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## All RN/BSN degree completion courses go online

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Oakland University's **School of Nursing** is offering the entire RN/BSN degree completion sequence online beginning with the fall 2001 semester.

The online courses allow registered nurses the opportunity to obtain a BSN degree with maximum convenience and reduced travel to campus and other locations. Students can complete their online coursework as their schedule permits, at any time of day or night. They also will be able to use their home computers to view course material, participate in group discussions and take exams.

"We wanted to respond to our students' feedback and make our program more appealing to our target market," said Kathy Emrich, interim dean of the School of Nursing. "Our on-campus course schedule always presents problems to some groups, whether it be with work or family obligations. We wanted to find a way to remove those time and place considerations. The online course sequence is asynchronous and removes those barriers."

Another advantage to online courses is the increased interaction students have with the instructor and each other.

"Besides being able to explore topics that interest them in greater depth and do their coursework at their own convenience, online courses give students an opportunity to meet in a virtual way," Emrich said. "They'll interact with students they might not necessarily have contact with and have more in-depth interaction with the instructor."

The RN/BSN degree completion sequence provides associate degree or diploma nurses with the knowledge and skills to help them advance in today's health care market. Informatics, care management, health care finance, and health promotion, negotiation and delegation are some of the concepts emphasized in the sequence.

For more information on the RN/BSN degree completion program, admission requirements or transferring credits to OU, visit the **School of Nursing** Web site or call Dr. Pamela Marin, assistant dean of academic support services, School of Nursing, at (248) 370-4013. For a complete fall 2001 schedule of online courses and for characteristics of successful online course learners, check out the **Online Courses** Web site.

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