Bachelor of Science: Nursing (RN to BSN)

The RN to BSN program is designed to meet the needs of Registered Nurses who wish to complete their Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. Saint Louis University is now accepting even more transfer credits for prior learning so you can earn your BSN degree faster.

It's your turn to experience the SLU difference! Unique features of the program include:

• **JESUIT TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE**

• **FULLY ONLINE COURSES**

• **NO WAITING LIST & YOU CAN ENROLL DURING ANY OF THE 5 START DATES EACH YEAR**

• **UP TO 38 CREDIT HOURS NOTED FOR PRIOR NURSING COURSEWORK AND LICENSURE AS AN RN**

• **UP TO 64 CREDIT HOURS EARNED AT AN ACCREDITED COMMUNITY COLLEGE, SCHOOL OR UNIVERSITY MAY BE AWARDED TOWARD THE BACHELOR’S DEGREE**

* A minimum of 30 credit hours must be earned at SLU

This program is available fully online and is offered in collaboration between the School for Professional Studies and the School of Nursing.

Application Requirements

Students apply and are admitted to the School for Professional Studies (SPS) in accordance with SPS guidelines. Students take up to 55 credit hours (depending on transfer credits) of SPS pre-nursing course. After SPS pre-nursing core courses are completed, eligible students transfer to the School of Nursing to complete the remaining nursing courses to complete their BSN degree.

Saint Louis University partners with several St. Louis area health care providers to offer its employees discounted tuition rates. **Ask your employer if SLU is an educational partner for the RN to BSN program. You can also contact SLU directly at 314-977-2330 or email sps@slu.edu to find out more about our reduced tuition rates.**

Additional Requirements

Upon transfer to the School of Nursing, students will need to complete a criminal background check, HIPAA and blood-bourne pathogen training. Also, students will need to submit documentation of current CPR certification, influenza vaccination, TB testing and other information prior to starting the community project course. For the community project course, students complete a community project with a preceptor in their community.

**Nursing Courses**

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**Credit by Examination**

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**Credit by Examination (U.S. RN Licensure; Passed NCLEX Exam)**

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**TOTAL**                                 120 Credits
Admission Requirements

• AGE: NO RESTRICTIONS, HOWEVER MUST MEET OTHER ADMISSION CRITERIA

• WORK EXPERIENCE AS AN RN: NONE

• EDUCATION: ASSOCIATE DEGREE OR DIPLOMA IN NURSING FROM A PROGRAM APPROVED BY A U.S. STATE BOARD OF NURSING AND/OR U.S. ACCREDITED SCHOOL OF NURSING

• INTERVIEW: SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AN ADMISSION MEETING WITH AN ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR. THIS CAN BE DONE OVER THE PHONE OR ON CAMPUS

• GRADE POINT AVERAGE: A MINIMUM TRANSFER CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.5 (UNLESS QUALIFIED FOR PROVISIONAL ADMITTANCE)

• APPLICANT MUST HAVE AN UNENCUMBERED LICENSE AS A REGISTERED NURSE IN THE U.S. PRIOR TO STARTING THE NURSING COURSES

Admission Procedures

STEP 1 — COMPLETE APPLICATION
Complete the application for admission online at busyadults.slu.edu. Applications are accepted and processed on a rolling basis. Students are encouraged to apply for admission at least one month before the term in which they wish to enroll.

STEP 2 — MEET WITH ADMISSIONS COUNSELOR
Contact an admissions counselor to discuss the status of your application and your educational and career goals. You may schedule an appointment to speak with an admissions counselor at our St. Louis location or over the phone in certain instances. Appointments are available during business hours or weekday evenings. If possible, bring unofficial copies of all your college transcripts to your admission meeting, or fax them to 314-977-2333.

A writing and/or math assessment test may be necessary during or shortly after the admissions meeting if you are bringing in little or no transfer credits for these areas.

STEP 3 – OBTAIN TRANScripts
Have official transcripts mailed directly from all previously attended colleges to:

School for Professional Studies
Attn: Admissions
3840 Lindell Blvd
Saint Louis, MO 63108

If you are an applicant seeking a degree, you must obtain official transcripts from all previous college coursework. If you have never attended college or have less than 15 hours of transferable college credits, you will need to provide official high school or GED transcripts.

ADMISSION
Once admitted into the School for Professional Studies, you may begin taking courses in the next available term. If applicable, a letter identifying official acceptance of transfer hours will be forwarded when official transcripts have been received and evaluated. If you have questions about the admission process or the status of your application, please call 314-977-2330 or 800-734-6736.

Dollars and Sense
We strive to make quality higher education accessible to students of all economic means. In addition to offering a reduced tuition rate of approximately half the cost of SLU’s traditional programs and helping you apply for federal, state and institutional funds, SPS offers numerous scholarships and awards specifically for new students.

• SEE THE FULL LIST OF SPS SCHOLARSHIPS AT: WWW.SLU.EDU/X23497.XML.

SPS also offers budget payment plans and a deferred payment option for students whose employers reimburse tuition costs after completion of a course. More information on tuition and financial aid can be found at: www.slu.edu/x10990.xml. Please note that tuition rates for SPS and the School of Nursing are not the same. Ask your admissions counselor about the difference in cost.

To determine eligibility for financial assistance, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) early for maximum consideration. FAFSA is available online at: www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Credit for Prior Learning / Transfer Credits
We now provide several options for our adult students to receive credit for prior learning from the following areas:

1. Transfer credits from other accredited institutions
2. College Level Examination Program (CLEP) testing
3. DSST testing (formerly DANTES testing)
4. Industry certifications with an external accreditor (such as an association or agency) in which the certification is received upon successful completion of a test
5. Credit that is approved by the American Council of Education (ACE)

The number of total transfer credit hours (across all forms of prior learning) cannot exceed those permitted by Saint Louis University, SPS, or the specific program to which the credit will be counted.

Stay Connected
Saint Louis University School for Professional Studies provides you with quality and flexibility, and the tools and resources you need to succeed. We invite you to learn more about us through our short videos and Facebook, Twitter, Linkedin and YouTube pages by visiting www.slu.edu/x35014.xml.

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