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Aspen University
RN to BSN

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Program Summary

Aspen University offers an online RN-to-BSN completion program for registered nurses who wish to pursue a baccalaureate degree. With a liberal arts foundation, the RN-to-BSN completion program builds on initial nursing preparation with course work to enhance professional development, prepare for a broader scope of practice, and better understand the cultural, political, economic, and social issues that affect patients and influence care delivery. All courses in the RN-to-BSN completion program are completed online. Full-time students can complete the RN-to- BSN completion program in as little as one year, enabling them to quickly achieve their educational goals and increase their options for career mobility.

Strengths & Noteworthy Practices

The certification process showed that students are introduced to and assessed on the Essential Employability Qualities (EEQs), as they are clearly mapped onto existing University and Program level learning goals and outcomes. Because the program has incorporated its rubrics so effectively across courses in the online environment, the achievement information is available to students.

The University provides robust career services support to students, although the program does not offer these for its unique group of students. The Altitude webpage houses excellent resources in a visually appealing format.

Both current students and employers are engaged in program-level discussions of learning outcomes and curricula, and information shared in the "Data Dialogues" allows these groups to provide insights into the program.

The measurements of the existing program and university-level outcomes show a substantial majority of students successfully achieving the intended outcomes. With a significant body of students, the program is excelling in producing graduates with the skills and knowledge that the program seeks to instill.

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