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.

**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 $12,500. This cost excludes the statistics pre-requisite. If you require general education core courses for graduation, contact an RN-BS Advisor for a cost estimate.

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 Advisor for a preliminary evaluation of the credits that will transfer and the courses required at Boise State for graduation before you apply.

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 are my transfer credits plus the 30 RN-BS credits don’t add up to 120 credits?
- If your transfer and RN-BS credits do not add up to the 120 credits required for graduation, you can apply for credits for prior learning. Rather than taking additional courses that cover the same knowledge and skills that you have acquired by working as a registered nurse, you can apply for credits from courses to be counted toward your graduation. There is a $20 fee assessed for each course that is counted for prior learning credits.

**CONTACT US!**
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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Will I need to take any general education courses?
- It depends! If you earned an **associate of arts** or **associate of science degree**, you have fulfilled Boise State’s lower division general education (core) requirements. If you graduated with an **associate of applied science** or you are a **diploma nurse**, just give us a call and we’ll provide you with an assessment showing any courses needed.

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. Students who are working full-time on average take two courses per semester (6 credits). Some students who are working part-time, fast-track completion and take 12 credits per semester.

How long does it take to complete the RN-BS Track?
- **On average**, students 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 but is self-paced, allowing you to take one class at a time if you prefer.

Can I take classes in the summer?
- Yes. Approximately 85% of the RN-BS courses are offered year-round.

When 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 15.
  - Late applications are considered if space is available in courses!

When can I start?
- **Registered nurses** can register for classes immediately after admission as long as they have met the general education requirements.
- If you are enrolled in an **associate degree program** at a regionally accredited school, and have completed the prerequisite statistics course, you can enroll in select RN-BS courses upon graduation and pre-licensure (prior to passing the NCLEX).

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

**NOTE:** Nurses in all states, except Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, or West Virginia, are eligible for enrollment in the RN-BS Completion Track.