

RN-to-BSN COMPLETION: HOMESTEAD ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

I'm already an RN. Why should I pursue BSN?

The Institute of Medicine (IOM) has recommended that healthcare organizations increase their bachelor's prepared RN staff to 80% by 2020. It is also a documented fact that RNs with BSN commit far fewer medical errors than RNs with no advance degree. Precisely for this reason many hospitals, especially those designated "magnet" hire only the RNs with BSN degree. Needless to say, with a BSN you'll improve your employability and earnings. You'll be able to take your rightful place in the healthcare field while providing the highest level of care to your patients.

Can you describe your program?

The Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-to-BSN) completion program is designed to be taught in five semesters provided that students transfer in required credits. The program is open to licensed registered nurses (RN) who have completed their associate degree in nursing or a diploma in nursing from a nationally or regionally accredited nursing program. The goal of the program is to graduate nurses that will be ready to advance their educational career and that can understand the concept of holistic praxis, think critically, and serve as change agents or leaders in any healthcare and nursing environment.

What is the philosophy behind your program?

The Homestead RN to BSN degree program is based on current trends in nursing education and on the praxis philosophy. Concepts such as self-care, holism, patient safety from the Quality and Safety Education for Nurses (QSEN) and other nursing and non-nursing models are aligned in the curriculum. Nurses with active and current licenses can be awarded up to 72 credit hours for their original nursing curriculum or for their associate degree or a diploma in nursing provided they also have all the required general education courses.

Is your program online or classroom?

There are three tracks for degree completion for the RN-BSN program:

1. Online: Offered 100% online via asynchronous, synchronous, and other online delivery methods.

2. On Campus: Offered face-to-face on campus in Torrance
3. Hybrid: Mixture of online and on-campus courses as elected by the student. The same courses will be offered both online and on campus.

What are the admission requirements for the RN-BSN program?

- Current and active RN license to practice nursing.
- Possess an associate degree in nursing or a diploma in nursing.
- Minimum of 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale in the associate degree in nursing.
- Transfer in the required general education credits and courses from any accredited college or university.

How many credits can I transfer?

For the RN-BSN program, an applicant may transfer in or possess 36 hours of general education credit from a nationally or regionally accredited college or university. Twelve of the general education credit hours must be at the upper level (300-400 level courses). You can obtain any missing general education credits at Homestead. We offer courses in oral communication, advanced public speaking, report writing, history of the United States, culture and diversity, etc.

Prospective students interested in enrolling in the RN-BSN program are encouraged to contact the admissions office at Homestead Schools (310) 791-9975. We'll help you evaluate your transcripts and determine the number of credits that can be transferred.

What is the length of your program?

The curriculum consists of a total of 120 credit hours. The average length of time for a student taking a full course load is 4-5 semesters (16-20 months) when transferring in all applicable nursing degree, general education credits, and required pre-requisites.

What is your tuition?

The tuition is dependent on the number of credits you're able to transfer for applicable nursing degree, general education credits, and required prerequisites. Our admissions counselor will be able to evaluate your transcripts and tell you the exact tuition for the program.

Do you offer financial aid?

Yes. We offer federal student aid to those who qualify.

What should I do next?

You should call the admissions office at (310) 791-9975. Better yet, visit the school at 23800 Hawthorne Blvd., Torrance, CA 90505. HomesteadSchools.net