RN to BSN Program FAQs

Thank you for your interest in the RN to BSN program at Delaware Tech! The RN to BSN program is an open admission, online program with 100% of RN to BSN nursing classes offered in the online format. There is flexibility to take general education courses online or in the classroom. If you are interested in pursuing your RN to BSN at Delaware Tech, here is what you need to know!

First things first!
➢ Are you a licensed RN in the United States?
➢ Do you have a clear background check?
➢ Did you graduate from your nursing program with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5?

If you answered yes to all of the above, you are eligible to apply to the RN to BSN program. Click the questions below to find out more about the RN to BSN program.

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Who is eligible for the RN to BSN program?
The eligibility criteria include an active, unencumbered RN license, a clear background check, and a minimum GPA of 2.5 at time of nursing program graduation.

Students who do not have a GPA of 2.5 at the time of graduation will enter the non-matriculated (NASNADBOS) designation. Students in this category must complete the seven BSN general education courses and achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the 7 courses to be considered for admission into the program. Grades of transferred courses will be included in the calculation.

Do I need to have an associate degree?
No, an associate degree is not required. Students completing nursing diploma programs may apply to the RN to BSN program, provided they meet the eligibility criteria listed above.
What is the program structure?
This flexible program is designed to fit the work/life demands of students. Students can attend full-time (12 or more credits) or part-time (less than 12 credits).

General education courses can be completed online or in the classroom and are offered in either 7-week or 15-week formats. RN to BSN nursing courses are offered online. There are two practicum courses, each requiring 45 hours of experiential learning. The two nursing practicum courses require a full semester to complete; the other seven courses are offered in the 7-week sessions.

Full-time students may complete the program in four semesters. Some students require less time depending on previous course work towards the BSN degree. Attending part-time is also an option and program length will depend on the number of credits taken each semester.

What is the application process?
1. **Apply to the College:**
   - *For new students or returning Delaware Tech students who have not taken classes for 2+ years:*
     If you are new to the College or a previous Delaware Tech student who has not taken classes for 2 or more years, you will need to complete an application for admission to the College. You may apply to the college using the online application or in-person at any one of the four campuses. At the time of admission, students may be required to submit proof of Delaware residency. For further assistance contact Admissions.

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   - *For current Delaware Tech students:*
     For RNs who have taken classes at Delaware Tech in the past two years, you can visit an Academic Advising Center to discuss your interest in the program but are not required to reapply to the College. Nursing students who have graduated from the associate degree of nursing (ADN) program will need to have their major status updated while pursuing acceptance into the RN to BSN program.

   2. **Submit transcripts**
     If you have attended another college, submit official college transcripts not already on file to Admissions. Contact your previous Institution(s) to have your transcripts sent directly to a Delaware Tech Admissions Office.

   3. **Complete the RN to BSN program application:**
     All interested students must apply to the RN to BSN program. This process is separate from admission to the College. Program admission is ongoing. The program application can be accessed online at [http://go.dtcc.edu/RNtoBSNapply](http://go.dtcc.edu/RNtoBSNapply), or via the link on the RN to BSN program webpage.

   *Is there an application fee for the RN to BSN program application?*
   No, currently there is no application fee for the RN to BSN program.
**When do I apply to the RN to BSN program?**
RN to BSN program applications are available online without application deadlines. Applications are typically processed within 2 weeks of submission with acceptance via the College email if all eligibility requirements are met. Visit the [RN to BSN application site](#) for program application.

**Can I apply to the program before I have completed eligibility requirements?**
No. All eligibility requirements must be completed by the application deadline. For example, an active unencumbered nursing license is required to apply. Students should not submit the program application until all requirements are complete.

**How much will this program cost?**
Tuition and fees for the RN to BSN program are the same as the rates for other credit courses at the College. Please see the [Tuition & Fees](#) page for in-state and out-of-state rates.

Students waiting to be accepted into the program are considered non-award seeking or non-matriculated students. Financial aid is not available for students waiting to be accepted into the RN to BSN program.

Students accepted into the RN to BSN program may apply for financial aid. Students are not required to take course work before being accepted into the program and can take all courses after acceptance.

Veterans, service members, and dependents may be eligible for VA benefits and should contact a [Veterans and Service Members Counselor](#) after applying.

**What courses are required?**
The baccalaureate degree is achieved with a minimum of 121 credits. Students entering the program generally have 70 credits from their pre-licensure course work that count towards the total credits needed. An additional 51 credits of RN to BSN course work is needed to complete the remainder of required credits. Of the 51 credits, 30 are from nursing courses and 21 from general education courses.

General education courses can be taken before students are accepted into the program and are available in online, hybrid, or classroom formats. It is recommended that students who are taking these courses before admission to the program see an academic counselor before registering. Use the [Class Schedule Search Tool](#) to search Delaware Tech courses and see course descriptions and pre-requisites.

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<td>PSY 121 General Psychology</td>
<td>NUR 310 Global Health</td>
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<td>SOC 213 Ethical Issues in Health Care</td>
<td>NUR 320 Health Assessment</td>
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<td>BIO 130 Disease Proc/Pathophysiology</td>
<td>NUR 330 Population and Community Health</td>
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<td>HIS 210 World History II</td>
<td>NUR 340 Nursing Research</td>
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<td>MAT 255 Statistics I</td>
<td>NUR 400 Nursing Leadership</td>
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<td>SOC 103 Sustainability and Society</td>
<td>NUR 410 Nursing Informatics</td>
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<td>Elective (choose one course from the following list)</td>
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<td>ASL 101 American Sign Language I</td>
<td>NUR 460 Nursing Capstone</td>
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**Are courses offered every semester?**

General education courses are offered in fall, spring, and summer semesters. All nursing courses, except NUR 460, are also offered during fall, spring and summer semesters. NUR 460 is offered during fall and spring semesters.

**Do I have to take the courses in a certain order?**

NUR 300 must be successfully completed before taking any other nursing courses. At the time of registration for NUR 460, all nursing courses, with the exception of NUR 420, must be completed. NUR 420 may be taken concurrently with NUR 460 in the first session of that semester. Some nursing courses have additional prerequisites. If you have completed the prerequisites, the nursing courses between NUR 300 and NUR 460 may be taken in any order.

General education courses may be taken in any order as long as any prerequisites for the courses are met. To view course descriptions and prerequisites, use the Class Schedule Search Tool in the Student Information System.

**Will there be clinical hours?**

The RN to BSN program includes two courses (NUR 330 and NUR 460) with practicum hours. Students arrange their experiences with a qualified preceptor and must complete 45 hours of practicum in each course. NUR 330 focuses on population and community health and NUR 460 focuses on nursing leadership experiences.
What should I know about online education?
Online courses require that 100% of class meetings and coursework occur online. Online courses are a learning option for independent, self-motivated students. They are of the same quality and rigor as on-campus courses. They are most appropriate if you are self-directed and have at least moderate computer skills.

Students do not need to come to campus for online courses. However, synchronous learning (meeting online at the same time as the instructor) may be included in a Delaware Tech course. Meeting times are determined by individual instructors.

Students enrolled in online courses will need to meet the minimum student technology requirements. Click here for technology requirements including the minimum requirements for the learning management system.

Online students may use Delaware Tech student support services, including campus libraries, tutoring, Writing and Math Centers, and Open Computer Labs.

Can I transfer courses to Delaware Tech?
Yes, courses may be transferred based on a review of transcripts submitted by the student. Students may access the Transfer Course Equivalencies information for data on individual courses that the student wishes to transfer. There is no limit on the number of general education credits that may be transferred. However, students must complete seven of the nine required nursing courses at Delaware Tech. NUR 300, NUR 330 and NUR 460 must be completed at Delaware Tech.

How many students will be admitted?
There is not a limit on the number of students admitted to the program.

Is there a wait list?
There is no waiting list. Students can apply and be accepted into the program once eligibility is met.

Is the program accredited?
Yes. In July 2016, Delaware Tech received accreditation from the Middle States Commission on Higher Education to offer the RN to BSN program.

The baccalaureate nursing program at Delaware Technical Community College is an online collegewide program with the main campus located in Dover, Delaware is accredited by the: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400 Atlanta, GA 30326 (404) 975-5000

http://www.acenursing.org

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the baccalaureate nursing program is Initial Accreditation.

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**After earning my BSN, can I go on to earn my MSN?**
Yes. The RN to BSN program prepares graduates to pursue their MSN at other institutions. Please check with your preferred graduate program for any specific requirements.

**If I still have program questions, where can I get more information on the program?**
Visit a campus Academic Advising Center, contact an RN to BSN program coordinator, or see the RN to BSN website (https://go.dtcc.edu/rntobsn) for more info.