

Transfer Guide for RN to BS Online Nursing Program

For students planning to transfer to The College of St. Scholastica and enroll in the RN to BS Online Nursing Program, the following transfer guidelines are provided.

RN to BS Nursing Major Courses (to be completed at CSS)

NSG 3355 Research, Evidence-Based Practice 4 credits
NSG 3361 Dimensions of Professional Nursing 4 credits
NSG 4472 Leadership in Nursing 4 credits
NSG 4570 Community Health Nursing 4 credits
NSG 4571 Community Health Nursing Clinical 1 credits
NSG 4580 Holistic Assessment in Nursing 4 credits
NSG 4590 RN to BS Portfolio Introduction 4 credits
NSG 4998 RN to BS Nursing Portfolio 13 credits

Requirements for Admission to the RN to BS Online Nursing Program

- Current registered nurse license from at least one state; eligibility for licensure in Minnesota
- Associate's degree with a major in nursing from an accredited college
- Cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 or higher

Note: Meeting minimum entrance requirements does not guarantee admission.

General Education Requirements

In addition to completing the courses required for the major, the B.S. degree also requires completion of The College of St. Scholastica's General Education requirements referred to as Veritas. The Veritas requirements for the RNBS online nursing Program are noted below.

Foundations courses: First Year Composition, Interpersonal Communication, Math

Conceptions and Integrations courses: Religious Studies, Natural Science, History, Social Sciences, Literature, Fine Arts, Philosophy, Open Pathway (met with NSG 3355 in the RNBS program)

Students are not required to have the general education requirements completed prior to admission to the program. There are several options for meeting these requirements.

- The College of St. Scholastica accepts the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MnTC) or a previously completed AA (with MnTC), BA or BS degree to fulfill the Veritas General Education requirements except for religious studies and one Integrations course requirement. The Integrations requirement can be met with NSG 3355. The religious studies requirement may be fulfilled by an approved transfer course. Consult the course notes area on the Transferology website to determine if a transfer course will fulfill the Conceptions religious studies requirement.
- Students can complete additional transfer coursework. Most Associate Degree Nursing programs include some courses that may transfer to fulfill general education requirements for the BS degree (Natural Science and Social Science for example). Students may complete additional courses for transfer to meet general education requirements, however, students who do not transfer a completed MnTC, AA, BA, or BS degree must complete two Integrations courses at St. Scholastica. Integrations courses are upper division courses that are intended to be writing intensive. NSG 3355 in the major will fulfill the one of the Integrations course requirements. One additional Integrations course must be completed at CSS and the remaining general education requirements can be met with approved transfer courses. When possible students should select Integrations courses to satisfy a general education category that was not met with transfer work. Transfer equivalency information is available on the Transferology website.
- Students may also complete all general education requirements through coursework taken at St. Scholastica.

This guide applies to the 2018-2019 academic year and is subject to the transfer policy noted in the college catalog in effect at the time of admission to the College. Please note that students admitted as first-year students must also complete the Dignitas requirement.

About The College of St. Scholastica's RN to BS Online Nursing Program

As the nation's population lives longer and more active lives, the demand for highly educated nurses is also rising. To keep abreast of an expanding field, registered nurses must expand their knowledge and skills to improve patient outcomes, prepare for management roles and to stay competitive in the workplace.

The School of Nursing at St. Scholastica has been educating qualified and successful graduates for 75 years. Our nursing program is one of the largest in the state and is recognized regionally for its excellence.

The College of St. Scholastica RN to BS Benefits

- Nursing Portfolio awards credit for knowledge acquired on the job
- Earn your degree from a leader in nursing education and a name that's recognized across the country
- 100 percent online program with individualized plan of study

Transferring to The College of St. Scholastica

The College of St. Scholastica accepts transfer credits to satisfy major requirements as noted in this guide. Grades earned must be a C or better for transfer. To transfer credits an official transcript must be sent directly to St. Scholastica.

St. Scholastica Graduation Requirements (B.S. degree)

- Minimum 128 semester credits earned
- Minimum 42 upper division credits (at or above the 3000 level)
- Last 32 credits taken at The College of St. Scholastica, 16 credits in the major
- Complete the requirements for general education and your major
- Meet all GPA requirements for the major
- Maximum number of Physical Education credits that can count toward graduation is 8

Career Opportunities

For RNs, a baccalaureate degree can result in a wage increase, a leadership position, or can serve as a stepping stone to advanced-practice nursing. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects 26 percent growth in the nursing field over the next decade. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing's August 2012 research on new graduate employment found that 88% of new of new baccalaureate-prepared nurses were employed in nursing. Nurses with bachelor's and master's degrees will be the best prepared to take advantage of these opportunities. In addition, a bachelor's degree can increase the opportunities available to you, opening up positions in administration, research, consulting or teaching.

With the Institute of Medicine calling for 80% of the nursing workforce to hold at least a bachelor's degree by 2020, moving to prepare nurses at this level has become a national priority.

Program Start Dates

The College offers six start terms each year; two fall starts, two spring starts and two summer starts. The following application deadlines apply to each start; early submission is encouraged. Applications completed after the following deadlines will be submitted for the subsequent term.

- Fall: August 15
- Fall mid-term: October 10
- Spring: December 15
- Spring mid-term: February 21
- Summer: May 2
- Summer mid-term: June 20

Additional information can be found online at go.css.edu/RNBS.