NURSING | RN TO BSN

About the RN to BSN Program

The RN to BSN Program at FHSU provides registered nurses a flexible, 100% on-line option to complete their BSN Degree in as few as three semesters. As an incoming student, you can enter the program at any semester: fall, spring, or summer. The RN to BSN Program can expand your knowledge and skills in leadership and critical thinking and provide future career options.

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Clinical Clearance Requirements

The RN to BSN Program at FHSU requires preceptor led clinicals in course NURS 449 Leadership and Management for the RN with Practicum. Please note that clinical clearance requirements include obtaining student liability insurance, a background check, drug testing and immunization records.

Fort Hays State University works diligently with students to secure clinical contracts across the United States. On rare occasions due to locations or state or facility requirements, we are unable to negotiate a contract. In this event, if another site cannot be obtained at the students location, a clinical site in Hays, Kansas will be provided for the student. If this occurs, students will need a Kansas license and will need to come to Kansas for their practicum experience. We encourage you to start the collaborative process of obtaining a preceptor early in your program. If you have questions about this process, please contact the Nursing Department at Nurs.Contracts@fhsu.edu.

Nursing Handbook (https://www.fhsu.edu/nursing/Student-Resources/2023_2024-fhsu-nursing-undergraduate-student-handbook-updated-4-13-23.pdf) - guidance for all BSN Nursing Students.

Program Requirements

1. Maintain active RN license issued in the United States.
2. Minimum grade of C for all RN to BSN Program Degree Requirements and Nursing Courses.
3. Transfer courses accepted from regionally accredited schools only. Click here to view Transfer Courses (https://www.fhsu.edu/registrar/transferring-courses-from-a-community-college/) accepted by FHSU.

Code	Title	Hours
COMM 100	Fundamentals of Oral Communication	3
or COMM 304	Intermediate Interpersonal Communication	
ENG 101	English Composition I	3
ENG 102	English Composition II	3
MATH 110	College Algebra	3
or MATH 105	College Algebra with Review	
BIOL 230 & 230L	Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory	4
BIOL 231 & 231L	Anatomy and Physiology II and Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	4
BIOL 240 & 240L	Microbiology for Allied Health and Microbiology Laboratory	4
CHEM 100	The Chemist's View of the World	3
or CHEM 110	Molecules and Society	
PSY 100	General Psychology	3

Degree Requirements

- 120 credit hours or above required for a BSN degree, 30 taken directly through FHSU, and 45 credit hours must be upper division.
- All students must complete the Kansas system-wide general education program requirement (https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/)s.
- Students who have a current U.S. RN license with transcripts from outside the United States must have two evaluations completed on his/her transcripts. Nursing requires an evaluation by TruMerit (https://www.trumerit.org//services/credentials-evaluation/ancc/), and FHSU admission requires evaluation by a NACES (https://naces.org/members/) member.

General Education

All undergraduate degrees require completion of the Kansas Systemwide General Education (https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/).

Courses identified with GE on this page may satisfy a general education requirement in addition to the identified degree requirement. Students who apply a degree requirement to satisfy a general education requirement will typically add an equal number of hours to the university elective category. This flexibility may allow you to complete a minor or certificate within the 120 hour degree. Transfer students are especially encouraged to select these courses in completing General Education requirements to maximize the likelihood of completing the degree with 120 credit hours.

Code	Title	Hours
General Education		**34-35**

Effective in Fall 2025 the math pathway course (https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/gateway-courses/) identified below is required for this degree.

The General Education Math Pathways course identified for this major is **MATH 110 College Algebra** . All students pursuing this degree program will be required to complete this course or the corequisite support course. Students who place into a higher level math course may be able to satisfy this requirement; consult with your Academic Advisor for additional information.

Placement measures for **MATH 110 College Algebra** include:

- Math ACT: 22 or higher OR
- Math SAT: 540 or higher OR
- ALEKS PPL: 46 or higher OR
- Accuplacer QAS: 263 or higher OR
- Official GED score (2014 to Present": greater than or equal to 165 in Mathematical Reasoning OR
- HS GPA and Course Grade: 3.25 cumulative GPA (unweighted) and B- or higher in Second semester Algebra 2 or Integrated Math 3 OR
- Institutional Measure

Students who do not meet any of the placement measures listed above will need to register for the corequisite support course: MATH 105

College Algebra with Review. Credit for the corequisite support course will satisfy any requirement for the pathway course listed above.

RN to BSN Courses

All courses are 8 weeks in length. **(Contact your academic advisor for more information)**

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 440	Informatics for the RN [1]	3
NURS 441	Professional Roles for the RN [1]	3
NURS 442	Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare [1]	3
NURS 443	Community Focused Care for the RN	3
NURS 445	Health Promotion and Assessment for the RN [1]	3
NURS 446	Nursing Inquiry for the RN	3
NURS 447	Issues and Trends Facing Healthcare [1]	3
NURS 448	Healthcare Policy and Cost for the RN	3
NURS 449	Leadership and Management for the RN with Practicum [2]	3
NURS 450	Healthcare Quality Improvement for the RN [3]	3
Total Hours		**30**

1. Course may be taken prior to acceptance into the RN to BSN Nursing Program or before obtaining a valid RN license. *Please note the successful completion of these courses does not impact or guarantee acceptance into the program.*
2. Pre-requisite: NURS 446 Nursing Inquiry for the RN
   Class NURS 449 Leadership and Management for the RN with Practicum requires direct care hours with a preceptor and approved clinical site.
3. Pre-requisites: NURS 446 Nursing Inquiry for the RN and NURS 449 Leadership and Management for the RN with Practicum.

Advanced Standing Credit

As a Registered Nurse, you are eligible for Advanced Standing Credit towards your BSN degree by demonstrating successful completion of the NCLEX-RN national exam. The University requires 45 upper-level hours. Advanced Standing Credit can help you achieve this requirement. 36 credit hours will be credited and posted to the student's transcript. Below are the courses that may be credited.

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 310L	Nursing Skills Laboratory	2
NURS 311	Acute Nursing Care	3
NURS 311L	Acute Nursing Care Practicum	2
NURS 328	Mental Health Nursing	3
NURS 328L	Mental Health Nursing Practicum	1
NURS 330	Chronic Nursing Care	3
NURS 330L	Chronic Nursing Care Practicum	2
NURS 340	Pharmacology I	2
NURS 341	Pharmacology II	2
NURS 420	Maternal, Infant, and Pediatric Nursing Care	3
NURS 420L	Maternal, Infant, & Pediatric Practicum	3
NURS 422	Pediatrics	2
NURS 422L	Pediatrics Practicum	1
NURS 423	Concepts of Gerontology	1
NURS 430	Complex Nursing Care	3
NURS 430L	Complex Nursing Care Practicum	3
Total Hours		**36**

Degree Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
All bachelor degrees require:		
GPA of 2.0 on FHSU courses & 2.0 on all coursework (Higher program requirements prevail over the 2.0 when set)		
A minimum of 30 hours earned from FHSU with a grade of D, C, B, or A		
Successful completion of an upper division Writing and Information Literacy course (Most majors contain a course designated)		
A minimum of 45 hours of recognized upper division credit		
A minimum of 120 hours of recognized college credit		

Degree Map

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Much of the coursework for the First and Second Year will have been completed prior to entering the program. Any coursework not completed is required for graduation.

Course	Title	Hours
First Year		
Fall		
ENG 101	English Composition I (SGE010 - English Discipline Area)	3
MATH 110 or MATH 105	College Algebra (Math Pathway Gateway Course: SGE030 - Math and Statistics Discipline Area) or College Algebra with Review	3
BIOL 230 & 230L	Anatomy and Physiology I and Anatomy and Physiology I Laboratory (SGE040 - Natural and Physical Science Discipline Area)	4
	Hours	**10**
Spring		
ENG 102	English Composition II (SGE010 - English Discipline Area)	3
COMM 100 or COMM 304	Fundamentals of Oral Communication (SGE020 - Communication Discipline Area) or Intermediate Interpersonal Communication	3
BIOL 231 & 231L	Anatomy and Physiology II and Anatomy and Physiology II Laboratory	4
	Hours	**10**
Second Year		
Fall		
PSY 100	General Psychology (SGE050 - Social and Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area)	3
	Hours	**3**
Spring		
BIOL 240 & 240L	Microbiology for Allied Health and Microbiology Laboratory	4
	Hours	**4**
	Total Hours	**27**

The Third Year consists of common coursework that must be completed at Fort Hays State University.

Course	Title	Hours
Third Year		
Fall		
Open Electives		2
FIN 205 or INF 101	Principles of Personal Finance (SGE070 - Institutionally Designated Area: Personal and Professional Development) or Introduction to Computer Information Systems	3
SGE070 - Institutionally Designated Area: Critical Thinking		3
SGE050 - Social and Behavioral Sciences Discipline Area		3
SGE060 - Arts and Humanities Discipline Area		3
	Hours	**14**
Spring		
CHEM 100 or CHEM 110	The Chemist's View of the World or Molecules and Society	3
SGE060 - Arts and Humanities Discipline Area		3
Open Electives		3
	Hours	**9**
	Total Hours	**23**

The Fourth Year includes nursing courses required to be taken at Fort Hays State University. No previous nursing credits can be applied to this program. See Advanced Standing Credit on Overview Page.

Course	Title	Hours
Fourth Year		
Summer		
Advanced Standing Credit		36
NURS 441	Professional Roles for the RN	3
	Hours	**39**
First Semester		
NURS 440	Informatics for the RN	3
NURS 442	Legal and Ethical Issues in Healthcare	3
NURS 443	Community Focused Care for the RN	3
NURS 446	Nursing Inquiry for the RN	3
	Hours	**12**
Second Semester		
NURS 445	Health Promotion and Assessment for the RN	3
NURS 447	Issues and Trends Facing Healthcare	3
NURS 448	Healthcare Policy and Cost for the RN	3
NURS 449	Leadership and Management for the RN with Practicum	3
NURS 450	Healthcare Quality Improvement for the RN	3
	Hours	**15**
	Total Hours	**66**

All three sections must total 120 credit hours.

Academic Degree Maps are term-by-term sample course plans that specify milestones, courses, and special requirements that are necessary for facilitating on-time completion. Degree Maps are ***examples*** and are not prescriptive. Individualized choices such as concentration options, transfer credits, optional minors, advisory programs (certificates), etc. can alter the recommended coursework. Course offerings are subject to change. Students should consult with their academic advisors for additional guidance on course planning.

To determine courses to take in the directed choices (often listed as Program Elective Course) and directed elective course blocks see the overview tab for courses. Open electives indicate the student is free to choose courses from any subject, but students should discuss with their advisor how many of these hours must be upper division. To locate approved courses in General Education areas (Undergraduate Programs) see the general education section (https://catalog.fhsu.edu/general-education/) of the catalog.

The undergraduate course maps typically advise the most efficient route for students to complete the general education requirements. Courses that are required in the major may be listed as fulfilling relevant general education requirements. This will result in more open elective course hours in some maps than is listed on the degree overview page.

Additional Admission Requirements Applying

To apply to the RN to BSN Program, please click here for the RN to BSN application (https://www.fhsu.edu/nursing/RN-BSN-On-LINE/bsn-application/).

Next, to apply to Fort Hays State University, please click here to apply to FHSU (https://www.fhsu.edu/nursing/RN-BSN-On-LINE/bsn-application/).

A student applies as an undergraduate, degree-seeking student. To apply, you will be creating an account in Workday. To modify, save, or come back to your application, you will be asked to sign in with a username (email) and password you create. The applicant type for the RN to BSN Program is Transfer and your Program of study upon entry will be Nursing (Pre-RN to BSN) - BSN. After official admittance to the RN to BSN Program, your Program of Study will be changed to Nursing (RN to BSN) - BSN. For additional help with the application process or questions regarding the RN to BSN Program, please contact Laurie Dinkel at lrdinkel2@fhsu.edu.

Applicants must be accepted to Fort Hays State University before official admittance into the RN to BSN Program. Additionally, all official transcripts must be received to process your application.

Fort Hays State University Department of Nursing does not accept applications for the nursing program from the following states: Tennessee, Alabama, and Washington.

Program Entrance Requirements

1. Current active RN license issued in the United States. Students may register in University courses while finishing their RN Program. *Note: taking University courses before being admitted to the RN-BSN Program does not guarantee admission to the RN-BSN Program.*
2. Cumulative GPA of 2.5 or above.
3. WES+ (http://www.wes.org/) and CGFNS (http://www.cgfns.org/) transcript reviews required (if applicable).