

# RN-BSN Program

## BSN Degree Completion Program for RNs



The Wittenberg RN-BSN program is for individuals who are licensed registered nurses. The BSN degree completion program enables an RN with an associate degree to complete the nursing major and earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Wittenberg. Flexible learning options can help you maintain your current career while you earn your degree.

### **A Solid Foundation for the Future**

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the market for nurses will remain strong over the next decade due to the aging American population and the increase in the number of individuals insured under the Affordable Care Act.

As patient needs and the health care system become more complex, the demand for nurses with additional training in leadership, management and administration is expected to grow. In 2011, the Institute of Medicine called for nurses to achieve higher levels of education to meet these demands.

Wittenberg's BSN program can provide you with the skills you need to advance your nursing career into leadership and to pursue graduate education in nursing.

### **Program Advantages**

Approved by the Ohio Department of Higher Education and the Higher Learning Commission, Wittenberg's nursing program offers small, dynamic classes; personalized advising from enrollment to graduation; and full access to academic support services, the library and the Career Services Office.

### **Admission**

Adult students are admitted to the university through Wittenberg's School of Graduate & Professional Studies. To apply for admission, complete the Adult Application for Admission at [www.wittenberg.edu/academics/gps/apply](http://www.wittenberg.edu/academics/gps/apply). Request your official transcripts from other universities using the Transcript Request Form. Send official high school and college transcripts (printed record of your completed courses and grades) to:

Wittenberg University  
Attn: Graduate & Professional Studies  
PO Box 720  
Springfield, OH 45501-0720

### **Individual Program of Study**

Your nursing academic advisor will determine the courses you have completed and the ones that you need. Most nurses with an associate degree need liberal arts courses (arts, history, religion, foreign language and so on) and 24 credits of RN-BSN courses. The total length of time to complete your BSN depends upon how many courses you need and how many courses you take each term.

**For More Information Visit:** [www.wittenberg.edu/nursing](http://www.wittenberg.edu/nursing) **Call:** 937-327-7375 **Email:** [nursing@wittenberg.edu](mailto:nursing@wittenberg.edu)

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## Program Requirements

You must be a licensed registered nurse by your second semester of study at Wittenberg. The RN-BSN Program requires completion of 126 total credit hours, Wittenberg general education requirements, and 30 hours of community service. At least 32 credits must be completed at Wittenberg.

## Hybrid Classes

Nursing courses are offered in a part-time, hybrid format (“@Witt@Home”) in which most class sessions alternate meeting in class and online. Nursing courses are usually Tuesdays and Thursdays.

## Phi Theta Kappa

Phi Theta Kappa honor society members receive a 50% tuition discount.

## Nursing Major Courses

Completing the nursing major at Wittenberg requires 24 semester credits in nursing courses:

- NURS 300: Foundations & Contemporary Issues (2 credits)
- NURS 301: Cultural Competence in Health Care (2 credits)
- NURS 400: Health Assessment (4 credits)
- NURS 401: Leadership & Management (4 credits)
- NURS 402: Practicum in Leadership & Management (2 credits)
- NURS 403: Research & Evidence-Based Nursing (4 credits)
- NURS 404: Concepts in Community Health Nursing (4 credits)
- NURS 405: Nursing Informatics (2 credits)

You may begin your studies with any course except NURS 402. The curriculum design facilitates completing one course at a time and two courses per semester.

## General Education Courses

Wittenberg students are required to complete general education courses. Many can be transferred from a community college.

\*English 101

Quantitative Mathematics (4 credits)

Foreign Language (4 credits plus a prerequisite course)

\*Natural World (8 credits in two science departments)

\*Social Institutions (8 credits)

Fine, Performing, and Literary Arts (8 credits)

Religious and Philosophical Inquiry (4 credits)

Western History (4 credits)

Non-Western Cultures (4 credits)

Community Service (30 hours)

\*\* 6 writing intensive courses

*\*Many associate degree nursing programs provide transferrable credits for these. A 3-credit community college course fulfills the general education requirements of a 4-credit Wittenberg course.*

*\*\*One writing intensive is waived for each 16 transfer credits, up to a max of 2 waived.*

You will build a strong foundation of skills in writing, research, foreign language, mathematical reasoning, speaking and computing, all of which are essential to professional nursing.

## Tuition Deferral

RN-BSN Program students who receive employer education benefits or VA benefits may elect to defer tuition payments until the third Friday after the semester ends. This means that students are permitted to take a course, receive the grade, submit it to the employer for reimbursement, and then pay tuition three weeks after the course ends, resulting in less money out of pocket. A new form must be submitted to GPS each semester.

## Additional Information

If you have questions or would like to schedule a campus visit, contact Director of Nursing Marie Bashaw, DNP, RN, NEA-BC, at 937.327.7375 or [nursing@wittenberg.edu](mailto:nursing@wittenberg.edu).

