



RN-to-BSN: Earning the BSN through transfer

A popular route to attain the Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN) is to first become a licensed Registered Nurse, then transfer to a BSN completion program.

Black Hawk College's Associate Degree of Nursing (A.D.N.) prepares students to become a Registered Nurse (RN). After successfully completing the A.D.N., eligible students may take the licensure exam. Successfully passing the exam allows the student to attain their license, go to work as an RN, and prepare to start a BSN completion program.

For full details about BHC's Associate Degree of Nursing, including program and licensing exam pass rates, please click [here](#) or visit <https://www.bhc.edu/program/associate-degree-nursing-aas/>

Benefits of becoming an RN, then enrolling in an RN-to-BSN transfer program:

- ❖ The BHC Associate Degree of Nursing (A.D.N.) can be completed in two years after acceptance into the program. After graduating from BHC, the BSN completion part varies by institution and can range from 10 to 24 months. Students should consider all their time commitments before choosing a fast-paced program or starting a BSN while still enrolled in the A.D.N.

Alternatively, a BSN program started at the freshman level (also called a pre-licensure program) is 4 years. Students must graduate from the BSN program before taking the RN licensure exam.

- ❖ The A.D.N. has fewer pre-requisite and general education courses than a bachelor degree and requires about 70 total credits. In contrast, most BSN degrees require about 120 total credits, including general education courses in addition to those taken in the associate degree program. BHC offers the majority of additional general education courses for RN-to-BSN programs. The courses can be taken before transfer and at BHC tuition rates.
- ❖ The cost of an A.D.N. program is less of an overall investment than committing initially to a 4-year bachelor degree program.
- ❖ Graduating with an A.D.N. supports quicker entry into the workforce. Get your RN license and go to work!
- ❖ Working as an RN before starting the bachelor level program provides students with nursing experience and the ability to save toward their education. Some employers will also help fund the cost of the BSN completion program.
- ❖ The majority of RN-to-BSN programs are online, and many also support attending part-time.

Learn more about how RN-to-BSN programs work, their benefits, and if this route is right for you!

- <https://www.allnursingschools.com/bsn/adn-to-bsn/>
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