RN-to-BS Nursing Online Degree Program

Program overview

The College of Nursing offers registered nurses a dynamic, interactive online baccalaureate program that is individually planned for each RN student. The faculty members continually provide support, guidance, and individualized academic planning to students as they progress through the program.

Program highlights

Highlights of this online education program include:
- Individualized plan for program progression each semester
- Online format provides contact with classmates and faculty
- Nursing courses may be completed in 4 semesters
- Program begins with an optional 3-hour orientation prior to the start of class
- Nursing courses build on RN prior knowledge and support professional development

A clinical community nursing course allows students to apply new knowledge concepts through faculty directed independent study.

Students may transfer non-nursing course credits from other institutions to meet most program requirements. A total of 45-credits, including 28 online nursing credits, must be taken at UMass Dartmouth. The other 17 non-nursing credits may be satisfied with online, blended or traditional classroom courses offered through University Extension.

RN-BS Option credit requirements:
- Earned nursing credits at UMassD: 28
- Non-nursing credits: 17
- Nursing Portfolio Credits (following completion of NUR 301): 38
- Transfer credits from non-UMD institutions: up to 39
- Total RN-BS option credits: 122 for BS in Nursing

Required Online Nursing courses in RN-BS Option:
- NUR 214 Scholarly Inquiry in Nursing (3 credits)
- NUR 301 Transition to Baccalaureate Nursing (3 credits)
- NUR 302 Selected Mechanisms of Disease and Related Pharmacology (3 credits)
- NUR 306 Professional Nursing (3 credits)
- NUR 322 Holistic Health Assessment (4 credits)
- NUR 330 Community Health Nursing (3 credits)
- NUR 331 Experiential Learning: Community Health (3 credits, clinical course)
- NUR 409 Leadership in Nursing (3 credits)
- NUR 452 Nursing Care of Persons with Chronic Illness (3 credits)

To apply to the RN-to-BS Degree Program

Please complete the online application form at www.umassd.edu/extension/readytoapply/

For more information
 call 508.999.9202.
 umassd.edu/extension

Not sure if online learning is right for you?

You’re not alone.

It’s natural that you will have questions about how online courses work, and will wonder how successful you will be in this type of learning environment.

Come to one of our specialized information sessions. See for yourself exactly how the course material is covered online and what will be expected from you. Our students find our online learning process is easier than they imagined, and enjoy the convenience and flexibility of learning online. The College of Nursing supports and guides you throughout your course work.

The information sessions schedule can be found here: www.umassd.edu/nursing/online/nursingrn-to-bs/