

RN TO BS COMPLETION PROGRAM

ROBERTS WESLEYAN COLLEGE

**Pursue
your passion.
Change lives.**

15 Months
In Class one night per week
or completely Online

HIGHER LEARNING



Message from the Director

Dear prospective student,

Thank you for your interest in Roberts Wesleyan College's time-efficient learning program in the field of nursing. With the changes in healthcare, the demand for skilled nurses who have advanced education and training is soaring.

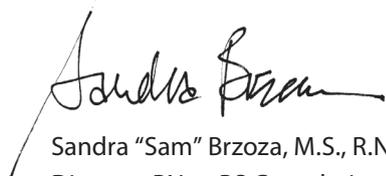
The RN to BS Completion Program is a unique alternative to the traditional method of pursuing a college degree. It is designed specifically for registered nurses who want to earn their bachelor's degree while continuing to work. The program is completed while attending class just one night per week or online for 15 months.

Recognizing the needs of adult learners, the curriculum is stimulating, relevant, challenging, and rewarding. I am confident that your professional potential will be significantly expanded as you complete your nursing degree at Roberts Wesleyan. The experiences of our graduates to date have shown that this approach to education can be exciting and effective.

Our program is available online for nurses nationally or we offer the program in five locations in Western and Central New York: Rochester, Dansville, Buffalo, and Syracuse.

If you agree that this may be ideal for you, please call the RN to BS Completion Program office at 585.594.6073 and make arrangements to attend an information meeting. We will be delighted to reserve a place for you.

Sincerely,



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Program Overview

Students have the opportunity to study as a cohort with other adults who share similar interests and concerns. Together they form an academic support group as they follow an intense program of classes and individual study. Upon successful completion of the program, students are granted a Bachelor of Science with a major in nursing from Roberts Wesleyan College.

Highlights

- Class meets one night per week or online for 15 months
- Program offered in several convenient locations and online
- Personal attention from caring faculty
- College credit granted for life-learning experience
- Exam Free Curriculum
- Your practice experience is met in the workplace and through other course work.

Students in the RN to BS Completion Program will need to have access to a computer with Microsoft Office® software. The program requires a considerable amount of writing, which must be done in accordance with college-level writing standards.

*The RN to BS Completion Program is accredited by
the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
1 Dupont Circle NW, Suite 530
Washington, DC 20036
www.aacn.nche.edu*

I love this program! If a mother of three working full-time nights can do it, anyone can. The staff makes everything possible and is so helpful. Great Nursing Program, I recommend everyone I can to Roberts that is thinking about going further with their education.

Tamara Chaffee, BS, RN, Group 62

Curriculum Modules

		Course Title	Semester Credit Hours	Weeks of Instruction
Module 1	NSG 317 BN	Group Process and Behavior: Philosophical Orientation to Baccalaureate Nursing, Interprofessional Collaboration, and Group Process	3	5
Module 2	NSG 320 BN	Career Development	4	7
P1	NSG 451A BN	Library Practicum	2	2
Module 3A	MTH 310 BN	Research & Statistical Methods	3	4
Module 3B	NSG 329 BN	Research & Nursing Application	2	4
Module 4	NSG 321 BN	Advanced Application of the Nursing Process (including Physical Assessment)	3	6
Module 5	GED 300 BN	Humanities: A Whole Person Approach	3	5
P2	NSG 451B BN	Practicum Project Development	2	2
Module 6	NSG 414 BN	The Community: Promoting Wholeness	4	8
Module 7	NSG 413 BN	Trends in Health Care Delivery and the Nursing Profession	2	4
Module 8	NSG 422 BN	Principles of Management and Leadership	3	5
Module 9	PHL 413 BN	Personal Values and Bioethics	3	5
Module 10	NSG 451C BN	Practicum Project	2	1

Three life-learning papers must be completed. Additional life-learning papers may be completed as necessary according to each student's individual academic plan.

Seven to ten weeks of break interspersed.

Please refer to the website for course descriptions at www.roberts.edu/nursing.

Academic Credit Policies

- Credits from Diploma Programs will be transferred under the following criteria:
 - 1) Documentation of the number of clock hours of classroom and clinical practice for each course
 - 2) Written proof of accreditation at the time of acceptance to the diploma program
- The RN to BS Completion Program requirement for Developmental Psychology includes childhood through adolescent.
- A minimum of 60 credits must be Liberal Arts
- A maximum of 72 credits may be transferred from junior/community colleges
- A maximum of 90 credits may be transferred from all sources
- A maximum of 30 credits may be earned through life-learning papers and a maximum of 30 credits may be earned through examination. From these two sources combined, a maximum of 45 credits can be accepted toward the 125 credits needed for graduation.

All decisions regarding classes prior to admission to the RN to BS Completion Program should be made with the assistance of the Admissions Coordinator (585.594.6388).



Alternative Credit Options

College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Excelsior College Exams, and DSST Exams

- A student may earn up to 30 hours through credit by examination.
- Exam credit will not be granted if the student has already received credit for a class that covers the same material.
- In disciplines where courses are sequential (i.e. math, sciences, languages) a student who has taken a higher level course may not use the lower level examination to earn credit at the lower level.
- A fee of \$25 per credit hour is charged for assessing credit earned by examination.
- It is strongly recommended that exams are taken only after consultation with the Program Advisor.
- For more information on CLEP exams, visit www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/clep/about.html. Only subject exams will be accepted. Essay required when taking College Composition Modular.
- For more information on DSST exams, visit www.getcollegecredit.com/pdfs/DSST_CB.pdf
- For more information on Excelsior College exams call 1.888.72EXAMS or visit www.excelsior.edu.
- Advanced Placement (AP) exams are also considered for credit. Scores of 3 or higher will be accepted. To obtain AP scores, visit www.collegeboard.com/student/testing/ap/exgrd.html or call toll free 888.308.0013.

Military Credits

Military courses for which certificates have been received or which appear on official military forms will be evaluated on the basis of recommendations from the American Council on Education's Guide to the Evaluation Experience in the Armed Services. Courses taken must match course descriptions in the above-mentioned guide. When possible, certificates for military courses completed should be included along with the military forms. Lower and/or upper division credit may be awarded. A fee of \$25 per credit hour is charged for assessing military credit.

Certification

Nurses who have attained national certification through selected nursing accreditation organizations may receive three semester credit hours upon presentation of the appropriate documentation. A fee of \$25 per credit hour is charged for assessing certification credit. Other certifications are also considered.

Portfolio and Practicum Project

Portfolio

Credit can be earned for college-level learning that has taken place outside the college setting. Life-learning papers that identify the experience and concepts learned will be read by faculty in the content area to determine the credit earned. Some possible topics are listed on the opposite page.

- College credit awarded for life learning experiences
- Includes resume, TCE, autobiography, professional accomplishments/certifications, and program accomplishments, including life learning papers
- Guided by nursing faculty advisor
- Can yield up to 30 semester credit hours

Practicum Project

- Solve real work-based problem
 - Designed to integrate learning outcomes from all coursework
 - Guided by nursing faculty practicum project coordinator
 - Investigates a work-related problem or role
 - Involves planned change
 - Library research instruction provided
 - Culminates in a major paper and oral presentation to class colleagues



The RN to BS Completion Program is perfect for the working RN who has many things to juggle in his/her life. I found it to be manageable and enjoyable. I learned so many things both academically and professionally. This program makes you think about healthcare issues today, leadership theories, nursing theories and caring theories. I have learned that these are practical and affect my daily nursing practice. The faculty are so supportive. They have always been prompt and helpful when I needed them. I would recommend this program to any RN who wants to further his/her education and expand their horizon on nursing knowledge.

Christina Kranz, BS, RN, Group 65

Admission Requirements

Qualifications

- Graduation from an accredited associate degree or diploma nursing program.
- Registered Nurse licensure in the United States or Canada.
- Current employment of at least 20 hours per week as a registered nurse.
- A minimum of 60 semester credit hours of transferable credit from regionally accredited colleges and universities.

Requirements

1. Attend an information meeting. www.roberts.edu/infomeetings
2. Submit application online at www.roberts.edu/rn-bs
3. Submit official transcripts from each college or university attended.
4. Provide an essay, which demonstrates the competency required for success in the program
5. Provide copies of certifications and previous licensure
(ex: ACLS, BLS, LPN License, National Nursing Certifications)
6. Submit financial aid forms to the Office of Financial Aid (if applicable).
7. Submit immunization form to the Health Center (Phone: 585.594.6360 | Fax: 585.594.6920).

When all of your admission requirements have been received, your file will be reviewed and you will receive a letter regarding your status. If accepted into the program, you will receive a Transfer Credit Evaluation (TCE), Academic Plan, and a deposit form. Submit the form with your non-refundable \$350 deposit to the Admissions Coordinator to secure your position in the program.

