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Board of Trustees approves reduced program rate for RN-BSN program

At its June 4 formal meeting, Oakland University's Board of Trustees approved a special program rate of \$9,995 for the RN-BSN Degree Completion program.

The new program rate covers 32 credits of upper-division, 100 percent online, unique nursing content and gives students an opportunity to save as much as \$6,000 in tuition costs over the length of the program, starting Fall 2018.

"This is an exciting day for Oakland University, the School of Nursing, and students pursuing an RN-BSN," said Judy Didion, dean and professor of the School of Nursing. "It has been our goal to offer a high-quality education to RNs at a reduced, competitive rate, and we have achieved our goal."

She added, "With the high demand for BSN prepared nurses, the School of Nursing has created an extremely transfer-friendly program with novel quality and taught by nationally esteemed faculty for associate degree prepared nurses. We could not be happier to provide this opportunity to the community."

RNs starting the RN-BSN Completion Sequence in Fall 2018, transferring in and having met Michigan Transfer Agreement (MTA) and OU's Knowledge Application general education requirement will be able to complete the degree at the special program rate in as few as 12 months.

Students entering the RN-BSN Completion Sequence receive 30 prior learning credits for passing the NCLEX-RN state board exam, and Oakland University transfers in 63 credits from the associate degree. Students entering having met MTA and the Knowledge Application general education requirements will need only 32 more nursing credits to complete their degree.

Following a 2010 Institute of Medicine publication calling for more BSN attainment among registered nurses, Oakland University is striving to meet this demand by providing this innovative program opportunity.

Housed in Oakland University's School of Nursing, the RN-BSN Completion Sequence is a 100 percent online baccalaureate degree that students with an associate degree in nursing can complete in as few as 12 to 20 months. The School of Nursing currently offers three BSN and four graduate degree programs, including a Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nurse Anesthesia in conjunction with Beaumont Health System. The program is ranked No. 18 on U.S. News and World Report's list of the nation's top graduate programs in nursing-anesthesia.

For more information about the RN-BSN Degree Completion program, visit oakland.edu/nursing or call (248) 370-4253



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