accredited nursing program with a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale for all college work RN-BSN applicants must be in good standing and eligible to return to institutions previously attended.
- Submit transcripts from all colleges attended.
- Hold an active, unencumbered RN license or be eligible to apply for licensure as a registered nurse.
- Comply with citizenship/residency requirement for all applicants.

Applicants must either be a United States citizen or a Permanent Resident. Applicants whose native tongue is not English will be required to submit, as part of their admission requirement, a TOEFL score of 550 or above. For applicants whose native tongue is not English and who have graduated from a U.S. high school, the TOEFL will not be required.

#### **How do I know if I am able to be successful in a fully online program or in an online course?**

Student in online programs and/or courses often testify that “to be a successful student in an online course/program requires self-directed behaviors and time management skills.” If you are unsure of your readiness for a fully online program, take the readiness assessment quiz online

at [bchs.edu/OnlineReady](http://bchs.edu/OnlineReady) to assess both your readiness for online learning and/or learning styles.

**Do I have to go full-time?**

No, Baptist College offers both, a full-time and part-time course plan for you to choose the plan that best meets your goals and time frame. Sample curriculum plans can be accessed at [www.bchs.edu/RNtoBSN](http://www.bchs.edu/RNtoBSN).

**If I have general education and health studies courses yet to take outside the core program offered, can these courses be taken simultaneously with the core courses offered at Baptist College or at a College in my community?**

Yes, these courses may be taken simultaneously with the core curriculum. However, we recommend that you complete prerequisite general education courses prior to beginning the core curriculum listed in the sample plan. Prerequisite courses can be taken at Baptist College or at an accredited College closest to your home if not offered in a delivery format or time frame needed.

**Are there clinical courses?**

Yes, this is a nursing degree so clinical learning is part of the curriculum. There are two clinical courses: NSG 453 Population Health Nursing and NSG 463 Professional Nursing Role/Quality Care & Patient Safety.

**Must I come to Memphis to meet those clinical requirements?**

No. You are encouraged to work with an assigned preceptor in your community to meet the clinical outcomes of these courses. Additionally, if you have recent experience in leadership, case management, or community/public health, you may request credit by portfolio in lieu of the required classroom and/or clinical hours.

**Can I challenge out of any exams?**

Yes, we offer two challenge exams for the nursing courses of Pharmacology and Health Assessment. In general education students may take a CLEP exam for prerequisite courses, if desired. (Information regarding CLEP exams is available from the Registrar's office.)

**Are there any scholarships available?**

Yes. Scholarships are available as well as financial assistance options. If you want to pursue financial assistance, you must complete the FAFSA (free application for student financial assistance) online application at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov).

If you are a registered nurse at a Baptist facility or entity, you may apply for the Baptist Foundation Education Assistance Program (FEAP). FEAP covers tuition at Baptist College and is generously sponsored by the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation. An application and additional information on the FEAP program can be obtained through your human resources director or nurse manager.

Additional scholarship information will be provided in the applicant's acceptance letter from the college. BMHCC employees receive a 10% discount on tuition.

### **How do I apply?**

1. Visit our website at [www.bchs.edu](http://www.bchs.edu).
2. Click the "Apply Now" link.

If you need assistance, please contact the Baptist College of Health Sciences Office of Admissions at 901-575-2247 or [admissions@bchs.edu](mailto:admissions@bchs.edu)

**Deadline for applications for Fall: Priority Admissions Deadline March 1<sup>st</sup>.  
Final Admissions Deadline May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Deadline for applications for Spring: Priority Admissions Deadline Sept 1<sup>st</sup>  
Final Admissions Deadline October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Deadline for application for Summer: Admissions Deadline March 15<sup>th</sup>**

### **Are there specific technology requirements?**

Yes, the student must have ready access to connect to the internet and a computer. Computer literacy and adequate computer skills are required.

The general recommended specifications for the device are as follows.

- A device that allows the student access the internet and the ability to submit homework and assignments online.
- A full QWERTY keyboard that allows the student to type, edit and complete lengthy word processing documents.
- A screen that allows the student to comfortably read documents and view images.
- A device that allows the student to download browsers (e.g. Internet Explorer, Mozilla Firefox).
- A device that allows the student to view and create PowerPoint (.ppt or .pptx).
- Software capable of creating documents that conform to a formatting style (such as MLA, APA or AMA) and can be saved in Microsoft Word form (.doc or .docx).
- A web camera and microphone.