



### RN TO BSN

Nursing is both an art and a science and a lifelong profession that begins at CCM. After students earn an AAS in Nursing, the option for advanced nursing education is encouraged and attainable. In order to provide increased job and professional advancement opportunities, CCM encourages students to continue their nursing education after receiving their AAS in Nursing. Helping to keep an advanced nursing education affordable, County College of Morris (CCM) has articulation agreements with several four-year institutions that offer an RN-to-BSN Program.

Students in an RN-to-BSN track can expect to save between \$13,500 and \$18,000 on their nursing education by first earning their AAS in Nursing at CCM.

Through their RN-to-BSN programs, sponsoring four-year institutions agree to accept all the credits from the AAS Program. In addition, those institutions often will accept additional credits earned at CCM, generally from 15 to 25 credits. Each institution, however, is specific about the courses that will be accepted so it is important to work with a faculty advisor to ensure those credits will be accepted. Additional credits toward the BSN degree are provided by the sponsoring institution at its tuition rate. Even if those courses are taken off-site, at a community college, hospital or another location, the rate is set by the sponsoring institution. Many of the courses at the BSN level are offered online but generally at least one course is a clinical course that must be done under the guidance of a mentor at a clinical affiliate.

The time it takes to complete an RN to BSN program varies, but full-time students generally can complete their education in 12 to 18 months.

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**Curriculum Checksheet:** [www.ccm.edu/checksheets](http://www.ccm.edu/checksheets)

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### CCM IS PROUD TO PARTNER WITH THE FOLLOWING FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS OFFERING A RN-TO-BSN:

Included among the four-year institutions offering a RN-to-BSN track are:

- College of Saint Elizabeth
- Drexel University
- Montclair State University
- Ramapo College of New Jersey
- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- Thomas Edison State College
- William Patterson University

Colleges and universities generally require that a specific number of courses be taken at their institution. Please be sure to check the institutional requirements at the four-year college or university you plan to attend.

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## RECOMMENDED COURSES

- BIO 274: Pathophysiology
- MAT 124: Statistics
- MAT 130: Probability and Statistics (if considering Ramapo)
- NUR 220: Pharmacology for Health Professionals
- SOC 120: Principles of Sociology
- SOC 202: Social Problems
- SOC 215: Physical Anthropology
- SOC 216: Cultural Anthropology

General electives that MAY transfer include History courses, 200-level English courses, Art, Music and Philosophy courses.

*NOTE: Nursing students are strongly advised to work with a faculty advisor to ensure their course selections will transfer to the four-year institution of their choice. Students who identify a specific RN-to-BSN program that they plan to enroll in should also work with that institution as well.*

## TYPICAL BSN COURSES OFFERED AT FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

Courses taken in a BSN program usually cover topics such as:

- Nursing Informatics
- Pathophysiology
- Nursing Research
- Nursing Leadership
- Clinical Management
- Health Assessment
- Community Health Nursing
- Health Policy

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Do I need a BSN?

A BSN is not required to practice nursing in the State of New Jersey. A BSN, however, does offer more employment opportunities along with more opportunities for advancement in the nursing profession. The CCM Nursing department encourages all students in the program to further their education and pursue a BSN or even further, a MSN, DNP, Ed.D. or Ph.D.

### What does “BSN in 10” mean?

Bills concerning educational requirements for registered nurses have been introduced in the State of New Jersey Legislature. Several of these bills would require newly licensed registered professional nurses to attain a bachelor’s degree in nursing within 10 years of initial licensure. To date, none of those bills has been passed.

### Do hospitals require a BSN?

Many hospitals have been indicating a preference for the BSN in their hiring practices. Some institutions may require a commitment from a nurse upon hire to complete a BSN within a certain period of time. Completing additional courses at CCM that apply to a BSN program demonstrates to potential employers a commitment and motivation from an applicant to earn their four-year degree.

### What is a RN-to-MSN?

Four-year institutions may offer an accelerated path from RN directly to a master’s degree in nursing. While not for all nurses, this may be good option for those who already have a bachelor’s degree in another major and an AAS in Nursing or those who have a specific career path in place.

