Western Connecticut State University
Hybrid RN to BS Program
at Waterbury and Norwalk

Why choose the unique hybrid *WCSU RN to BS Program*?	Delivered in a **hybrid and online format**, our **high-quality, convenient and affordable** degree completion plan builds on your RN skills accelerating your progress towards your professional goals. Afternoon and evening courses are scheduled to minimize your commute, yet you meet with your WCSU professors and fellow students in person to benefit from a mix of online, classroom and clinical learning experience. Our students tell us this blend fits their learning style and keeps them on-track and motivated.
How quickly can I complete the program? Are there short modules?	Depending on your transcript, attending part-time, 2 years is generally the quickest. Otherwise students move through the program at their own pace. The schedule uses normal 16-week fall and spring semesters.
How many days will I meet in person for class? Are any during the day?	The number of in-person meetings for each course will vary. One typical schedule has you coming to class every other week for the first 3 semesters, then once a week for the final semester. NUR courses are scheduled back to back on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The earliest starts at 4:30 PM.
Where do the in-person sessions meet?	Courses are delivered by WCSU faculty using classrooms in Founders Hall, Naugatuck Community College, Waterbury, CT or at Norwalk Community College.
How many of the courses are offered completely online?	Three (3) NUR courses are offered online, six (6) are presented as hybrid (some sessions in-person, some online assignments).
How much does it cost?	As a public university we are affordable at $495 per credit plus a semester fee of $60.
Is this a BS or BSN degree?	You will earn a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. You will hear "BS" (in Nursing) and "BSN" used interchangeably.
Will all my RN credits be accepted?	Yes. Once you pass the NCLEX and obtain your CT Nursing License you have your credential to begin your courses. You will take your current knowledge and skills to a new level with emphasis on professional growth and leadership in the nursing profession.
What if I have earned credits beyond my Associate's in Nursing? What's the maximum number of credits I can transfer in to WCSU?	Our Transfer Admissions Specialist will review your transcripts and outline your path forward. A maximum of 90 credits from other institutions can be used towards your WCSU degree.

What is the minimum number of credits I must take to earn the BS at WCSU? How many nursing department (NUR) courses must I take?	You will take a minimum of 30 credits. Nine (9) NUR courses are required for a total of 28 credits. See the suggested course sequence below.
Are clinical hours required? How do I arrange a placement?	There are 2 courses later in the course sequence that require 90 hours of clinical experience (see NUR 330 and NUR 376 below). These are provided to expand your expertise or gain depth in an area of special interest to you. Faculty works with you to find a placement.
By whom is this program accredited? How many students are currently engaged in the program?	The WCSU Nursing Department is accredited by CCNE, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. There are 150 students currently earning their BS in the RN to BS program.
When can I start?	You may begin in August (fall semester) or January (spring semester). You may take any non-nursing courses you may need during the summer. Email KullbergN@wcsu.edu for an appointment. Join us to achieve your professional goals!

RN to BS Suggested Course Sequence 2 year plan

Fall Semester – 1st Year	Spring Semester – 1st Year
NUR 220 Transition to Professional Nursing NUR 329 Principles of Community Health Nursing	NUR 221 Physical Assessment Across the Lifespan NUR 336 Human Health Experience NUR 361 Research Process in Nursing
Fall Semester – 2nd Year	**Spring Semester – 2nd Year**
NUR 330 Nursing in the Community NUR 332 Pharmacology, Pathophysiology, and Nursing Practice	NUR 301 Nursing Leadership in Healthcare Organizations NUR 376 Professional Nursing Role Development