



Educational Pathway Opportunities in Nursing

Minnesota State has a statewide nursing program transfer agreement for Practical Nursing Diploma to Associate of Science in Nursing which supports a smooth articulation pathway. All Associate of Science in Nursing (ASN) programs in Minnesota are required by the Minnesota Board of Nursing to grant advanced standing credits to Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs) with unencumbered licenses.

LPN to ASN

This option allows you to become an RN by getting an Associate of Science in Nursing and becoming eligible to take the NCLEX-RN® exam.

Seated Programs

- [Minnesota State College Southeast](#)
 - 75 credit program
 - 3 semesters of general education courses followed by 3 semesters of nursing
 - 1st nursing cohort to start in Fall 2021
 - Application for ACEN Accreditation will be done prior to first graduating cohort
- [Minnesota West Community and Technical College](#)
 - Specifically an LPN to ASN program
 - Two semesters of nursing classes after pre-requisite general education classes are complete
 - Minimum decision score of 80 on the National League for Nursing (NLN) NACE I Foundations entrance exam.
 - Accredited by ACEN
- [Inver Hills Community College](#)
 - A Minnesota Alliance for Nursing Education (MANE) dual enrollment BSN program where students achieve an ASN after 2 semesters of general education classes plus 3 semesters of nursing classes (5 credits of advanced standing are offered to LPNs), then an additional 3 semesters of classes to complete the BSN via Metropolitan State University.
 - Must take an ATI TEAS exam.
 - Accredited by ACEN

- [Rochester Community and Technical College](#)
 - 6 credits of advanced standing awarded to LPNs
 - 3 semesters to graduation after completing required general education courses
 - Applications to start in Fall are due Dec 1 – Feb 1
 - Applications to start in Spring are Aug 1 – Oct 1
 - Must take an ATI TEAS exam before applying.

- [Riverland Community College](#)
 - 5 credits of advanced standing awarded to LPN's
 - 3 semesters of nursing after general education requirements complete
 - Must take an ATI TEAS exam before applying.
 - Accredited by ACEN

LPNs are also eligible to apply to LPN to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Completion Programs. Several accredited online LPN to BSN options are available. Please note that there is normally a clinical component required which the student may need to arrange close to their residence, and sometimes limited on-campus requirements, depending on the program.

LPN to BSN

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Online Programs

- [Presentation College](#)
 - Accredited by CCNE
 - Offered in Minnesota with clinicals in the area
 - Must have valid LPN license from SD, MN, ND, IA, WI, WY or NE
 - On-line coursework

- [Indiana State University](#)
 - Accredited by ACEN
 - General education requirements followed by four semesters of nursing
 - Clinical arranged in local area
 - Public college

- [North Dakota State University](#)
 - Must have 60 college credits to apply
 - Offers in-state tuition rates
 - Accredited by CCNE
 - Validation exams (NCAE II) must be taken on campus
 - Starts once per year (spring semester)
 - Occasional time on campus as well as time in clinicals in the summer
 - Public college

- [The University of Oklahoma](#)
 - Accredited by CCNE
 - Apply by April 15 for fall and October 15 for spring
 - Entrance testing exams required
 - Public college

Explore more examples of LPN to BSN programs at:
<https://www.practicalnursing.org/lpn-bsn-programs>

ASN to BSN

This option allows an Associate Degree Registered Nurse (RN) to complete a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing. Minnesota State has a statewide nursing program transfer agreement for the Associate of Science in Nursing degree to Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing (RN to BSN) which supports a smooth articulation pathway amongst Minnesota State programs.

Minnesota State system universities with Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing Completion Programs (RN to BSN Programs) include: [Bemidji State University](#) (blended online and in-seat available in metro area), [Metropolitan State University, Minnesota State University, Mankato](#) (online), [Minnesota State University Moorhead](#) (online), [St. Cloud State University](#) (online), and [Winona State University](#) (blended online and in-seat).

It is recommended that you contact multiple schools during the course of your search. There are important differences to be considered such as cost, admissions requirements, program requirements, and course offering (online versus classroom).