

# RN to BSN

## BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING



The Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) degree program provides registered nurses like you with academic qualifications that may lead to advancement with your current employer, or can prepare you for other practice settings or graduate studies. Our RN to BSN program is now fully online, making it even easier to complete your bachelor's degree and advance your nursing career. Finish in as little as 15 months.

### Quality Education

Earn your degree from a reputable institution, founded in 1882. Our nursing education roots go back to the 1930s, and we've been offering the RN to BSN degree since 2005. St. Ambrose nursing graduates work in health care settings all around the world, and are known for their skill and compassion.

### Fully Online

Courses are taught 100% online by professors who really know and support you. Take all of your classes on your schedule, whenever and wherever you want to connect with on-demand coursework. St. Ambrose also honors your experience as an RN and allows you to complete clinicals in a flexible format.

### Accelerated Format

Designed for the convenience of working adults, most classes run for eight weeks (half of a regular semester). Enjoy learning with other non-traditional students with busy lives—it's a great way to expand your professional knowledge and network with others.

### Inspiring Faculty

Learn from committed educators and experienced mentors who know you by name. Local instructors teach all classes so you can get answers and help as needed. You can even meet face-to-face with professors and build a valuable support and networking system.

### Ambrosian Values

You'll get more than textbook learning at St. Ambrose University. Of course you'll get a top-notch professional foundation, but you'll also experience Ambrosian values such as community, service, leadership and social justice that may just give you a whole new outlook on your chosen profession and your future.

### Save Time, Save Money

Take up to three classes per semester and complete your degree in as little as 15 months. SAU offers very affordable tuition with special discounts available.

### Accredited Program

The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at St. Ambrose University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street, NW, Suite 750, Washington, DC 20001, 202-887-6791. This program is approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing.

### Admission Requirements

- > Completion of a registered nurse degree (associate or diploma)
- > Currently licensed as a registered nurse (RN)
- > Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher on prior college studies
- > Completion of prerequisite courses:

BIOL 101	Principles of Biology	4
BIOL 211	Microbiology	4
BIOL 230	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4
BIOL 232	Advanced Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4
CHEM 103	Principles of Chemistry	4
PSYC 105	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSYC 212	Life-Span Developmental Psychology	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	3
STAT 213	Applied Statistical Reasoning for the Sciences	3

Students are first admitted to SAU. Most credits will transfer. An individual plan of study will be developed based upon your transfer credits and preference for part- or full-time study. Once prerequisite course work has been completed, students apply to the nursing program. Once all general education courses have been completed, most students can complete the nursing curriculum in 15 months.

### Graduation Requirements

- > Complete General Education requirements through transfer of credits and/or completion of classes at SAU (see adviser or website for more information)
- > Complete two writing intensive (wi) courses with a grade of "C" or better, one at the 300/400 level
- > Complete 27 BSN major requirement credits
- > Complete advanced placement nursing credits
- > Complete a minimum of 120 credits
- > Earn a major and cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (on a 4.0 scale)

### A Plan of Study That Works For You

We offer three plans of study to meet your needs. Depending on when you want to start your studies and how quickly you want to progress, you can select a three-, four- or five semester plan of study to complete the RN to BSN curriculum. Finish in as little as 15 months.

**RN to BSN Curriculum**

**Three-Semester Plan of Study (FALL START)**

	<b>Semester I / Fall First Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 361	Introduction to Theoretical Concepts . . . . .	3
NURS 376	Pathophysiology/Pharmacology . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester I / Fall Second Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 326wi	Health Assessment Applied Across the Lifespan . . .	3
	<b>Semester II / Spring First Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 441wi	Evidence Based Practice . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester II / Spring Second Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 466	Concepts of Chronicity & Palliative Care . . . . .	3
NURS 461	Concepts of Applied Nursing Care . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester III / Fall First Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 411	Concepts of Population Health . . . . .	3
NURS 476	Leadership & Contemporary Issues . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester III / Fall Second Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 486	Professional Nursing Capstone . . . . .	3
	Total nursing credits . . . . .	27

**Four-Semester Plan of Study (SPRING START)**

	<b>Semester I / Spring Second Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 466	Concepts of Chronicity & Palliative Care . . . . .	3
PHIL 310/ THEO 319	Biomedical Ethics . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester II / Fall Semester First Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 376	Pathophysiology/Pharmacology . . . . .	3
NURS 361	Introduction to Theoretical Concepts . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester II / Fall Semester Second Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 326wi	Health Assessment Applied Across the Lifespan . . .	3
	<b>Semester III / Spring Semester First Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 441wi	Evidence Based Practice . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester III / Spring Semester Second Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 461	Concepts of Applied Nursing Care . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester IV / Fall Semester First Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 476	Leadership & Contemporary Issues . . . . .	3
NURS 411	Concepts of Population Health . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester IV / Fall Semester Second Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 486	Professional Nursing Capstone . . . . .	3
	Total nursing credits . . . . .	27

**Five-Semester Plan of Study (FALL START)**

	<b>Semester I / Fall First Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 361	Introduction to Theoretical Concepts . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester I / Fall Second Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 326wi	Health Assessment Applied Across the Lifespan . . .	3
	<b>Semester II / Spring Semester Second Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 461	Concepts of Applied Nursing Care . . . . .	3
PHIL 310/ THEO 319	Biomedical Ethics . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester III / Fall Semester First Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 376	Pathophysiology/Pharmacology . . . . .	3
PHIL/THEO	100 or 200-level course . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester IV / Spring Semester First Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 441wi	Evidence Based Practice . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester IV / Spring Semester Second Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 466	Concepts of Chronicity & Palliative Care . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester V / Fall Semester First Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 411	Concepts of Population Health . . . . .	3
NURS 476	Leadership & Contemporary Issues . . . . .	3
	<b>Semester V / Fall Semester Second Eight Weeks</b>	
NURS 486	Professional Nursing Capstone . . . . .	3
	Total nursing credits . . . . .	27

**For Further Information**

Contact us today to learn more about how you can earn your BSN degree from St. Ambrose.

Connect with our helpful nursing advisor Deb Frankie-Lasher, DC, BSN, RN, at [frankielasherdeboraha@sau.edu](mailto:frankielasherdeboraha@sau.edu), 563-333-6082 or schedule an appointment at: <https://frankielasherdeboraha.youcanbook.me>

Consult the official university catalog, available at [www.sau.edu/catalog](http://www.sau.edu/catalog), for complete requirements. Students must meet with an academic adviser prior to taking courses that support this curriculum.