

Nursing

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BSN | 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. Our most recent nursing graduates have a 100% first-time board exam pass rate.

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 a U.S. or international location; options include a summer abroad or short-term mission experience 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 professors with experience in clinics, hospitals, hospice, home health and public health. In addition to teaching, consulting and researching, several 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

Early acceptance

Each year, 30 new candidates are admitted into the BSN program. You begin taking pre-nursing courses during your first semester, and you formally apply to the BSN program your second semester. Depending on your high school GPA and ACT/SAT scores, you may qualify for early acceptance, which guarantees your seat as a pre-nursing student.

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 BSN degree.
- Median salary for a nurse with a BSN is \$77,000.
- A BSN 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's Hospital, Colorado ▪ Duke University Hospital, North Carolina ▪ Mayo Clinic ▪ Mercy Medical Center, Des Moines ▪ missionary organization in Africa ▪ Orange City Area Health System ▪ Sanford Health, Sioux Falls ▪ Sanford's "Castle of Care" Children's Hospital ▪ St. Luke's Unity Point Hospital, Sioux City