



**AUBURN UNIVERSITY  
AT MONTGOMERY**

**COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES**

## **Frequently Asked Questions About Auburn University at Montgomery's RN to BSN Program**

### **What is the RN to BSN program?**

It is an ADN to BSN completion program offered at the Auburn University at Montgomery School of Nursing. The program is designed for Associate or Diploma Degree RNs who wish to complete a Bachelor of Science Degree.

### **What are the course requirements to enter the program?**

The core requirements consist of the Alabama State Core requirements for any Bachelor's degree (Area I- IV), plus courses specific to the major (Area V). Credit will only be granted for a grade of C or higher. **(RN to BSN graduates with a 3.4 GPA or higher are only eligible to receive the honors designation at graduation if a minimum of 50 hours of credit was completed at AUM. The RN to BSN courses alone provide only 31 hours of Auburn University at Montgomery credit.)**

If you are interested in Auburn University at Montgomery's RN to BSN program, you are encouraged to submit previous college transcripts to have a transcript evaluation performed. Unofficial student copies or web transcripts are acceptable. It is imperative to work closely with the RN to BSN advisor to assure proper selection of your lacking core coursework. Submit transcripts for evaluation to the email address, fax number, or mailing address below.

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To graduate with a BSN, you must successfully complete the state core curriculum, the 30-semester hour RN to BSN program, and earn no less than 120 undergraduate semester hours.

### **Is there a time limit on my previously achieved college credit?**

No, as long as the credit was earned at a regionally accredited institution. RN to BSN students typically come from a variety of backgrounds and levels of experience. Some of our students have recently

completed an ADN/ASN program and some have over 30 years of nursing experience. This truly enriches the learning experience for all students.

### **What AP exam scores are accepted at Auburn University at Montgomery?**

A minimum score of 3 is required for Introduction to Biology with lab. A minimum score of 4 is required for English Composition I, unless you have credit for English Composition II. For a complete list, refer to our Registrar's Office website and click on AP credit <http://www.aum.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions/admission-requirements/domestic-transfer-test-credits>

### **Will I ever have to come to campus?**

No, the RN to BSN program is completely online, unless you are a member of a cohort sponsored by a partner hospital. You are not required to come to campus unless you take an on-campus core course. However, most core courses are also offered online at Auburn University at Montgomery.

### **If I live out of state, will I be charged out-of-state tuition?**

Yes, you will be charged a tuition rate of \$363\* per credit hour. This is only \$20 more than in-state tuition! Some fees charged to on-campus students are waived for fully online students, saving the distance education student hundreds of dollars per semester. For more information, browse [online.aum.edu](http://online.aum.edu). \*Tuition rate for online learners for 2022-2023 academic year

### **Are there scholarships for transfer students?**

Yes! We offer multiple Transfer Scholarships to incoming transfer students who have completed 45 academic credits with a 2.75 GPA or higher at a regionally accredited Community College. Transfer students with a 3.5 or greater cumulative GPA who complete their Associate's Degree from an out-of-state regionally accredited community college are eligible for in-state tuition rates. For more information, visit <http://www.aum.edu/admissions/scholarships-and-financial-aid/scholarships/transfer-scholarships>. The Financial Aid Office is the scholarship headquarters.

### **Is it feasible to attend this program while working full time?**

The program is designed to facilitate continued employment. Most students choose to complete the program on the full time/3 semester track, even when working full time. You may approach the program on a part time basis, if not in a hospital partnership cohort.

### **When does Auburn University at Montgomery admit students for the RN to BSN program?**

We admit students in the Fall, Spring, and Summer semesters. If you would like to take core courses at Auburn Montgomery before starting the RN to BSN program, you will need to major in RN to BSN.

### **What are the admission requirements for the RN to BSN program?**

- General Admission into Auburn University at Montgomery then submission of the RN to BSN application
- A "C" or higher in English Composition II, core math, completion of either the literature or history series with a grade of "C" or higher, and no more than three outstanding core courses.
- You must make a grade of "C" or higher in all courses.

- You must possess unencumbered Registered Nurse licensure by the Board of Nursing
- Your GPA, based only on core course requirements, must be a 2.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale
- Official copies of your BLS certification, immunization records, physical examination, and 1-step TB skin test results must be submitted to Viewpoint. The submission code will be provided upon admission.

### **How do I apply for the RN to BSN program?**

You must be admitted into Auburn University at Montgomery. There is no application fee. When applying, indicate that you are a transfer student and select RN to BSN as your major.

Once admitted into Auburn University at Montgomery, submit a separate RN to BSN application to the School of Nursing, which is available on our website (<https://www.aum.edu/nursingandhealth/academic-programs/undergraduate-programs/rntobsn/>). The RN to BSN academic advisor must complete your transcript evaluation prior to submission of a School of Nursing application.

### **Are there clinical requirements for the program, and if so, can I do them close to home?**

The program includes two courses with a clinical leadership component, which allow students an opportunity to demonstrate knowledge, skills and competencies learned throughout the program. This immersion experience may be done in the student's institution of choice, regardless of where you live.

The student must complete 45 hours in each course. A clinical log that clearly outlines how the student met clinical hours and course objectives must be completed, signed by both the student and mentor, and submitted to the instructor.

### **Is there a resource at Auburn University at Montgomery for me to use to improve my writing skills and tutoring in other areas I may need help?**

YES! The Warhawk Academic Success Center (WASC) at Auburn University at Montgomery provides online tutoring! Their online tutors are MLA and APA experts and because they are not undergraduates, they understand the needs of non-traditional students. They provide tutoring for all writing assignments, regardless of the course or your major.

If you have any questions or need to make an appointment, please call 334-244-3470. Visit their website and watch their YouTube video

- <https://www.aum.edu/academics/academic-support/warhawk-academic-success-center>
- <https://youtu.be/RkJ43rBmPZE>

### **What other resources are available for me as an online student?**

The Auburn University at Montgomery Office of Digital and Online Learning created a website solely for online learners. The link is [online.aum.edu](http://online.aum.edu). Browse the information on the "Student Resources" tab on the left. Auburn University at Montgomery strives to make every student feel a part of the Warhawk Nation even if you never set foot on campus. The Academic Advising Office within the School of Nursing will be your connection throughout your journey at Auburn University at Montgomery!