



# School of Nursing and Allied Health



## Frequently Asked Questions for BSN Program

**1. Is the entire program on line?**

Yes. Students will be able to complete all required general education and nursing courses via the web.

**2. Am I required to be at my computer at the same time on the same day of the week?**

No, assignments are completed at the student's convenience but before the assignment deadline.

**3. What are normal deadlines for assignments?**

Assignments vary from professor to professor. Students are provided with a syllabus at the beginning of the semester that will state when assignments and examinations are due. Most BSN nursing courses run on a weekly schedule (Mon-Mon or Wed-Wed)

**4. How much does it currently cost to take on-line courses?**

Tuition and costs are determined by the Board of Governors on or about July 1 of each year. For the current tuition check our website at <http://www.clarion.edu/student/finaid/>.

**5. How long do I have to complete the BSN program?**

Two years on a full time basis; up to five years on a part-time basis.

**6. Do I need to have a Cable modem or DSL to participate in the on-line BSN completion program?**

No, the on-line program is accessible by using dial up Cable or DSL. The program does run more efficiently with higher speed of Cable or DSL.

**7. Will it matter whether I am a diploma RN or an ADN/ASN RN?**

No, students admitted from either program are granted 30 lower division nursing transfer credits toward their BSN. However, should a student not transfer in the required lower division general education credits (e.g. A&P I and II, PSY211, SOC211, PSY260), this student will be required to complete these

general education courses before full admission into the BSN program will be granted. This student will be considered PRE-BSN pending completion of these courses.

**8. Can I be admitted to the program if I don't have my diploma or ADN/ASN but have obtained a bachelor's degree in another curriculum?**

No, Clarion University requires that the student already hold a current RN license in the home state where the student resides in order to continue on for the bachelor's degree (2+2 program).

**9. How do I submit my assignments and take examinations?**

All assignments and exams are submitted through Blackboard, the university's Web-based course management system.

**10. How do I complete research? Will I be required to travel to my local library?**

No. Research is completed on line through links in the course, Clarion's on-line library or the worldwide web.

**11. Do I need a new computer or special software?**

To take advantage of the latest technology in Blackboard, and to minimize additional plug-in downloads, we recommend:

• **Minimum Operating System Requirements**

Microsoft Windows 2000 or XP or Macintosh OS 10.2 or 10.3

• **Minimum Browsers**

Microsoft Internet Explorer 5.5 (or above) or Netscape Navigator 7.1 or higher (for Windows XP or Macintosh OS 10.2 or 10.3) or Safari 1.2 for Macintosh OS 10.2 or 10.3

• **Strongly Recommended Operating System/Browser**

Microsoft Windows 2000 with Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 or Netscape Navigator 7.1 (or higher) or Microsoft Windows XP with Internet Explorer 6.0 or Netscape Navigator 7.1 (or higher) or Macintosh OS 10.3.9 with Safari 1.3 (or higher)

**12. How do I contact my advisor?**

Communication between faculty/student; advisor/advisee, BSN office secretary/student is all done on line utilizing the student's Clarion e-mail address, i.e. s\_jadoc@clarion.edu.

**13. How do I determine how much financial aid I can receive for this program?**

- Students who are enrolled in a program where they take all of their courses on-line are eligible to use federal financial aid (PELL, SEOG, ACG, SMART and grants; Stafford, PLUS, and Perkins Loans) for which they qualify as per the FAFSA.

- Any student who is taking more than 50% of her or his courses online in a single semester, and any student who is enrolled in a program that is delivered on-line or predominately online, is not eligible to use a PHEAA state grant for which they might otherwise qualify.

- Online and Virtual Campus students are subject to the same financial aid regulations and conditions as any student taking courses on campus, including the requirement that they make satisfactory academic progress toward a degree to continue to be eligible to receive financial aid. Please contact Ragan or Mary Jo in the Financial Aid Office 1-814-393-2315 or 1-877-VENANGO, ext. 2315 for information specific to your situation.

**14. Do I need to pay my bill up front if my employer offers me tuition reimbursement?**

No. Students who receive tuition reimbursement from their employers can enroll in the Deferred Payment Plan program. For a \$25.00 fee, a waiver will be placed on the student's account and payment will be deferred until the end of the semester. This waiver will enable the student to register for next semester's classes and receive grades.

**15. What are the requirements for new admission to the BSN program and Clarion University?**

- Undergraduate application and \$30.00 application fee;
- Copy of current RN license or online State Board verification;
- Official high school transcript;
- Official college/university transcript(s);
- Letter from employer stating that student has been employed at least 1,000 hours over the past three years if the student has graduated from the diploma or ADN/ASN program longer than three years prior to application to the BSN program; and
- An overall GPA of 2.5.

**16. What are my options if I do not have an overall GPA of 2.5?**

Students who do not meet the required GPA of 2.5 can be admitted as a PRE-BSN and after completion of twelve credits and attaining a 2.5 GPA, will be required to complete a Change of Status into the BSN program.

**17. What are the requirements for readmission to the BSN program and/or Clarion University?**

- Complete and submit application for readmission;
- Copy of current RN license;
- Letter from employer stating that student has been employed at least 1,000 hours over the past three years if the student has graduated from the diploma or ADN/ASN program longer than three years prior to application to the BSN program;
- An overall GPA of 2.5.
- Official transcript(s) for any transfer credits since last attending Clarion University; and
- Complete and submit change of status form (if applicable).

