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Arkansas RN to BS and Graduate Nursing Programs Approved by Arkansas Higher Education Department and State Board of Nursing

NAME OF COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	ACCREDITATION*	TYPE OF PROGRAM **	ADDRESS/PHONE	COST ***	EXPECTED LENGTH OF BS PROGRAM COMMENTS
Arkansas State University School of Nursing Department of Nursing	ACEN (DNP awaiting accreditation)	Online RN to BSN; MSN; (Adult Health - Clinical Nurse Specialist; Nurse Educator; Nurse Administrator; Family Nurse Practitioner; Nurse Anesthesia) DNP (Post-master's)	P.O. Box 910 State University, AR 72467 (P) 870-972-3074 (F) 870-972-2954 www.astate.edu http://www.astate.edu/a/conhp/nursing/majors/bsn/rn-bsn-option.dot	BS: \$216 per credit hour Approx \$2,592 per semester for 12 credit hours and fees	RN to BS: Complete nursing courses in one full-time year. 6 start dates per year; all core nursing courses offered every semester (fall, spring, summer); 7 week courses. A maximum of 25 percent of BSN program may be earned through credit by examination (including CLEP), advanced placement, correspondence, evaluated military services credits, DANTES and USAFI courses. 32+ hours must be earned at ASU-Jonesboro. 18 of last 24 hours must be earned at ASU-Jonesboro.
Arkansas Tech University Department of Nursing	ACEN	Online RN to BSN MSN (Nursing Administration; Emergency Management)	Dean Hall 402 West "O" Street Russellville, AR 72801-2222 (P) 479-968-0383 (F) 479-968-0219 http://www.atu.edu/	\$209 per credit hour resident undergraduate 261 per credit hour graduate	RN to BSN: Complete nursing courses in 1 full-time year after completing prerequisite general education courses. Practicum/clinical in own community.
Henderson State University Department of Nursing	CCNE	RN to BSN Face to face with some hybrid online	HSU Box 7803 1100 Henderson St. Arkadelphia, AR 71999-0001 (P) 870-230-5015 (F) 870-230-5390 www.hsu.edu	\$2,460 for 15 credit hours; \$770 fees	AR AD and diploma grads are awarded 38 transfer credits for nursing courses held in escrow until graduation. Approx one year for completion of nursing courses based on courses previously completed. Must complete 42 hours at the 3000 or 4000 level. Last 30 credits must be courses from HSU.

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Harding University Carr College of Nursing	ACEN	BSN	P.O. Box 12265 Searcy, AR 72149-0001 (P) 501-279-4476 (F) 501-279-4669 www.harding.edu/nursing	\$9,500 for 15 credit hours and fees	Not a specific RN to BS program; RNs are considered transfer students; time to degree completion is based on courses that transfer from AD or diploma program.
Southern Arkansas University Department of Nursing	ACEN	Online RN to BS BSN	100 E. University Magnolia, AR 71753-5000 (P) (870)235-4331 (F) 870-235-5058 www.saumag.edu	\$210 per credit hour in state tuition and fees	After general education pre-requisites are met, 2 semesters full- time RN to BSN. Five years to complete the program.
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Nursing	CCNE (DNP program awaiting accreditation)	Online RN to BSN; RN to BSN/MNSc; MNSc (Nurse Practitioner (FNP, PNP, Adult- Gero); Nursing Administration; Education; BSN to PhD; PhD; DNP (Post-master's)	4301 West Markham, Slot 529 Little Rock, AR 72250 (P) 501-686-5374 (F) 501-686-8350 http://nursing.uams.edu/	BS: \$240 per credit hour plus fees MS: \$281 per credit hour plus fees	Generic BSN complete in 2 years with 58 hours of pre-requisite courses completed prior to admit to UAMS BSN program. Accelerated RN to BSN: Complete in 1 year full-time after completing general education courses; RN to BSN/MNSc: Complete in 18 months after completing general education courses. Eligible students can earn a BSN with up to 7 credits of MNSc courses substituted for BSN courses reducing the time and cost associated with earning a nursing master's degree.
University of Arkansas Eleanor Mann School of Nursing	CCNE (DNP program awaiting accreditation)	Online RN to BS; MS (Adult Health Clinical Nurse Specialist; Nurse Educator); DNP (Post-master's; Post-BSN)	Epley Center for Health Professions, 606 N. Razorback Road, Fayetteville, AR 72701 (P) 479-575-3904 (F) 479-575-3218 http://nurs.uark.edu/	BSN tuition: \$268.86/credit hour Graduate tuition: \$388.2 9/credit hour	RN to BS: Can be completed in one year (3-5 semester plans available). Requirement of 1 clinical immersion course to be completed in student's geographic area Earn 9 hours of graduate credit toward nursing master's degree.

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University of Central Arkansas Department of Nursing	CCNE (DNP awaiting accreditation)	Online RN to BSN; RN to MSN; MSN (Family Nurse Practitioner; Adult – Gerontology Nurse Practitioner; Nurse Educator with Clinical Specialty; Clinical Nurse Leader); DNP (Post-master's)	201 Donaghey Ave Conway, AR 72035 (P) 501-450-3119 (F) 501-450-5560 http://uca.edu/nursing	BSN: \$170 per credit hour plus fees MSN: \$210 per credit hour plus fees	Newly revised general education requirements – Fewer courses required. Qualified RNs receive 41 hours of BSN nursing credit based on their prior educational program held in escrow until program completion; Program requires 30 nursing credits in addition to general education; Complete nursing credits in one full-time year. The RN-to-BSN/MSN track allows the RN to complete up to 9 graduate credit hours while completing the BSN in lieu of 9 BSN credits, accelerating the MSN degree program. BSN is awarded when BSN degree requirements are met.
University of Arkansas at Little Rock Department of Nursing	ACEN	Online RN to BSN	2801 South University Little Rock, AR 72204 (P) 501-569-8081; (F) 501-371-7546 http://ualr.edu/nursing/index.php/home/bsn/	\$206 per credit hour plus fees	The Nursing program consists of on-line delivery. Courses included Integrated Practice Projects. 34 credit hours awarded for AD or diploma program; 26 general education credits required for BSN degree based on previous completion of 31 general education hours; requires completion of 34 nursing credit hours; Complete nursing coursework in one full-time year
University of Arkansas at Fort Smith Carolyn McKelvey Moore School of Nursing	ACEN	Online RN to BSN BSN	P.O. Box 3649 Fort Smith, AR. 3649 (P) 479-788-7840 (F) 479-788-7851 http://uafs.edu/health/rn-bsn-online-completion-track	\$139 per credit hour	30 nursing credits awarded to RNs for completion of AD or diploma; Completion of all non-nursing degree courses and nursing support courses is recommended prior to acceptance into the nursing program; Students complete individualized preceptor clinical experiences in three of the BSN courses; 30 of the last 36 credit hours must be completed at the University

Non-Arkansas Accredited Online RN to BS or Graduate Nursing Programs (Approved by Arkansas Higher Education Department)

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American Sentinel University	CCNE Accreditation: Distance Education Accrediting Commission (No regional accreditation)	RN to BSN online; MSN; Post-MS; DNP (Executive Leadership; Educational Leadership)	2260 South Xanadu Way, Suite 310 Aurora, CO 80014 (P) 866-922-5690 www.americansentinel.edu	MSN: \$460 per credit hour X 36 credit hours plus fees DNP: \$570 per credit hour X 42 credit hours plus fees	Classes are eight weeks in length and <u>start monthly</u> . MS: Students can further define their education by focusing on one of five relevant areas. All MSN students must choose 1 of 5 specializations: <u>Case Management</u> <u>Infection Prevention and Control</u> <u>Nursing Education</u> <u>Nursing Informatics</u> <u>Nursing Management and</u> <u>Organizational Leadership</u> DNP: Program fosters 5 key competencies: leadership, business intelligence, finance, health policy, and health services research. Requires 2 short residencies in Denver, CO.
Arizona State University	CCNE	RN to BSN online; DNP	Tempe, AZ 85281 (P) 866-277-6589 http://asuonline.asu.edu/rmbn	BSN: \$543 per credit hour with no additional fees	BS: Online program: Courses are 7 ½ weeks in length and can be completed in 15-18 months. The majority of courses are 3-4 credit hours each. DNP: Post-master's or post- baccalaureate
Baptist College of Health Sciences	CCNE	RN to BSN Offers online and hybrid/blend course offerings.	1003 Monroe Avenue Memphis, TN 38104 (P) 866-575-2247 http://www.bchs.edu/	BS: \$403 per credit hour plus fees	Online and blended (hybrid) courses; complete general education courses before beginning the BSN courses. Nurses are exempt from the 5-year expiration of science courses. The BSN courses can be completed in one calendar year: January - December; part-time study also available.
Boise State University	ACEN	RN to BSN online DNP (post-master's) online	1910 University Dr. Boise, Idaho 83725	BSN: \$264 per credit hour plus fees	BS: 30 of the last 36 credit hours must be completed at Boise State. Specific requirements around completing

	(DNP - Public notice accreditation review visit by CCNE)		(P) 208-426-1000 http://hs.boisestate.edu/nursing/rnbs/	Graduate \$331 per credit plus fees	general education courses at Boise State. Students develop and complete faculty approved projects within their agency or a community; no client-based clinical hours are required.
Capella University	CCNE	All degrees are online: RN to BSN; RN to MSN: MSN (Nurse Educator; Business Administration; Leadership and Administration; Diabetes Educator) BSN to DNP DNP	Capella University Capella Tower 225 South 6th Street, 9th Floor Minneapolis, MN 55402 (P) 866.283.7921 http://www.capella.edu/online-nursing-degrees/	BSN: \$315-371 per credit hour MS: \$387-737 per credit hour DNP \$630-728 per credit hour	MSN: Requires 100 hour practice immersion with an approved preceptor. BSN to DNP: Focuses on administrative, organizational, and systems leadership competencies to prepare you for a variety of nursing leadership positions. Courses are 10 weeks in length. Free one-week mini-course to try the program.
Chamberlain College of Nursing	CCNE	RN to BSN online; RN-BSN-MSN online; MSN Online	3005 Highland Parkway Downers Grove, IL 60515 (P) 888-556-8226 www.chamberlain.edu	BSN: \$590 per credit plus fees; MS: \$650 per credit hour plus fees for a total of \$29,160 for the program	BS: All online; complete in 3 semesters; no clinical practicum required; 8-week sessions; 2 sessions per semester. MS: All online; complete in 6 semesters; 8-week sessions. Practicum requirements in all tracks. Graduates are prepared to take the specialty certification associated with their chosen track.
Concordia University Wisconsin	CCNE	RN to BSN online; MSN online; (Nurse Educator; FNP; Adult/Gero NP) DNP online (Direct Care APRN and Leadership)	12800 N Lake Shore Dr. Mequon, WI 53097-2418 (P) 262.243.5700 (P) 262-243-4246 (Nursing) https://www.cuw.edu/Programs/nursing/index.html	BSN: \$442 per credit plus fees MSN: \$640 per credit hour plus May include \$550 per semester clinical fee DNP: \$705 per credit hour plus fees	Christian-based school BS: Courses are 6-10 weeks in length MS: Advanced Health Assessment required to be taken on campus DNP: Post-master's

Cox College	CCNE	RN to BSN online; RN to MSN; online MS (Nurse Educator) online	1423 N. Jefferson Ave. Springfield, MO 65802 (P) 866-898-5355 http://coxcollege.edu/index.php/bsn/	BS: \$380 per credit hour MS: \$507 per credit hour	BS: Up to 12 master's level credits can be taken and applied toward the MS degree. Both BS and MS: 8-week blended courses with some time required on campus.
Drexel University	CCNE	RN to BSN; Online RN to BSN to MSN; Post-MS certificate (PNP-AC; PNP-PC; Adult-Gero Acute Care NP; Anesthesia; Leadership in Health Systems; Educator;)	3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 (P) 215-895-2000 http://www.drexel.edu/cnhp/	BS: \$612 per credit hour plus fees (online) MS: \$861per credit hour plus fees (online)	BSN: Clinical placements in own community MSN: Not all programs are offered online
Excelsior College	ACEN Center of Excellence in Nursing Education for 2011-2016 by the National League for Nursing	RN to BSN; Online RN to MSN; MSN	7 Columbia Circle Albany, NY 12208 (P) 888-647-2388 www.excelsior.edu	BSN: \$465 Per credit MSN: \$495 per credit hour	BS: 30 credits awarded for licensed RNs; Program requires 61 general education credits (credit applied from previous programs, transferred in, or awarded through Excelsior College examinations) and 30 additional upper level nursing credits earned through combination of examination or online courses (nursing elective credit awarded for certification(s) in nursing); no clinical practicum required. MS: All online courses in Clinical Systems Management; Nursing Education; Nursing Informatics tracks. Capstone course with preceptor in student's own geographic area. Note AR students may be required to take additional general education credits.
Franklin University	CCNE	RN to BSN online	207 S. Grant Ave. Columbus, OH 43215 (P)877-341-6300 http://www.franklin.edu/inquiry/nursing-bsn	RN to BSN online \$511 per credit plus fees	BSN: All online

Frontier Nursing University	CCNE	RN to BSN online; RN and BSN to MSN online; BSN to DNP online MSN to DNP online (Women's Health, Nurse Midwifery, FNP)	195 School Street Hyden, KY 41749 (P) 606-672-2312 http://www.frontier.edu/	\$520 per credit hour plus fees	Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) degree: 5 tracts available DNP program offers post-BSN and post-MSN entry options.
Georgetown University	CCNE	MSN online (FNP, Midwifery, Women's Health NP, Adult Acute Care-Gero NP)	School of Nursing & Health Studies St. Mary's Hall 3700 Reservoir Road, N.W., Washington D.C. 20057-1107 (P) 202-687-0100 (P) 877-910-4692 nursing@georgetown http://nhs.georgetown.edu/nursing/ http://online.nursing.georgetown.edu /	\$1,800 per credit hour plus fees	Online coursework is combined with clinical experiences in close proximity to where students live, making this innovative program and learning platform available to committed nursing professionals from across the country.
Graceland University	CCNE	RN to BSN online; RN to MSN online; MSN online; Post-MSN online certificate (FNP; Nurse Educator; Healthcare Administration); DNP (Post-master's)	1401 W. Trumann Road Independence, MO 64050-3434 (P) 800-833-0524 www.graceland.edu	BSN: \$750 per semester hour plus fees MSN: NP: \$720 per semester hour plus fees Educator: \$550 per semester hour	BS: Up to 28 semester hours of credit for previous undergrad nursing courses, regardless of when they were earned. General education credit may be awarded through transfer, CLEP or online courses. A 4-day, on-campus focus session is required for all BSN students. Preceptor practicum completed in student's own geographic area. MS: Combination of online cohort courses, on-campus focus sessions, and faculty and preceptor-guided practicum experiences in the student's local community. All students are required to attend 2 on-campus focus sessions. DNP: Requires students to attend 2 on- campus focus sessions.

Grand Canyon University	CCNE	RN to BSN online; RN to MSN online; MSN online; Post-MS certificate (Nursing Education; Nursing Leadership in Health Care Systems)	3300 West Camelback Road Phoenix, AZ 85017 (P) 800-800-9776 http://www.gcu.edu/College-of-Nursing-and-Health-Care-Professions.php	BSN: \$687 per credit hour	BS: Online courses start every 8 weeks. Graduation coaches contact students as they progress through the program to help keep students on track with degree completion. Requires 36 BSN core course credits. Transfer, certification, elective, or general education credits total 84. Total required credits = 120. MS: A total of 36 credit hours; practicum required.
Johns Hopkins University	CCNE	MSN online; Post-MS certificate (Pediatric CNS- Pediatric Health and Pediatric Critical Care; Nurse Educator; Adult-Gero NP); DNP	525 N. Wolfe Street Baltimore, MD 21205 (P) 410-955-4766 http://webapps.jhu.edu/jhuniverse/academics/schools/school_of_nursing/	MS: \$1,451 per credit hour plus fees DNP: \$2,257 per credit hour plus fees	MSN programs can be combined with other master's programs, e.g., MPH or MBA or Health Systems Management DNP: Healthcare administration or advanced nursing practice; requires 2 weeks of onsite classes each semester for the first year. Electives can be taken in the school of business or public health.
Kaplan University	CCNE	RN TO BSN;ONLINE MSN ONLINE	One Dupont Circle One DuPont Circle, NW, Suite 530 Washington, DC 20036 Tel: 202.887.6791 http://www.kaplanuniversity.edu/about.aspx	BSN: \$371.00 per credit hour plus fees MSN: \$460 per credit hour plus fees	BSN: Online; multiple start dates. Associate degree graduates transfer in more credit than diploma students so course requirements and costs are higher for diploma grads. Graduate level courses can be substituted for the undergrad nursing elective to reduce coursework in graduate nursing program. MSN: All online. Nursing Administration, Nursing Informatics; Nursing Education tracks available.
Liberty University	CCNE	RN to BSN online; MSN online (Nursing Administration; Nursing Education)	1971 University Boulevard Lynchburg, VA 24502 (P) 800-424-9595 www.liberty.edu http://www.luonline.com/rntobsn/	BS: \$375 per credit hour full-time MS: \$580 per credit hour full-time	BS: 8 week course format. Christian-based school. 30 credit hours must be taken at Liberty. 30 credit hours must be upper level. Half of nursing courses must be taken at Liberty. Credit is given for RN license and graduation from accredited AD or diploma program.

					MS: 8 week course format offered year-round. Practicum required.
Maryville University	CCNE	RN to BSN online; MSN online (FNP; Adult NP; Nursing Education); DNP online: Post-BSN or MSN	650 Maryville University Drive, St. Louis, MO 63141 (P) 314.529.9300 http://www.maryville.edu/hp/nursing/	\$740 per credit hour plus fees	RN to BS: Awards 40 nursing credits by validation of a nursing RN license.
Missouri State	CCNE	RN to BSN online; MSN online (Nurse Educator); Post-master's Nurse Educator Certificate	901 S. National Ave. Springfield, MO 65897 (P) 877-728-0001 http://www.missouristate.edu/nursing/	BS: \$280 per credit hour MS and DNP: \$310 per credit hour plus fees depending on program	BS: Online; pre-requisite general education courses may be taken in student's own area or online at MO State. MS level courses may be taken. MS: Requires clinical practice hours. DNP: Post-master's (part-time or full-time) BSN-DNP (FNP) requires 3 years of full-time study (no part-time option).
National American University	CCNE	RN to BSN online;	Central Administration 5301 S. Highway 16, Suite 200 Rapid City, SD 57701 (P) (605) 394-4935 855-448-2318 http://www.national.edu/programs/school-nursing	Tuition available by contacting admissions office	
Nova Southern University	CCNE	DNP online EdD online	3301 College Avenue Fort Lauderdale, FL 33314-7796 (P) 800-541-6682 http://www.nova.edu/giving/index.html	\$850 per credit hour plus fees	DNP: 4 capstone courses in areas of interest. Most courses are 8 weeks. EdD: Education focused courses.

Norwich University	CCNE	MSN online (Nursing Administration; Nursing Education)	158 Harmon Drive Northfield, VT 05663 (P) 802-485-2567 (P) 800-460-5997 http://online.norwich.edu/degree-programs/masters/master-science-nursing	\$616 per credit hour plus fees	MS: Course completed in 18 months. Small classes.
Oklahoma Wesleyan University	CCNE	RN to BSN online	2201 Silver Lake Road Bartlesville, OK 74006 (P) 800-468-6292 http://www.okwu.edu/online/programs/rn-to-bsn/	Not available	Online; Christian-based school. (Little information on website without providing contact information)
Rasmussen	CCNE	RN to BSN online	Campus locations vary: (P) 888-549-6755	BSN: \$260 per credit plus fees	Complete in 12 months. Self-paced or faculty-led courses.
Regis University	CCNE	RN to BSN online; MSN online (Leadership in Healthcare Systems track with choice of Management or Education focus area. Students choosing Education also receive a Certificate in Healthcare Education along with their MSN degree.)	3333 Regis Boulevard Denver, CO 80221-1099 (P) 800-388-2366 http://www.regis.edu/rhshp.htm	BS: \$535 per semester hour plus fees MS: \$620 per semester hour plus fees	BS: RN AD graduates from a regionally accredited college may receive a lump transfer of 72 semester hours, possibly more upon review. Other RN AD grads and diploma graduates are awarded 33 semester hours of transfer credit. 8-week sessions. Program begins 3 times during the year. Complete in 12-22 months. MS: 8-week sessions. Practicum required; recommended to be completed in a facility outside the student's place of employment. Complete in 24 months.
St. Joseph's College of Maine	CCNE	RN to BS; MS (Nursing Administration; Nursing Education; FNP); MSN/MHA and MSN/MBA dual degrees	278 Whites Bridge Road Standish, ME 04084-5263 (P) 207-893-7800 (P) 800-752-4723 (F) 207- 892-7429	BS: \$375 per credit hour plus fees MS: \$475 per credit hour plus fees	BS: 63 semester hours awarded through a combination of transfer courses and challenge examinations, e.g. CLEP. Diploma RN grads receive 30-90 transfer credits; AD RN grads receive 65-90 transfer credits. A minimum of 32 semester hours must be earned through St Joseph's; at least 21

			http://online.sjcme.edu/bachelor-of-science-nursing.php		of those must be in nursing. Qualified students may enter the fast-track MSN program earning 9 graduate level course credits in lieu of BSN level courses. MS: All tracks require 2 practicum in student's own community.
Samford University	CCNE	Online RN to MSN (FNP; Nurse Educator; Health Systems Management) DNP (Advanced Practice; Administration; additional Educator Role Concentration options)	Samford University Ida V. Moffett SON 800 Lakeshore Dr. Birmingham, AL 35229 (P) <u>205-726-2047</u> http://www.samford.edu/nursing/	MSN and DNP: \$762 per credit plus fees Student Loan repayment option if student chooses to take the Education Courses	RN to MSN: Does not award BSN degree, program begins once each year in January. DNP: 12 months full-time or 24 months part-time
Simmons College	CCNE	MSN (FNP) Online	http://simmons.edu/snhs/ http://simmons.edu/snhs/programs/nursing/bsn-ms/index.php	\$1,274 per credit hour	Graduate program is one of the oldest nurse practitioner programs in the country.
South University	CCNE (DNP is NOT accredited.)	RN to BSN online MSN online; DNP online	709 Mall Boulevard Savannah, GA 31406 (P) 412-918-2599 http://www.southuniversity.edu/ http://www.southuniversity.edu/nursing-and-health-professions-programs-125.aspx	BSN: \$36,318 for three quarters MSN: \$32,538 for three quarters DNP: \$32,934 total for program approx.	BS: Graduates from an ACEN diploma school or regionally accredited AD program are eligible. Online; complete in 18 months; 5 ½ week courses. MS: Online; complete in 18 months. Available tracks: Nurse Administrator; Nurse Educator; Nursing Informatics. Each track requires 2 practicum. Accelerated RN to MS program available.
Texas Christian University	CCNE	DNP; online DNP (Nurse Anesthesia)	Texas Christian University Doctor of Nursing Practice Program TCU Box 298627 Fort Worth, TX 76129 (P) 817-257-6726 (P) 817-257-8383 http://www.nursing.tcu.edu/dnp.asp	\$24,000 for full-time semester with fees \$85,000 total for Nurse Anesthesia plus fees	Nurse administrators in one of 4 APRN roles (Clinical Nurse Midwife, Clinical Nurse Specialist, Nurse Practitioner, and Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist).

University of Cincinnati	CCNE	RN to BSN; Online MSN (PNP-PC and AC; NNP; Adult-Gero NP; FNP; Nurse Anesthesia ; Nurse Administration)	3110 Vine St. PO Box 210038 Cincinnati, OH 45219 (P) 513-558-3600 (P) 513-558-5354 http://nursing.uc.edu/academic_programs/msn.html	\$389 per credit hour	Programs can be taken on a part-time or full-time basis. Complete full-time in two years Students are required to complete degree within five years of matriculation into the program.
University of Michigan-Flint	CCNE	Online MSN (Adult-Gero, Psych-Mental Health NP) Doctor of Anesthesia Practice	303 East Kearsley St Flint, MI 48502 (P) 810-762-3300 https://www.umflint.edu/nursing/nursing-home-page	\$795 per credit hour plus fees	MSN: 9 credits transferrable from an accredited institution. Doctor of Anesthesia: 32 credits
University of Missouri	CCNE	RN to BSN online; MSN online; (Leadership in Nursing and Healthcare Systems; Nurse Educator) Post-master's Certificate; DNP: Post-BSN Post-APRN Post-non APRN MS (Adult-Gero CNS; FNP; Family Health and Mental Health; PNP; Peds CNS; Nursing Leadership and Innovations in Health Care)	S235 MU Sinclair School of Nursing University of Missouri Columbia, Mo. 65211 (P) 800-437-4339 or 573-882-0277 Email: nursing@missouri.edu http://nursing.missouri.edu/academics/master-of-science/areas-of-study.php http://nursing.missouri.edu/academics/dnp/dnp-faqs.php	BSN: \$274 per credit hour plus fees MSN: \$347 per credit hour plus fees	All advanced practice registered nurse options (NP & CNS) are now offered at the DNP level. Courses offered online but short intensive on-campus experiences are required throughout the program.
University of Phoenix	BSN and MSN are accredited by CCNE	Online RN to BS; MS; (Healthcare Education; Integrative health Care; MSN/MBA/Health Care Management; Health Administration);	40615 East Elwood Street Mail Stop 10-0040 Phoenix, AZ 85040 (P) 800-697-8223 (P) 866-766-0766 www.phoenix.edu	BS: \$510 per credit hour plus fees MS: \$620 per credit hour plus fees for total of \$19,235 - \$32,125	BS: Online; 120-minimum-credit requirement (41 nursing credits plus 6 credit elective); requires completion of clinical experiences focusing on community health, public health and nursing leadership. Transfer credit available; may also accept up to 30 undergraduate transfer credits by

		Post-baccalaureate School Nurse Certificate; PhD (Nursing)	10800 Financial Centre Parkway, Suite 155 Little Rock, AR 72211 (P) 501-225-9337	PhD: \$810 per credit hour plus fees for a total of \$43,020 - \$63,200	<u>passing challenge exams, e.g. CLEP, DANTES, Excelsior College.</u> MS: 36 credits required in basic MS program; practicum and clinical hours required and must be completed within 12 months. PhD: Online; focus on scholarship and leadership.
University of St. Mary	CCNE	RN to BSN Online	11413 Pflumm Road Overland Park, KS 66215 (P) 913 345-8288 http://stmary.edu/About-Us.aspx	\$460 per credit hour plus fees	8 nursing and 9 non-nursing courses required.
Vanderbilt University	ACEN	MSN online; Post-MS certificate; DNP Online; PhD-online	461 21st Avenue South Nashville, TN 37240 (P) 615.322.4400 http://www.nursing.vanderbilt.edu/msn/programs.html	\$1,782 per credit plus fees	Many options for APRNs including post- master's and DNP PNP-Primary Care and PNP-Acute Care.
Walden University	CCNE	All Online: RN to BSN; RN to MSN; MSN; Post-MS Certificate (FNP, Adult-Gero; Nursing Education, Nursing Informatics, Nursing Leadership and Management) DNP	100 Washington Avenue So. Suite 900 Minneapolis, MN 55401 (P) 866-492-5336 http://www.waldenu.edu/colleges-schools/school-of-nursing	BSN: \$445 per quarter hour Post-master's: \$555 per quarter hour; 17 total quarter hours required	BS: 180 quarter credits including 46 general education required for BS degree; 50 quarter hours awarded to RNs with an AD or diploma; 45 credits must be completed at Walden; "virtual practicum" required. RNs interested in the RN to MS program are accepted after completing general education requirements. MS: Uses new "Mobile Learn" technology
Western Governors University	CCNE	All online RN to BSN; MSN; RN to MSN	4000 South 700 East Suite 700 Salt Lake City, UT 84107 (P) 866-225-5948 http://www.wgu.edu/online_health_professions_degrees/bachelor_science_nursing	\$3,250 per term Each term is 6 months in length	Assessment-based program to demonstrate competency in each area of the curriculum earning competency units rather than credit hours of study.

Western New Mexico University	CCNE	RN to BSN online	1000 W. College Avenue PO Box 680 Silver City, NM 88062 (P) 800-872-9668 http://nursing.wnmu.edu/programs/bsn/	BSN: \$259.85 per credit hour; varies by number of credits taken.	Program can be completed in two years. Community Health practicum required; can be completed in student's own community.
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ACEN (formerly NLNAC) or CCNE accreditation indicates the nursing program has met a national recognition standard in addition to state level approval. State approval is required for all programs, but accreditation is optional and often indicates the program has met more rigorous standards. ACEN and CCNE are the only two national accrediting bodies for nursing programs. Sometimes advancement to a higher degree requires graduation from an accredited program. Look for ACEN or CCNE accreditation of the NURSING program when selecting a college or university.

To find CCNE accredited schools of nursing, go to: <http://ccne.desertrose.net/reports/accprog.asp>

To find ACEN (formerly NLNAC) accredited schools of nursing, go to: <http://www.acenursing.net/accreditedprograms/directorySearch.htm>

Regional accreditation of the college or university is different from national nursing accreditation. All institutions, unless noted, have regional accreditation. Regional accreditation is considered a gold standard for the quality of the college.

**** TYPE OF PROGRAM:**

Programs listed refer to either a bachelor, master's or doctoral degree in nursing. The specific name of the bachelor's or master's nursing degree awarded may be a BS, BSN, MS, MSN, or MNSc and depends on each program or state board. Two types of doctoral programs are listed: DNP (a practice doctorate) and PhD (a research-focused doctoral degree).

***** COST:**

Costs are subject to change. See official school website for details regarding cost associated with tuition and fees.

IF A SCHOOL YOU ARE INTERESTED IN IS NOT LISTED:

STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA):

If a school is located in one of the participating states, the institution may be in the **State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)**. Institutions that are members of SARA are not listed in the above table of out-of-state schools. Schools of Nursing programs that lead to licensure, e.g. APRN programs, must still be approved by the AR Department of Higher Education.

Please check the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements website for more information on institutions in these states: <http://nc-sara.org/sara-states-institutions>

SOUTHERN REGIONAL EDUCATION BOARD (SREB) CONSORTIUM:

The Common Market:

16 southern states share education programs for students in states without the degree program. Examples of programs available to Arkansas residents include:

University of Alabama (Birmingham) – MSN; DNP (Case Management; Rural Populations; Clinical Nurse Leader; NNP; Occupational Health)

University of South Alabama – MSN; DNP (NNP)

University of Tennessee Health Science Center – MSN; DNP (Clinical Nurse Leader; NNP)

University of Tennessee (Knoxville) – PhD (Global Disasters)

University of Texas (Arlington) - PhD

University of Texas Health Sciences Center (Houston) – MSN (Emergency Care; Perinatal)

HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO EARN A NURSING BACHELOR'S DEGREE?

A bachelor's degree in nursing requires approximately 120-125 credit hours on average. Approximately half of the program is general education and half is nursing. Some programs award approximately 30 nursing credits for an RN license. Others require transcript review of an AD or diploma program and then waiver of some nursing courses or advanced placement in the BS program. Sometimes general education courses can be completed elsewhere at another college and then transferred into the program. Sometimes general education credit can be earned by taking a CLEP, ACTPEP, or Excelsior College exam. Check with the registrar of the college or university for details about policies related to transfer of credit and admission to the program and about acceptance of transfer credit **prior to taking any courses**. Check with the nursing department about nursing course requirements and sequencing of course completion. **Generally, completing the nursing coursework of the BS degree requires about one year of full-time study; most programs permit part-time study.** Additional time is required to complete the general education component of the curriculum depending upon the number of credits previously completed and BS curriculum requirements.

TUITION ASSISTANCE:

Be sure to look at the financial aid information on the school website regarding possible grants, loans, scholarships, and loan forgiveness.

Helpful website for student nurses includes information about financial aid and scholarships:

<http://www.aacn.nche.edu/students>

The Arkansas State Board of Nursing website includes information about Arkansas-based scholarships: <http://www.arsbn.arkansas.gov/education/Pages/loansScholarships.aspx>

Additional sources of information can be found at:

www.adhe.edu

www.fafsa.ed.gov

www.arcollegegoalsunday.org

www.sayqocollege.com

ARKANSAS NURSING ACADEMIC PROGRESSION ARTICULATION MODEL:

To promote educational mobility, Arkansas nursing education programs participating in the Arkansas Nursing Progression Model agree to the following:

- Non-nursing credits from regionally accredited institutions of higher learning may be transferred, subject to individual college/university policies.
- Non-nursing credits from non-regionally accredited institutions of higher learning are not transferable.
- Nursing credits from previous nursing education program are held in escrow until graduation, at which time it is noted on the transcript as being accepted.
- Minimum number of nursing semester credit hours that will be awarded for previous nursing learning and the maximum number of nursing semester credit hours that will be required to be completed in the program will be adhered to as specified in the table below.

Nursing Credit Parameters for the Progressing RN who graduated from an associate degree or diploma program that was ACEN accredited or Arkansas State Board of Nursing approved at the time of graduation

The RN progressing to:	Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing*
Will be awarded at least the following number of semester credit hours in nursing by either transfer credit OR progression but not BOTH	33 semester hours in nursing
Will be required to complete no more than the following number of semester credit hours.	38 semester hours in nursing

* RN-to-Baccalaureate Degree Programs, which admit only RNs and no LPNs or unlicensed students, might not record the articulating credit on the student's transcript and still meet this parameter.

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