

REGIS UNIVERSITY

RN to BSN Completion Program



Ranked as one of the top schools in the western United States for 18 consecutive years by *U.S. News & World Report*

Founded in 1877, Regis University, the nation's fifth-largest private Jesuit institution of higher education, has been meeting the needs of students through innovative classroom-based and online programs designed to prepare learners to become leaders in the service of others. The university's online RN to BSN Completion program can help put you on your way to a richer, fuller experience in a short amount of time.

Regis University has partnered with The College Network® to offer a baccalaureate degree program for today's busy nurse. The RN to BSN Completion program is unique in that it offers a well-rounded curriculum in a format that allows you to complete your upper-level nursing courses in just 12 to 20 months. In addition, the practicum course is mentored by local preceptors, which eliminates any travel. After completion of Anatomy & Physiology and Microbiology, you can begin your upper-level online nursing courses (30 credit hours) immediately. This program can be completed entirely online, making a fulfilling educational experience possible wherever you are.

How The College Network's Program Works

The College Network's online program enables you to continue your education and earn college credit from the comfort of home. Satisfy your general education and elective requirements through a combination of credit previously awarded from accredited institutions and/or by using The College Network's online program and exams (up to 65 credits), and then transfer to Regis University to complete the rest of your degree entirely online.

The College Network's online program includes Comprehensive Learning Modules™ (courses) and exams. The exams are designed to measure what you would learn in a typical college course in the related subject area. The American Council on Education's College Credit Recommendation Service (ACE CREDIT®) has evaluated and recommended college credit for The College Network's suite of online courses and exams. For more information, visit the ACE CREDIT web site at www.acenet.edu/credit.

Most of your general education and elective requirements may be fulfilled using The College Network's online program and exams. In some situations, you may be required to take a CLEP®, DSST®, or Excelsior College® exam for certain courses.

Program Benefits

- No waiting lists to get started
- Flexible program enables you to work at your own pace
- Secure online access is available 24 hours a day
- Academic support is available for The College Network portion of the program
- Industry-leading technology makes it possible to take end-of-course exams from the comfort of home
- Customers of The College Network enjoy tuition discounts with Regis University



Partners in Education



The College Network provides educational solutions that help individuals advance their education and training with college degrees and professional certificates from highly acclaimed universities.

As one of the nation's leading eLearning companies and a partner with some of the nation's foremost institutions of higher learning, The College Network has helped hundreds of thousands of adults continue their education.



Regis University's Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions

Regis University's Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions prepares nurses to extend their impact on our changing health care system. Study options within the undergraduate nursing program prepare students for a variety of nursing roles in traditional and nontraditional settings. A Regis University education is part of a 450-year Jesuit tradition of values-centered education, academic excellence, and service to others.

Practicum Experience

Regis University acknowledges that registered nurses are highly experienced health care professionals who bring valuable skills and abilities to their current academic pursuits. Therefore, a course with a clinical component, called a practicum, is designed specifically for registered nurses. The practicum course students will complete in the program is in community health nursing. The practicum is preceded by a related theory course and requires 45 hours "in the field" at a local agency that can provide meaningful learning experiences for the student in the course content area.

The community health practicum hours are completed in an agency that provides population-based nursing. The major assignment for this course is the completion of a community assessment and program plan.

In addition to the practicum component of the program, you are required to complete 24 hours of service learning. Service learning provides an educational experience while instilling the belief that service to one's community is a lifelong pursuit. Service learning is integrated into your program of study as part of the BSN program. The nursing faculty and service learning coordinator help you to establish an appropriate service learning project.

An Educational Partnership

Regis University offers nursing degree programs in an online learning format. The programs are offered in both standard and fast-track progression. Through The College Network®, students are provided with learning materials and academic support that will enable them to attain undergraduate-level credit that can be transferred to Regis University. Once a student begins the nursing curriculum with Regis, courses will be offered through online learning.

The course descriptions on the opposite page offer snapshots of classes for these particular areas of study.

Customers of The College Network who enroll with Regis University are eligible to receive 10% off Regis University's tuition. (Certain restrictions may apply.)



Degree Track Options for Courses in the Nursing Major

Fast-Track Progression (1 year/6 terms)		
January, May, or September	1 st 8-week term	2 nd 8-week term
Semester 1	NR 444R	NR 460R and NR 448R
Semester 2	NR 455R and HCE 430R	NR 452R and NR 466R
Semester 3	NR 478R and NR 480R	NR 485R
Standard Progression (20 months @ 1 course in the major per term)		
January, May, or September	1st 8-week term	2nd 8-week term
Year 1	NR 444R, NR 448R, HCE 430R	NR 452R, NR 455R, NR 460R
Year 2	NR 466R, NR 480R	NR 478R, NR 485R

Course Descriptions

<p>NR 444R Professional Role Development (3 SH) Examines themes including the Jesuit mission, service learning, personal and professional values, roles and issues in contemporary professional nursing, standards of practice, and academic tools that foster success in the nursing program.</p>	<p>NR 466R Community Health Nursing (3 SH) Provides overview on population-based nursing. Explores principles relevant to community health nursing including public health, epidemiology, and environmental health. Addresses the impact of health care policies on social justice and health care disparities.</p>
<p>NR 448R Updates in Illness and Disease Management (3 SH) Focuses on pathophysiology and updates in medical management and nursing care of selected acute and chronic illnesses. Social, cultural, and environmental influences on health and illness are explored. Features current research and the use of cutting-edge and web-based health care resources.</p>	<p>NR 478R Community Health Nursing Practicum (3 SH) Fosters integration of community health theory into clinical practice while students complete 45 hours of practicum in a community-based setting. With faculty guidance, students select experiences that provide the opportunity to develop a community assessment and program plan. Service learning activities focus on community and social justice.</p>
<p>NR 452R Contemporary Topics in Health Care (3 SH) Explores professional nursing roles within contemporary health care topic areas, including informatics, human diversity and cultural competence, gerontology, vulnerable populations, violence, social justice, and global health. Students engage in service learning and reflection.</p>	<p>NR 480R The Nurse Leader-Manager (3 SH) Expands knowledge of leadership and management principles applied to health care, the changing health care system, health outcomes, professional issues, political action, and career development. Explores ethical, legal, and policy issues related to nursing practice.</p>
<p>NR 455R Health Promotion Concepts (3 SH) Focuses on health promotion and health teaching for healthy lifestyles in a diverse and multicultural society. Concepts of culture, spirituality, aging, chronicity, advocacy, and client anatomy are explored. The nursing process is applied to health promotion, disease prevention, and wellness through health teaching interventions.</p>	<p>NR 485R Leadership in Nursing Capstone (3 SH) This leadership capstone course is designed to provide the students opportunities to integrate leadership and management principles into professional practice as they reflect on RN-BSN Completion Program learning. Includes faculty directed assignments and projects as indirect practice activities to achieve course and program outcomes.</p>
<p>NR 460R Evidence-Based Practice in Nursing (3 SH) Focuses on analysis and research by the professional nurse. Analyzes research processes and other tools fundamental to evidence-based nursing practice and stresses the importance of both qualitative and quantitative methods to the evolving art and science of nursing. Prerequisite: NR 444.</p>	<p>HCE 430R Applied Ethics in Health Care (3 SH) Examines ethical dilemmas in health care and the decision-making process involved in clinical, professional, and organizational ethics. Explores philosophical and faith-based foundations, including Catholic moral tradition, sociocultural influences, professional codes, and organizational and personal ethical norms.</p>

SH = Semester Hours

ACE® Transcript Services

For the benefit of our learners, The College Network® participates in the American Council on Education's (ACE) Transcript Service. The ACE Transcript Service offers a lifelong record for students who have successfully completed our courses that have been reviewed by ACE CREDIT. This service enables adult learners to present a nationally recognized transcript to the college or university of their choice for the potential award of academic credit. For more information, visit the ACE CREDIT Transcript Service web site at www.acenet.edu/credit/transcripts.

For more than 30 years, colleges and universities have trusted ACE CREDIT to provide reliable course equivalency information to facilitate their decisions to award academic credit. For more information, visit the ACE CREDIT web site at www.acenet.edu/credit.

Admissions Criteria

Once your application is complete, Regis University evaluates your entire application to arrive at an admission decision.

1. Complete an application to the program and pay the application fee. Customers of The College Network may waive the application fee by contacting Regis University to obtain an application fee waiver code.
2. Be presently licensed as a registered nurse and be in good standing with the board of nursing in the state in which you will complete your practicum.
3. Have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. (Note: Prospective students with lower GPAs will be considered on an individual basis by the Department of Nursing.)
4. Fill out transcript request forms (provided by The College Network). The College Network will send for your transcripts from all colleges and universities attended and will forward them to the Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions Office of Admissions, RN to BSN Completion option.
5. Submit two completed recommendation forms. One professional recommendation is required from a current supervisor; the second can be either academic or professional.
6. Online RN to BSN students must meet basic hardware and software requirements and have some experience using the Internet.

All admission materials and supporting documentation must be sent to Regis University at the following address:

Rueckert-Hartman College for Health Professions
RN-BSN Completion Option
Mail Code G-9
3333 Regis Boulevard
Denver, Colorado 80221-1099

For questions regarding the admissions process, call The College Network toll free at 1-877-256-5327 to speak with your representative.

