FAQ's for UWG THSSON RN to BSN Program

1. **How do I apply for the RN to BSN online program?** [Link to UWG undergraduate application and RN to BSN program application.]

2. **What is the application deadline for the online program?** Fall admission only: May 1: first round; however, a second round of applications for June 1 may be considered.

3. **What is the GPA requirement for admission?** 2.5 GPA

4. **What is the minimum requirement for admission?** [Link to minimum requirements doc, transfer credit hours.]

5. **How do I found out what previous courses will transfer?** [Link to Transfer Course Equivalents.]
   Once you have accessed the link, follow the step-by-step instructions on how to navigate the site:
   a. use the drop down menu that asks “which state are you transferring”?
   b. choose the state in the drop down menu, then click the right side tab that states “Get State”.
   c. use the drop down menu to find your school in the selected state.
   d. choose the school in the drop down menu, then click the right side tab that states “Get School”.
   e. the screen will prompt you to select a full report or a subject report. CHOOSE the full report from the drop down menu and click on the “I understand” tab to acknowledge the disclaimer message.
   f. the page will then show a list of all classes/course numbers at the chosen school (left side of page) and what class/course number that the courses transfer to UWG (right side of the page). Also, please see the (link...BSN core curriculum plan of study areas).

6. **Can I apply to the program before I pass NCLEX?** Yes, learners can apply to the program before passing the NCLEX-RN however they must pass it prior to the start of classes.

7. **Can I meet with an advisor before I apply to UWG or to the RN to BSN program?**
   Learners wishing to meet with a nursing academic advisor must be admitted to UWG and have completed UWG online (separate from the RN to BSN program online orientation) orientation in order to be advised). However, if you would like someone to review your unofficial transcripts and are 23 years of age or older, please contact the Center for Adult Learners and Veterans.

8. **How long is the online RN to BSN program?** Two semesters/17 credit hours

9. **What is the course sequence for the online RN to BSN program?** Learners who are admitted for each fall semester cohort are required to follow the below course schedule:
   a. **Fall semester:** Holistic Health Assessment for RNs, Nursing Research and Evidence Based Practice for RNs, and Professional Practice Issues and Concepts (9 credit hours)
   b. **Spring semester:** Nursing Leadership in Healthcare Communities (clinical component, 8 credit hours)

10. **What is the cost?** Low e-tuition cost per credit hour; provide link to e-tuition page, scholarships available; provide link to SON scholarships, and check your healthcare agency’s tuition assistance program.
11. Is there an orientation to the online RN to BSN program? Yes, there is an online self-paced RN to BSN program orientation that will be made available in July prior to starting the fall semester in August. However, learners are required to register for fall classes to be added to the orientation course. Please note that the online program orientation is not the same as the online university orientation that must be completed prior admission into the RN to BSN program.

12. Do I have to complete a clinical in the online RN to BSN program? Yes, 120 clinical hours are required during spring semester as required by most state boards of nursing.

13. How rigorous is the online RN to BSN program? Learners can expect the online program to be just as rigorous and challenging as on-campus programs. The THSSON exemplifies a caring science curriculum, where faculty are committed to academic excellence in a caring student-centered environment.

14. Are there scholarships available for RN to BSN learners? The nursing scholarship link.

15. What are the benefits of a BSN degree?
   a. Enhances communication, leadership, and critical thinking skills
   b. Proven to decrease patient/client mortality/morbidity rates
   c. Increase in salary
   d. Prepares the nurse for leadership positions
   e. Prepares the nurse for graduate degree programs
   f. Prepares the healthcare agency for Magnet status