



RN-to-BSN Completion Program Frequently Asked Questions

Subject to Change

Who can apply to the RN-to-BSN Completion Program?

This program is designed for two types of students:

1. A student who has **graduated from a regionally accredited Associate Degree Nursing program (ADN)** and has a current unencumbered nursing license to practice in Colorado. Effective March 16, 2020, applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA in nursing courses.
2. A student who has **successfully completed their first semester of a regionally accredited Associate Degree in Nursing program (ADN) and continues to be enrolled in an ADN program.** Effective March 16, 2020, applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA in nursing courses.

I'm currently taking 1st semester nursing classes in the FRCC ADN program. Can I apply?

Yes. All 1st semester FRCC ADN students may apply. Applicants will be provisionally admitted. Effective March 16, 2020, full acceptance will be given to those who complete 1st semester nursing classes with a minimum 2.5 GPA. Only nursing classes are used to calculate GPA.

When are the next application periods?

1. Oct 2- Nov 2, 2020. Application period closes at 3:30PM. Admitted students may choose a spring 2021 or summer 2021 start date
2. Mar 15- Apr 15, 2021. Application period closes at 3:30PM. Admitted students may choose a summer 2021 or fall 2021 start date.
3. May 3- Jun 3, 2021. Application period closes at 3:30PM. Admitted students may choose a fall 2021, spring 2022, or summer 2022 start date.

How do I apply?

1. Visit www.frontrange.edu/rntobsn
 - Click *Apply Now*
 - Select *Health Sciences and Wellness* for Area of Interest
 - Select *Nursing: RN-to-BSN Program* for Degree or Certificate
2. Upload supplemental items to application
 - Unofficial college transcript

- Verification of Enrollment from ADN Program Director (current ADN students only)
- Valid RN Colorado or compact state license from a regionally accredited program (ADN graduates only)

What else do I need to know about the admissions process?

All supplemental documentation must be submitted prior to application review.

What other documentation do I need to submit?

Once admitted, students are sent an email prompting them to complete the following:

1. RN-to-BSN Acceptance Form
2. RN-to-BSN Transcript Evaluation
 - This step only needs to be completed if you have unmet General Education Requirements and completed them at another institution.
 - Courses will be evaluated on an individual basis (course-by-course) basis.
 - General Education requirements will not automatically be waived if bachelor (or higher) degrees have already been earned.

These documents are only required prior to starting NUR 409 and NUR 410. Students are notified when it's time to submit these documents:

1. Background Check
2. Drug Screen
3. BSN Student ID Badge
4. Immunizations
 - Current vaccinations or titers for TDAP (within 10 years), MMR (two doses or positive titer), Varicella (two doses or positive titer; documentation of having the disease does not qualify), Hepatitis B (three doses or titer), Influenza (must be renewed annually), and a Two-Step TB Skin Test or Quantiferon TB Test (after initial testing, a single skin test or Quantiferon TB Test is required annually)
5. Current AHA BLS Provider CPR Certification
6. Current unencumbered nursing license to practice in Colorado

What happens once a student is accepted?

Students will receive an acceptance email outlining their next steps to the email address they used when applying to the college. The RN-to-BSN Administrative Assistant will send registration instructions to student email addresses when it's time to register for classes.

I applied as a 4th semester student but wasn't accepted.

When can I reapply?

ADN graduates must pass the NCLEX-RN and obtain an unencumbered nursing license to practice in Colorado in order to apply.

My ADN program wasn't regionally accredited when I graduated, but now it is. Will I be considered for admission?

No. The sending institution must have been regionally accredited for the entire time the student was earning the applicable credits. We are unable to make exceptions to this rule.

Can I graduate from the ADN and RN-to-BSN Completion Program at the same time?

No. Students must complete their ADN program and obtain their Colorado nursing license before they can take NUR 409, NUR 410, and NUR 411.

How long will it take me to graduate?

The program can be completed at your own pace. However, most students take the part-time route of one course per 7-week session.

If you start your ADN at FRCC and continue full-time until you complete the RN-to-BSN Completion Program, you can graduate in 9 semesters, including 3 summer semesters. To view the MAP, visit <https://bit.ly/2umYTUb>.

Students who start in the fall or spring who've completed the required general education courses may complete the program within four semesters, including the summer.

Students who start in the summer who've completed the required general education courses may complete the program within four semesters, including both summer semesters.

Students must reapply for admission if they don't take classes for three consecutive semesters.

What are the benefits of graduating with a BSN?

The General Assembly of the State of Colorado enacted the House Bill 18-1086 allowing community colleges to offer a BSN on March 24, 2018. We are very proud to offer this much-

needed RN-to-BSN Completion Program to our community to alleviate the unmet need of baccalaureate prepared nurses.

The BSN is required by employers in government, public health, and hospitals. The BSN will make students more employable in Colorado and elsewhere. The degree is necessary for advancing a career in leadership, management, and education, or for becoming a nurse practitioner.

How are courses structured?

Fall and spring nursing courses are offered in 7-week sessions. Summer nursing courses are offered in 8-week sessions. NUR410 (offered summer only) is 10-weeks.

Will the course(s) be offered on campus or online?

All RN-to-BSN Completion Program nursing courses are offered online and are delivered in the Desire to Learn (D2L) learning management system. Students have the opportunity to attend weekly virtual online meetings to review concepts and to foster collaborations with BSN students.

Visit <https://www.frontrange.edu/programs-and-courses/online-learning> to learn more about online courses.

Is there a mandatory in-person orientation?

Yes. Students enrolled in NUR 301 (first nursing course of the program) must attend a mandatory in-person orientation the week before the class starts. Students will learn about the following: course structure, online learning expectations, library resources, group projects, and how to get a BSN student ID badge. Students will also learn about immunization, drug screen, and background check requirements. Visit <https://www.frontrange.edu/programs-and-courses/online-learning> to learn more about online courses.

Can you explain course sequencing and prerequisites?

We highly recommend taking general education requirements prior to BSN nursing classes.

NUR 301 is a prerequisite for all nursing classes and prerequisite/co-requisite with NUR 302. ENG 122 & MAT 135 are prerequisites for NUR 303. Students need to have a nursing license to take NUR 409, NUR 410, and NUR 411. NUR 411 must be taken last.

How many RN-to-BSN classes should I take?

Please meet with an advisor to create an academic plan. The majority of concurrent students register for one BSN class at a time. Most BSN nursing courses are 3 credits and 7-weeks in length. Forty-five hours of classroom time are included in the readings, discussion board, course papers, quizzes, and group projects. Taking two BSN courses together is similar to taking two summer classes.

RN-to-BSN Map Option 1: ADN/RN Graduate

If the student has completed an ADN, they have earned credits that can transfer into the RN-to-BSN Completion Program. Following are the courses and credits that will most likely transfer to FRCC.

ADN Courses	Credits
ENG 121 English Composition I	3
PSY 235 Human Growth and Development	3
HPR 108 Dietary Nutrition	1
GT Elective	3
Block transfer for Associate's Degree	61.5
Total for ADN	71.5

The total credits to earn a BSN is 120. If a student has their ADN and completed the above courses, they will need to take these additional courses for a BSN:

BSN Courses	Credits
ENG 122 English Composition II	3
MAT 135 Introduction to Statistics	3
GT Electives (History, Social Science, Arts & Humanities)	12
NUR 301* Integration into Baccalaureate Nursing Practice	3
NUR 302 Trends in Nursing Practice	3
NUR 303** Nursing Research/Evidence Based Practice	3
NUR 304 Informatics/Healthcare Technology, NUR 305 Emergency Preparedness, NUR 306 Gerontology Nursing, or NUR 307 Behavioral Health (Choose two)	6
NUR 408 Legal & Ethical Issues Related to Professional Nursing Practice	3
NUR 409*** Leadership in the Nursing Profession 63.75 hours (41.25 lecture/22.5 practicum)	3.5
NUR 410*** Community Health Nursing Practicum 112.5 hours (67.5 lecture/45 practicum)	6
NUR 411*** Senior Seminar	3
SUB-TOTAL	48.5
Total for BSN	120

If the student has completed a bachelor's degree in a field other than nursing, it is likely they have completed many of the general education courses necessary for the bachelor's degree.

* NUR 301 is a prerequisite for all nursing classes and prerequisite/co-requisite with NUR 302.

** MAT 135 and ENG 122 must be completed prior to NUR 303 with a grade of C or higher.

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RN-to-BSN Map Option 2: Dually Enrolled

As a current student in a CCCS Registered Nursing program, the student will need to complete the following courses to earn a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN):

ADN Courses	Credits
These courses must be taken prior to entering the RN-to-BSN Completion Program	
ENG 121 English Composition I	3
PSY 235 Human Growth and Development	3
HPR 108 Dietary Nutrition	1
BIO 201 Human Anatomy & Physiology I with Lab	4
BIO 202 Human Anatomy & Physiology II with Lab	4
BIO 204 Microbiology with Lab	4
MAT 103 Math for Clinical Calculations	3
NUR 109 Fundamentals of Nursing	6
NUR 112 Basic Concepts of Pharmacology	2
These courses can be taken after entering the RN-to-BSN Completion Program	
BIO 216 Human Pathophysiology	4
NUR 106 Medical & Surgical Nursing Concepts	7
NUR 150 Maternal-Child Nursing	6
NUR 206 Advanced Concepts of Medical & Surgical Nursing I	6.5
NUR 211 Psychiatric-Mental Health Nursing	4
NUR 212 Pharmacology	2
NUR 216 Advanced Concepts of Medical & Surgical Nursing II	5
NUR 230 Transition to Professional Nursing Practice	4
Elective	3
Total for ADN	71.5

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NUR 302 Trends in Nursing Practice	3
NUR 303** Nursing Research/Evidence Based Practice	3
NUR 304, 305, 306, 307 (Choose two)	6
NUR 408 Legal & Ethical Issues Related to Professional Nursing Practice	3
NUR 409*** Leadership in the Nursing Profession 63.75 hours (41.25 lecture/22.5 practicum)	3.5
NUR 410*** Community Health Nursing Practicum 112.5 hours (67.5 lecture/45 practicum)	6
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Tuition and Financial Aid

Tuition for Colorado Residents

BSN Nursing Tuition Per Credit Hour	COF Stipend Per Credit Hour	Total Tuition Per Credit Hour
\$444.00	-\$94.00	\$350.00

Required Coursework	Tuition Per Credit Hour	Total Tuition
General Education Classes (18 credits)	\$148.90 (with COF)	\$2,680.20
BSN Nursing Classes (30.5 credits)	\$350.00	\$10,675.00
Total Tuition = \$13,355.20		

Tuition for Out-of-State Residents

BSN Nursing Tuition Per Credit Hour
\$444.00

I've previously taken college classes before entering this program at FRCC; will this impact my financial aid?

Financial Aid staff is required to monitor the number of credits a student attempts (and earns) each term for Satisfactory Academic Progress. This is monitored for all enrolled students, even when the student may not be using financial aid. The goal is to ensure that students are completing their program of study within 150% of the credits.

Past credits (or transfer credits) on file at FRCC will count toward overall credits attempted, even if these credits were from a previous school or a previous degree. Once a student hits the 150% threshold for attempted credits at FRCC, a student would become ineligible for future financial aid.

Will my past student loans impact my current program at FRCC for financial aid?

There are yearly limits for federal student loans (and Pell grants) that can impact how much, if any, a student can receive. Additionally, there are lifetime limits on grants and loans, which can also impact how much a student can use in their lifetime. Once a student has hit these limits, this type of funding is exhausted and is no longer accessible to a student.

If you have past federal student loan debt (or have previously used a Pell grant), it's important to see how much aid you have already used so you can prepare to strategically use your remaining funding to complete your program requirements. For more information and help in determining your past usage, please contact kolby.knupp@frontrange.edu.

Will I get more financial aid for pursuing a bachelor's degree?

A student whose primary degree is a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN) and has earned at least 60 credits at FRCC, would be considered for additional increase of federal student loan eligibility; an increase of roughly \$1,000-\$2,000 per academic year. However, the amount of funding that a student is offered is based on yearly loan limits and the lifetime loan limits.

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