Which Towson University sites offer the RN-to-BS nursing option?
The RN-to-BS option is offered at Towson University’s main campus in Towson, Maryland; Towson University Northeast (TUNE) in Bel Air, Maryland and at the USMH Building in Hagerstown, Maryland.

How do I apply?
Students must apply to both Towson University and the Department of Nursing. Please note there are TWO required applications with TWO separate deadlines. Acceptance and enrollment as a Towson University student is required to begin the RN-to-BS degree completion option.

If I am an international student, may I still apply?
Yes, but international students are only eligible for the RN-to-BS option at the TU main campus.

What are the application deadlines?
Nursing applications for fall entry must be submitted by January 15 and for spring entry by August 15. RN-to-BS applications may be accepted after the deadlines based on space availability.

Is financial aid available?
Towson University offers scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs. These programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the State of Maryland, and Towson University. Scholarships generally use merit or academic achievement as the main criterion. Most grant and loan programs are need-based. These programs help students pay the difference between the cost of education and the amount that they (and their parents, if they are dependent students) can contribute. For more information about all available financial aid resources, please visit www.towson.edu/finaid.

Are there scholarships?
The Department of Nursing’s Student Affairs Committee posts notices of available department scholarship and loans on a student bulletin board in Linthicum Hall.

Additional information is also available on the following web pages:
- TU Nursing Department Scholarship Page: www.towson.edu/chp/departments/nursing/scholarships
- The Maryland Board of Nursing: mbon.maryland.gov
- TU Financial Aid Office Scholarships Site: www.towson.edu/admissions/financialaid/programs/scholarships

What is the tuition and fees?
Please visit the following web pages:
- Tuition & Fees Home Page: www.towson.edu/admissions/tuition
- Bursar’s Office Detailed Costs for Each Term: www.towson.edu/bursar/ tuition
- Annual Cost of Attendance Budgets: www.towson.edu/admissions/ tuition/cost
What are the number of credits required each semester and how long do I have to finish the degree?

Students may choose to complete the course requirements full-time or part-time. It is possible to finish coursework in a full calendar year by taking 12-15 credits per semester. From the time you begin courses at Towson University, you have 10 years to complete the degree.

Are courses offered online or face-to-face? Is there a weekend or evening option?

Some courses are designed to be taught in the traditional classroom setting, and you can attend classes at any of the three sites where the courses are offered. Many courses are web enhanced or hybrid, so that some weeks there are classes in the traditional classroom, and some weeks the class meets in the online environment. Some courses are offered fully online. This plan of study is not currently offered as an evening, weekend, or fully online only option.

Will previous courses transfer towards my bachelor’s degree?

According to the Maryland RN-to-BS Articulation Model, RNs pursing a bachelor’s degree in nursing are allowed a maximum of 90 transfer credits.

- RNs who have an associate’s degree in nursing from a Maryland community college, will receive 60 credits to satisfy lower-level liberal arts and science credits and 30 credits based on an unencumbered Maryland registered nurse license.
- RNs who have an associate’s degree in nursing from another state or country or have earned a diploma in nursing may receive a full or partial 60 credit package to satisfy lower-level liberal arts and science credits. A thorough credit evaluation is completed by university admissions to determine which non-nursing courses are transferable.

May I apply if I do not have all my prerequisites completed?

Yes, students may apply to the RN-to-BS admission option before the prerequisite courses are completed. Admission will be contingent upon completion of all prerequisite courses before the entry semester begins. Official transcripts are required to show proof of completed prerequisites.

May I apply before I graduate from my A.S. nursing program and/or before I successfully complete the NCLEX-RN?

Yes, applicants may be admitted prior to the completion of their nursing program and pending successful completion of the NCLEX-RN. Admission to the nursing major would be contingent on the submission of an official transcript confirming nursing education and proof of successful completion of the NCLEX-RN licensure examination. NCLEX-RN licensure must be from Maryland or a compact state.