RN to BS Nursing Track:
Online and On-site at the
UMass Springfield Center
Undergraduate Major

The Vision of the College of Nursing is to be a force for innovation, learning and discovery in preparing culturally-proficient nurses for leadership in health for a global society.

Program Information

The RN to BS Online and On-site Track meets the needs of registered nurses with other life responsibilities through a curriculum that combines web-based instruction with student-tailored practice. Designed for students with clearly defined career goals, it calls for substantial autonomy in meeting established objectives.

Program faculty helps students explore new areas of practice and lay the foundation for a problem solving approach to nursing practice and research. Students must successfully complete 120 credits to earn their University of Massachusetts Amherst Bachelor of Science degree. Of these credits:

- 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 nursing program

Students must complete a capstone project meeting University guidelines by the end of the RN to BS program of study. Enrollment in the RN to BS Track is offered through Continuing & Professional Education under the auspices of the University of Massachusetts Amherst College of Nursing. Your attendance at orientation (in person or online) prior to the start of your program of study is required.
Applications

Before You Apply
Prior to applying, applicants must have their transfer credits evaluated by the Continuing and Professional Education (CPE) Office.

To request an evaluation:

1. Complete the “Request for Evaluation of Transfer Credits” form at www.umass.edu/nursing (click on “programs”, “undergraduate”, “RN to BS Track”)
2. Send the form with copies of all previous college records to:
   Elizabeth Leary
   Continuing Education Online Coordinator
   Undergraduate and Professional Admissions
   University of Massachusetts
   Mass Ventures Building, Suite 206
   Hadley, MA 01035
   Tel: (413) 577-0746
   eleary@cpe.umass.edu

Pre-Program Coursework

Before beginning the RN to BS Track, students must complete 60 non-nursing credits. These credits must be distributed over three areas:

- The University’s general education requirements, completed by all students earning a bachelor’s degree from the University
- Seven nursing prerequisites, all of which must be completed prior to beginning the RN course sequence: Nutrition*, Human Anatomy*, Human Physiology*, Medical Microbiology*, Abnormal Psychology, Life Span Growth and Development**, Statistics
- Electives 7 to 9 credits
- An additional 30 credits may be earned via submission of RN licensure, of which 15 credits will be considered UMass Amherst residence credit

A grade of C or higher is required in all coursework.

*These courses may be fulfilled through NLN Achievement Tests;
**This course may be fulfilled through CLEP, clem.collegeboard.org/exam
Admission Criteria:

- A minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale
- Current RN licensure
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Completion of all 60 non-nursing credits, including a grade of C or better in all seven nursing prerequisites

Clinical Experience

The College of Nursing provides the best possible clinical experiences for students, utilizing a wide variety of outpatient and community sites. As a registered nurse, you will work collaboratively with your clinical instructor to determine the best possible site to meet your clinical objectives.

Core Courses

RN to BS Track Courses
See course plans for Spring and Summer (online or face-to-face in Springfield) Semester starts on our website

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APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 1 for Summer admission (online or face-to-face)
October 1 for Spring admission (online or face-to-face)
FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available and may be comprised of different types of awards.

Information can be found by:

• Calling by phone: 413-545-0801
• Visiting umass.edu/umfa
• In person at 255 Whitmore Administration Building, Monday through Friday from 8:00AM – 4:00PM.

COST INFORMATION

The RN to BS Nursing Track is offered through the Division of Continuing and Professional Education under the auspices of the College of Nursing.

For further information on their registration procedure, please visit their website at umassulearn.net. For projected cost information, please see the College of Nursing website at umass.edu/nursing. The cost of the program is reviewed annually and tuition is adjusted with each new class.

Accreditation

The Nursing Program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), a national nursing education accrediting body and approved by the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing.

Mandatory Background Checks

Criminal Offender Record Information (CORI) checks are required by many clinical agencies and will be completed by the College of Nursing on all students once they are admitted to the program. Progression in the program and placements in clinical agencies may be contingent upon a satisfactory CORI investigation.