

RN TO BSN BRIDGE PROGRAM AT CLARETIAN UNIVERSITY

Claretian University offers an opportunity for motivated healthcare professionals: A high-quality Post-Licensure Bachelor of Nursing Science (RN-to-BNSc) completion program that's both affordable and convenient. The RN-to-BSN completion program is designed for students and working professionals who have already attained an associate degree or Diploma in Nursing (ADN/DN) and have subsequently earned their licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN) but who ultimately desire to earn their Bachelor of Nursing Science (BNSc). We typically refer to this program as an extension of our "working professional" track, as this program both allows students to enter/re-enter the nursing workforce very quickly (as few as two additional semesters) and offers more accessibility for individuals already working full-time positions due to its online program structure.

Students are admitted into this program for the Fall Semester and the courses are taken wholly online as determined by the departments in which these courses originate.

The RN-to-BSN Completion program pathway can be completed in 2 consecutive semesters, depending on the amount of outstanding Core curriculum, and the part-time pathway can be completed in 4 consecutive semesters.

This program expands on the RN Diploma curriculum, preparing the BNSc graduate for roles across the life continuum to include leadership, health promotion, disease prevention, community health, and research. Claretian University's Department of Nursing Science follows the NUC RN-to-BNSc Articulation Model for Registered Nursing Students. The registered nurse articulating to the baccalaureate level will be awarded up to 35 semester hours accrued from their previous RN diploma. These credits will be held in escrow until the baccalaureate candidate successfully completes at least 8 semester hours of nursing credit. Credits held in escrow will then be added to the student's transcript. This program culminates with the student earning a Bachelor of Nursing Science, which prepares students with the knowledge and clinical

skills to function as a beginning nurse, nurse manager, or leader within various healthcare settings. Additionally, our BNSc graduates are prepared to enter graduate nursing programs in order to advance their careers, several of which are offered at International destinations.

The admissions policy of Claretian University is designed to admit those applicants who show a reasonable probability for success in completing requirements for a degree. In considering the applicant, the Office of Admissions and Recruitment will review the previous academic records, entrance examination scores and grade-point average. All applicants must present the required credentials for review and evaluation. Acceptance or denial of admission is determined by the Director of Admissions and Recruitment. An application for admission is considered when the completed application and all requested credentials have been received by the University.

RN TO BNSc PROGRAM OF STUDY

A. Nursing Core Coursework

- NSC 445: Professional Nursing Practice (3 credits)

Focus on the role of professional nurses, including leadership, management, and communication.

- NSC 422: Human Factors in Healthcare (3 credits)

Explores the human factors that influence healthcare outcomes, including patient safety and quality improvement.

-NSC 460: Nursing Informatics (3 credits)

Focus on History of Healthcare informatics, current issues, basic informatics, concepts and health information management systems

-NSC 462: Pathophysiology (3 credits)

Deals with the underlying biological process involved in the development and complications of common clinical diseases

-NSC 465 Health and Wellness of Aging (3 credits)

Focus on comprehensive nursing protocols in providing quality care to adults and the aging within cultural and global contexts

- NSC 455: Health Assessment (4 credits)

Develop skills in health assessment, including physical examination and health history.

- NSC 465: Community Health Nursing and Practicum (4 credits)

Examines community health nursing, including health promotion, disease prevention, and community-based care.

- NSC 475: Nursing Research Application (4 credits)

Introduces research methods and evidence-based practice in nursing.

- NSC 485: Leadership and Management and Practicum (4 credits)

Focuses on leadership and management principles, including organizational behavior and healthcare policy.

- NSC 595: Capstone (3 credits)

Integrates knowledge and skills from previous coursework in a capstone project.

Total 32 credit hours

B. Courses to be validated from previous RN coursework Total 35 credit hours

C. General Education Requirements:

- English composition (6 credits)

- Math and science (10 credits)

- Social sciences (12 credits)

- Humanities (12 credits)

- Fine arts (3 credits)

Total 43 Credit hours

TOTAL SEMESTER HOURS

122

The RN to BSN program at the Claretian University of Nigeria Nekede is designed for working nurses who want to advance their education and career. The program consists of nursing coursework (32 credits) and general education requirements (51 credits).

The program is designed to be completed in 9-12 months, with part-time and full-time options available. Tuition is \$771 per course, with a total program cost of \$8,995.

General Requirements

An applicant must submit the following credentials by April 1, 2025 as all undergraduate admissions into Nigeria Universities System as coordinated by Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board. Direct Entry Admissions allow qualified candidates to gain admission into second year or third year of their chosen course of study. At Claretian University, we have a special provision for compressed track for migration of mature and experienced RN graduates into the BNSc program.

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1. Submit your application online. (Application link) and fee
 2. Submit requests for your official transcripts from all previous institutions and test scores to be sent to Claretian University.

Credential evaluation services assess international academic credentials to determine their equivalency to US or Canadian standards. Here are some reputable credential evaluation services. Examples include

National Associations

1. National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES): A non-profit association that provides a list of accredited credential evaluation services.
2. Association of International Credential Evaluators (AICE): A professional association that promotes excellence in credential evaluation.

Credential Evaluation Services

1. World Education Services (WES): A non-profit organization that provides credential evaluations for international students and professionals.
2. Joseph Silny & Associates (JS&A): A reputable evaluation agency that provides expert credential evaluation and verification services.
3. Educational Credential Evaluators (ECE): A non-profit organization that provides credential evaluations for international students and professionals.
4. International Education Evaluations (IEE): A credential evaluation service that provides reports for international students and professionals.
5. Center for Educational Documentation (CED): A credential evaluation service that provides reports for international students and professionals.

Services Offered

1. General Reports: Evaluates international credentials to determine their US equivalency.
2. Detailed Reports: Provides a detailed analysis of international credentials, including course-by-course evaluation.
3. Specialized Reports: Offers specialized evaluations for specific industries, such as engineering or nursing.

4. Document Verification: Verifies the authenticity of academic documents, such as diplomas and transcripts.

5. Institutional Verification: Verifies the accreditation status and recognition of international institutions.