

# RN TO BSN ACCELERATED PROGRAM BACHELOR OF SCIENCE

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
**EDWARDSVILLE**

## ONLINE

Designed to accommodate the needs of the working RN, courses are offered in an accelerated, fully online, flexible format. The nursing curriculum consists of six core nursing courses, each eight weeks in length. Students are equipped with program, technology, and library resources throughout the program via an online RN/BS Program Immersion.

### TARGET AUDIENCE:

The accelerated RN/BS program is designed for graduates of associate degree programs and diploma nursing programs seeking a BS in Nursing.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- Admission to the University (online application, \$40 fee, official transcripts)
- Copy of current unencumbered RN license in the state in which you practice (unless currently completing an associate or diploma program at the time of application)
- Cumulative GPA of 2.0/4.0 scale (includes all college level courses)

### COST:

Select "Tuition and Fees" at: [www.siu.edu/academics/undergraduate/degrees-and-programs/nursing/accelerated-rn-bs/tuition-and-fees.shtml](http://www.siu.edu/academics/undergraduate/degrees-and-programs/nursing/accelerated-rn-bs/tuition-and-fees.shtml)

### REGISTRATION PROCEDURE:

Upon admission to the program, students will work with their RN/BS Program Advisor for academic advisement and course registration.

### ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

All nursing courses are 8-weeks in length and offered Spring, Summer, and Fall Semesters.

### DELIVERY MODE:

All nursing courses are provided in a 100% online format.

### LOCATION(S) OF COURSES:

Fully online

### TEXTBOOK PURCHASE:

Course materials will be provided through the SIUE textbook rental service.

### TRANSFER HOURS POLICY:

Consultation with the Accelerated RN/BS program advisor for questions

regarding transfer credit is advised. The SIUE Admissions office will determine the acceptance of credit and its applicability toward degree requirements.

Once a student entering the RN/BS program provides evidence of a current unencumbered RN license, the School of Nursing will complete an overall assessment of the student's work experience, and previously completed community college and university nursing coursework. The School of Nursing may then grant up to 40 or 43 proficiency credits to provide the student with advanced standing in the nursing program. These credits differ from the transfer of courses. If the student's college/university credits are greater than 5 years old, the candidate will need to submit a portfolio to demonstrate proficiency in the areas in which credit is sought along with evidence of a current unencumbered RN license.

### TOTAL HOURS NEEDED:

120 hours, overall GPA of 2.0

### FINANCIAL AID INFO:

[www.siu.edu/financialaid](http://www.siu.edu/financialaid)  
Phone: (618) 650-3880

### SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Effective, Fall 2019, students in this program may apply for accelerated options for the MS degrees in healthcare nursing administration or nurse educator, and the DNP in family nurse practitioner.

RN to BS students eligible to enter these options may replace up to 7 credits of nursing undergrad courses with nursing grad courses, reducing both the time & cost of earning the graduate degree.

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### REQUIRED COURSES:

Prerequisites required for enrollment in the program:

- Anatomy & Physiology I & II
- Microbiology

Nursing courses (22 hours)

- N240R: Pathophysiology
- N335R: Health Assessment Strategies
- N475R: Care of Populations
- N472R: Scholarly Inquiry: Connecting Research to Practice
- N484R: Quality, Safety, & the Professional Nurse
- N480R: Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems

Additional prerequisites required before N475R:

- English Comp I & II
- Speech Communication
- Logic
- Statistics
- Ethics

Note: Additional general education courses may be required for graduation.