Thank you for your interest!

The School of Nursing at Boise State supports RNs in completing their bachelor’s degree through a rewarding and enriching online RN-BS Completion Track. The program is flexible and we encourage students to create a schedule that meets their individual needs and goals. Courses are offered year-round and the average student completes the program in 18 months. All courses are online and there are no on-campus requirements.

Since the enrollment of the first class of RN-BS students in the Spring of 2008, almost 800 nurses from 23 states have completed their bachelor’s degree in Boise State’s online RN-BS Completion Track. Students are guided by supportive RN-BS Advisors who provide personalized admission, enrollment and graduation counseling along with an array of student services. The faculty in the RN-BS Track are passionate about nursing and are experienced online educators with a wide range of clinical nursing and academic expertise.

Program Completion Requirements

- Completion of 30 required credits from the online RN-BS curriculum, earning a “C” or above.
- 3-credit undergraduate statistics prerequisite course.
- A minimum of 40 credits from upper division courses (course numbers must be 300 or 400 level).
- Fulfillment of all Foundational Studies Program (general education) core requirements.
- A total of 120 credits are needed for graduation.

Transfer Credit Information

- Boise State University accepts all academic credits from regionally accredited institutions.
- Non-academic (applied technology) credits or credits from non-accredited institutions are evaluated for transfer on a course-by-course basis by your RN-BS Advisor.
- Courses transfer to Boise State on the same level as taken (lower or upper division) as awarded from the original institution.
- All applicants are welcome to request a preliminary transcript evaluation from an RN-BS Advisor. However, if you graduate(d) with an Association of Applied Science (AAS) or you are a Diploma Nurse, please email your transcript(s) to rnbs@boisestate.edu or call 208-426-1727 before applying.
- Quarter credits are converted to semester credits (one quarter credit equals 2/3 of a semester credit).
- All applicants are welcome to request a preliminary transcript evaluation. However, If you graduate(d)

NOTE: The Office of the Registrar at Boise State retains final decision on accepting any transfer credits and for confirming that all graduation requirements are met before conferring a baccalaureate degree.
General Education (Core Course) Requirements

The type of associate degree you earn may affect whether you meet Boise State general education (core course) requirements for graduation.

**Associate of Science (AS) or Associate of Arts (AA)**
If your nursing degree is an AS or AA from a regionally accredited institution, you are “core certified” and meet Boise State’s general education (core course) requirements. If your degree is from a school that is not regionally accredited, please call 208-426-1727 for more information before applying.

**Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN), Associate of Applied Science in Nursing (AAS) or Diploma Nurse**
If your nursing degree is an ADN, an AAS degree, or you are a Diploma Nurse, please email or call 208-426-1727 before applying to the RN-BS Completion Track. One of our RN-BS Advisors will review your credentials and provide you with information about eligibility to apply and general education requirements.

**ADN or AAS, plus Bachelor’s Degree**
If your nursing degree is an ADN or AAS, but you previously earned a bachelor’s degree from a regionally accredited institution, you are “core certified” and meet general education (core course) requirements.*

Technology Requirements

Online courses at Boise State require a computer capable of running any certified or compatible operating system and web browser listed by Blackboard (sorry, no tablets or smartphones). You will also need:

- A reliable internet connection. Broadband or a high speed network connection is preferred.
- The ability to send and receive email, including email attachments.
- The skills to access the course site and materials online, and to search the Internet.
- Knowledge of how to format and submit documents using Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.
- The ability use Adobe Acrobat reader to view course materials.
- Access to a device (camera, tablet, smart phone) that allows you to create videos.

Curriculum

The RN-BS curriculum includes a 3 credit statistics prerequisite, one, 1-credit elective, and 12 required courses for a total of 30 credits. These courses provide you with a wide range of competencies in managing the care of patients, evidence-based practice, research skills, health policy, leadership, resource management and care coordination skills while providing an academic foundation for pursuing advanced nursing degrees. In addition, our innovative project-based clinicals (labs) will allow you to positively impact your community and workplace.
Statistics Prerequisite

A statistics course is a pre- or co-requisite to NURS 392. If you have not completed an eligible statistics course in your associate degree program, options for meeting this requirement include:

- Enroll in a statistics course at your current institution, at another school for transfer credit, or in a statistics correspondence course (Math 1153 or Psyc 300) with Idaho Independent Study *before* starting the RN-BS Completion Track. Register at http://www.uidaho.edu/academicaffairs/isi.

- Enroll in a statistics course *during your first semester* in the RN-BS Completion Track. We recommend HLTHST 280 -- an online course that uses a nursing statistics textbook.

**NOTE:** Unless you are enrolling in Boise State’s HLTHST 280: Introduction to Statistical Methods, please confirm that the course is eligible with your RN-BS Advisor.

RN-BS Required Courses (29 credits)

Course Descriptions available online at http://hs.boisestate.edu/nursing/rnbs/courses/.

- UF 300: Transitional Foundations (3 credits)
- NURS 392: Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice (3 credits)
- NURS 416: Community and Population Health Nursing (3 credits)
- NURS 417: Community and Population Health Nursing Lab (3 credits)
- NURS 420: Policy, Power and Voice (3 credits)
- NURS 422: Care Coordination and Resource Management (3 credits)
- NURS 424: Nursing Leadership and Management (3 credits)
- NURS 425: Nursing Leadership and Management Lab (2 credits)
- NURS 428: Nursing Roles in Healthy Aging (2 credits)
- NURS 430: Current Trends in Nursing
  - Preparing for a Financial Savvy Career & Retirement (1 credit)
  - Preparing for Graduate Education and Advanced Practice (2 credits)
- NURS 496: Independent Study (1-2 credits) [elective]
- HLTHST 400: Interprofessional Capstone (1 credit)

RN-BS Electives (One, 1-credit course)

You will need a one-credit RN-BS elective in order to graduate. You can choose from the following courses:

- NURS 306: E-Learning Preparation for the RN (1 credit)
- NURS 496: Independent Study (1)
- NURS 430: Palliative Care (1 credit)
- More electives are in development.

**NOTE:** If you are new to online learning, we encourage you to take NURS 306, an elective in the RN-BS curriculum that introduces and prepares you for success in an online environment.

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Clinical Lab (Project) Courses

RN-BS students complete two project-based courses in which they will put theory learned into practice by (NURS 417 and NURS 425). While these projects may involve partnering with a supervisor, mentor, or community leader, they do not require a preceptor and no clinical hours are required.

Credits for Prior Learning

As an RN, you may have acquired and demonstrated certain skills and knowledge through prior experiential learning such as work experience, in-service training, and the NCLEX exam. If your transfer credits combined with the 30 RN-BS credits do not meet the 120 credits needed for graduation, or you do not meet the requirement for 40 upper division credits, you may be eligible to receive credits for this prior learning.

- Up to 13 lower division credits for prior learning may be available, at no charge, after successfully completing the first 12 credits of RN-BS course work.

- Up to 24 upper division credits for prior learning may be available after successfully completing the first 12 credits of RN-BS course work. There is a $20.00 charge per course for these credits.

After you have complete 12 credits of RN-BS credits, please contact your RN-BS Advisor for more information.

NOTE: Credits received for prior/experiential learning cannot be used in place of the 30 RN-BS nursing credits.

Cost of Attendance

The total cost for each student will vary based upon the type of degree earned and the subsequent number of courses required for graduation. If all graduation requirements, with the exception of the required 30 credits of nursing courses, have been met before enrolling and student is eligible for credit for prior learning, the estimated cost of the RN-BS Completion Track is $12,160.

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NOTE: Fees are subject to change. Estimate does not include cost of non RN-BS courses or the cost of statistics course, a pre-requisite to courses in the RN-BS curriculum. Your RN-BS Advisor can provide a cost analysis based upon your prior credits and degree(s).
Before you Apply

If any of the following apply to you, please contact us before applying to confirm that your credentials meet our admission requirements.

- If you graduated with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS)
- If you are a Diploma Nurse.
- If you graduated from a school that does not have regional accreditation.

Application Process

To be admitted to the RN-BS Completion Track, you must:

- Be practicing or plan to practice in an eligible state. Eligible states include all U.S. states except North Dakota, Louisiana, Georgia, Tennessee, and West Virginia.
- Hold an active RN license. If you are a nursing student, you will be able to take select courses prior to taking the NCLEX. All other courses in the RN-BS curriculum require that you are a registered nurse.
- Apply to Boise State University and arrange for official transcripts from all institutions attended to be send to Boise State. ($50 application fee) Apply Now
- Submit an RN-BS Supplemental Application. ($20 application fee)

NOTE: If you are a current nursing student in an associate of science degree program at North Idaho College (NIC), College of Southern Idaho (CSI), or the College of Western Idaho (CWI), you may enroll in select RN-BS courses prior to graduating if you apply during your third semester and identify as an Articulation Student on your Boise State application.

RN-BS Application Deadlines

The RN-BS Completion Track offers flexible scheduling and all courses are delivered in an online/distance format. Courses can be taken part-time or full-time during the fall or spring semester, and most courses are available during the summer term. Applications received after the dates below will be considered on a space available basis.

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NOTE: These application deadlines may be different than Boise State general admission deadline. To guarantee eligibility for financial aid in your first semester, apply to Boise State by the application deadlines posted at http://financialaid.boisestate.edu/dates-and-deadlines/.

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Financial Aid

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the foundation for receiving financial aid in the form of grants or loans. You will find helpful links about applying for financial aid at http://hs.boisestate.edu/nursing/rnbs/new/. For additional assistance, please don’t hesitate to contact an RN-BS Advisor.

1. Apply for Financial Aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.
2. Boise State school code: 001616

NOTE: To qualify for financial aid, you will generally need to take six credits per semester.

Admission Decisions

As long as you meet all application requirements, you will receive a welcome packet by U.S. mail that will include information on how to complete online orientation and where to submit any required documents.

When can I Start?

If you are a Registered Nurse, you can begin classes the semester after you apply. If you are currently enrolled in a nursing program and earning an associate degree, you will be able to enroll in select RN-BS courses after graduating while preparing for the NCLEX.

These select courses include:

- NURS 306: E-Learning Preparation for the RN (1 credit)
- UF 300: Transitional Foundations (3 credits)
- NURS 392: Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice (3 credits)
- HLTHST 280: Introduction to Statistical Methods for Health Science (if needed)
- NURS 430: Preparing for a Financial Savvy Career & Retirement (1 credit)

NOTE:

- To enroll in NURS 392, you will need to have need to have completed or be concurrently enrolled in an approved statistics course.

- RN-BS courses, other than those listed above, require that you are a registered nurse.

- If you are a current nursing student in an associate of science degree program at North Idaho College (NIC), College of Southern Idaho (CSI), or the College of Western Idaho (CWI), you may enroll in select RN-BS courses prior to graduating if you apply during your third semester and identify as an Articulation Student on your Boise State application.
Questions? Contact our RN-BS Advisors!

As an RN-BS student, you will be supported by dedicated RN-BS Advisors and whether your questions pertain to the application process, transcript evaluation, RN-BS curriculum, graduation requirements, or creating a plan of study, you can look forward to friendly advice, informed direction, and timely assistance.

Contact us for:

- Application counseling, including transcript evaluation.
- Curriculum overview, with assistance in determining course load to meet work/life balance in meeting your goals.
- Registration information.
- Referrals to student services resources.
- Communication liaison (when needed) with instructors.
- Delivery of materials, paperwork, etc. to other entities on campus when required.

Your RN-BS Advisers are:

**Candice Johnson, BA**
Adviser

*Schedule an Appointment:* [Click Here](#)
*Phone:* 208-426-1727 | *Email:* candicejohnson@boisestate.edu
*Hours:* Monday-Friday, 9:00 am to 5:30 pm (MST)

**Maura Rasmussen, M.Ed**
Manager of RN-BS Enrollment and Advising

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*Hours:* Monday-Friday, 6:30 am to 3:00 pm (MST)