

# Frequently Asked Questions

## **RN-BS TRACK**

### **WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS TO GET IN?**

**- IS THERE A MINIMUM GPA REQUIREMENT?**

*You must have a 2.5 cumulative GPA to be accepted into the nursing program.*

**- DO YOU HAVE TO HAVE AN AA DEGREE OR CAN YOU COME IN WITH AN AS DEGREE?**

*You must have an RN license. Your general education (AA, or Minnesota Transfer Curriculum) can be completed while in the nursing program at Bemidji State University or your local community college.*

**- ARE THERE ANY PRE-REQUISITES?**

*There are no pre-requisite classes. You must have an RN license. That is all.*

**- HOW DO I KNOW WHICH COURSES WILL TRANSFER?**

*Visit <https://www.transferology.com/> or go to the BSU nursing website under Apply, and then click on the link under “evaluate your transfer credit.”*

**- DO I HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL I PASS MY BOARDS TO APPLY?**

*You can be provisionally accepted before passing the boards; however, your license number must be submitted by July 15 in order to begin the program in the fall.*

### **IS THIS AN ONLINE PROGRAM?**

*The BSU Nursing Program is designed in block times and a blended format (combination of on campus & online) to accommodate busy nurses who have jobs and families and who may commute long distances:*

- *Students attend classes on campus (Bemidji, Duluth, East Grand Forks, White Bear Lake, Coon Rapids or Cambridge) three times during each semester with the other weeks online.*
- *Full-time and part-time options are available.*
- *Community practicums are arranged in a variety of sites as close to the student's home as possible.*

### **HOW LONG IS THE PROGRAM AND HOW MANY CREDITS WOULD I NEED TO COMPLETE?**

*The program is 3 semesters long for full-time students, 5 semesters for part-time students. This includes 36 nursing credits plus 4 elective, upper-division credits (3000 or 4000 level). If general education courses are needed, it may take longer to complete the degree.*

### **I WAS TOLD THAT THE NURSING PROGRAM REQUIRES 36 CREDITS, BUT I NEED 40 CREDITS AT THE 3000 AND 4000 LEVEL. WHY? AND WHAT CLASSES DO YOU RECOMMEND I TAKE?**

*The university requires 40 upper division credits for you to earn a baccalaureate degree.*

*Some recommended 3000 and 4000 level courses that are normally offered online include:*

NRSG	3920	Electives	1-3 cr
NRSG	4400	Intro to Camp Nursing	3 cr
STAT	3660	Stats for Health Sciences	3 cr
PSY	3210	Death And Culture	3 cr
PSY	3367	Social Psychology	3 cr
HLTH	3400	Health & Drugs In Society	2 cr
SOC	3300	Family & Society	3 cr

**ARE THERE PRACTICUMS? *Yes***

- **How many hours?** *30 hours*
- **Does the student have to contact the facility?** *No – this is a community health experience.*
- **Where can students go for their practicums?** *We work hard to have experiences in your home community.*

**WILL I BE ELIGIBLE TO GET A PHN CERTIFICATE AFTER COMPLETING THE PROGRAM? *Yes***

**HOW DO I APPLY?**

**Admission to BSU**

*Application to Bemidji State University can be made at any time. Students must be admitted to Bemidji State University through the Center for Extended Learning prior to applying for admission to the nursing major.*

**Application to Nursing Major**

*Admission to the nursing major is a separate process from admission to Bemidji State University. Acceptance is on a first-come, first-served basis. The program has a fall semester start only. Once the program is full, applicants are placed on campus-specific waiting lists. The application window opens on January 1.*

**Admission Requirements - Applicants Must:**

- *Be a graduate of a state-approved associate degree or diploma nursing program.*
- *Be licensed to practice as a registered nurse or be a graduate with license pending.*
- *Be formally admitted to Bemidji State University.*
- *Complete a Department of Nursing Application.*
- *Submit a current RN license number by July 15.*
- *Have a cumulative GPA of 2.5.*
- *Have access to Internet and e-mail.*

**Transfer Credits**

*The Admission's Office will analyze your transcripts once you have been admitted to BSU. Credits previously taken at Bemidji State University will not be included in the transfer evaluation.*

**Admission Status**

- *Applicants who meet all admission requirements will be admitted with regular status.*
- *Applicants who are in the process of completing their final semester in their nursing program, or are awaiting licensure results, may be admitted with provisional status. Should a final transcript or licensure status indicate the applicant has not met the admission requirements, provisional status will be withdrawn. The applicant will not be considered as admitted to the program and will not be permitted to continue with enrollment in nursing courses. Enrollment in courses outside of the nursing major, however, may proceed.*

**Admissions Notification**

- *The Office of Admissions will notify applicants of their admission to BSU.*
- *The Center for Extended Learning will notify applicants of their admission status to the baccalaureate nursing major.*
- *Individuals admitted to the nursing program are required to register for fall classes by August 1. Seats in the nursing classes will not be held for admitted students after that date and will be given to others on the waitlist.*
- *Individuals admitted to the nursing program are required to complete an on-line orientation course and are encouraged to attend on-campus orientation provided by the Department of Nursing, usually scheduled on the first day of classes.*