

RN - BSN degree completion program FAQ

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Maryville University is providing the **instructor led** RN - BSN completion program

Saint Louis University is providing the **online** RN - BSN completion program

Q: What is the cost?

A: Maryville University has an hourly tuition fee of \$365; textbooks are included in that tuition amount.

Saint Louis University has a two-tiered fee structure. For any non-nursing course, the hourly tuition fee is \$365. For the nursing courses, the fee is \$465 per credit hour. Textbooks are **not** included in the tuition fee at Saint Louis University.

Additional fees are dependent on the course requirements for each student.

Q: When will classes start?

A: The next BJC cohort will begin as early as January 2010. Classes will start the weeks listed on the university web sites.

Q: What is the format for each program?

A: For Maryville University, the classes will meet on Thursday evenings from 5:30 – 9:30 pm. The terms vary in length from 9 weeks to 16 weeks. The Maryville University academic advisors can provide specific guidance.

For Saint Louis University, the online format may additionally require an infrequent trip to the Saint Louis University campus. The Saint Louis University academic advisors can provide specific guidance.

Q: Who do I contact at the university to get enrolled?

A: The CLL will provide contact information at www.bjclearn.com. Each university will provide the BJC Center for LifeLong Learning with academic advisors and admission counselors to support BJC employees.

Q: Will I be able to use BJC tuition reimbursement?

Yes. Full-time BJC employees are eligible for \$4,500 in tuition reimbursement. Those who meet the definition of part-time are eligible for \$2,250. Both amounts are based on a calendar year of January 1 through December 31.

In addition, the BJC Center for LifeLong Learning has developed an internal process to debit your BJC tuition reimbursement account. The details will be explained during the orientation sessions that will be scheduled before the classes start in January.

Q: How long will it take to earn my degree?

A: It depends. Each university partner has a unique set of degree course requirements. Typically the RN - BSN part takes 1-2 years; sometimes less. If a BJC student / employee needs a number of core courses, that time frame will be longer.

Q: Which University will I be using?

A: That is up to you. The CLL establishes academic partnerships, in part, to give BJC employees choices in their educational paths. All of our partners have gone through a rigorous evaluation period of both academic and business processes. Once you have selected the best learning opportunity for you, the CLL will continue to be involved to ensure your experience is the best one possible.

All of our academic partners are accredited through the appropriate boards and agencies to provide you with degrees that are recognized throughout the United States.

Q: Can we choose other colleges and universities to get our RN - BSN completion degree?

A: Certainly. There are many RN - BSN completion programs in our area and others available nationally through online applications. Your tuition reimbursement dollars can be used for any accredited college or university.

By participating in the BJC RN - BSN completion program cohorts, you'll be able to take advantage of tuition discounts and have the opportunity to learn with your BJC colleagues. In addition, the BJC partnerships allow for your tuition reimbursement account to be debited; allowing you to not have to advance tuition payment to our partners. Your only direct, out-of-pocket expenses are when your annual tuition reimbursement benefit fund is exhausted.

Q: Where will the classes be taught?

A: The online courses from Saint Louis University will be taught through a computer application over the Internet. The Maryville University classes will originate from the BJC Learning Institute. Videoconference sites will be selected based on enrollment numbers. Up to 4 videoconference locations can be established.

Q: What else do I need to know?

A: www.bjclearn.com is a site to visit often. It is the internet site of the BJC Center for LifeLong Learning. Updates, new information and important documents can be accessed from that site.

While tuition reimbursement covers a large amount of your education costs, it may not cover **all** of those costs. Should you wish to investigate additional funding sources, all of

our university partners have financial assistance programs in place. Ask for a referral from the contacts provided at www.bjclearn.com.

If you have used up your tuition reimbursement funds in a calendar year, the CLL will invoice you for the tuition costs that exceed that annual benefit. Terms for those invoices are net 30 days.

Submit additional questions to Adina at 314-962-0982.