

Application Information & Instructions

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING PROGRAM – RN TO BSN TRACK

MINIMUM ADMISSION CRITERIA

Admission to the RN-BSN track is based on successful completion of the Admission Criteria. Students who meet the minimum standards are considered candidates for admission.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirements

- A Cumulative GPA of 2.5 (on a 4.0 scale); measured using all completed coursework from *all* colleges and universities attended.
- Prerequisite course GPA of 2.0 (on a 4.0 scale).
- LCSC General Education Core GPA: an overall 2.0 GPA in Core courses is required (per LCSC college policy).

RN to BSN Track Prerequisite Course

Statistics: An approved Statistics course (PSYC 300, MATH 253, MATH 153, or equivalent) must be completed or “In Progress” at the time of application. Must be completed with a C (2.0) or better by the end of the semester in which the student applies.

General Education Core Coursework

All lower General Education Core requirements must be completed prior to program admission.

Registered Nurse Licensure

Current U.S. Registered Nurse license in good standing must be maintained throughout the program. Include your RN license number and state of licensure on the application. If you do not hold a current RN license, provide a written statement regarding your plans to complete the RN licensing exam.

Transfer Coursework/Course Descriptions

New transfer students must meet LCSC requirements/equivalency and should contact an LCSC nursing advisor prior to submitting an application. Transfer students who currently attend LCSC and have had transfer equivalencies reviewed with a nursing advisor are exempt from this requirement.

Performance Standards

Applicants must meet the Performance Standards for NHS students, outlined in the [NHS Student Handbook](#) under “Clinical Policies.”

Provisionally Admitted

Students must meet minimum admission standards at the end of the semester in which the student applied. Failure to meet admission criteria will result in forfeiture of provisional admission status. Students who continue to meet all admission criteria will be considered fully admitted.

NOTIFICATION OF ADMISSION STATUS

Applicants will be notified **via LCMail of their admission to the RN-BSN track**. Your response is required for formal admission. Check your LCMail account regularly during the application process.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

There are two (2) courses (NU 442: Population Health and NU 478: Leadership for the RN) which require a volunteer service component. Students should be aware that some agencies may require a background check and/or other health requirements (including COVID vaccination) for volunteer service. It is the student's responsibility to ensure these requirements are met.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. The RN to BSN track is offered via online delivery with two courses requiring practicums typically completed in your local area. Students are expected to possess basic computer competencies in word processing, electronic file management, email, and web browsing. Students must have extended access to a computer with the minimum capabilities required for Internet use and online courses. For more information on Distance Learning at LCSC, visit [e-Learning Services](#).
2. There are two (2) courses (NU 442: Population Health and NU 478: Leadership for the RN) which must be completed in the USA, usually in your local area. Students are required to provide their own transportation and bear the expenses for all travel and housing related to practicum activities. It may be necessary to take days off work or other commitments to arrange practicum activities.
3. Each practicum requires 90 hours of practicum activities. In NU 442, local community health agencies serve as practicum sites; this requires students be available during normal business hours. NU 478 is often completed at the student's place of employment. Students are required to wear their LCSC issued photo ID badge during service learning experiences.
4. Students should plan to spend, on average, two to three (2-3) hours per week per one (1) credit of theory coursework. Each practicum course (NU 442 and NU 478) requires a minimum of 90 hours associated practicum activities.
5. To ensure progression through the program, students must complete all nursing coursework (NU prefix) within four (4) years of taking the first NU course. Those who do not must submit an Internal NHS petition requesting an exception.
6. Graduates must meet all lower and upper division core requirements, complete 32 residency credits, 36 upper division credits, and a total of 120 credits.
7. Upon completion of the admission process and verification of passing the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN), and thus holding an RN license, the RN student is admitted to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. A maximum of 30-semester nursing credits are held in escrow until the required graduation check. Students may also receive credit through direct transfer and challenge processes. Additional information can be found in the [NHS Student Handbook](#). The RN-BSN Program endorses the guidelines for educational mobility from the Idaho Statewide Nursing Articulation Plan.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. **Apply to LCSC** at least one (1) month before the program application window. This step is required for any applicant not currently enrolled at LCSC or whose current status is Non-Degree-Seeking. Admittance must be as a Pre-Nursing RN track major. [Apply online](#).
 - Apply by August 8 (for Fall Semester admission)
 - Apply by January 8 (for Spring Semester admission)
 - Apply by May 8 (for Summer Term admission)

2. **Transcripts:** Request one copy of official transcripts from all colleges and universities attended (other than LCSC). Transcripts must be received by the application deadlines above.

Send to: LCSC Office of Admissions, 500 8th Avenue, Lewiston, ID 83501. Phone: (208) 792-2210.

3. **Apply to the RN to BSN Track:** An application can be found at the [RN-BSN webpage](#). Complete the application procedure using the following checklist:
 - Download, complete and scan the RN-BSN Application and email to your RN-BSN advisor from your LCMail account. If you do not have an advisor listed on your Warrior Web profile, or have not been working with an advisor, email the application to nhs@lcsc.edu.
 - Current RN license information or written statement regarding when you plan to obtain your license
 - Unofficial documentation of current course enrollment at any other college other than LCSC.

The application is considered complete when the above items have been received by the Nursing & Health Sciences Division.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.