

R.N. to Bachelor of Science (B.S.) – Online

Degree Type

Bachelor of Science

This program is for licensed Registered Nurses (RN) with an earned associate degree in nursing who wish to earn a Bachelor of Science with a nursing major. Courses are offered over 3 semesters in 8-week online sessions that cater to the demanding schedules of working professionals. The option to enroll full-time or part-time lets a student progress through the program at the pace that fits their individual needs. The program can be completed in as little as 16 months, or four semesters, or can take as long as necessary to fit into one's schedule. The average program completion rate is two to three years. The program integrates knowledge from the liberal arts and sciences with professional nursing education.

Conditional Acceptance Policy for the R.N. to B.S. program:

To qualify for a conditional acceptance due to not having graduated at the time of application period:

- The admissions counselor verifies the student is in the final semester of a program or within 18 credits of graduating from an associate degree program.
- Student holds a cumulative GPA above a 2.5 from college/university
- Student will need to submit the online application. The application contains no disciplinary issues or criminal record that would need to be reviewed by Admissions.
- Student provides transcripts showing completion of the associate degree program before enrolling at Colby-Sawyer. Students could start with a course as a non-degree student until their official transcript has been received.
 - If official transcripts are not received, the admissions counselor will follow up with the incoming student 2 weeks before courses start to verify.
- Student passes NCLEX-RN exam before moving beyond 3 courses (12 credits) at Colby-Sawyer. This will be verified by the admissions counselor.

Academic Policies Specific to R.N. to B.S. Program

If the student does not meet these conditions by the end of the add/drop date for the session to which they are applying, their conditional acceptance will be rescinded and they will be withdrawn from courses. The student may be considered for future entry points if they fulfill the admission requirements.

- R.N. to B.S. students must achieve a B- in all RNRT and RNBS courses.
- One RNRT or RNBS course can be repeated one time.
- R.N. to B.S. students must complete all liberal education requirements and RNRT/RNBS coursework prior to taking RNRT 486 (Capstone).
- A minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.00 in the major is required for graduation.

Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of degree requirements, students are able to:

1. Incorporate, integrate and apply a broad body of knowledge to the delivery of care in order to practice compassionate, culturally competent, patient-centered, research-based, cost-effective, clinical care in various settings using the core competencies and knowledge that underlie state and national standards of practice.
2. Assume responsibility for professional development and life-long learning in an ever-changing and challenging healthcare environment.
3. Exercise clinical judgment and make ethical decisions using critical thinking to deliver and evaluate high-quality, safe, evidence-based care across the lifespan and the continuum of care
4. Communicate effectively in writing, orally and electronically with all members of the interdisciplinary healthcare team, including clients, families, communities and their support systems.

5. Demonstrate professional attitudes and behaviors that incorporate clients' rights and professional codes and standards.
6. Understand the micro- and macro- systems that influence health care delivery in order to achieve quality patient outcomes that address health care disparities within economic boundaries.
7. Use critical inquiry and information technology to participate in quality improvement processes.

R.N. to B.S. Program Progress to Completion Requirements:

[RNRT 401](#), [RNRT 403](#), [RNRT 404](#), [RNRT 486](#); [RNBS 402](#): minimum grade of B-

[BIO 207](#), [BIO 205](#), [BIO 206](#), [MAT 220](#), [PHI 305](#), [PSY 101](#), [PSY 240](#), [SHS 101](#): minimum grade of C

Item #	Title	Credits
WRT 101	Introduction to Academic Writing	4.0
MAT 220	Introduction to Statistics	4.0
BIO 207	Basic Microbiology (+lab)	4.0
BIO 205	Human Anatomy and Physiology I (+lab)	4.0
BIO 206	Human Anatomy and Physiology II (+lab)	4.0
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	4.0
PSY 240	Life Span Development	4.0
SHS 101	Introduction to Sociology	4.0
PHI 305	Biomedical Ethics	4.0
RNRT 401	Healthcare Research and Evidence Based Practice	4.0
RNRT 403	The Administrative Context for High Quality Care Delivery	4.0
RNRT 404	Leadership and Management in Health Care Systems	4.0
RNRT 486	Capstone Project in Nursing	4.0
RNBS 402	Community and Public Health Nursing	4.0
	Lib Ed Courses	16

Suggested Registration Sequence

Proficiencies

Item #	Title	Credits
MAT 220	Introduction to Statistics	4.0
WRT 101	Introduction to Academic Writing	4.0

Liberal Education Core

Item #	Title	Credits
	Lib Ed Courses	16

BS: Respiratory Care Therapist to Bachelor Degree

BIO 121: Fulfills SCI requirement from Lib Ed core

PSY 101: Fulfills SS requirement of Lib Ed core

PHI 305: Fulfills HUM requirement of Lib Ed core

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PSY 240	Life Span Development	4.0
SHS 101	Introduction to Sociology	4.0
PHI 305	Biomedical Ethics	4.0
RNRT 401	Healthcare Research and Evidence Based Practice	4.0
RNBS 402	Community and Public Health Nursing	4.0
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RNRT 404	Leadership and Management in Health Care Systems	4.0
RNRT 486	Capstone Project in Nursing	4.0

Please contact the RNBS program coordinator, School of Nursing & Health Sciences for individual advising.