



FAQ's

Q. Will my diploma say "online" degree?

A. No. You will receive the same degree, and your diploma is the same as students' on-campus diplomas.

Q. I am an R.N. How do I earn the Bachelor's degree in Nursing? How does this program work for me?

A. The RN to BS Degree Completion Program track is designed for the RN with an associate degree or diploma who seeks a bachelor's degree in nursing. The program consists of general education requirements, nursing prerequisites, support courses and concentrated nursing courses. If you have an Associate of Arts degree or have met the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum, the majority of your general education requirements are satisfied.

Q. I am an R.N. with a Bachelor's degree in another field. Do I receive another Bachelor's degree?

A. With a previous bachelor's degree, you will receive a Certificate from the College of St. Scholastica. This certificate is the equivalent to a Bachelor of Science Degree with a concentration in nursing. General education requirements of the College are waived if you have a bachelor's degree in another field.

Q. Is the program accredited?

A. The RN to BS program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE). The College of St. Scholastica is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

Q. How are my achievements in nursing recognized?

A. The RN to BS program is designed to build on your experience as a registered nurse. Sixteen semester credits in nursing are credited toward the BS degree upon validation of prior learning by means of a portfolio that documents what you have experienced as an RN.

Q. How many credits will I need to graduate?

A. You need 128 semester credits to earn the baccalaureate degree. The credits may be gained in a number of ways:

- Credits from a previous four-year college/university or community college
- CLEP or challenge exams
- Documentation of prior learning
- Independent study
- Taking courses

Q. Do I need to take additional courses?

A. You need a course in statistics which is offered as part of the program or can be taken prior to starting the program.

Q. What difference will a BS degree make in my ability to practice nursing?

A. The only constant in nursing today is change, and a BS education will allow you to manage change, not be managed by it. An emphasis on leadership and management skills facilitates upward mobility. Competence in areas of health promotion, health teaching, culture and information technology is developed along with skill in holistic nursing interventions. BS education in nursing provides a foundation for graduate study.

Q. Whom do I talk to if I have more questions?

A. You may call the Office of Online Admissions at:
The College of St. Scholastica
csonline@css.edu 218-723-5990 or 866-870-6550

Q. How do I apply?

A. You can apply online at <http://rnbs.css.edu>

