



POLICY TITLE
**Maximum Transfer Credit Accepted from Two-Year Schools
for the Online Registered Nurse (RN) to
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) Degree**

POLICY NUMBER
1-004

Responsible Unit: <i>Office of E-Learning</i>	Effective Date: <i>12/01/2019</i>
Responsible Official: <i>Senior Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs</i>	Last Reviewed Date:
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I. POLICY STATEMENT AND RATIONALE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the maximum number of semester credit hours (SCH) that will transfer from community colleges and two-year schools for credit towards the Bachelor of Science degree in the Online RN to BSN degree program. This policy proposes that up to 80 SCH be accepted towards the B.S. degree in Nursing. Currently, the maximum number of credit hours accepted from community colleges and two-year schools is 64, regardless of the degree programs. For students transferring from Southern University at Shreveport, Louisiana (SUSLA) the maximum number of transferrable semester credit hours is 70.

This policy is necessary because nursing programs within the Louisiana Technical and Community College System all require between 70 and 72 hours to complete an Associate degree. In addition to the required credits, many students successfully complete other courses as prerequisites that satisfy the General Education and elective course requirements at Southern University. This policy adoption will make the Southern University Online RN to BSN degree program more competitive.

II. POLICY SCOPE AND AUDIENCE

This policy will apply only to students enrolled in the Online RN to BSN degree program.

III. POLICY COMPLIANCE

There are no consequences for not following the policy. The policy recognizes the limitation of the current maximum transfer credit policy.

IV. POLICY DEFINITIONS

The following definitions apply to this policy:

“Online RN to BSN Degree Program” refers to the degree program offered 100% online to individuals who hold an Associate Degree in Nursing that have successfully passed a state’s nurses licensing examination and hold a current nursing license.

“Distance education” refers to all academic, continuing education or certificate programs offered by the institution and delivered primarily via the internet and utilizing the learning management system - Moodle.

I. POLICY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

Policy implementation includes posting the new policy in the official University Catalog. It will be provided to the Registrar, all academic advisors, online program coordinators, deans, and chairs to be used in the academic advisement process.

II. POLICY RELATED INFORMATION

There are no federal, state, or local laws that are relevant or applicable to this proposed policy.

III. POLICY HISTORY AND REVIEW CYCLE

This is a new policy. The effective date is December 1, 2019.

IV. POLICY URL

This section identifies the Southern University System website where the system policies are archived – www.sus.edu.

V. POLICY APPROVAL



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