

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 Degree or Diploma RNs who wish to complete a Bachelor Degree in Nursing.

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 30 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. Though not a requirement, students are encouraged to attend School of Nursing events like the White Coat Ceremony and the Pinning Ceremony.

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

Yes, you will be charged a tuition rate of \$393* per credit hour. This is only \$22 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. *Tuition rate for online learners for 2025-2026 academic year

Are there tuition discounts?

Yes! Students who work for the following institutions are eligible to receive a 25% discount on all nursing courses and a 20% discount on required prerequisites taken at AUM. At the moment, the eligible institutions are: Flowers Hospital, Baptist Health, Southeast Health, Jackson Hospital, East Alabama Medical Center, Medical Center Enterprise, Russell Medical Center, and Dale Medical Center.

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 University at 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?

For Unconditional Admission:

- Submit a university 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.

For Conditional Admission:

- Submit a university application
- You must possess unencumbered Registered Nurse licensure by the Board of Nursing
- Your GPA, based only on core course requirements, must be a 2.00 to 2.499 or on a 4.00 scale
- Have four (4) or more outstanding pre-requisite courses

Change of Admission Status:

Students will be granted an Unconditional Admission status in the RN to BSN program when all of the following conditions have been met:

- No outstanding pre-perquisites remain
- The GPA, based on core requirements, is at or above a 2.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Successful completion of the first two nursing courses with a grade of C (73) or higher.

Students are not required to reapply to the program and will be notified when the admission status changes.

How do I apply for the RN to BSN program?

You will submit a transfer application to Auburn University at Montgomery. **There is no application fee.** An admission representative will contact you to ensure that you submit all required documentation. Once all documentation has been submitted, then your items will be forwarded to the School of Nursing for review. If you are accepted to the RN to BSN, you will be emailed an acceptance letter to the email address that you provided on your university application. Typically, it takes 5 business days to receive an admission decision.

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

The program includes one course with a direct care leadership/management clinical component. This allows 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 clinical hours for the 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/t>
- <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. 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!