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Division of Nursing and Health

RN BSN Program Fact Sheet

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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?

Admission Criteria

All nursing applicants must first apply to the College before applying to the RN BSN program. Admission to the College does not guarantee admission to the RN BSN program.

Before your application to the RN BSN program will be considered for admission, all applicants must meet and complete the following requirements:

- Admission to Lindsey Wilson College. All admission and transfer requirements outlined in the current catalog apply. Students must be unconditionally accepted before they can be accepted into the RN BSN Program.
- Submission of completed electronic application to the RN BSN Program.
- Cumulative minimum GPA of 2.0 at the entry point to the 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 the transcript.
 - Verification by transcript from an accredited institution of higher education and a state-approved pre-licensure program of coursework equivalent to the following courses with grade C or higher as equivalent coursework:
 - Microbiology (BIOL 2104) – 4 hours
 - Human Anatomy (BIOL 2614) – 4 hours
 - Human Physiology (BIOL 2624) – 4 hours
 - Public Speaking (COMM 2103) – 3 hours
 - Writing Studies I (ENGL 1013) – 3 hours
 - Writing Studies II (ENGL 1023) – 3 hours
 - Medical Communication (HLCA 2013) – 3 hours
 - Principles of Psychology (PSYC 1003) – 3 hours
 - Life Span Development (PSYC/HS 3103) – 3 hours
 - Introduction to Professional Nursing (NURS 2002) – 2 hours
 - Foundations of Professional Practice (NURS 2024) – 4 hours
 - Adult Health Nursing I (NURS 3105) – 5 hours
 - Maternal/Newborn/Family-Centered Nursing (NURS 3305) – 5 hours
 - Pediatric/Family-Centered Nursing (NURS 3355) – 5 hours
 - Mental Health Nursing (NURS 4105) – 5 hours

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- Adult Health Nursing II (NURS 4307) – 7 hours
- Nursing Synthesis (NURS 4402) – 2 hours
- Active, unencumbered state Registered Nurse Licensure. Applicants awaiting results of examination for licensure (NCLEX-RN) may be admitted on a conditional basis for one semester until notified of licensure.
- Email confirmation of acceptance of admission and intent to enroll to the RN BSN Program by designated date. Non-compliance with this requirement will forfeit the seat allotted for the student.
- Interview may be required.

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?

- Lindsey Wilson College uses a rolling admission plan for the RN BSN Program. Applications are accepted year round. It is recommended applications be submitted by July 1 for Fall admission and Nov 1 for Spring Admission.
- Students seeking admission to the RN BSN degree programs must complete additional BSN applications and requirements.
- Correspondence to applicants regarding admission status will be sent to the email address on record.
- Students are notified of admission to the program by the Chair of Division of Nursing & Health.
- The entry point into the RN BSN program is defined by the program as enrollment in the NURN 3012 Transition to Professional Nursing Practice on the last day to register for a seated or online course established by the College Academic Calendar.

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.

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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.

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 an 12 month 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 12 months.

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The Plan of Study can be obtained by contacting RNBSN@lindsey.edu or by reviewing the RN BSN Website at <http://online.lindsey.edu/programs/nurn/> 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?

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

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?

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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	\$10,725
General Education Required Courses (Varies by student)	\$275 per credit hour	Variable
Approximate Cost of nursing course books	\$655	\$655
LWC Technology Fee per semester (varies by student)	\$50	Variable
Graduation Fee	\$55	\$55
Total Program Cost		RN BSN Courses \$10,725 Books/Fees: \$655 (approximately) Technology Fee \$50 per semester

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

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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