RN-BSN Program Application Packet

Dear Prospective Student:

Thank you for your interest in Columbia Basin College's RN-BSN program. Please read the application materials carefully. **This entire document is for informational purposes only and should be kept for your records.** The actual application is located in a separate document titled "RN-BSN Program Application."

Please pay close attention to the following dates:

- If you are applying for **spring** admission, applications will be accepted until the end of the day on March 1 each year. You can expect to be notified of admission by March 10th. Classes will start the first week of April.

- If you are applying for **fall** admission, applications will be accepted until the end of the day on August 1 each year. You can expect to be notified of admission by August 10th. Classes will begin the third week of September.

Thank you for applying to CBC's RN-BSN program. If you have questions about the program, please contact Sarah Rapoza at srapoza@columbiabasin.edu. We wish you the best in this process and hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

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Director of Nursing Programs
Columbia Basin College

Please note: The application checklist is for your information only. Do not return this form with your application.

Item	Date Completed
1. Hold an Associate Degree in Nursing from a regionally accredited college.	
2. Complete these prerequisites: ☐ ENGL& 101 English Composition, or ENGL&102 Composition, or ENGL& 235 Technical Writing, or equivalent ☐ CHEM& 121 Intro to Chemistry (with lab) or equivalent ☐ MATH& 146 Introduction to Stats or equivalent	
3. Hold an unrestricted Washington State Registered Nurse license.	
4. Read Section I: **Admission Criteria** and Section II: **Admission Index Scoring System.**	
5. Complete CBC's Application for Admission (accessible online Apply to CBC). This is only required for new/transfer or students who are returning after a four-consecutive quarter absence.	
6. Request official transcripts from **all** colleges attended (other than Columbia Basin College). Have transcripts sent to: Columbia Basin College Student Records, MS-H4 2600 North 20th Ave. Pasco, WA 99301	
7. Attach a current resume to the RN-BSN Program Application. Information to include in your resume is provided in Section I.	
8. Record your video essay (see instructions in the RN-BSN Program Application)	
9. Complete the **RN-BSN Program Application** by March 1 for spring admission or August 1 for fall admission.	

Individuals applying to the RN-BSN program must meet these admission requirements:

☐ Current Registered Nurses:
  o Must hold an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) from a regionally-accredited institution of higher education.
  o Must have earned a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in all prerequisite and ADN nursing courses.
  o Must have a current unrestricted Washington State Registered Nurse License. Nurses holding an RN license from another state will need to obtain a Washington RN license.
☐ Prospective ADN Graduates:
  o Must have earned a minimum of a 2.0 GPA in all prerequisite and ADN nursing courses.
  o Must obtain Washington State Registered Nurse Licensure by program start date.
☐ Complete 40 general education credits in an ADN program, including:
  o MATH& 146 Intro to Statistics (or equivalent), and
  o CHEM& 121 Intro to Chemistry with Lab (or equivalent), and
  o ENGL& 101 English Composition (or equivalent), ENGL& 102 Composition (or equivalent), or ENGL& 235 Technical Writing (or equivalent), and
  o NUTR& 101 Nutrition (or equivalent) – this course may be taken concurrently during the RN-BSN program.
☐ Submit a current resume that outlines the following (This is will be submitted as part of the RN-BSN Program Application):
  o Short-and long-term professional goals
  o Formal education (college/university)
  o Current (within last year) continuing education (if applicable)
  o Nursing experience
  o Other job experience
  o Community service or volunteer experience
☐ Submit a three-minute video essay answering the question prompt listed in the RN-BSN Program Application (This will be submitted as part of the RN-BSN Program Application). The presentation will be scored by RN-BSN faculty using the criteria listed in the *Admission Index Scoring System* under *Video Essay*.
☐ Preference will be given to RNs with work experience (see the Admission Index Scoring System in Section II).

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Section II: Admission Index Scoring System
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Students will be selected using an admission index scoring system (see Table 1) that incorporates the applicant's cumulative GPA in Core ADN Nursing courses, years of experience as an RN, and evaluation of their video essay by nursing faculty. Applicants will be awarded a raw score in each of the three categories. These scores are multiplied by a factor that levels each category at 10 points each for a maximum possible score of 30 points. The highest-scoring applicants will be admitted to the program.

A wait list of potential applicants will be drafted and ranked in order of highest to lowest Admission Index Score. If an accepted applicant declines entry into the program, the first applicant on the wait list is selected. Students who are not admitted to the program after the first week of fall quarter must reapply for the next admission cycle.

Table 1. Admission Index Scoring System

ADMISSION INDEX SCORING SYSTEM			
Cumulative GPA in Nursing Courses:	**Points**	**Applicant's Score**	**Index Score***
3.6-4.0	4		
3.1-3.5	3		
2.6-3.0	2		
2.0-2.5	1		
* Index Score = Applicant's score x 2.5 (factor)			
RN Experience:	**Points**	**Applicant's Score**	**Index Score***
3+ Years	4		
1-3 Years	3		
ADN new graduate + externship or LPN experience	2		
ADN new graduate	1		
* Index Score = Applicant's score x 2.5 (factor)			
Video Essay:	**Points**	**Applicant's Score**	**Index Score***
The applicant's video is clearly articulated using well-chosen examples to support his/her position. The presentation is well-organized and progresses logically. The applicant appears confident and maintains eye contact with the "audience." The video does not exceed three (3) minutes in length.	3		
The applicant's position is evident, but lacks sufficient depth, supporting examples, and/or organization. The applicant lacks confidence and/or does not maintain consistent eye contact with the "audience." The video does not exceed three (3) minutes in length.	2		
The applicant's video lacks depth, supporting examples, and organization. The applicant lacks confidence and does not maintain consistent eye contact with the "audience." The video exceeds three (3) minutes in length.	1		
* Index Score = Applicant's score x 3.33334 (factor)			

Cumulative GPA	
RN Experience	
Video Essay	
Total Admission Index Score*	

*Total scores will be rounded to the nearest thousandth place (ex: 27.500).

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Degree Requirements for Non-Direct Transfer Agreement / Major Related Program – Associate Degree in Nursing (DTA/MRP-ADN) Graduates*

Completion of the RN-BSN degree awards a total of 180 credits that are itemized as follows (see Table 2):

- 90 credits for completing the ADN,
- 35 credits for successfully passing the NCLEX-RN examination,
- 30 credits in upper-division nursing courses,
- 5 credits in major support courses (NUTR& 101), and
- 20 general education credits taken during the RN-BSN program.

Table 2: RN-BSN Degree Requirements

Nursing Courses			
Course	**No.**	**Course Title**	**Credits**
NRS	301	Nursing Roles, Dimensions, and Perspectives	3
NRS	315	Healthcare Informatics/Information Technology	5
NRS	320	Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	5
NRS	350	Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, and Assessment	5
NRS	410	Nursing Leadership and Management	5
NRS	420	Populations and Global Health Nursing	3
NRS	421	Populations and Global Health Nursing Practicum	2
NRS	460	Leadership Capstone	2
		Total Upper Division Nursing Credits	**30**
Major Support Courses			
Course	**No.**	**Course Title**	**Credits**
NUTR&	101	Nutrition	5
		Total Major Support Credits	**5**
General Education			
Course	**No.**	**Course Title**	**Credits**
ENGL	315	Writing for Health Professionals	5
PHIL	315	Professional Ethics in Healthcare	5
ICS	310	American Diversity	5
ECON	315	Economics of Healthcare	5
		Total General Education Credits	**20**

		Total RN-BSN Coursework (Nursing & Gen Ed Credits)	**55**
		ADN Curriculum	**90**
		Credit by Examination (NCLEX-RN)	**35**
		Total Credits	**180**

*Non-DTA/MRP-ADN graduates are those who graduated from a nursing education program in Washington State prior to 2016, or who graduated from a school of nursing that does not offer the DTA/MRP-ADN degree, or who graduated from an ADN program outside Washington State.

Degree Requirements for Direct Transfer Agreement Major Related Program – Associate Degree in Nursing (DTA/MRP-ADN) Graduates*

Completion of the RN-BSN degree awards a total of 180 credits that are itemized as follows (see Table 3):

- 135 credits for completing the DTA/MRP ADN program,
- 30 credits in upper-division nursing courses,
- 15 general education credits taken during the RN-BSN program.

Table 3: RN-BSN Degree Requirements

Nursing Courses			
Course	**No.**	**Course Title**	**Credits**
NRS	301	Nursing Roles, Dimensions, and Perspectives	3
NRS	315	Healthcare Informatics/Information Technology	5
NRS	320	Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice	5
NRS	350	Pathophysiology, Pharmacology, and Assessment	5
NRS	410	Nursing Leadership and Management	5
NRS	420	Populations and Global Health Nursing	3
NRS	421	Populations and Global Health Nursing Practicum	2
NRS	460	Leadership Capstone	2
		Upper Division Nursing Credits	**30**
Upper Division General Education Courses			
ECON	315	Economics of Healthcare	5
ENGL&	315	Writing for Health Professionals	5
ICS	310	American Diversity	5
		Upper Division General Education Credits	**15**
		ADN DTA / MRP Credits	**135**
		Total Credits	**180**

*DTA/MRP-ADN graduates are those who graduated from a nursing education program in Washington State that followed the statewide DTA/MRP.

1. Students accepted into the program are required to obtain a national background check through Castlebranch.com. Information about Background checks may be found on the webpage at www.columbiabasin.edu/rnbsn.

2. Immunizations and American Heart Association BLS for Healthcare Provider Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) cards will be also be submitted and tracked through Castlebranch.com. Students must remain current with required immunizations (including TB testing and annual flu shots) and CPR during the RN-BSN program.

3. Students must be able to furnish their own transportation to clinical facilities.

4. Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a personal computer, tablet, or laptop with Microsoft Word, Excel, and Power Point programs installed. Adobe Reader software is also necessary. However, computers are available on campus for those who do not have a one at home.

5. Students are encouraged to have accident/health insurance. A Student Injury and Sickness insurance plan is available for purchase through a college vendor. Please ask the Health Sciences staff for more information.

6. Students are required to have malpractice insurance. This fee is added to the cost of tuition and billed by the college.

7. Membership in the CBC Association of Student Nurses (ASN) is encouraged. The cost is $10 per year.

8. Information about scholarships and student loans is available through Hawk Central, located in the H Building (the HUB) on the Pasco campus.

9. Students should plan to spend approximately two to three hours of time each week studying outside of class for each credit hour. For example, a 5 credit class would require about 10 hours of study time each week.

10. All nursing and general education courses must be passed with a minimum 2.0 GPA to successfully complete in the program.

11. Applicants living outside the Tri-Cities area will need to work with the Outreach/Retention Specialist to establish possible clinical sites for NRS 421 and NRS 460. Columbia Basin College maintains contracts with clinical agencies in the Tri Cities region. If a site is not available where the student is located, the student will need to make arrangements to travel to a clinical site where a contract is in place.

CBC Bachelor's Degree Tuition & Fees: https://www.columbiabasin.edu/i-am/current-hawk/pay-for-college/tuition-affordability.html

This website provides a breakdown of tuition and fees for Washington State and non-state residents

CBC RN-BSN Program Fees:
- **NCLEX fee:** Considered credit by exam, $350.00 is charged once during the program (winter quarter). This fee applies 35 credits towards obtaining your BSN.
- **Background Check/Immunization Tracker (CastleBranch.com):** $124.75 one-time charge. Students who graduated from CBC ADN program in the spring quarter prior to enrollment in the RN-BSN program do not pay this fee since the information is already available.
- **Textbooks:** Estimated at $800.00
- **Association of Students Nurses (ASN)** $10.00 Although optional enrollment provides an opportunity to participate in student governance while enrolled in the RN-BSN program.

RN-BSN Specific Costs:
- Immunizations: Cost will vary depending upon necessary immunizations needed.
- Clothing: Professional clothing (business dress) or scrubs may be needed for practicum experiences depending upon the facility.
- Transportation costs: fuel and automobile costs related to travelling to clinical sites.
- Student Injury and Sickness Insurance Plan is available for approximately $507 per quarter for students who do not have insurance.