



## UWEC UNDERGRADUATE BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM COLLABORATIVE NURSING PROGRAM / BSN@HOME PROGRAM

UW-Eau Claire educates nurses at the baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral levels. We offer various options, including a BSN Completion Program for practicing registered nurses with an associate degree or diploma in nursing from an accredited nursing program who wish to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.

### THE EAU CLAIRE ADVANTAGE

- UW-Eau Claire is the only public university in northwestern and northcentral Wisconsin that offers a baccalaureate nursing degree.
- The UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences nursing baccalaureate, master's, and doctoral programs are fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the State Board of Nursing.
- The BSN program prepares you for study in graduate nursing programs.
- At UW-Eau Claire, you can obtain a graduate degree in nursing and receive advanced role preparation as a clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, nurse administrator, or nurse educator.
- The RN/BSN/MSN Option facilitates the progression of qualified students enrolled in the BSN Completion Program into the master's program at UW-Eau Claire. It enables you to enroll in selected graduate courses, e.g., Nursing Research and Leadership in Nursing.

### BSN COMPLETION PROGRAM (COLLABORATIVE NURSING / BSN@Home PROGRAM)

The BSN Completion Program, also referred to as the Collaborative Nursing Program (CNP)/BSN@Home Program, is a joint effort of the six nursing programs in the University of Wisconsin System (UW-Eau Claire,

UW-Green Bay, UW-Madison, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Oshkosh, & UW-Stevens Point). Students participating in the program select one of the six universities as their "home" campus and must complete the degree requirements of their home campus. Core nursing courses of the BSN Completion Program are offered online by the nursing programs.

### Degree Requirements

The BSN is a comprehensive degree (no minor is required) consisting of 120 credits. The degree encompasses two academic components:

- 1. Liberal education, university, and other non-nursing course requirements for a bachelor's degree, which are specific to the home institution.
- 2. The comprehensive nursing major, which includes both credit for prior learning and BSN Completion courses offered collaboratively by the six nursing programs.

### UW-EAU CLAIRE FACTS AT A GLANCE

- Location: Eau Claire, Wis.; city pop. 65,000, metro. pop. 151,000
- Average enrollment: 10,460
- Undergraduates: 9,894
- Graduate students: 566
- International students: 2%
- Multicultural students: 7%
- Average men-women ratio: 2-to-3
- Students who spend at least a semester studying abroad: 24%
- ACT composite average: 24
- Student organizations: 280
- Walk across campus: About 10 minutes
- Nickname: Blugolds
- Colors: Navy and old gold

Students who declare UW-Eau Claire as their home institution must fulfill the following course requirements (see Catalogue for more details):

- University Writing (5 credits)
- Design for Diversity\* (3 credits)
- Liberal Education (LE)
  - Natural Sciences (general chemistry; general anatomy & physiology; biochemistry; & microbiology)\*\*
  - Social Sciences (including Human Development)
  - Humanities
  - Arts
  - Communication
  - Statistics
  - Creativity
  - Equity, Diversity, & Inclusivity
  - Global perspectives
  - Civic & environmental issues
  - Integration
- Nursing (60 credits)
- Electives to total 120 credits for the degree

**NOTE:** \* Design for Diversity courses may also be Liberal Education courses. \*\* General chemistry waived following completion of biochemistry; anatomy & physiology and microbiology completed through Associate Degree in Nursing. The non-nursing course requirements can be met through:

- Course enrollment at UW-Eau Claire
- Transfer from an accredited college or university, including UW Colleges Online\*
- Independent study through an accredited college or university, e.g., UW-Extension Independent Learning.
- Credit by examination (e.g., CLEP, ACT-PEP, faculty-made)

**NOTE:** \*RNs who graduated from the Wisconsin Technical College System (WTCS) in 1989 or later may transfer in liberal education coursework within the areas of communication, behavioral sciences, social sciences, mathematics, and natural sciences.

The comprehensive major in nursing consists of 60 credits. Of these, 30 credits are awarded for prior learning upon completion of CND 310 (grade of B or above). The remaining 30 credits are earned through the following upper division core nursing courses, which originate from one of the six participating universities:

- CND 310 Bridge to Professional Nursing (2 credits)
- CND 407 Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice\* (3 credits)
- CND 441 Chronic Care Management\* (3 credits)
- CND 446 Nursing Research & Evidence-Based Practice\* (3 credits)
- CND 447 Leadership and Management\* (3 credits)
- CND 453 Information & Healthcare Technology\* (3 credits)
- CND 454 Community Health Nursing\* (3 credits)
- CND 480 Nursing within Systems: Analysis & Application (4 credits)
- Nursing Electives (6 credits)

NOTE: \*Six core nursing courses (18 credits) and upper division nursing electives (6 credits) are offered online.

- CND 310 and CND 480 are hybrid courses (taught partially face-to-face and partially online) and require only a few on-campus days. Selected sections are offered at the UW-Eau Claire College of Nursing and Health Sciences distance education site in Marshfield at the Marshfield Medical Center, depending on enrollments. The clinical component of CND 480 can usually be arranged near the student's place of residence and meets the UWEC Service Learning requirement. Alternatively, interested students also may have the option of participating in a cultural clinical immersion experience at the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota.
- Students may register for CND 310 while awaiting their WI RN license; however, the license must be obtained prior to subsequent semester registration.

## **PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Formal application to the BSN Completion Program must be made in the semester prior to enrolling in nursing courses. (Students may apply while in the final semester of their technical college program.)

To be considered for admission to the BSN Completion Program at UW-Eau Claire, students must have:

- Graduated with an associate degree in nursing from a nationally accredited (e.g., NLN, NLNAC, & ACEN) nursing program with a minimum GPA of 2.50.
- A current Wisconsin RN license.\*
- Been admitted to UW-Eau Claire in good standing.
- Completed at least 30 credits of transferable liberal education courses with a total grade-point average of at least a 2.50.
- Completed at least three of the five required science courses, with a grade-point average of at least 2.50 (see catalogue).
- Submitted and completed all application materials (including but not limited to: application, application fee, official transcript from associate degree or diploma program, evidence of Wisconsin RN licensure).

NOTE: Official transcripts from all educational institutions attended, including High School, are needed. The deadlines for filing applications to the College of Nursing and Health Sciences are March 1st, April 1st, June 1st, October 1st, and November 1st. \*Please contact Dr. Catherine Kenney (kromricc@uwec.edu) if you are in the process of seeking WI RN licensure.

Admitted students are required to submit health & immunization/titer requirements, CPR certification at the health care provider level, and background check. Personal health insurance required.

## **RN/BSN/MSN OPTION**

- The RN/BSN/MSN Option is a program that facilitates the progression of qualified Registered Nurse students enrolled in the BSN Completion Program, into the Masters

Program in Nursing at UW-Eau Claire.

- This is accomplished by enrolling as a senior undergraduate student in selected graduate courses (i.e., NRSG 701 Nursing Research: Methods; and NRSG 715 Leadership in Nursing). The graduate courses serve as confirming courses for up to 9 credits in the undergraduate BSN Completion curriculum.

## **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For more information about the BSN Completion Program at UW-Eau Claire, contact:

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