

RN-BSN Online

Course Sequence

4 semester program + Gen Ed & Cognates

COURSE #	Senior RN-BSN Nursing Classes	
	Course Title / Semester Hours	
	Fall 2025/Winter 2027	Hours
NURS 345	Pharmacology	3
NURS 450	Nursing Leadership and Management ^	3
	Winter 2026/Summer 2027	
NURS 335	Professional Development (W)	3
NURS 355	Pathophysiology	3
	Summer 2026/Fall 2027	
NURS 385	Applied Statistics + (Math 215 or NURS 385 for RN-MSN)	3
NURS 446	Populations and Community Health Nursing + ^	4
	Fall 2026/Winter 2028	
NURS 315	Health Assessment II + ^	2
NURS 485	Research Methods (W)	3
	Nursing Electives (Fall and Winter Semesters)	
NURS 328	Survey of Complementary and Alternative Medical Therapies	1-2
NURS 338	Informatics in Nursing Practice	2
+ Required for RN-MSN ^ Clinical/Project/Practical Experience Hours W = writing course Note – Electives are taken to achieve a total of 66 NURS credits, which are counted from both the AS & BSN course work.		

Cognates & General Education Courses for Online RN to BSN Completion

General education courses and non-SAU-specific cognates may be taken from any accredited university or community college. However, SAU permission must be gained via a “Transfer / Transient” form (if already a SAU student). For the transient request form go to southern.edu/records.

Required (if not included in AS degree):

Gen Ed – May take anywhere	Hours	Cognate – Take at SAU	Hours
+ ENGL 101 & ENGL 102**	3 + 3	+ SOCI 349 Aging & Society (S) (W) (F)*	3
+ History** (Any HIST Course - Area I-3a)	3	+ RELT 373 Christian Ethics (or SDA source)*	3
+ COMM 135 Public Speaking**	3	Gen Ed – Take at SAU	
+ Computer Concepts*	1	+ Religion - (or SDA source)*	3
IN-10 Humanities, Fine Arts, or Lit.**	3	+ PE Activity* (ADAC, PEAC, or RECR)	2
+ Required for RN-MSN Note: If planning for the accelerated RN-MSN program the following classes will be required: PEAC 225 Fitness for Life 1 hour and chemistry 3 hours * Courses offered every semester through the ONLINE program ** Courses not offered online at SAU or only one semester *** Once a transfer student completes 10 upper division nursing hours with SAU, it is considered validation for 13 credits of upper division nursing courses to be added to their transcript with a \$520.00 recording fee (\$40 x 13 credit hours).			

26 hours - AS level nursing courses – transferred in

13 hours - AS “Level 4” upper division nursing credits by validation***

27 hours - Senior BSN courses Major—BSN in Nursing (66 Hours)

66 hours - Total BSN Nursing courses

124 total hours required to graduate with BSN - May have to add elective credits

RN to BSN Online Completion Program

What is the first step in joining the ONLINE RN to BSN Completion Program?

- *Current or previous SAU Student: Contact Dr. Joelle Wolf, the ONLINE Coordinator*
 - jwolf@southern.edu or office number 423.236.2947
- *Transfer student: Contact Dr. Nissa Haugen, the Director of Admissions and Progressions*
 - nissah@southern.edu or office 423.236.2941
- *RN-MSN students need to work with their graduate advisor for the MSN course sequence as well.*

How do I apply to the ONLINE program (if not already an SAU nursing student)?

- *Apply to Southern Adventist University <http://www.southern.edu/apply>*
- *Apply to the Southern Adventist University **School of Nursing**.
<http://www.southern.edu/academics/academic-sites/nursing/> then click on Apply Now*

What is the tuition for the ONLINE program?

- *Tuition for an accepted ONLINE RN-BSN program is only 40% of campus tuition!*

Finances?

- *Go to www.southern.edu and click on “**Future or Current Student**” ... then choose **Finance**. Remember, most hospitals provide an educational benefit, so be sure and check that out. Loans generally require that you take 6 credits, but work out the details with your financial counselor.*

Are there clinical courses?

- *Population/Community Health Nursing, Leadership & Management, and Health Assessment have some clinical/project or practical experience hours. (You do not have to find clinical placements)*

How do I register?

- *Once you are accepted into the ONLINE RN-BSN Program, your information will be submitted to the Records Office. You will then be “coded” as an ONLINE student and can register for the “protected” online courses.*
- *“Protected” means only online students can register for the class. If you are an accepted ONLINE student, there is a place in the course for you.*
- *If you have a “HOLD,” you will need to clear the “HOLD” prior to registering. Contact Dr. Joelle Wolf if you experience any difficulties with the registration process.*

How do I drop courses?

- *Work with your advisor, Dr. Joelle Wolf, if you want to drop a class. There is an online form/process to drop any SAU course. If you drop all classes, the financial aid department may also be involved. Everything can be completed via email.*

Books?

- *When you register, you will find a list of your classes and a booklist on “My Access” at southern.edu. (Academics/Academic Profile/Schedule & Books/Booklist). Check your Southern email, as BNC Services will send you an email regarding ordering your textbooks. You will also receive an access code that allows you to charge your books to your Southern account.*

Anything else?

- *You will need to maintain current clinical requirements (if applicable) such as your nursing license, TB clearance, CPR, HIPAA, and complete a background check.*
- *It is vital that you stay in close touch with your course faculty and ONLINE advisor. Check your **Southern email account daily**, and answer any communication promptly.*
- *You will be added to the ONLINE Café (eClass for the online cohort), where you will receive updates, announcements, etc. You can also find pertinent information and forms on the Café’ site.*
- *We hope you will join us for your SAU graduation and School of Nursing Dedication!*