Online RN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing

For Associate Degree and Diploma Graduates

In response to changing workforce demands, the UH Manoa Nancy Atmospera-Walch School of Nursing has created a new Online RN to BS program for associate degree in nursing and diploma graduates. UH Community College Nursing Consortium students and graduates from non-UH systems apply to the new Online RN to BS program that enrolls in fall (August) and spring (January). Graduates from non-UH System campuses have different requirements from UH graduates. UH System graduates are not required to have the RN license to begin the program.

Program Description

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing program for associate degree (ADN) and diploma in nursing graduates is a statewide consortium nursing curriculum available to UH students from Maui College, Kauai Community College, and Kapiolani Community College. The program is available to Hawaii Community College and non-UH systems ADN graduates. The program is designed to provide an efficient bridge to the baccalaureate degree. The program builds upon initial nursing preparation with coursework to enhance professional development, prepare for a broader scope of practice, and provide an increased understanding of the cultural, economic, and social issues that affect the delivery of safe, quality patient care.

The 30-credit nursing curriculum provides flexibility and can be completed in 2 or more semesters – both part-time and full-time routes are available. UH Manoa requires a student to
complete a minimum of 30 credits from the Manoa campus to be awarded the BS degree.

Students take asynchronous online lecture courses while balancing work and family responsibilities. Worksite cohorts can be created in partnership with local healthcare organizations and agencies interested in increasing the number of BS prepared nurses delivering direct patient care.

Specific licensure requirements for admission are listed below.

**Transcript Review**

A free, unofficial transcript review by an advisor is available to prospective students. The transcript review is unofficial and is offered as a guidance tool for prospective students. Evaluation of transfer credits occurs once the student has been accepted for admission, has submitted the tuition deposit along with statement of intention to enroll, and has provided all official transcripts to the UH Manoa Office of Admissions. UH Manoa will only accept credits from institutions fully accredited by U.S. regional accrediting associations.

Upon admission, the program advisor does a personalized review of completed college coursework to develop the plan for program completion. If a student’s previous ADN or college coursework does not meet minimum requirements, additional courses may be required to meet UH Manoa requirements for the BS degree. For more information about credits, visit the Curriculum page.

**Fast Facts**

- Two-step application process
- Admission in January (Spring) and August (Fall)
- Individual academic advising and support throughout the
program
- Asynchronous, online format for lecture courses
- Two in-person clinical labs
- Full-time and part-time options
- Experiential learning portfolio credit option available

Experiential Learning Portfolio for Credit

The admitted student with RN experience may request to receive nursing coursework credit by submitting an electronic Experiential Learning Portfolio. The portfolio is a collection of descriptions and material that provide direct evidence of an individual’s learning, mastery, or accomplishments over time. The descriptions and exemplars may be drawn from an individual’s job and academic related experiences.

Events for Prospective RN to BS Students

We recommend that prospective applicants attend a Zoom informational session. Visit the event page for upcoming events.

How to Apply

Fall (August) 2023 Admission
Applications Available: September 1, 2022
Deadline: January 5, 2023, 6:59 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time/11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

Spring (January) 2024 Admission
Applications Available: January 6, 2023
Deadline: August 1, 2023, 6:59 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time/11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time
Two-Step Application Process

Application Requirements are found in the online applications listed below.

**Step 1 – Apply to UH Manoa Undergraduate Admissions**

- Required for all new applicants and returning, transferring, and unclassified UH Manoa students
- [https://www.uh-manoa.org/transfer](https://www.uh-manoa.org/transfer)
- Fee: $70
- Choose Nursing for your major

**Step 2 – Apply to Nursing’s Centralized Application Service**

- Required for ALL applicants
- [http://www.nursingcas.org](http://www.nursingcas.org)
- Fee: $55 (fee increase effective August 11, 2022)
- Select the “Online RN to BS” for the planned course of study

Admission Requirements

**Education**

Completion of an Associate Degree in Nursing or Diploma Program in Nursing

**Grade Point Average (GPA)**

UH System graduate: GPA of 2.0 or better

Non-UH System graduate: GPA of 2.5 or better

**RN Licensure**

UH System ADN graduate: Current unrestricted RN license in the United States or evidence of passing the NCLEX-RN exam by the start of the second semester of the program.

Non-UH System ADN or Diploma graduate: Current unrestricted RN
license in the United States at the time of application.

**Information Session Attendance**

We recommend that prospective applicants attend an online informational session. Visit the UHM Nursing event page for a listing of upcoming events.

**Transfer Applicants**

Check the UH System Course Transfer Database and cross-reference their equivalent courses with the UH Manoa General Catalog for designations. Information on these requirements can be found in the UH Manoa General Catalog and UHM advising centers. Any missing graduation requirements will need to be met by the end of the nursing program.

**English Language Proficiency**

If an applicant’s native language is not English or if they have not obtained a bachelor’s or master’s degree from an English-speaking college, then the applicant must submit official Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) scores with a minimum score of 600.

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