Boise State University School of Nursing is a recognized and respected center for nursing education. Our faculty and staff provide exceptional student support in a flexible and cost-effective online RN-BS completion program.

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Our friendly, professional advisor can answer your questions or provide a preliminary transcript review. Let us help you reach your goal of earning a bachelor’s degree!

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**Boise State University School of Nursing**

**Online Completion Track**

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**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Will I be expected to come to the Boise State campus at any time while completing the RN-BS Track?

- No. All courses are online and while we always welcome you, there is no time when are required to be on campus.

What is the cost?

- The average cost for completing the bachelor’s degree in the RN-BS Completion Track, including distance education fees, books, application fees, and for receiving credits for prior learning is approximately **$12,160**. This cost excludes the statistics pre-requisite. If you require general education core courses for graduation, contact an RN-BS Adviser for a cost estimate.
- There are NO out of state fees assessed.

How can I get my transcripts evaluated?

- To help you make an informed decision about enrolling, you can submit unofficial transcript(s) by email to an RN-BS Adviser for a preliminary evaluation of the credits that will transfer and the courses required at Boise State for graduation before you apply.

Are there any prerequisites?

- A 3-credit undergraduate statistics course is required. You can transfer this course in or take it online during your first semester in the RN-BS program.

How long does it take to complete the RN-BS Track?

- On average, if you have already completed your general education core requirements, and then enroll in six credits per semester, you can complete the RN-BS curriculum and graduate in **five semesters**. If you enroll summers, this means you can finish a part-time program in approximately 18 months. The program can be completed in less time by taking more credits per semester.
What is the application deadline?
- You can start the program any semester.
  - To start Fall semester, apply by July 15.
  - To start Spring semester, apply by Nov 15.
  - To start Summer semester, apply by April 25.
  - Late applications are considered if space is available in courses!

Do I need to pass the NCLEX before starting the program?
- If you are enrolled in an associate degree program at a regionally accredited school, you can enroll in select RN-BS courses prior to passing the NCLEX.
- If you are a student at the College of Western Idaho (CWI), the College of Southern Idaho (CSI) or North Idaho College (NIC), you can apply during your third semester and take select RN-BS courses after completing your third semester.
- If you are a Registered Nurse, you can register for classes immediately after admission as long as they have met the general education requirements.

How many classes should I take in a semester?
- Each student chooses how many credits to take each semester based upon a careful evaluation of personal, family, and/or professional commitments. Some students fast-track completion and take 12-15 credits per semester, other choose to take one class each semester. However, on average, students who are working full-time take two courses per semester (6 credits).

Are there any clinical hours required?
- You will take two project-based courses that allow you to put what you are learning into practice. One project is community health oriented and the other is a leadership project. While you may work with a mentor or supervisor on these projects, you will not need a preceptor and there are no traditional clinical hours required to complete the program.

Can I take classes in the summer?
- Yes. Most RN-BS courses are offered in the summer.

How long are the semesters?
- Fall and spring semesters average 15 weeks. Summer sessions vary by class.

How many credits are necessary to graduate from the RN-BS Track?
- You will need a total of 120 credits to earn a bachelor’s degree from Boise State. These can be earned through a combination of transfer credits, credits earned for prior learning, and 30 credits earned at Boise State from the RN-BS curriculum.

What is credit for prior learning (CPL)?
- If your total credits transferred in combined with the 30 RN-BS credits do not total 120 credits, or if you do not have at least 40 credits of upper-division course work (300 or 400 level courses), you may be eligible for CPL. Credits for prior learning are credits that are awarded to nurses who demonstrate through their work experience or by passing the NCLEX, that they meet the outcomes of certain nursing courses. CPL cannot be awarded until you complete a minimum of 12 credits of the RN-BS curriculum. There is a $20 fee assessed for each class transferred. The average RN-BS student receives credit for four courses ($80).

Are there any residency requirements?
- Nurses in all states, except Georgia, Louisiana, North Dakota, Tennessee, or West Virginia, are eligible for enrollment in the RN-BS Completion Track.