

Lindsey Wilson College Division of Nursing and Health RN BSN Program Fact Sheet FAQ's

Who do I contact related to questions about the RN BSN Program at Lindsey Wilson College (LWC)?

Individuals wishing to receive information or speak with the RN BSN Coordinator should email RNBSN@lindsey.edu. Response time is efficient and advising guidance will be provided within 24 to 48 hours.

Prospective students may access the Lindsey Online RN BSN website to complete an application. This application will prompt a contact with the RN BSN Coordinator as well. <http://online.lindsey.edu/programs/nurn/>

Specific information regarding the RN BSN program can be found on the LWC RN BSN website. <http://www.lindsey.edu/academics/undergraduate-programs/bachelor-of-science/nursing.aspx>

What are the admission criteria for the RN BSN program?

Completion of Associate of Applied Science or Associate of Science degree from an accredited institution of higher education and a state-approved pre-licensure associate degree nursing program, as evidenced by transcript.

- Completion of the associate degree with Kentucky General Education Full Certification is recommended.
- Students who have not earned the Kentucky General Education Full Certification will be required to complete the Lindsey Wilson College Essential Learning General Education program.

Active, unencumbered state Registered Nurse Licensure. Applicants awaiting results of examinations for licensure (NCLEX-RN) may be admitted on a conditional basis for one semester until notified of licensure.

Return letter of acceptance via email to the RNBSN@lindsey.edu by the designated date.

Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0

Interview, as requested by the RN BSN program coordinator or the BSN Admission Progression Graduation (APG) Committee.

Who advises RN to BSN students?

All RN BSN students are advised by the RN BSN Coordinator, Dr. Angie Johnson.

Is there a separate admission to nursing?

Students seeking admission into the RN BSN Program will be required to complete two applications. The first is the Lindsey Wilson College application.

Once a student has applied to Lindsey Wilson College indicating RN BSN as the degree of study, the RN BSN Program will send via email the RN BSN Application. All official transcripts must be received before admission to the College and/or program is confirmed.

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Are there admission deadlines for the RN BSN Program?

Applications to the College and the RN BSN program are accepted on a rolling basis-there is not a deadline. There are deadlines associated with start dates for a cohort of students. For students anticipating enrollment in the RN BSN courses, the following deadlines apply.

January Spring Semester Start Date-November 1

August Fall Semester Start Date- July 1

Do I have to take a test to be admitted to the RN BSN Program?

Entrance exams are not required for admission to the RN BSN program

Do I get credit for my associate degree nursing classes?

All students graduating from an accredited state approved associate degree nursing program will be granted course equivalency credit by LWC Registrar's Office. General education course credit is also reviewed for transfer credit by the Registrar's Office.

Do my courses from the community college transfer?

The LWC Registrar's Office reviews and will accept your course work on a case by case basis. If a student wishes to have previous (post-licensure) coursework or program-required courses evaluated for acceptance, the student must initiate a Course Substitution Form. Acceptance of the coursework is contingent upon theoretical and clinical congruence with the courses offered by LWC and the RN BSN Program.

How many hours do I have to take from LWC?

Students must complete at least 42 credit hours from LWC and 50% of those must be within the program of study. For the RN BSN major, this requirement is met with the courses required to complete the degree.

Can I work full-time and go to school full-time?

The Online RN BSN Program is designed specifically for the working nurse. The RN BSN Program offers coursework every 8 weeks. Once general education requirements are met, students take four RN BSN courses a semester while working full-time.

Lindsey Online offers many academic support programs and services to students to meet course objectives and achieve academic success.

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What is an academic success coach?

In addition to Faculty Advisors, online students will be guided through their program by a Success Coach who will give students guidance to a successful online college experience to graduation.

Success Coaches help students set educational and career goals, assist students in understanding online courses and the platforms utilized as well as academic expectations of the College, provide support and encouragement as well as monitor academic progress. Success Coaches can help students utilize the resources of the institution including online tutoring, library resources, career services, writing center and math center tutors to help an online student succeed. A Success Coach does not replace an Academic Advisor but serves as an additional resource for students academic progression through their program.

Students may meet with their Coach through email, Skype, phone calls or by appointment on campus. To contact a Success Coach directly, call [\(270\) 250.2344](tel:2702502344) or email Ashley Miller, millera@lindsey.edu.

How long will it take me to complete the program?

If students elect to enroll full-time, the RN BSN program is designed to be completed in a 3 semester format. Students may need varying amounts of general education courses. The RN BSN academic advisor will work closely with students to determine the optimal time for enrollment in the first NURN RN BSN courses. Generally speaking, full-time coursework will allow the student to graduate in 3 semesters.

The Plan of Study can be obtained by contacting RNBSN@lindsey.edu. Individual plan of studies may vary based on full-time or part-time status and the general education required courses.

How long do I have to complete the program?

The RN BSN program must be completed in 5 years from the first date of enrollment in NURN 3012 Transition to Professional Nursing Practice.

What is the Internship Course and how will I complete this?

Rather than clocked clinical hours, the Internship course (NURN PN 00 Internship) is an experiential learning experience. According to CCNE, experiential learning experiences are “planned clinical practice experiences that enable the students to integrate new knowledge and demonstrate attainment of program outcomes and must be evaluated by faculty”(CCNE, 2015 pg 1). CCNE further defines the use of current workplace experiences as long as the experiences engage the student to integrate new knowledge and can not be business as usual (CCNE, 2015).

Students in the NURN PN00 work closely with a designated faculty member to engage the RN BSN student in a workplace application of new knowledge and skills. A plan is designed and implemented by the student and approved by the faculty.

What Financial Aid is available?

Once a student completes the online application, very specific directions from the RN BSN Coordinator/Advisor regarding contacts and links to complete the FASFA.

Prospective students are encouraged to complete the FASA at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> and declare Lindsey Wilson College as their college of choice.

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The Online Admission Counselor will work directly with students to complete the form if needed. This is a required step for all college admissions.

Financial Aid information is available on the Lindsey Online RN BSN website
<http://online.lindsey.edu/programs/nurn/finAid.cfm>

For direct assistance, prospective students should contact the Lindsey Online office at LindseyOnline@lindsey.edu or the Financial Aid office. Here is the link to the Financial Aid office
<http://www.lindsey.edu/offices-and-services/financial-aid.aspx>

Are there any RN BSN scholarships available?

RN BSN Student Scholarship information is listed on
<http://online.lindsey.edu/programs/nurn/finAid.cfm>

Kentucky RN BSN students may qualify for the Kentucky Nurse Incentive through the Kentucky Board of Nursing. <http://kbn.ky.gov/nisf/Pages/default.aspx>

The RN BSN Coordinator and the Online Admissions Counselor will work closely with the student to determine a path for completing the degree using the best financial aid advice and guidance.

What is the current cost of tuition?

The current tuition rate is \$275 per credit hour and can be found at
<http://online.lindsey.edu/programs/nurn/finAid.cfm>

What is the current cost of the program?

Item	Cost	Total
RN BSN Program Courses 39 credit hours	\$275 per credit hour	\$10,275
General Education Required Courses (Varies by student)	\$275 per credit hour	Variable
Approximate Cost of nursing course books	\$600	\$600
LWC Technology Fee per semester (varies by student)	\$49	Variable
Graduation Fee	\$55	\$55
Total Program Cost		RN BSN Courses \$10,275 Books/Fees: \$655 (approximately) Technology Fee \$49 per semester

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What technology requirements are needed to complete the courses?

In order to participate and be successful in the required coursework, students will need to have access to a computer and the Internet, please see the technology suggested requirements below.

	Recommended	Minimum
Operating System:	Windows 7 or Higher or Macintosh OS 10.6 or Higher	Windows 7 or Macintosh OS X
Processor:	3 GHz	2 GHz
Memory:	4 - 6 GB	3 GB
Hardware:	Webcam and Headset Microphone	Webcam and Headset Microphone
Plug-ins:	Adobe PDF reader, Flash Player, Java, QuickTime	Adobe PDF reader, Flash Player, Java, QuickTime
Browsers:	Google Chrome, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari	Google Chrome, Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari
Display:	1280x1024	800x600
Software:	Microsoft - Office 2007 or Higher	Microsoft Office XP or Open Office
Internet Connection:	DSL/CABLE	DSL/CABLE
E-mail Account:	LWC student email account	LWC student email account
Sound	Required	Required

How do I find out the answers to my questions?

Email questions to RNBSN@lindsey.edu

RN BSN Program Coordinator:
Dr. Angie Johnson, DNP RN at johnsona@lindsey.edu or (270) 883-2762