RN to BS Degree Completion Option

FAQs

Does Towson University offer Registered Nurses an opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science degree?

Yes, the Department of Nursing participates in a statewide RN articulation model. The baccalaureate nursing program builds upon the student's previous learning, ensures a broad base in the liberal arts, and offers nursing courses that are designed to enhance professional nursing practice.

Will previous courses transfer towards my Bachelor's degree?

According to the Maryland RN to B.S. Articulation Model, RNs pursing a bachelor's degree in nursing are allowed a maximum of 90 transfer credits. Of those 90 transfer credits, 60 credits may be lower-level liberal arts and science credits and 30 credits may be upper-level nursing credits based on an unencumbered Maryland licensure. RNs who have an associate's degree in nursing from a Maryland community college, may receive up to 60 credits to satisfy lower-level liberal arts and science credits.

RNs who have an associate's degree in nursing from another state or country, 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 the University Admissions office to determine how and which non-nursing courses are transferable to meet bachelor degree requirements.

RNs who 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 the University Admissions office to determine how and which non-nursing courses are transferable to meet bachelor degree requirements.

What is the length of the degree completion?

The minimum number of credits that must be completed at Towson is 30. This number may vary if you completed your nursing degree out-of-state or out-of-the country. A Statistics course is needed prior to enrolling in NURS 435 Research in Nursing. The statistics course credit is not counted in the 30 credit degree requirement. In addition an Ethics course is a Towson University requirement and will need to be completed before being awarded a bachelor's degree from Towson University.
What are the degree requirements?
NURS 330 Professional Nursing Bridge (3 credits)
NURS 347 Health Assessment Across the Lifespan (3 credits)
NURS 333 Professional Nursing II: Issues (3 credits) **advanced writing course
NURS 416 Cultural Diversity and Healthcare (3 credits)
NURS 435 Professional Nursing III: Research in Nursing (3 credits)
NURS 460 Nursing & Healthcare IV: Older Adults (2 credits)
NURS 476 Nursing & Healthcare VIII: Community Health (3 credits)
NURS 476 Nursing & Healthcare VIII: Community Health Clinical (2 credits) **clinical course
NURS 484 Professional Nursing IV: Leadership and Management (3 credits)
Upper level electives (3 credits) **300-400 level courses
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***All courses above must be completed at Towson University.

Are courses offered online or face-to-face? Is there a weekend or evening option?
Some courses or course sections are designed as face-to-face and others are hybrid. This plan of study is not offered as an evening, weekend, or online only option.

What are the number of credits required each semester and how long do I have to finish the degree?
From the time you begin courses at Towson you have 10 years to complete the degree. Students can choose to complete the course requirements full-time or part-time. It is possible to finish coursework in a full calendar year. Courses are planned in a specific sequence.

What is the process for registering for courses?
Each semester and prior to the registration period you are required to meet with your nursing advisor to develop a class schedule and track progression towards your degree completion. Once you have discussed remaining degree requirements, course offerings, work schedule, etc. with your advisor you will be allowed to register during your enrollment appointment time.

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.
Towson University is pleased to offer you information about financial assistance. For more information about Financial Aid visit http://www.towson.edu/main/finaid/index.asp

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 listed on our web site http://www.towson.edu/nursing/scholarships.asp

The Maryland Board of Nursing also posts information about scholarship opportunities http://www.mbon.org/main.php?v=norm&p=0&c=education/index.html
What is the tuition and fees?
Information about tuition and fees may be found on the Towson University Bursar's Office web site
http://www.towson.edu/adminfinance/fiscalplanning/bursar/tuitionandfees/
Additionally, nursing students have costs associated with clinical experience, textbooks, and course requirements. More details may be found within the nursing student handbook
http://www.towson.edu/nursing/undergraduate/

Am I eligible to participate in graduation and pinning ceremonies?
Upon completion of all Towson degree requirements, RNs are encouraged to participate in university graduation and department pinning ceremonies.