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 courses can be taken part-time or full-time during each fall, spring, and/or summer semesters. There is no need to ever come to campus.

Since the enrollment of the first class of RN-BS students in the Spring of 2008, over 600 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 Advisers** 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 upper-division credits.
- Fulfillment of all Foundational Studies Program (general education) core requirements.

**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.

**Statistics Prerequisite Requirements**

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:

- Enrolling in a statistics course **before** starting the RN-BS Track at your current institution or another school for transfer credit.
- Enrolling in a statistics course at Boise State (live or online). We recommend HLTHST 280 (online – a statistics course that uses a textbook designed for nursing students).
- Enrolling in a statistics correspondence course (Math 1153 or Psyc 300) with Idaho Independent Study. Register at [http://www.uidaho.edu/academicaffairs/isi](http://www.uidaho.edu/academicaffairs/isi).

**NOTE:** Unless you are enrolling in Boise State’s HLTHST 280: Introduction to Statistical Methods, please do not register for a statistics course before consulting with your RN-BS Academic Adviser.
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 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 Advisers will review your credentials and provide you with information about any 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.*

*NOTE: UF 300/NURS 350 and NURS 420 are RN-BS required courses that also meet the Foundational Studies requirements for graduation.

Curriculum & Courses

The RN-BS Track curriculum includes 12 required courses and one elective 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.

- UF 300: Transitional Foundations or NURS 350 Transitions in Nursing (3)
- NURS 392: Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice (3)
- NURS 416: Community and Population Health Nursing (3)
- NURS 417: Community and Population Health Nursing Lab (3)
- NURS 420: Policy, Power and Voice (3)
- NURS 422: Care Coordination and Resource Management (3)
- NURS 424: Nursing Leadership and Management (3)
- NURS 425: Nursing Leadership and Management Lab (2)
- NURS 428: Nursing Roles in Healthy Aging (2)
- NURS 430: Current Trends in Nursing I (1)
- NURS 432: Current Trends in Nursing II (2)
- HLTHST 400: Interprofessional Capstone (1)
- NURS 306: E-Learning Preparation for the RN (1) (elective)
- More electives are in development.

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NOTE: To enroll in NURS 392, there is a pre-/co-requisite that you take a statistics course – more information about this is available below.

Credits for Prior Learning

As an RN, you may have acquired certain skills and knowledge through prior experiential learning such as work experience, in-service training, etc. In some cases, you can 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.

- Contact your RN-BS Academic Adviser for more information regarding the process for acquiring credits for prior learning toward the 120 credits required for graduation.

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

Transfer Credit Information

All applicants are welcome to request a transcript evaluation at any time. However, if you graduate(d) with an Associate of Applied Science (AAS), an Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN), or are a Diploma Nurses, we strongly advise a transcript evaluation before applying. Please email your transcript(s) or call 208-426-1727 for more 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 Adviser.
- Courses transfer to Boise State on the same level as taken (lower or upper division) at the original institution.
- Quarter credits are converted to semester credits (one quarter credit equals 2/3 of a semester credit).
- The Office of the Registrar at Boise State University retains final decision on transfer credit acceptance.

Clinical Lab (Project) Courses

The RN-BS Track does not require client-based clinical hours. Rather, students apply what they have learned by developing a leadership and community project in their lab/clinical courses (NURS 417 and NURS 425).

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.

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- 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.

**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.

**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 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 Track curriculum. Your RN-BS Academic Adviser 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 graduated with an Associate Degree of Nursing (ADN)
- 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 Carolina, 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.

Be admitted to Boise State University. (Apply Now)

Submit an RN-BS Supplemental Application.

If you are a nursing students enrolled at NIC (North Idaho College), CSI (College of Southern Idaho), or CWI (College of Western Idaho), you may take select RN-BS courses prior to graduating if you identify as an Articulation Student on your Boise State application.

**Application Deadlines**

The RN-BS 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 by both the RN-BS deadlines AND Boise State application deadlines (http://financialaid.boisestate.edu/dates-and-deadlines/).

**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 Academic Adviser.

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.
Questions? Contact our RN-BS Advisers!

As an RN-BS Track student, you will be supported by dedicated RN-BS Academic Advisers 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:

**Maura Rasmussen, M.Ed**  
Student Enrollment Coordinator/Adviser  
**Phone:** 208-426-1768 | **Email:** mrasmuss@boisestate.edu  
**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 6:30 am to 3:00 pm (MST)

**Candice Johnson, BA**  
Adviser  
**Schedule an Appointment:** [Click Here]  
**Phone:** 208-426-1727 | **Email:** candicejohnson@boisestate.edu  
**Hours:** Monday-Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm (MST)