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Pathways to the Nursing Profession

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What is a registered nurse?

- A registered nurse (RN) is someone who has passed the NCLEX-RN licensing exam.
- To become qualified to sit this exam, you must be a graduate of *either* a Associate Degree in Nursing program at a Community College or a pre-licensure BSN program at a 4-year school



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Why should an RN also be a BSN?

- Greater qualifications=greater chance at getting a job
- Greater qualifications are now desired more than ever before
- Greater qualifications will allow you to advance
- More knowledge of the nursing profession will make you a better nurse





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Reasons to choose Pre-licensure BSN Program

- The full traditional college experience is available to you for your 4 years of study or for the final 2 years of study if you are a CC transfer
- Double majoring and doing minors is easier, or there may be more choices available

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Reasons to do an ADN program and an RN-to-BSN program

- Cheaper
- Quicker, if you plan your studies at a Community College well
- MANY more programs are available
- Allows you to work as an RN while continuing your education
- Allows you to start your nursing practice before learning more advance practice information

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For more information about available RN programs

- <http://www.uwb.edu/nursing/futurestudents>



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About Us


- UW Bothell Nursing Program has offered an RN-to-BSN program since 1992
- UW Tacoma also offers a BSN completion program; UW Seattle does not
- Over 1600 graduates
- Admission of ~200 students/year



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Multiple Locations


- Complete your BSN either on the Bothell campus or in Mount Vernon or Everett



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Convenient Starting Times


- Bothell: Both Summer and Autumn starts
 - The 4-quarter completion option is available both quarters
- Mount Vernon and Everett: Autumn start
 - 5-quarter program unless you pick up a 5-credit elective at UW Bothell as a Pre-BSN student → then becomes a 4-quarter program



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Programs for the Working Nurse


- Full-time (4 quarters) or Part-time (5-9 quarters) enrollment options
- In Nursing core classes on Tuesdays or Thursdays (Bothell); required to commit to a core course class day
 - Non-Nursing Electives can be the same day or different day(s)



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Programs for the Working Nurse

- In Mount Vernon, all core classes and non-Nursing electives are on Mondays
- In Everett, all core classes and non-Nursing electives are on Tuesdays



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Admission Requirements

- Nursing Degree from Community College earned **or in progress**, with 90 transferable credits completed
- NCLEX completion (or admitted conditionally)
- All Nursing, UW Admission, and General Education Requirements
- Full list on our Web site:
 - <http://www.uwb.edu/nursing>



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Admission Deadlines

- Priority Application Deadline for all Programs is February 1, 2012
- Based on the extremely high volumes of applications we received last year, application by the priority deadline is **strongly** encouraged
- We do continue to accept applications until our programs are full and we have wait lists established



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BSN Degree Requirements


- Students must earn 45 Credits through UW Bothell to earn their BSN
 - 30 UW Bothell core Nursing Credits
 - 15 upper division (300-400 level) UW Bothell non-Nursing electives
 - Electives may be taken from Health, Interdisciplinary Arts and Sciences, Science and Technology, Education, Business, Computing and Software Systems
 - One Health elective is required



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RN-to-BSN Demographics

- Usually 90-100% working nurses
- 1/3 new grads
- Students from 19-63 years old
- Renton—Ferndale—Pt. Angeles—Forks—Wenatchee



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Program Costs and Financing

- <http://www.uwb.edu/tuition>
- Scholarships and Financial Aid are available
- <http://www.uwb.edu/nursing/funding>



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For Additional Information

- <http://www.uwb.edu/nursing>.