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A Leader in Nursing for 60 Years

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Program Information

Our online RN to BS option meets the needs of registered nurses with other life responsibilities through a curriculum combining web-based instruction with student-tailored practice.

The highly-respected University of Massachusetts Amherst RN to BS option will prepare you to:
- Enhance your nursing expertise
- Assume leadership roles in healthcare
- Remain competitive in today's rapidly-changing nursing settings
- Explore new areas of practice

As an RN to BS student, you will:
- Start in either Spring or Summer
- Graduate in as little as one year, even while working full time
- Learn from the same renowned faculty as our on-campus students
- Attend the university's graduation ceremony and the College of Nursing Pinning celebration upon completion of degree requirements

The RN to BS plan of study includes 30 upper-division nursing credits. Students must also complete a capstone project that meets University guidelines.
The Application:

- Continuing & Professional Education online application (link available on umass.edu/nursing)
- $75 processing fee (waived for Massachusetts Community College graduates or current MA community college students in their last semester who wish to transfer to the RN to BS program)
- Two professional letters of reference
- Official transcripts from all colleges you have attended in the past
- Documentation of English proficiency (if English is not your first language)

Transfer Credit Evaluation

If you are unsure of admissibility to the Online RN-BS program and if you wish, the Continuing & Professional Education Admissions office will evaluate your prior coursework and let you know which credits will transfer into the RN to BS program. If you wish, you may request a Transfer Credit Evaluation before you apply. You will find a Request for Transfer Credit Form on the College of Nursing website (www.umass.edu/nursing/academic-programs/online-rn-bs).

Prerequisites and Admission Criteria

- Minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Current RN licensure (new associates degree graduates must obtain license prior to starting their 2nd semester in the program)
- Completion of 57 of the 60 non-nursing credits, including a grade of C or better in all seven nursing prerequisites (Nutrition, Human Anatomy, Human Physiology, Medical Microbiology, Abnormal Psychology, Life Span Growth and Development, Statistics)

Core Courses

Choose either a 1-year or 2-year plan of online study. If those options don’t suit your lifestyle needs, you have the option to individualize your plan of study. Students must successfully complete 120 credits to earn their University of Massachusetts Amherst Bachelor of Science degree. Of these credits:

- 57 of 60 non-nursing credits must be completed before beginning the RN to BS Nursing Track
- 30 additional nursing credits may be awarded for RN licensure
- 30 credits are earned in the online program
- Students must complete a capstone project that meets University guidelines

PRIORITY APPLICATION DEADLINES

January Admission: October 1
June Admission: February 1