

# RN to BSN FAQs

Thank you for your interest in Delaware Tech's RN to BSN program! The RN to BSN program is a competitive admissions program accepting students twice a year. The program is an online program with 100% of RN to BSN nursing classes offered in the online format with 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's what you need to know!

## First things first!

- **Are you a licensed RN?**
- **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, you are eligible to apply to the RN to BSN program. Click the questions below to find out more about Delaware's Tech 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.

## 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 meet the scheduling needs of students and their employers. 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 only offered online. The two nursing practicum courses are offered in the 15-week format; the other seven courses are offered in the 7-week format.

Attending full-time, the program can be completed in four semesters with the option to accelerate the program for completion in three semesters. Attending part-time is also an option and program length will depend on number of credits taken each semester.

## What is the application process?

### **For new students or Delaware Tech students who haven't taken classes for 2+ years:**

If you are new to the College or a previous Delaware Tech student, but haven't taken classes for 2 or more years, you will need to apply to Delaware Tech by filling out a new application online for admission at least six weeks prior to program application deadline. Please call [Admissions](#) for assistance in determining whether a readmit to the college is needed. You can apply to the college using the [online application](#) or [in-person](#) at any one of the four campuses. Students will need to follow any additional enrollment steps determined by Admissions, such as providing proof of Delaware residency.

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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, and prior to course registration.

***Submit transcripts***

If you have attended another college, submit official college transcripts not already on file to [Admissions](#) six weeks prior to program application deadline. Contact your previous Institution(s) to have your transcripts sent directly to a Delaware Tech Admissions Office.

***Submit RN to BSN program application***

Then, all interested students need to apply to the RN to BSN program. This process is separate from admission to the college and program admission happens twice a year. The program application can be accessed online at <http://go.dtcc.edu/RNtoBSNapply>, or via the link on the RN to BSN program webpage. You'll also need to submit a copy of your RN license to Admissions.

***Is there an application fee for the RN to BSN program application?***

No. There is no application fee for the RN to BSN application or to apply to Delaware Tech.

***When do I apply to the RN to BSN program?***

RN to BSN program applications for spring semester start are due **October 1**. Program applications for fall semester start are due **June 1**. Visit the [RN to BSN application site](#) for program application availability.

For students needing to readmit or apply to Delaware Tech, the application for admission to the college should be completed at least six weeks prior to program application deadline. College transcripts not already on file at [Admissions](#) must be received at least six weeks prior to program application deadline.

***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 College's rates for other credit courses. 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. Therefore, financial aid is not available for students waiting to be accepted to 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 to the program and can take all courses after acceptance.

Veterans, Service Members, and Dependents: After applying to Delaware Tech, please contact the [Veterans and Service Members Counselor](#) on your campus for VA benefit eligibility.

***What courses are required?***

There are 51 credits in the RN to BSN program (30 nursing credits and 21 general education credits). A student must complete a minimum of 121 credits total.

General education courses can be taken before students are accepted to the program and are available online or in the classroom. It is recommended that students see an academic advisor before registering for general education courses. Use the [Class Schedule Search Tool](#) to search Delaware Tech courses and see course descriptions and prerequisites.

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Table 1: Required Courses for the RN to BSN Program

| Required General Education Courses                   |  |
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| ENG 122 Technical Writing & Communication            | MAT 255 Statistics I                   |
| PSY 121 General Psychology                           | BIO 130 Disease Proc/Pathophysiology   |
| SOC 213 Ethical Issues in Health Care                | HIS 210 World History II               |
| Elective (choose one course from the following list) |  |
| ASL 101 American Sign Language I                     | SOC 104 Human Geography                |
| CLT 110 Cross-Cultural Immersion                     | SPA 133 Using Beginning Spanish        |
| NUR 111 Cultural Competency & Health                 | SPA 135 Spanish for Healthcare Workers |
| SOC 103 Sustainability and Society                   | SPA 136 Spanish Communication I        |

| After being admitted to the RN to BSN program, students will take nine nursing courses. |                             |
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| NUR 300 RN to BSN Transition  | NUR 400 Nursing Leadership  |
| NUR 310 Global Health   | NUR 410 Nursing Informatics |
| NUR 320 Health Assessment   | NUR 420 Nursing Policy      |
| NUR 330 Population and Community Health   | NUR 460 Nursing Capstone    |
| NUR 340 Nursing Research  |                             |

***Are courses offered every semester?***

General education courses are offered every semester, but in varying formats. At this time, nursing courses are primarily offered fall and spring semesters. There are select nursing courses offered in the summer semester.

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

Some courses have prerequisites. Use the [Class Schedule Search Tool](#) to search Delaware Tech courses and see course descriptions and pre-requisites. If you have completed the prerequisites for a course, you may take the courses in order you like.

***Will there be clinical hours?***

Similar to a clinical experience, the RN to BSN will have practicum hours supervised by preceptors. The practicum portion, contained within NUR 330 and NUR 460, has a focus on population and community health and nursing leadership experiences, with 45 hours in each course for a total of 90 hours.

***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?***

Candidates for the RN to BSN program must complete a minimum of 75% of the 300- and 400-level nursing courses at Delaware Tech meaning 7 of these 9 courses must be completed at Delaware Tech. NUR 300, 330, and 460 must be completed at Delaware Tech. There is no limit on the number of general education credits that may be transferred in. [Click here to return to FAQ menu](#)

See how general education courses transfer to Delaware Tech using the [Transfer Course Equivalencies tool](#). Upper-level nursing courses taken at another institution will be reviewed once official transcripts have been submitted to Delaware Tech.

Official college transcripts not already on file at [Admissions](#) must be received at least six weeks prior to program application deadline.

### How are students selected for program admission?

This is a competitive admissions program, similar to Delaware Tech's high-demand associate degree health programs, and demand is expected to exceed the 60 seats available. Three criteria are used in the ranking of eligible students who apply to the RN to BSN program.

Table 2: Ranking Criteria for RN to BSN Program

| Criteria  | Points              |
|---|---------------------|
| Cumulative GPA at time of nursing graduation (multiplied by 10)     | 25-40 points        |
| Delaware Tech Associate Degree Graduate (any program, awarded once) | 8 points            |
| <a href="#">Delaware Residency</a>                                  | 2 points            |
| <b>Total</b>  | <b>25-50 points</b> |

In accordance with the implementation of the Veterans' Priority Provisions of the "Jobs for Veterans Act" (PL 107-288), qualified veterans and eligible spouses will receive [priority of service status](#) for acceptance into the RN to BSN program.

### How many students will be admitted?

Sixty students are admitted to the program twice a year for a total of 120 students.

### Is there a wait list?

There is no waiting list. Students still interested in the RN to BSN program at Delaware Tech need to complete the application process again.

### Is the program accredited?

Yes. July 2016, Delaware Tech received accreditation from the [Middle States Commission on Higher Education](#) to offer the RN to BSN program.

The Delaware Tech RN to BSN Program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

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### After earning my BSN, can I go on to earn my MSN?

Yes. Delaware Tech's 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.

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