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***PLEASE NOTE DUE TO RECENT CHANGES BY THE US GOVERNMENT** International Students on a Student Visa and are here in the US on such must be aware that rules have returned to pre-Covid-19 rules and students must be enrolled in 9 hours of face to face course work per semester while a student at Weber State. Due to this students on a student Visa will not be able to complete the RN to BSN program in 2 semesters as the RN to BSN program course work is only available online. Please keep that in mind as one makes plans to progress into the RN to BSN program.

Frequently Asked Questions

The best time to apply for the RN to BSN program at Weber State University is during your (AS/AAS) RN year at the time you are graduating. The following is meant to help answer questions you might have about the program.

1] What can I do now while I am in my Associate Degree (AS) RN program?

WSU School of Nursing has a goal that all WSU RN graduating students will be able to apply and get into the RN to BSN Program.

All graduating RN students (AS/AAS) can apply in their final semester of RN nursing school to progress right into the RN to BSN program. AS (RN) graduates have all of the Core and Breadth already done. AAS (RN) graduates will need to complete any remaining CORE and BREADTH requirements in the RN to BSN program before graduating. For sure AAS (RN) graduates should plan accordingly as it will take 3 or more semesters to graduate from the BSN level as you are also incorporating any remaining Core and Breadth requirements needed to graduate that were not completed during your (RN) program.

Finally, if you have completed all your General Education (Core and Breadth Requirements) and all you have left to complete are the nursing courses and you are looking for something else to add to your schedule that will benefit you towards the completion of the RN to BSN program, then you could take (if you have not already done so) a one 3 credit hour Upper Division Elective course (any course 3000 or 4000 level). At least one 3 credit hour Upper Division Elective is required for the RN to BSN program. These Upper Division hours are not considered a prerequisite for the RN to BSN program but you are welcome to work on at least one of these 3 hour Upper Division Electives ahead of time if you would like to or need to at this point in time. In an effort to help guide your thought process related to Upper Division course selection, there is a document available for review as a guide (See nursing student bulletin board). Remember this list is not a comprehensive list. You can choose any 3000 or 4000 level course. See the Upper Division Course list for further information.

2] How long does the RN to BSN Program take to complete?

In the past few years, the program has been revised so that it can be completed in **2 semesters on a full time schedule**. Students also have the option to complete the program on a part-time basis. The majority of the students today complete the program in the 2 semester format. However please note that it is hard to work full time as an RN and do the 12 and 13 hours respectively for the 2 semester program. **All AAS (RN) graduates should plan on 3 or more semesters to complete the RN to BSN program.**

The RN to BSN program teaches all of the courses in the program – both BSN Core courses and BSN Electives every semester (Spring, Summer and Fall).

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3] How many are admitted to the RN to BSN program?

The plan is to **admit every qualified** (AS) RN graduate from WSU during their final semester of the (AS) RN program.

4] What are the graduation requirements for the BSN program?

120 TOTAL Hours for a BSN: The University requires 120 total hours. If you enter the RN to BSN program with less than 95 total credit hours, you may be required to complete some additional hours during the RN to BSN program to meet your 120 total hours. The University requires 40 hours of Upper Division for a Bachelor of Science Degree. This is how the 40 hours of Upper Division elective credit for current WSU (AS) RN graduates will be accumulated:

40 Hours Upper Division Hours for a BSN:

-25 hours of course work required in the RN to BSN Curriculum

-12 hours are earned through the 2nd year of RN course work you are currently taking.

-3 hour [Upper Division elective](http://weber.edu/wsuiimages/Nursing/CurrentFiles/UpperDivisionRecommendations.pdf) (weber.edu/wsuiimages/Nursing/CurrentFiles/UpperDivisionRecommendations.pdf)

The Upper Division Elective Credit hours can be taken while you are working on your Associate Degree (AS/AAS) RN if you want. This will equal 40 hours of Upper Division once the above is completed.

Core and Breadth/Graduation Requirements:

AS (RN) Degree graduates have this all done.

AAS (RN) must complete this list to graduate if not already completed upon entering the RN to BSN program:

American Institutions
Creative Arts 3 credits

Humanities 3 credits
Diversity Credit

Social Science Elective
Information Literacy

See this site for further details (or do a what if scenario on your CATTRACKS):

[University General Education Requirements](http://catalog.weber.edu/content.php?catoid=21&navoid=7409) (catalog.weber.edu/content.php?catoid=21&navoid=7409)

5] How are graduating RN graduates ranked in the application process for the positions that are available for online or virtual online hybrid?

The program will try to allow all those wanting online to get an online position.

6] What if I do not apply now for the RN to BSN progression opportunity?

Current WSU Associate of Science (AS/AS) RN graduates have a RN to BSN position the semester after they graduate. Former WSU AS/AAS RN graduates and transferring RN=s must compete to get in. You have a position if you graduate this semester successfully with your RN degree (AS or AAS). If you do not progress right after your RN graduating then when you choose to re-apply you will have to compete in that applicant pool (not a guarantee). Those who apply for a Fall 2023 start and secure their position and begin the program fall 2023 are able to leave the state and still be in the program (due to work or whatever other reason). However, if you leave the State of Utah and have a break (a semester or more) in your education then the opportunity to be in the WSU RN to BSN program out of state may not be possible.