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About University of Louisville

The University of Louisville is a state-supported research university located in Kentucky’s largest metropolitan area that offers 170 majors, degrees, certificates and professional development programs.

The University of Louisville’s mission is to be a premier, nationally-recognized metropolitan research university with a commitment to the liberal arts and sciences and to the intellectual, cultural, and economic development of our diverse communities and citizens through the pursuit of excellence.

With a student body exceeding 22,500 and with more than 6,500 faculty members, the University of Louisville paves the way for students of all ages to achieve their academic, professional and personal goals through quality education.

About UofL Online Learning

The University of Louisville understands the challenges of adult professionals who want to earn a college degree. UofL Online Learning connects nontraditional students with flexible online education options to help them achieve their professional and personal goals in a convenient and affordable manner.

UofL Online Learning delivers a wide variety of online courses and in-demand undergraduate, graduate and certificate programs completely online to students in the U.S. and around the world.

About the School of Nursing

The University of Louisville’s School of Nursing is an essential part of the research-intensive academic health science center serving a metropolitan community. UofL’s School of Nursing is where the science of nursing transforms the art of caring.

Health care providers in the 21st century must be prepared to work in a variety of settings. They will need to be proficient in critical thinking, communication, political activism, case management, and the economics of health care. The School of Nursing at UofL strives to transform health care through creation of new knowledge, provision of care, community and professional service, policy development and workforce development.

The faculty is comprised of nationally and internationally recognized experts. These experienced professionals lead the way in providing high quality education for our students and use innovative teaching methods to prepare graduates for the ever-evolving nursing profession.

Accreditation

The University of Louisville is accredited by the Commission on the Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate, bachelor’s, master’s, specialist, doctoral, and first-professional degrees (D.M.D., J.D., M.D.).

The nursing baccalaureate and master’s programs at University of Louisville School of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington DC 20036, 202.887.6791.
A WELCOME FROM THE RN-BSN PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Dear Registered Nurse,

It is my pleasure to send you greetings as you consider the University of Louisville online RN-BSN Program. This is a wonderful step in your career that will bring you many professional and personal rewards.

Our 100% online curriculum is designed to complement the educational and work experiences you bring to us. Our courses will enhance your ability to provide professional nursing care for diverse populations across the lifespan, in a variety of wellness, acute care, community, chronic illness, and other settings.

As an RN-BSN student, you will have the benefits of a small program with resources of a large university. The School of Nursing faculty will know you as individuals and are dedicated to your success from entry to graduation. You will have access to global travel opportunities and membership in Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society for Nursing. At the university level, you will have extensive library, writing, and career advancement resources.

As you read this information packet, you will see why the online learning program at the University of Louisville is an excellent choice for completing your BSN. The innovative resources, combined with the faculty who have been highly trained in online learning, make the University of Louisville a great choice.

Thank you for considering the University of Louisville. We are happy to answer any questions you have and look forward to working with you for your BSN.

Regards,

Mary DeLetter, PhD, RN
Director, RN-BSN Program
Associate Professor
University of Louisville School of Nursing

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RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Online Program Info

The RN-BSN 100% online program is offered by the University of Louisville’s School of Nursing for registered nurses who have an associate degree in nursing (ADN) or a nursing diploma. Students earn their Bachelor of Science in Nursing in a flexible, timely, affordable and convenient manner.

Our unique curriculum is designed for nurses who want to expand their ability to work with diverse global populations, work in a variety of settings, and develop targeted skills leadership and management.

Our expert faculty bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the classroom, ranging from palliative care, smoking cessation, hypertension and women’s health issues, to community and underserved population engagement and research, family caregiving in Alzheimer’s disease and postpartum depression care.

The RN-BSN program of study is five semesters, but 8-week courses and the flexible curriculum allow students to complete the degree at a faster or slower pace, depending on individual situations. All course work is delivered 100% online.

Portfolio

The professional nursing portfolio is a valuable career tool that includes a Curriculum Vitae (CV), a career goals outline, a resume and an evaluation of professional experience. The School of Nursing awards 30 tuition-free credit hours for the completion of the portfolio, which equates to approximately $15,000 in tuition savings. Typically, our BSN students build their portfolio during or prior to the first semester in the online program under the direct supervision and guidance of faculty.

Practicum

While you complete all coursework online, you will also fulfill a practicum experience requirement with a clinical component. This clinical component involves a community health leadership project that can be completed in your hometown, as well as evidence of communication skills and nursing skills (video of head to toe patient assessment). No direct patient care is required for completion of the clinical.

Career Information

The demand for nursing talent is expected to grow 26 percent by 2020 and, according to PayScale.com, RNs with a BSN degree earned more than RNs with an associate degree in nursing (ADN). This trend holds true across various nursing positions, including registered nurse, director of nursing, case manager and clinical nurse manager.

Salary differences may range from $2,000 to $10,000 per year depending on the nursing roles and levels of experience. (degreedirectory.org)

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## RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing – Online Curriculum

### Online RN-BSN Requirements

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*These are only examples of courses that fulfill these requirements. For other options check with the UofL Office of Transfer Services. Courses in these areas may cross count.

Minimum grade of “C” required in Science and English courses. Anatomy & Physiology can be repeated only one time. Recommend completion of sequence at the same institution.

The University and/or the School of Nursing reserves the right to change programs of study academic policies academic requirements fees schedules of courses or the announced academic calendar without prior notice. Students are encouraged to meet with their assigned advisor on a regular basis.

Course titles are a strong indicator of course equivalency. For pre-evaluation of transfer credit, visit our Office of Transfer & Adult Services.
Online RN-BSN Core Courses

- NURS 355 Portfolio*
- NURS 381 Foundations for Evidence-based Professional Nursing
- NURS 382 Nursing Research for Evidence-based Practice
- NURS 383 Case Management for Individuals and Families
- NURS 385 Nursing Leadership and Health Policy
- NURS 387 Pathophysiology and Pharmacotherapeutics for RNs
- NURS 388 Global Health: Disparities and Social Determinants - SBD2
- NURS 470 Community Health Nursing
- NURS 473 Community Leadership Practicum
- NURS 482 Health Promotion for Individuals, Families and Communities
- NURS 488 Leadership Project

*Portfolio - NURS 355 Course – 30 credit hours tuition-free (savings of $14,910)

Sample RN-BSN Program Plan

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* This is not an official plan and should only be used as a guide. Your advisor will work with you to build your actual plan of study customized to your goals and needs.

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Admission

Application Deadlines:
July 1: Fall Admission
December 1: Spring Admission

Admission Requirements

Applicants to the RN-BSN online program must have an unrestricted RN license and a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.5 on all undergraduate work.

To apply for admission:

• Contact the School of Nursing advising office (502.852.5368) to notify them of your desire to complete the online RN-BSN program for an initial discussion of your prior credits

• Submit an undergraduate application and pay the $25 non-refundable application fee

• Submit all official college transcripts from all previous undergraduate (regionally-accredited) college work to the Office of Admissions - sent directly to adtran@louisville.edu by each institution.

Send all admission materials to our Undergraduate Admissions office at the following address:

University of Louisville
Office of Admissions, Dept AO
Louisville, KY 40292
United States of America
Or email to: admitme@louisville.edu

For application instructions, go to https://louisville.edu/admissions/apply

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**Tuition and Financial Aid**

Tuition for the RN-BSN School of Nursing online program is one of the most affordable in the state and in the nation. Tuition for online courses is the same for both in-state and out-of-state students.

### Online Degree Tuition

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<td><strong>Undergraduate online courses</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Reserve Component and Kentucky National Guard</strong></td>
<td>May be eligible for $250 per credit hour tuition assistance rate</td>
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*Active-Duty is defined as on orders for 180 days or more.

Online courses are charged at a different hourly rate than regular courses. Students are charged in full for online courses according to those rates even if taking a full-time course load. Tuition rate does not include costs associated with a specific course or program, such as textbooks. If you’re receiving a tuition scholarship, please check the monetary value to determine whether the cost of online courses is covered.

Note: Tuition and fees are subject to change at any time without prior notice. The summary on this page is intended to provide a quick reference for students. For more information and updates, visit the UofL Bursar’s page.

### Financial Aid

Financial aid is available for all online students who qualify. Here are the steps for first-time financial aid applicants:

1. Assemble your tax and asset information, such as your IRS forms, W2s, 1040s, etc.
2. Go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) to file your FAFSA form (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Be sure to apply for your PIN during the FAFSA filing process. Use the PIN to electronically sign your FAFSA. **UofL FAFSA school code is 001999.**
3. Once your FAFSA if processed by the U.S. Department of Education, you will be sent a Student Aid Report (SAR). If you filed electronically, the SAR will be sent to you via email. If you filed by paper or did not provide an email address, the SAR will be sent to you by mail.
4. Review the SAR for comments and incorrect information. If accurate, keep the SAR for your records. If you find any errors, you can correct this by returning the paper SAR or by making corrections to a processed FAFSA online. If you used estimated tax return information when completing the FAFSA, remember to update your FAFSA with actual tax information by using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool after you file your federal income tax return.

### Scholarships

Licensed registered nurses interested in the RN-BSN online may be eligible for local and/or national scholarships and aid from companies such as Jewish Hospital HealthCare Services, Kentuckiana Association of Neonatal Nurses (KANN), Norton Healthcare, and the American Association of Colleges of Nursing (AACN).

For more information, contact us or visit our website:

- [louisville.edu/nursing/financial-aid/nursing-specific](http://louisville.edu/nursing/financial-aid/nursing-specific)
- [http://louisville.edu/nursing/financial-aid](http://louisville.edu/nursing/financial-aid)
Get Ready For Your Online Classroom

Technical Requirements

You will need the following hardware and software in order to access your courses online, work on and submit assignments, communicate with professors and peers, and successfully complete your courses and your degree program:

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Go to [http://uofl.me/2BzWfcC](http://uofl.me/2BzWfcC) to ensure that your computer is properly set up and that your browser is compatible.

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FAQs

Why should I choose UofL?
The UofL School of Nursing offers an RN-BSN program in an academic health sciences center. Students benefit from the focused curriculum and personal attention of the faculty in a large, metropolitan university setting. Our 100% online courses are taught by well-prepared nursing faculty who are engaged in nursing practice, scholarship, and community service, but also committed to quality distance learning programming. The RN-BSN Program is CCNE accredited.

What are the benefits of online learning?
Online learning at UofL provides learning that is independent of time and location. Rather than gathering in a classroom, students and instructors use technology to interact. Classes follow the same semester calendar as traditional classes, however students only need a computer and Internet access to complete their coursework. Our program structure allows registered nurses to maintain their professional engagements while earning their BSN online.

Is online learning right for me?
The online program offers both flexibility and convenience; however, students must be disciplined to complete course assignments within identified time frames as defined in the course syllabi.

Are there any helpful tips for online learning success?
Check your school email every day. In order to be in compliance with FERPA regulations, instructors, advisors and the university communicate with students via their school email account. Check Blackboard at least every two days.

What are the technology requirements for the online program?
Access to a computer and the Internet are required. MAC or PC format is acceptable. Advanced computer skills are not a requirement to complete the program. For details go to http://louisville.edu/online/Student-Resources/tech. The program uses Blackboard for course access and assignments, with support provided seven days a week by the UofL Help Desk.

When can I start?
Currently, RN students start the program in August and January of each year. If you are a new ADN graduate but are not yet licensed, you may start the program. You are required to obtain your RN license by the end of the first semester in order to progress.

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I am on active duty. Can I take online classes at UofL?
Yes! You can take online classes from anywhere in the world, provided you have consistent Internet access. Our faculty and staff are very supportive of those who serve the country here in U.S. or around the world and work hard to provide all needed learning resources so you can succeed.

What academic resources are available for online students?
UofL offers several services for online students including:
• A Virtual Writing Center to assist with writing assignments
• Virtual tutoring services available for all undergraduate students
• Library services, including the “Ask a Librarian” feature from the library website
• IT support available from morning through the evening

Is there a length of time before my credits expire?
For licensed RNs, there is no expiration date for previously earned credits.

Can I transfer credit from another school?
The RN-BSN online program’s admission requirements include an associate degree or a diploma in nursing. You may transfer such credit from any regionally-accredited university. You must submit transcripts from all undergraduate institutions you attended. Upon review, some or all credit may be applied to your degree program. You can also find transfer equivalency resources online at: louisville.edu/admissions/apply/transfer.

How does the portfolio course, and the approximately $15,000 in tuition savings, work?
The portfolio course is worth 30 college credit hours at no charge. Credits count towards completion of your BSN. The portfolio is an electronic record of professional documents related to your nursing education, practice, and accomplishments. While assembling the portfolio is required for the program, it will be useful documentation for promotions, job applications and other professional activities. Your RN-BSN Program Director will assist you in developing your Portfolio.

Are there any clinicals for the RN-BSN?
Students enrolled in the RN-BSN online program will complete a community leadership practicum; which can be completed at a location of choice in your local area.
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