When does the program start? How long does it last?

The RN-BSN Program has a rolling admission schedule, with start dates in Fall, Spring or Summer. The program can be completed in as little as 15 months. However, each student has the freedom to work at his/her own pace. With part-time enrollment options, how quickly you finish your degree program, is largely determined by the pace at which you choose to work! Your Nursing Faculty Advisor will work with you to develop the degree completion plan that is best suited to meet your needs.

What is the total program cost? How many credits transfer from all previous college experience and from having my RN?

The cost per semester credit hour for 2014-2015 is $350. Your total program cost is determined largely by the number of credits you will bring into the program. We will gladly perform a free transcript evaluation to give you an idea as to how your prior coursework will transfer in and how many remaining credit hours of coursework you will need to complete.

For example, if 50 additional credit hours are needed in order to meet the 120 credit hours required to complete the program, the cost is $17,500.00. Laboratory fees for the entire program amount to $120.00 for a combined tuition and laboratory fee total of $17,620.00 for the entire program.

If 60 additional credit hours are needed in order to meet the 120 credit hours required to complete the program, the cost is $21,000.00. Laboratory fees for the entire program amount to $120.00 for a combined tuition and laboratory fee total of $21,120.00 for the entire program. Textbooks fees are not included in the tuition costs, but are kept to a minimum. These are the only fees associated with the Program.

Each student, regardless of previous coursework, will be granted 27 hours of credit for previous nursing knowledge, and the credit is added to the student’s transcript in the first semester of enrollment.

How will I pay for my classes?

Complete the FAFSA, as loans and grants are the options for most RN to BSN students. Student payment plans and tuition reimbursement deferment plans are available through AU. An enrolled student may be eligible to apply for one of the three endowed scholarships specific to the RN to BSN Program.

I have my RN, but also have a Bachelor’s degree in another field. How does that affect my degree requirements?

Students who have an earned Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution are exempt from meeting institutional core requirements (i.e. humanities, aesthetics, religion). Such students will only need to meet the Nursing course and required non-Nursing course requirements. In addition, your previous Bachelor’s Degree will be evaluated as possibly meeting your Specialty Track requirement.
**What is the Specialty Track requirement?**

The Specialty Track requirement is a value-added component embedded in the program. With options like Gerontology, Business Administration, School Nurse Licensure, and an individualized “Design Your Own” option, the Specialty Track allows exploration of other areas of concentration. Further, the Specialty Track may segue to employment possibilities that you have not yet even imagined! You will collaborate with your Nursing Faculty Advisor to choose the Specialty Track option most suited towards your interests and future career/educational goals.

**What is the Clinical requirement?**

Nearly all clinical components may be completed with the approval of your current employer and the faculty of the specific nursing course, or through special arrangements made with the faculty of the specific nursing course. Some clinical requirements are completed through a simulated experience as a part of coursework or a prescheduled observation.

**What type of computer equipment and skills are expected?**

You will need consistent access to a laptop or PC and reliable Internet access. It is helpful if you have the ability to attach a document to an email and use a word processor (e.g., Word) to create, name, and save your assignments. We provide a supportive environment to develop your technological skills as you progress through our program!

**What sets Ashland University’s online RN to BSN program apart from all the others?**

The phrase “Accent on the Individual” is the motto of Ashland University and the RN to BSN program. “Accent on the Individual”, means that you are more than just a number. With small class sizes and a low student to faculty ratio, you don’t have to worry about getting lost in a “crowded” online learning environment. We know that the thought of online learning can be intimidating for some, and that is why we are committed to partnering with each individual student to provide you with the attention you need to be successful in your path to completing your degree.

For more detailed information regarding the steps to admission and the curriculum plan, you may directly access the RN to BSN Program website at: ashland.edu/rnbsn.