RN TO BSN NURSING POST LICENSURE

Admission for RN-TO-BSN Option (Online)

The RN-to-BSN option is offered to registered nurses (RN) with an associate degree in nursing (ADN) or a diploma in nursing. This option is completely online.

Initial admission to the RN-to-BSN option is based on requirements for admission to the University; however, admission to the University does not assure admission to the nursing program. Upon successful completion of one semester of nursing coursework, the student will be awarded credit based on prior nursing knowledge and academic work in previous nursing programs.

Requirements for unconditional admission to the Post Licensure program are:

- Submit official proof of a current unencumbered registered nursing license and be in good standing with the Board of Nursing
- Graduate from an accredited associate degree in nursing program or a diploma program in nursing
- Possess a minimum of "C" or higher in all required math, science, and Area V courses.
- Must have a criminal background check and negative drug screen as specified on admission information.
- Students must be eligible to participate in rotations at all clinical facilities to be eligible for admission to the program.

Admission for RN-TO-MSN Bridge Option (Online)

The RN-to-MSN Bridge option is offered to registered nurses (RN) with an associate degree in nursing (ADN) or a diploma in nursing who plan to pursue a master's degree in nursing. This option is completely online. The RN-to-MSN option allows the substitution of nine semester hours of graduate nursing courses for nine hours of undergraduate nursing courses.

- Advanced Health Assessment (NU 508) in lieu of Health and Physical Assessment Online (NU 305R)
- Diversity, Ethics, Health Promotion and Informatics in Patient-Centered Care (NU 509) and Health Policy, Social Issues, and Theory (NU 502) in lieu of Nursing Concepts, Issues and Theories (NU 418RW)

Initial admission to the RN-to-MSN option is based on requirements for admission to the University; however, admission to the University does not assure admission to the nursing program. Upon successful completion of one semester of nursing coursework, the student will be awarded credit based on prior nursing knowledge and academic work in previous nursing programs.

Requirements for unconditional admission to the online program are:

- Submit official proof of a current unencumbered registered nursing license and be in good standing with the Board of Nursing
- Graduate from an accredited associate degree in nursing program or a diploma program in nursing

- Possess a minimum of "C" or higher in all required math, science, and Area V courses.
- Must have a criminal background check and negative drug screen as specified on admission information.
- Students must be eligible to participate in rotations at all clinical facilities to be eligible for admission to the program.

A complete description of graduate courses is available in the Graduate Catalog. Students who are enrolled in the RN-to-MSN Bridge option must meet the following requirements:

- A minimum 3.0 GPA after completing 12 credit hours of undergraduate nursing courses at UNA
- Advisor permission to register for graduate nursing courses

Upon completion of all BSN requirements including graduation application, students with minimum of 3.0 or above in all nursing courses at UNA, overall GPA of 3.0 or better, and have continuous enrollment are guaranteed admission acceptance into the MSN Program. All applicants must meet MSN admission (including a complete graduate application) and program requirements as described in the Graduate Catalog. Once admitted to the MSN program, students will receive graduate credit for successful completion of Advanced Health Assessment (NU 508), Diversity, Ethics, Health Promotion and Informatics in Patient-Centered Care (NU 509) and Health Policy, Social Issues, and Theory (NU 502)

Progression and Retention RN-to-BSN and RN-to-MSN Bridge Options (Online)

Retention and progression in the online RN-BSN option or RN-to-MSN Bridge option is based on continued satisfaction of health requirements, CPR certification, liability requirements, negative drug screen, criminal background check, and appropriate academic progress with a grade of C or higher in each nursing course.

- Appropriate academic progress with a grade of C (73) or higher in each professional nursing course is required.
- Clinical is graded as "Pass" or "Fail". Satisfactory clinical consists of participating for the required number of hours, meeting clinical requirements specific to each course, behaving in a professional manner. Note: Students must complete all required clinical hours and all required clinical assignments in order to receive a passing course grade.
- A student who has failed a nursing course for any reason may repeat the failed course only once. In the Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions, no student will be permitted to use the Repeat/Recompute Policy or the Second Chance Provision for any nursing course (NU designation). A student in the nursing program can receive no more than one course failure throughout the nursing program. After two course failures, the student will be dismissed from the program.
- Students must be eligible to participate in rotations at all clinical facilities to be eligible for retention in the program.
- In accordance with University policy, students who withdraw from a course by the designated deadline in the UNA catalog will receive a "W" for the course. After the designated deadline, courses dropped with averages of less than a 73 will be a "WF". In nursing courses, a "WF" for any reason is considered a course failure.
- All general education requirements must be met or be in progress prior to completion of the last required nursing course.
- A 2.0 GPA is required for graduation

- Students in the RN-MSN Bridge option must achieve a minimum 3.0 GPA after completion of 12 credit hours of undergraduate nursing courses at UNA and meet the requirements for successful completion of, Health Policy, Social Issues, and Theory (NU 502), Advanced Nursing Theory (NU 503), and Advanced Health Assessment (NU 508) (as described in the Graduate Catalog) to continue in the RN-MSN option.
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Dismissal

After two course failures, the student is dismissed from the program. A situation in which the student places the client's life in danger or shows severe behavioral misconduct toward the client and family, clinical facility staff, faculty or other students will result in immediate Administrative Dismissal of the student from the program. In such cases, the student's transcript will reflect the University's grade system as outlined in the university catalog. Behaviors for which the ACONHP have zero tolerance and result in dismissal from the program are listed in the appropriate nursing student handbooks.

Readmission

The student who has failed two nursing courses may petition the appropriate Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions Admissions, Readmissions, and Progressions Committee Chairperson for readmission after being dismissed from the program. Students may seek readmission to the ACONHP only one time, after the second course failure. Any readmitted student who earns a grade below C in a nursing course will be permanently dismissed from the program. Guidelines for readmission may be found in the Nursing Student Handbook that is specific to the student.

RN to BSN Nursing Post Licensure Requirements

Additional Graduation Requirements (https://catalog.una.edu/undergraduate/academic-procedures-requirements/graduation-requirements/)

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Component (https://catalog.una.edu/undergraduate/academic-procedures-requirements/general-education-component/)		
Area I (Written Composition)		6
Area II (Humanities and Fine Arts)		12
Area III (Natural Sciences and Mathematics)		11
Must include one from the following:		
CH 101	Introductory Chemistry	
or CH 111	General Chemistry	
Area IV (History, Social and Behavioral Sciences)		12
ED 299	Human Growth and Development	
PY 201	General Psychology	
or SO 221	Introductory Sociology	
Area V (https://www.una.edu/areav/)		24
BI 241 & BI 242	Human Anatomy and Physiology I and Human Anatomy and Physiology II	
BI 307	Microbiology	
or BI 302	Clinical Microbiology	
MA 147	Elementary Statistics	
CNH 342	Nutrition	
Nursing/General Electives		
Major Core Requirements		
NU 302R	Community Health Nursing Online [1,2]	6
NU 303R	Foundations of EBP in Nursing [1]	3
NU 411R	Leadership and Management in Nursing Online [1]	6
NU 416R	Quality/Safety in Prof Nursing [1]	6
Option - Select one from the following options:		**9**
Option I: RN to BSN		
Option II: RN to MSN Bridge		
Upon successful completion of one semester of nursing coursework, validation credit for prior nursing courses will be awarded to the student.		30
Minor		
A minor is not required		
Total Hours		**125**

[1] Community Health Nursing Online (NU 302R) fulfills the computer literacy requirement

[2] Online "R" courses are subject to online nursing fees. (See Expenses section)

Option I: RN to BSN

Code	Title	Hours
NU 305R	Health and Physical Assessment Online [1]	3
NU 418RW	Nursing Concepts, Issues and Theories	6
Total Hours		**9**

[1] Community Health Nursing Online (NU 302R) fulfills the computer literacy requirement

Option II: RN to MSN Bridge

Code	Title	Hours
NU 502	Health Policy, Social Issues, and Theory [1]	3
NU 508	Advanced Health Assessment [1]	3
NU 509	Diversity, Ethics, Health Promotion and Informatics in Patient-Centered Care	3
Total Hours		**9**

[1] See course descriptions in Graduate Catalog. All nursing masters courses are subject to online nursing fees as listed in the Expenses Section of the Graduate Catalog