Registered nurses can advance to the Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (BSN) at North Dakota State University with a 100% online program. Virtual immersions will occur once per semester and all other courses are online. The curriculum is designed to recognize and expand on registered nurses’ previous education and professional experiences. Students will study current issues and trends in nursing that will deepen their understanding of complex health care problems and transform their professional practice.

NDSU’s RN to BSN program can be completed in four semesters. Courses are offered in eight-week blocks, which provides flexibility for nurses who are working full- or part-time.

Completion of the RN to BSN degree will provide the ability to:
• Be a leader in providing nursing care.
• Expand career opportunities.
• Understand and apply evidence-based practice.
• Initiate change to improve quality in health care.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS
Individuals must apply for admission to NDSU. Upon acceptance to NDSU, students should complete the application for the RN to BSN program.

Requirements for admission to the RN to BSN program:
• Completion of an associate degree in nursing
• Current unencumbered professional nurse license (RN)
• Admitted to NDSU
• Cumulative GPA of at least 2.75 on 4.0 scale
• Transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended
• Current CPR certification at health provider level
• Criminal background check with acceptable findings
• Completed NDSU School of Nursing application
• Two professional references
SAMPLE PLAN OF STUDY

Your adviser will consult with you regarding the course sequence.

CORE COURSES

• NURS 326 NDSU RN to BSN Virtual Immersion (1 CREDIT)
• NURS 356 The Essence of Nursing (3 CREDITS)
• NURS 420 Evidence Based Practice and Research in Nursing (3 CREDITS)
• NURS 346 NDSU RN to BSN Virtual Immersion II (1 CREDIT)
• NURS 386 Chronicity Throughout the Lifespan I (3 CREDITS)
• NURS 366 Quality and Safety in Health Care (3 CREDITS)
• NURS 426 NDSU RN to BSN Virtual Immersion III (1 CREDIT)
• NURS 446 Population Focused Nursing Care (3 CREDITS)
• NURS 446L Population Focused Nursing Care - Clinical (1 CREDIT)
  This clinical can be completed at a location that is convenient for the student.
• NURS 456 NDSU RN to BSN Virtual Immersion IV (1 CREDIT)
• NURS 462 Nurses as Leaders (3 CREDITS)
• NURS 462L Leadership - Clinical (1 CREDIT)
  This clinical can be completed at a location that is convenient for the student.
• NURS 478 BSN Capstone (3 CREDITS)

ADDITIONAL COURSES

• 3 upper level English credits required
• Approximate transfer credits (60 CREDITS)
• Demonstrated competency success credits at no charge, awarded after completion of first semester of the RN to BSN program. (25 CREDITS-Associate of Science; 18 CREDITS-Associate of Applied Science)
• General education requirements
  * (Dependent upon evaluation of transfer credits)
  * Students who have completed associate of arts or associate of science general education programs in the U.S. or Canada at regionally accredited institutions and who transfer to NDSU, or who pursue a second baccalaureate degree at NDSU, are considered to have completed their lower-division general education requirements at NDSU. Transfer student coursework from outside of the U.S. and Canada will be evaluated on a course-by-course basis.

TOTAL CREDITS

• 30 credits from the nursing major plus Demonstrated Competency Credits
• 120 total credits required for NDSU graduation