



RN TO BSN

Overview

Advancements in healthcare have ushered in a new wave of career opportunities. At the same time, more providers are seeking nurses with advanced education, specifically, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (BSN). Recognizing this trend, the American Nurses Association has set a goal for 2020 that 80% of all nurses hold a BSN (Source: Nursing World).

What's more, a recent report commissioned by the Institute of Medicine states that today's patients are older, sicker, and suffering from more chronic conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, and cardiovascular disease. Therefore, it suggests, there is a greater need for highly-educated and skilled nurses capable of critical thinking and evidence-based practice.

At ECPI University's College of Nursing, we offer Registered Nurses the choice of a full-time or part-time option in pursuing their BSN. Full-time students attend two online classes each term, beginning with one general education and one nursing course.

- ▶ Completion time for the full-time program is 45 weeks (9 terms, 2 classes per term) after all prerequisites are completed
- ▶ Two nursing courses require clinical experience (90 clinical hours provide one on one experience in BSN specialty roles)

As a part-time student, you can take one course at a time which allows you to continue your education while fulfilling family and work responsibilities.

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Possible Career Track

As a BSN graduate, you can be eligible for roles in:

- ▶ Leadership and Management
- ▶ Community Health
- ▶ Informatics
- ▶ Specialty Bedside Practice

Outcomes

The objective of the curriculum is to produce baccalaureate-prepared, registered professional nurse graduates who can:

- ▶ Utilize critical thinking, clinical reasoning, and research in evidence-based decision making to improve nursing practice and patient outcomes across healthcare settings.
- ▶ Apply contemporary leadership and management concepts and theories to innovate practice environments, problems solve and effect change.
- ▶ Apply legal and ethical concepts, theories, and standards to professional nursing practice.
- ▶ Communicate with patients, families, and healthcare providers to coordinate care and advocate for vulnerable populations across healthcare settings.
- ▶ Integrate a variety of concepts related to trends and issues in contemporary nursing to foster professional role development.
- ▶ Analyze how advanced technologies may be used in practice to improve patient care.
- ▶ Contribute to the profession by performing as a team member, delegating effectively, and mentoring other nurses.
- ▶ Analyze the role of healthcare policy and politics in promoting healthy populations and the nursing profession.
- ▶ Apply theories, interventions, and health promotion and disease prevention strategies to promote physically safe and healthy environments for culturally diverse individuals, families, and groups in a variety of community settings and situations.
- ▶ Apply knowledge and skills specific to roles in education, clinical practice, or informatics for professional practice and career advancement.
- ▶ Demonstrate accountability and responsibility to nursing practice and value learning and reflective practice.

*The information in this section comes from "Bureau of LaborStatistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2012-2013 Edition"