



Nursing

Called to be a healer? Study nursing at Northwestern, and you'll graduate with knowledge, skills and confidence. You'll also be ready to continue Jesus' healing ministry by advocating for social justice, healthy environments, and individual and community health, wholeness and peace.

Accredited B.S.N. program

Northwestern's nursing department offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (B.S.N.). It is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (aacn.nche.edu/ccne -accreditation) and approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing. The program's distinctive features include:

- More than 700 hours of clinical experience in both rural and urban healthcare settings
- Multiple opportunities to learn by serving through healthcare-related mission projects and trips
- Mentorship by a nurse adviser who will be your resource during college and after graduation
- A mission of promoting shalom: individual, family and community health, wholeness and peace—all from a biblical perspective

Faculty

Northwestern's nursing professors have practiced in clinics, hospitals, hospice, home health, public health and more. In addition to teaching, consulting and doing research, several also maintain an active clinical practice. All the full-time nursing professors have earned their doctorate degrees or are pursuing terminal degrees.

Positive prognosis

The employment outlook for nurses is excellent. According to a recent report by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the nation will need nearly 440,000 new nurses by 2024. That makes nursing the second-hottest career choice in the country. Median salary for BSN-prepared nurses is \$68,450.

Nursing facilities

Beginning in the fall of 2018, Northwestern's nursing classrooms and labs will be in the college's brand new building for the natural and health sciences, which will also house the biology and chemistry departments. (Watch the building's progress at nwciowa.edu/webcam.)

State-of-the art facilities for student-nurses include:

- Patient rooms with hospital beds
- Multiple advanced human patient simulators—including an adult, child and pregnant mother (with newborn)
- IV training arms and other trainers
- A hospital-based computerized medication system
- An electronic health record simulation program

Healthy report

Northwestern's nursing program has been ranked among the nation's top 10% by Nursing Schools Almanac. Northwestern is 1 of only 7 Iowa schools that made the list and the only one on the western side of the state.

Northwestern nursing graduates' first-time board exam pass rates are consistently higher than the national average. On average, 88% of Northwestern's nursing graduates pass their board exams on the first attempt, compared to 84.85% nationally. Northwestern-trained nurses are putting Jesus' healing ministry into practice in healthcare settings that include Sanford Health in Sioux Falls, Minnesota's Mayo Clinic, and an orphanage in Haiti.

To learn more about our professors and students, and see what graduates are doing:

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