

# RN-BSN, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BS)

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## Program Description

Utah Tech University's online RN-BSN program offers nurses the opportunity to earn a bachelor's degree while still practicing in the field of nursing. The program features the high-quality education that is synonymous with Utah Tech while offering students flexibility. The program teaches the relevant and timely information necessary for nurses to be successful in today's healthcare industry.

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## Professional Licensure/Certification (PLC) Requirements

The curriculum for programs at Utah Tech University leading to professional licensure are designed to prepare students for Utah licensure and certification requirements. Admission into programs for professions requiring licensure and certification does not guarantee that students will obtain a license or certificate. Licensure and certification requirements are set by agencies that are not controlled by or affiliated with the University, and licensure and certification requirements can change at any time.

Licensure boards in each state establish requirements for licensure and certification for their respective state. States vary by which professions are required to be licensed and how licensure functions, and such requirements may change at any time. The terms related to licensure and certification, among others, also vary by state as well.

Students and prospective students are strongly encouraged to contact the state licensure entity in the state where they intend to work to review all licensure and certification requirements imposed by the student's state(s) of choice. The University cannot provide verification of a student's ability to meet licensure or certification requirements unrelated to its educational programming. Some states require individuals to complete additional requirements that are unrelated to educational prerequisites. For more information, visit the State Authorization and Professional Licensure (<https://academics.utahtech.edu/state-authorization/>) web page and select the program, or speak to the director of the program.

Utah Tech University shall not be held liable if a student is unable to qualify for licensure or certification in any jurisdiction.

This disclosure is made pursuant to 34 CFR §668.43(a)(5)(v)(C).

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## Accreditation

The Utah Board of Nursing (BON) has approved Utah Tech's Nursing Programs as required. The Nursing Programs are fully accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

### ACEN

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## Admission Requirements

**Requirements for admission to the RN-BSN Program:** Graduation from an accredited associate degree registered nurse program, completion of all nursing courses with a minimum of "C" grade, and cumulative GPA of 2.7 in those courses. New RN graduates may be admitted but RN licensure must be obtained before beginning the second semester coursework. Refer to RN-BSN Nursing Program (<https://online.utahtech.edu/programs/rn-bsn/>) for additional admission requirements and application information.

A previously earned degree may complete some or all of Utah Tech's General Education requirements. Utah Tech's General Education requirements must be fulfilled prior to BSN degree completion.

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## Program Curriculum

### 120 credits

#### Utah Tech General Education Requirements

All Utah Tech General Education requirements must be fulfilled. A previously earned degree may fulfill those requirements, but courses must be equivalent to Utah Tech's minimum General Education standards in American Institutions, English, and Mathematics.

General Education Core Requirements (<https://catalog.utahtech.edu/programs/generaleducation/#gerequirementstext>)

Code	Title	Hours
English		3-7
Mathematics		3-5
American Institutions		3-6
Life Sciences		3-10
Physical Sciences		3-5
Fine Arts		3
Literature/Humanities		3
Social & Behavioral Sciences		3
Exploration		3-5

\*NOTE: Students who have completed BIOL 2320, BIOL 2325, BIOL 2420, and BIOL 2425 can fulfill GE Life Science and GE Laboratory Science by taking BIOL 1300 Evolution & Ecology (1 hour)

#### Course Prerequisite Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
BIOL 4400 or NURS 3900	Pathophysiology Pathophysiology	3

#### RN-BSN Program Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
NURS 3100	Professional Role Transition	3
NURS 4020	Community, Public, and Global Health Nursing	5
NURS 4030	Healthcare Policy and Ethics	3
NURS 4040	Nursing Leadership Management	5
NURS 4600	Professional Nursing Synthesis	6
NURS 3600	Research and Application of Evidence into Practice	3

#### RN - BSN Program Elective Requirements

Code	Title	Hours
Complete courses from the following list to earn a minimum of 40 upper-division credits:		
NURS 3200	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	3
NURS 3300	Transcultural Nursing	3
NURS 3400	Information Management and Technology	3
NURS 3700	Holistic Healthcare of the Older Adult	3

## Graduation Requirements

1. Complete a minimum of 120 college-level credits (1000 and above).
2. Complete at least 40 upper-division credits (3000 and above).
3. Complete at least 30 upper-division credits at Utah Tech for institutional residency.
4. Cumulative GPA 2.0 or higher.
5. Grade C or higher in each Discipline Core Requirement course.

## Graduation Plan

### 3rd Year

	Summer Semester	Hours
	NURS 3100	3
	NURS 3400	3
	NURS 3600	3
	NURS 3700	3
		<b>12</b>

### 4th Year

Fall Semester	Hours Spring Semester	Hours
NURS 3300	3 NURS 4030	3
NURS 4020	5 NURS 4600	6
NURS 4040	5 Upper Division Elective	6
	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>

### Total Hours 40

This schedule assumes completion of all courses required for an Associate Degree in Nursing. This includes prerequisites courses, general education courses, and nursing courses.

## BS Nursing Program Learning Outcomes

At the successful conclusion of this program, students will be able to:

1. Person-Centered Care: Distinguish an individual's diverse history to facilitate holistic quality care.
2. Clinical Judgment: Demonstrate best practice to delivering care.
3. Communication: Plan therapeutic interactions with patients and inter-professional team members.
4. Compassionate Care: Facilitate caring interactions while acknowledging vulnerabilities.
5. Professionalism: Practice a sustainable nursing identity reflecting nursing's characteristics and values.