RN to BSN Program FAQs

Thank you for your interest in the RN to BSN program! If you are a registered nurse interested in pursuing your degree online, please see this overview of the program or visit go.dtcc.edu/RNtoBSN.

Am I eligible to apply to the program?
Registered nurses (RNs) with an unencumbered license and a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 at time of nursing graduation are eligible to apply.

What if I don’t meet the GPA requirement?
Students who do not have a GPA of 2.5 at the time of nursing graduation may apply, then complete the general education courses required for the RN to BSN program and achieve a minimum GPA of 2.5 in the courses to be eligible for admission.

Do I need to have an associate degree?
No, students completing nursing diploma programs may apply to the RN to BSN program, provided they meet the eligibility criteria.

What is the program structure?
The program is designed to be completed over four semesters, or students may attend part time (less than 12 credits). All nursing courses are offered in the online format, and general education courses are offered online or on campus. The program includes two courses with in-person practicum hours.

Students accepted into the program may enroll in general education courses and in NUR 300 RN to BSN Transition. Students waiting to be accepted into the program can take general education courses, but it is recommended that students meet with the RN to BSN academic counselor before registering.

How do I apply?
New students or returning students who have not taken classes for 2+ years

1. Submit a Delaware Tech application at www.dtcc.edu/apply.
2. Submit official college transcripts, not already on file, to Admissions.
3. Apply to the RN to BSN online program at go.dtcc.edu/RNtoBSNapply using MyDTCC login. (This is a separate application from the College application in Step 1.)

Current Delaware Tech students

1. Apply to the RN to BSN online program at go.dtcc.edu/RNtoBSNapply using MyDTCC login.
2. Graduates of the College’s associate degree of nursing (ADN) program will be required to change majors before registering for courses in the RN to BSN program.

Are transfer credits accepted?
Transcripts for potential transfer of nursing credits and general education courses will be evaluated on an individual basis, but there is no limit on the number of general education credits which may be transferred into the program. At least 75% of the required nursing courses must be completed at the College including NUR 300, 330, and 460.
How many students are admitted?
The program, originally a competitive admission program, is now open admission. There is no limit or waiting list. Students can apply and be accepted into the program once eligibility is met.

How much does the program cost?
The program does not have an application fee, and tuition and fees for the RN to BSN program are the same as the rates for other credit courses at the College.

Students accepted into the program may apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and for scholarships at go.dtcc.edu/scholarship. Financial aid is not available for students waiting to be accepted into the program. Students are not required to take coursework 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 to the College.

Are courses offered every semester?
Yes, most nursing and general education courses are offered during fall, spring, and summer semesters.

What type of courses will I be taking?
The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree requires 120 credits. The College Catalog outlines the path for achieving the required credits for graduation.

❖ 30 credits of 300-400 level nursing courses
❖ 25 credits of general education credits
❖ Upon verification of RN licensure and acceptance into the RN to BSN program, students may receive up to 65 credit hours of advanced credit for pre-licensure education. Students may be eligible for additional credits based on a transcript review.

Do I have to take the courses in a specific order?
NUR 300 must be completed before taking any other nursing course. All nursing courses except NUR 420 must be completed before taking NUR 460. NUR 420 may be taken concurrently with NUR 460 in the first part of term of the semester. Some nursing courses have additional prerequisites, but after completing prerequisites, the nursing courses may be taken in any order. General education courses can be taken in any order once any prerequisites are met.

What should I know about online education?
Online courses are a learning option for independent, self-motivated students. They are of the same quality and rigor as on-campus courses, but students do not need to come to campus to meet in the classroom. Students enrolled in online courses will need to meet minimum technology requirements. Online students may use student support services, including campus libraries, tutoring, writing and math centers, and open computer labs.

Is the program accredited?
Yes, the program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

After earning my BSN, can I then apply to earn my MSN?
Yes, the RN to BSN program prepares graduates to pursue their MSN at other institutions.

Questions?
Visit go.dtcc.edu/RNtoBSN or contact the RN to BSN academic counselor. Appointments can be made with the RN to BSN academic counselor via https://calendly.com/rn-bsn-advising/rn-bsn-advising.