Frequently Asked Questions

The best time to apply for the RN to BSN program at Weber State University is during your Associate Degree (AS) RN year. The following is meant to help answer questions you might have about the program.

1] What can I do now while I am in my Associate Degree (AS) RN program?

WSU School of Nursing has a goal that all “QUALIFIED” WSU (AS) RN graduating students will be able to apply and get into the RN to BSN Program. It may be if a graduating student applies and there is not enough room to begin the program that very next semester (summer, fall or spring), they will then have a position in the next semesters program (however, lately all students have been able to start that very next semester after AS (RN) graduation.

If for some reason there are more students that apply than there are positions available, then a points system will be used to rank our applicants. This points system looks at your 3 Science Courses, your CUMULATIVE GPA, Veteran Status and whether turned in by the early deadline or not. [Only in rare cases will a point system have to be used]. A qualified applicant (3.0 CUMULATIVE GPA, AS Degree Graduate (not AAS), and living in Utah should be able to apply for progression and be admitted for that next semester to begin the RN to BSN program.

Three Science Courses: [1]& [2] - Health Science 1110 (4) and Health Science 1111 (4) or Human Anatomy and Human Physiology and Chemistry 1110 or 1050 are used to calculate the 3 Science Course GPA.

Make sure you are on track to graduate with a full Associate of Science (AS) Degree. Students admitted to the full 2 year program at Weber State (at any of our locations) are required to graduate with an AS Degree. Students admitted to our PN to RN (AS or AAS) Degree program can choose whether to graduate with a full Associate of Science (AS) Degree or the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) [Less General Education required]. If a student is admitted to our PN to RN and only finishes the Associate of Applied Science (AAS) Degree then they will not be in position to apply for the RN to BSN progression at the time they are graduating and will have to complete the remaining General Education (Core and Breadth) requirements that they were missing for the Associate of Science Degree and then apply at some other point in time in the future.

Finally, if you have completed all your General Education (Core and Breadth Requirements) for your Associate of Science (AS) Degree and all you have left to complete are the nursing courses and you are looking for something else to add to your schedule that will benefit you towards the completion of the RN to BSN program, then you could take (if you have not already done so) a one 3 credit hour Upper Division Elective course (any course 3000 or 4000 level). At least one 3 credit hour Upper Division Elective is required for the RN to BSN program. These Upper Division hours are not considered a prerequisite for the RN to BSN program but you are welcome to work on at least one of these 3 hour Upper Division Electives ahead of time if you would like to or need to at this point in time. In an effort to help guide your thought process related to Upper Division course selection, there is a document available for review as a guide (See nursing student bulletin board). Remember this list is not a comprehensive list. You can choose any 3000 or 4000 level course. See the Upper Division Course list for further information.

2] How long does the RN to BSN Program take to complete?

In the past few years, the program has been revised so that it can be completed in 2 semesters. Students also have the option to complete the program on a part-time basis. The majority of the students today complete the program in the 2 semester format. However please note that it is hard to work full time as an RN and do the 12 and 13 hours respectively for the 2 semester program.

Beginning in the year 2021 the RN to BSN program will begin teaching all of the courses in the program — both core and BSN Electives every semester (Spring, Summer and Fall). So students starting the BSN program in May 2021 will be going summer and fall (full time basis) or fall and spring or spring and summer (consecutive semesters). Students can also choose a part-time program and have 3 years (9 semesters) to complete the program.
The following are the hour requirements for the RN to BSN program:

The University requires 120 total hours. If you enter the RN to BSN program with less than 95 total credit hours, you may be required to complete some additional hours during the RN to BSN program to meet your 120 total hours. The University requires 40 hours of Upper Division for a Bachelor of Science Degree. This is how the 40 hours of Upper Division elective credit for current WSU (AS) RN graduates will be accumulated:

Students Admitted to the AS (RN) program or students admitted to the PN to RN program:

40 Upper Division hours required:
- 25 hours of course work required in the RN to BSN Curriculum
- 12 hours are earned through the 2nd year of RN course work you are currently taking.
- 3 hour Upper Division elective [Recommended List of Upper Division Course click here] (make this link active).

These hours can be taken while you are working on your Associate Degree (AS) RN if you want.

= 40 hours of Upper Division

3] How many are admitted to the RN to BSN program?

The goal is to try to admit every qualified (AS) RN graduate from WSU during their final semester of the (AS) RN program. In rare cases a student may have to wait 1 semester if too many apply for that current semester.

4] How are graduating Associate Degree (AS) RN graduates ranked in the application process for the positions that are available for each application cycle (Fall and Spring) if positions fill up?

If required due to the number of graduating RN's applying to available positions is high, then and only then, would a point system be used for facilitating selections. A selection process will be used to rank all qualified applicants. Criteria used in the selection process include Cumulative GPA [2 points possible], Science GPA [2 points] (Health Science 1110 & Health Science 1110 (or Anatomy and Physiology) & Chemistry [1110 or 1050], HealthScience 2230 - Pathophysiology done [1 point], Microbiology 1113 done [½ point], Nutrition 1020 done [½ point], early applicant status [½ (.5) point] and veteran status [2 points].

5] What are my chances of being admitted to the program? The goal of the program is that every WSU (AS) RN graduating student (not AAS, but AS) that meets the minimum application requirements and successfully graduates with their (AS) RN degree will have the opportunity of being admitted for the semester right after they graduate. (In rare cases the next semester if the program is too full.)

6] If not admitted the first time I apply then what?

As presented in the paragraphs prior, we only have limited slots available each cycle (60 to 80 positions over the year) for former WSU Associate of Science (AS) RN graduates and transferring RN's. Once a student has applied for the program at time of completion of AD program and they are not admitted, then the next time they re-apply they are considered a part of the Former/Transferring Applicant pool. Due to the fact that we provide points for work experience for RN's that are a part of this applicant pool, it makes it very difficult for a former “RECENT” graduate (recent could be defined as last two years) to compete in this applicant pool.

Therefore it is strongly recommended that you apply for the RN to BSN program right when you are finishing your Associate of Science (AS) RN degree at Weber State University. While doing so, you are also encouraged to consider other regionally accredited Colleges or Universities as a potential plan “B” or plan “C”. These would be schools where you would want to apply if you are not admitted the first time you apply for the Weber State University RN to BSN program.