



Frequently Asked Questions (Dual RN to BSN Option)

1. What is the difference between Dual Enrollment RN to BSN and RN to BSN?

The Dual Enrollment RN to BSN Option is designed for students currently enrolled in an Associate Degree in Nursing program who would like to begin working on their BSN while studying to obtain their RN license. The RN to BSN Option is designed for students who already have an active, unrestricted RN license and would like to obtain their BSN.

2. What will transfer to UCCS?

All of your General Education courses will transfer if taken at a Colorado community college. If your courses were completed at an out-of-state school, course equivalencies will be evaluated by your nursing advisor.

3. How many credit hours must I complete at UCCS to graduate?

You must complete a minimum of 30 credit hours through the College of Nursing at UCCS to be eligible for graduation.

4. What is the minimum GPA requirement for admission?

You must have a cumulative GPA of 2.5 from ALL colleges attended to be eligible for admission. This includes ALL completed college courses, not just pre-nursing courses. Only classes with C or higher are eligible for transfer credit.

5. How long does it take to get admitted?

You should receive a letter of acceptance about 4 weeks after you apply.

6. How long does it take to graduate?

The student taking 2 eight courses per semester can complete the program in approximately 1-1.5 years.

The student taking 1-2 courses per semester can complete the program in approximately 1.5-2.5 years.

7. What is the cost?

The cost of tuition depends on several factors, including residency classification (resident/non-resident), number of credits being taken, and what level student you are (freshman/sophomore/junior/senior). To get the most current tuition rates, and estimate [click here](#).

8. Are scholarships available?

Yes, we have one scholarship specifically for the Dual enrolled student and one scholarship for the RN completing his or her BSN. Financial aid opportunities are available. Please visit the [Financial Aid website](#) for a list of the most current financial aid and scholarship opportunities and/or contact your Site Coordinator.

9. Are the programs fully online?

Yes, all courses are online, including NURS 4450 Community Health (clinical course)

10. What are the required courses?

Required courses are listed in the chart below. General Education courses can be taken in-seat or online at UCCS or at your community college and transferred in. You must complete at least 30 credit hours through the College of Nursing at UCCS to be eligible for graduation. All of the NURS courses must be completed at UCCS (with the exception of Pathophysiology).

General Education Requirements	CCC	Credits	Core Nursing Courses	Credits
ANTH 1040: Cultural Anthropology	ANT 101	3	NURS 3010: Pathophysiology *	3
BIOL 2010: Anatomy & Physiology I	BIO 201	4	NURS 3040: Patterns of Knowing	3
BIOL 2020: Anatomy & Physiology II	BIO 202	4	NURS 3050: Health Assessment	3
BIOL 2030: Microbiology	BIO 204	3	NURS 4015: Nursing Research	3
BIOL 2130: Microbiology LAB	BIO 216	1	NURS 4250: Prof Nursing Practice	3
CHEM 1010: Chemistry	CHEM 101	4	NURS 4350: Nursing Management	3
ENGL 1310: Rhetoric & Writing I	ENG 121	3	NURS 4450: Community Health (RN)	6
ENGL 1410: Rhetoric & Writing II	ENG 122	3	NURS 4480: Capstone Project (RN)	3
Humanities Electives (2 courses)		6	NURS Electives	6
HSCI 2060: Health Science Statistics	MAT 135	3		
HSCI 2070: Nutrition for Health Professionals	HWE 100	3	Colorado Articulation Credits (awarded upon receipt of RN license)	38
PSY 1000: General Psychology	PSY 101	3		
PSY 3620: Developmental Psychology	PSY 235	3		
SOC 1110: Introduction to Sociology	SOC 101	3		
General Education Electives		9		
TOTAL		55	TOTAL	71
			Total Credits for BSN	126

*May be transferred in

11. What nursing courses do I need to take first?

NURS 3040: Patterns of Knowing is the first core nursing course and **MUST** be taken first.

12. Do I need to complete my general education courses before applying to UCCS?

No. You can complete your general education courses while completing your nursing courses.

13. Can I take the general education classes at UCCS?

Yes, general education classes can be taken at UCCS. Some but not all courses are offered online.

14. What are the MSN Core Electives?

MSN Core Electives can be taken in place of the undergraduate-level nursing electives. These courses are applied toward a BSN **AND** MSN earned at UCCS. The MSN Core Elective courses are NURS 6110: Advanced Nursing Practice and Health Care Policy and NURS 6740: Advanced Pathophysiology. Each class is 3 credit hours and will fulfill the 6 credit hours of required nursing electives. These courses require preapproval, no other course failures, and completion of all course work up to NURS 4450 and NURS 4480.

15. I applied and was admitted to the Pre-Professional Nursing major. Why?

This is a minor issue and one that is easily fixed once you are admitted. Being admitted to the Pre-Professional Nursing major usually occurs because:

- The admission evaluator was not aware you were applying for the Dual Enrollment RN to BSN or RN to BSN Program.
- Something is missing from your packet—such as, a copy of your RN license (RN completing his or her BSN).

16. Is there an orientation?

All students are required to complete orientation. Orientation will provide you with an introduction to UCCS policies as well as important systems and tools. Once orientation is complete, your advisor will provide you with an official transfer review detailing your remaining required courses to complete the program, and you will be able to register for your courses. Online orientations may be available— as your nursing advisor at UCCS.

17. I have never taken an online course before. What is your advice?

Start by taking one class so you become familiar with learning in an online environment. Schedule to interact with your online class(es) at specific times and days each week throughout the semester.

18. Why UCCS?

The Helen and Arthur E. Johnson Beth-El College of Nursing and Health Sciences is ranked by US News, and it is our excellent reputation that inspires us to provide you with a top-notch education. Our program is stream lined to ensure we get you through as quickly and easily as possible. We are consistently on the forefront of current trends in nursing, as well as pioneers creating and establishing a versatile, accomplished, and well-rounded program.

Application & Admissions Questions

1. Who is eligible for the Dual Enrollment RN to BSN Option?

This program is designed for students currently enrolled in an Associate's Degree in Nursing(ADN) Program. Dual Enrollment means you continue to take ADN courses while also taking courses at UCCS that count toward your BSN.

2. What are the admission requirements for the Dual Enrollment RN to BSN Option?

- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher from ALL colleges attended.
- Complete one semester of your ADN coursework.

3. Is financial aid available?

Financial aid is evaluated and awarded on a case-by-case basis. Please call the UCCS Financial Aid office at (719) 255-3460, or email at finaidse@uccs.edu for specific information and instructions.

4. What if I am admitted but decide not to enroll?

If you are admitted to the Dual Enrollment RN to BSN Option and decide to delay enrollment, you must notify your nursing advisor. We strongly encourage you to carefully consider your workload and apply by the deadline date before the semester you plan to enroll.

5. What are the application deadline dates?

The application deadlines are: June 15th (fall admission) November 15th (spring admission), and April 15th (summer admission). **Please apply by the deadline date before the semester you plan to enroll.**

6. How do I apply?

1. Click the hyper link to complete the [Undergraduate Transfer Application](#).
2. Pay the \$50 application fee.
3. Fill out the Supplemental Application, which is included as a link at the bottom of the Undergraduate Transfer Application.
4. Submit official transcripts from **ALL** colleges you have attended to:

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