Program Description

The College of Nursing at the University of Illinois at Chicago is a top-ranked nursing program committed to creating nursing leaders and now offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree Completion Program for currently licensed registered nurses. This bachelor’s program is:

- Online, with no residency requirement, enhancing your ability to juggle your busy schedules. Practicum experiences are designed to be completed in your region.
- A 30-credit hour program that can be completed in as few as 16 months. Each class is 8 weeks long.
- Taught by faculty who are thought leaders in nursing at a research powerhouse ranked third nationally in grant funding from the National Institutes of Health.

Our BSN completion program will:

- Provide you with an excellent nursing credential and prepare you to be a leader in your organization.
- Advance your career by opening avenues to larger responsibilities and a higher salary potential.
- Facilitate entry to graduate school through widespread recognition of the value of a UIC College of Nursing degree.

Admission Requirements

Students must complete the following requirements (57 transferable credit hours) prior to enrollment in the RN to BSN online degree completion program:

- English Composition I & II
- Chemistry
- Human Anatomy
- Human Physiology
- Microbiology
- Nutrition
- Life Span Human Growth and Development
- Understanding the Individual & Society
- Understanding the Past
- Understanding the Creative Arts
- Exploring World Cultures
- Understanding U.S. Society
- Liberal Arts and Sciences Electives

In order to be awarded the bachelor’s degree, you must complete an upper division liberal arts course prior to finishing the RN-BSN degree completion program. This course must transfer to UIC as a 200-level course or above and is typically satisfied by either the Microbiology or Life Span Human Growth and Development course.
Degree Requirements

The curriculum of the 30-credit hour RN to BSN online degree completion program consists of the courses listed below, which are to be taken in the order as shown.

Please note that your UIC transcript will show a total of 63 credit hours earned through the University of Illinois at Chicago as you will receive 33 hours of proficiency credit in recognition for having a current RN license in addition to the 30 hours of nursing coursework.

The curriculum of the 30 credit hour BSN Degree Completion Program consists of the following courses, to be taken in the order listed below.

- NURS 212: Health Assessment and Communication
- NURS 242: Concepts/Processes for Contemporary Nursing
- NURS 316: Introduction to Nursing Informatics
- NURS 322: Introduction to Research and Statistics for Evidence Based Practice
- NURS 342: Caring in Professional Nursing
- NURS 385: Nursing Care of Populations
- NURS 390: Nursing Leadership and Management in Health Care
- NURS 397: Issues in Nursing Practice

Although the above list shows the suggested order for taking the courses, we understand that life events and other circumstances may interrupt your education. Your Advisor will assist you throughout your enrollment as you complete the program.

The typical course load is one course per eight-week term. Each course is eight weeks in length except for one four-week summer course. You can complete your RN to BSN degree in 16 months if you choose to take courses in back-to-back terms.

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