University of Utah College of Nursing RN-BS Readiness Profile

Use the information below to determine if you are ready to apply for this program.

**RN-BS Readiness Profile**

- Graduate of an Associate’s Degree program in Nursing (or will graduate prior to program start)
- Current, unencumbered RN license (or will pass NCLEX exam within 2 months of program start)
- Complete prerequisite/corequisite coursework with a C or better
- Completion of University General Education Requirements *(A.S. or A.A. degree from regionally accredited institution should meet the General Education courses)*
  - Up to 3 general education and/or prerequisite/corequisite courses can be completed during the program.
- Prerequisite/Corequisite GPA of 2.8 or better (on a 4.0 scale)
- Cumulative GPA of 2.8 or better and nursing program GPA of 2.8 (on a 4.0 scale)

If you agree with the following statements, this program is looking for applicants like you:

- I am looking for a flexible, part-time program lasting 16 months, with an average credit load of 6-9 credits per semester
  - With the option of attending full-time to complete the program in 2 semesters (14-16 credits per semester)
  - With the option to add an emphasis in Geriatric Nursing Leadership (GNL)
- I like the idea of attending coursework online
- I can be on campus for a one day orientation the week before the program starts and for a one day presentation session in my final semester (students who live at a great distance from Salt Lake City may be given special consideration for this requirement)
- My family and work situation allow me the opportunity to study and work on assignments approximately 20 hours/week.
- I am financially able to handle the cost of the program *(Costs vary. As of 2015, the estimated cost of the program for a Utah resident ranges from $11,400-$13,200 depending on part-time versus full-time status. Estimate includes nursing tuition, fees, and books.)*
  - You may qualify for Federal Financial Aid by completing the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and use the University of Utah School code 003675
  - There are College of Nursing Scholarships for RN-BS Students
- My computer skills are adequate and I am comfortable in the Windows environment (or I can become comfortable before the program start). I have (or can have) a working knowledge of Microsoft Word (additional skills in Excel and Powerpoint are helpful).
- I have a personal laptop or computer (or will have one at program start or full access to a computer)
- I am excited and motivated about the opportunity to enter an RN-BS completion program and realize that obtaining a bachelor’s degree will allow me to advance my career.

**APPLY NOW at** [http://nursing.utah.edu/programs/Apply.php](http://nursing.utah.edu/programs/Apply.php)
**Prerequisite/Corequisite Coursework** – 9 required prerequisite/corequisite courses

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- Courses can be accepted from other regionally accredited institutions
  - Previously approved courses listed at [http://nursing.utah.edu/programs/rn-bs-programonlin.php](http://nursing.utah.edu/programs/rn-bs-programonlin.php)

- Courses will **not expire**, (i.e. - if you completed an equivalent course 10 years ago it could still meet a prerequisite/corequisite requirement)

- Coursework is reviewed to ensure it meets requirements for the program
  - An unofficial review of prerequisite/corequisite coursework can be completed BEFORE applying to the program with unofficial transcripts
    - To request a review contact the College of Nursing Student Services Office
  - Official reviews are completed as part of the application process

- Prerequisite/Corequisite coursework must be completed prior to completion of the RN-BS program in order to graduate

**General Education Coursework**

- It is the responsibility of each student to verify transferability of general education courses and/or degree with University of Utah – Transfer Office at (801) 581-7286
  - Students with only an A.A.S. may have additional general education requirements

- Students will receive a review of their general education coursework upon acceptance to the University of Utah

- All General Education Coursework must be completed prior to graduation

**Up to three (3) general education and/or prerequisite/corequisite courses can be completed during the program.**

**Program Expectations**

- Flexible, online program:
  - Nursing courses follow regular University of Utah semesters but there is no requirement to be logged into courses at a specific time.
  - You can complete coursework at a time that works for you (assignments need to be completed by deadlines set by faculty)
  - Part-time and full-time options available

- Access to a computer is required. Your own laptop usually works best.

- Part-time program is completed in 4 consecutive semesters (approximately 16 months)

- Full-time program is completed in 2 semesters (approximately 8 months)
  - Custom Program of Study is available to condense or extend these timeframes

- Students attend 2 one day sessions on the University of Utah campus (special consideration may be given to students living at a great distance from Salt Lake City)
  - One day on campus orientation the week prior to the program
  - One day Program Completion/Presentation on campus in the final semester of the program

- Within 72 hours of receiving your admissions letter students will be required to purchase a Certified Background package which will cost approximately $170.00.