



## BSN@Home (RN-to-BSN)

Registered nurses who hold an Associate's Degree in Nursing (ADN) or Diploma in Nursing and wish to earn a baccalaureate degree can complete the UW-Madison RN-to-BSN (BSN@Home) program. The BSN@Home program is for Wisconsin residents only.

### BSN Completion Benefits

While an Associate's Degree in Nursing provides much of the technical and scientific knowledge necessary for safe and effective patient care, the BSN@Home program builds upon those skills in a way that stimulates critical thinking and provides the professional perspective necessary for management or leadership roles. A bachelor's degree can also lead to greater career opportunities, as many employers prefer to hire nurses with higher degrees.

### Flexible Degree Program

BSN@Home is a part-time program designed for working adults. Almost all required coursework is completed online. The program runs on a traditional semester system (fall, spring; summer is optional). The first class requires one half-day campus-based meeting during the first semester. There is one required clinical, which requires students to complete approximately 180 hours. This clinical can usually be arranged close to where students live. A goal of the program is to allow students to pursue a baccalaureate degree without having to relocate.

### Selecting a Home Institution

The UW-Madison School of Nursing is one of six UW System campuses offering the BSN@Home Program. The other UW campuses are Eau Claire, Green Bay, Milwaukee, Oshkosh and Stevens Point. Students typically select their home institution based on proximity. All BSN@Home students are required to complete the same core nursing curriculum, but specific admission and degree requirements vary among campuses. Further information about each institution is available on the statewide BSN@Home website ([bsnathome.com](http://bsnathome.com)).

### Length of Program and Cost

Students who have previously completed all general education non-nursing requirements prior to admission will typically move through the BSN@Home program in 2-2.5 years. Students must complete a minimum of 31 UW-Madison credits to earn the BS-Nursing. The cost is \$452 per credit.

### UW-Madison BSN@Home Admission Requirements

BSN@Home applications are reviewed by the UW-Madison Office of Admissions and Recruitment. Candidates are evaluated on both high school and college records. Admission to the program is selective.

### Transfer and Second-Degree Admission

Prospective transfer and second-degree students must have completed at least 24 transferable (college-level) non-nursing credits. While the average GPA of admitted transfers is a 3.4, UW-Madison will consider prospective BSN@Home students who have a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 with steady grade trends and patterns. There are currently no waitlists for admission to the program.

### UW-Madison Re-Entry Admission

Students who have previously attended UW-Madison as a degree-seeking student are eligible to apply to the BSN@Home program. If you are a second-degree candidate you should select Nursing Collaborative Program/BSN@Home as your intended major. If you have not previously earned an undergraduate degree through UW-Madison, you will be re-admitted to your previous classification (example: Letters & Science).

### Application Process and Timeline

Students can start in fall or spring terms. Students must complete the UW-Madison Application for Admission indicating Nursing Collaborative Program/BSN@Home as the intended major. The fall application deadline is February 1. The spring application deadline is October 1. There is no supplemental nursing application.



**BSN@Home Degree Requirements**

The BSN@Home program is built upon the foundation of an Associate’s Degree in Nursing (ADN) or a Diploma in Nursing. Students complete a minimum of 124 credits (75 of which must be taught at the Intermediate, vs. Elementary, level)

1	24–30 credits	Prior Learning Nursing Credits	Awarded to students in recognition of the ADN. Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) graduates who graduated 1996 and thereafter will receive 30 credits. All others receive 24 credits.
2	27–29 credits	Nursing Credits	<i>Via UW–Madison’s BSN@Home program:</i> <i>CNP 306 Transitions: Practice, Professional, Personal, 3 cr</i> <i>CNP 407 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice, 3 cr</i> <i>CNP 441 Chronic Care Management, 3 cr</i> <i>CNP 446 Nursing Research &amp; Evidence–Based Practice, 3 cr</i> <i>CNP 447 Leadership &amp; Management, 3 cr</i> <i>CNP 453 Information &amp; Health Technology, 3 cr</i> <i>CNP 454 Community Health Nursing, 3 cr</i> <i>NUR 433 Gerontology, 3 cr (can be challenged with an exam)</i> <i>CNP 519 Capstone Clinical, 3 cr</i>
3	27–29 credits	Science	Includes 2 BSN@Home science courses (3 credits Pathophysiology and 3 credits Clinical Pharmacology) plus chemistry, anatomy, physiology, and microbiology
4	22 credits	Humanities and Social Studies	Includes Intro Sociology, Intro Psychology, a growth and development course, 6 credits humanities, 7 credits humanities or social studies
5	3 credits	Ethnic Studies	A course studying the culture and contributions of persistently marginalized racial or ethnic groups in the United States
6	3 credits	College Algebra	Complete Math 112 College Algebra or transfer course equivalent to Math 112 or above
7	3 credits	Communication Part A	An English composition class that includes literacy components in information literacy, as well as in written and oral communications
8	3 credits	Quantitative Reasoning Part B	QR-B classes enhance quantitative reasoning proficiency. Courses that satisfy this requirement are offered in a variety of fields of study (e.g., statistics, economics)
9	9–17 credits	Non-Nursing Electives	Enough elective credits to reach a total of 124 degree credits (75 of which must be at Intermediate Level)
TOTAL: 124 CREDITS			

**Scholarships and Financial Aid**

The School of Nursing awards more than \$400,000 in scholarships each year to undergraduate students. Awards are based on both academic merit and financial need.

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