

CLARION UNIVERSITY

VENANGO COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF NURSING

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RN-Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) FACT SHEET

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 RN-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 RN-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:

- Best preference: Broadband cable and FiOS internet service
- Good preference: DSL and Satellite.
- Least: Dial Up (restriction in optimum on line productivity)

7. Will it matter whether I am a diploma RN or an ADN/ASN RN? No, students admitted from either program are granted 39 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 RN-BSN program will be granted. This student will be considered PRE-BSN pending completion of these courses.

- General Education Requirements are dependent on the number of transfer credits from previous programs of study.
- Up to Fifty seven (57) general Education Credits may be transferred to RN-BSN.

- Up to thirty (39) Nursing Credits are accepted from Pre-licensure nursing program.
- Thirty-three (33) Upper Division Nursing Credits are required
- Thirty (30) credits of upper division nursing courses must be completed in residence (at Clarion).

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 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 Desire 2 Learn (D2L), 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 within 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 D2L and to minimize additional plug-in downloads, we recommend:

- Computer Hardware (minimum requirements): Information regarding the most recent requirements may be obtained at: <http://www.clarion.edu/about-clarion/computing-services/software-and-hardware/software-information/index.html>
- Antivirus Software: Antivirus software is available to students at no charge.

12. How do I contact my advisor? Communication between faculty/student; advisor/advisee, RN-BSN office secretary/student is all done on line utilizing the student's Clarion e-mail address, i.e. J.L.Doe@eagle.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, MAY be eligible for a Distance Education (DE) state PHEAA grant. However, please note, that due to additional reporting and review requirements, these funds are typically not made available to students until the end of the semester.
- 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.
- <http://www.clarion.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid/> to locate information about financial aid and Scholarships available to Clarion University students.

14. Do I need to pay my bill up front if my employer offers me tuition reimbursement? You do not have to pay the entire bill, but you are required to pay any portion (i.e. uncovered tuition or fees) which your employer will not pay. 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. REQUIREMENTS:

1. Your employer offers a tuition reimbursement plan.
2. All applicants must be in good standing with the university.
3. Students will be responsible for any charges due to dropping a course before completion and non-payment by employer.
4. Any tuition or fees not covered by your employer must be paid by the student on or before the due date along with the \$25 fee for the semester being deferred. This amount needs to be paid prior to being placed on the deferred payment plan. BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR REIMBURSEMENT BENEFITS TO SEE WHAT IS COVERED, TUITION, FEES, COSTS, ETC. The deferred payment fee per semester is subject to change.
5. The Employer Assisted Tuition Deferment form must be submitted prior to the invoice due date.
6. The university will defer tuition charges until 30 days after the end of the requested semester. If the full past-due amount is not settled at this time, late fees and financial holds will be applied to the student's account. Students on deferred payment arrangements who do not pay within 30 days of the end of the semester, will not be permitted to use a deferred payment arrangement for future terms.

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

- Undergraduate application and \$35.00 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 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 can submit a change of status form for admission to the RN-BSN program.

17. What are the requirements for readmission to the RN-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 RN-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).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

To apply to Clarion University: <http://www.clarion.edu/admissions/apply-to-clarion/index.html>

If you would like to schedule an appointment or visit the campus, please contact the Admissions Office or the Department of Nursing at the above number or email address.

To apply for readmission to Clarion: <http://www.clarion.edu/admissions/apply-to-clarion/index.html>

To view current tuition, fees, room and meal costs: <http://www.clarion.edu/tuition-and-financial-aid/>

Free application for Federal Student Aid: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>

Change of status form: <http://www.clarion.edu/academics/registrar-office/documents-and-forms/change-of-status-form.pdf>

To learn more about Clarion Nursing programs and obtain additional admission & financial aid information at Venango College of Clarion University: Contact Mrs. Theresa Nestor, (tnestor@clarion.edu) Admissions and Financial Aid at (814) 393-1211 or (877) 836-2646 ext 1211.