

Nursing

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B.S.N. | Bachelor of Science in Nursing

CCNE accredited

Northwestern's nursing program is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing (CCNE) and approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing. Northwestern nursing graduates have a 100% board exam pass rate; 86.6% pass on their first attempt.

700+ clinical hours

- Diverse clinical experiences in both rural and urban hospitals, medical centers and community-based health settings
- Pediatric content throughout your clinical experiences and a pediatric seminar senior year
- Cross-cultural, medical mission experience in an off-campus U.S. or international location; options include a summer course in Africa or short-term mission experiences arranged through NWC's campus ministry department

Faith focus

Our curriculum includes a recommended freshman-year seminar that helps you explore your healthcare calling. At the end of your nursing education, a senior capstone seminar enables you to explore how to infuse your nursing career with biblical *shalom*—promoting health and wholeness.

State-of-the-art health science center

Opened in 2018, our new DeWitt Family Science Center houses biology, chemistry and nursing. State-of-the-art classrooms and labs for student nurses include:

- Patient rooms with hospital beds
- 6 advanced human patient simulators (adult, child, pregnant mother + newborn)
- IV training arms and other trainers
- Hospital-based computerized medication system
- Electronic health record simulation program

Expert profs + free tutoring

- 7 full-time professors with experience in clinics, hospitals, hospice, home health and public health. In addition to teaching, consulting and researching, they also maintain an active clinical practice.
- Personal attention and career mentoring from a nurse adviser who will be your resource during college and after graduation
- Full-time professional science tutor and 70+ student tutors

Applying to the program

You may begin taking pre-nursing courses during your first year of college. You formally apply to the nursing program during the spring semester of your freshman year; you must have a CNA certificate at the time of application. Each year, 30 new candidates are accepted into the program.

Job outlook

- The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says our country will need nearly 440,000 new nurses by 2024.
- The Institute of Medicine recommends that at least 80% of nurses hold at least a B.S.N. degree.
- Median salary for a nurse with a B.S.N. is \$77,000.
- A B.S.N. is the recommended initial degree if your goal is to be a nurse practitioner, nurse anesthetist, nurse midwife, nurse researcher or nurse educator.

Career success

Our grads are working and learning in healthcare settings around the world, including: Children of the Promise, Haiti ▪ Mayo Clinic ▪ Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines ▪ Orange City Area Health System ▪ Sanford Health, Sioux Falls ▪ Sanford's "Castle of Care" Children's Hospital ▪ St. Anthony Hospital, Denver ▪ St. Luke's Unity Point Hospital, Sioux City



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