

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (RN-TO-BSN)

SCHOOL OF NURSING

NURSING CHANGES LIVES. NOW, IT'S TIME TO CHANGE YOURS.

Complete Your Bachelor's Degree in Nursing.

It's time to advance your career with the help of a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree.¹ Maybe you want to take on new leadership roles, or provide better care for your patients and their families. Whatever your objective is, Kaplan University may have the right program to help you make it happen.

Our flexible online programs are designed to help you expand your career opportunities while you meet your personal and professional obligations.

- Kaplan Test Prep and Admissions, a division of Kaplan, Inc., provides preparation for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN®).²
- Many of our faculty members are practicing nursing professionals. Their practical knowledge helps them understand the challenges faced by working professionals who pursue higher education.
- Earn your Bachelor of Science in Nursing in as little as 18 months.³

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A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING COULD PREPARE YOU TO PURSUE MANY OPPORTUNITIES

- A bachelor's degree is typically a prerequisite for admission to graduate nursing programs in research, teaching, and advanced practice nursing specialties.⁴
- Individuals who earn a bachelor's degree may have the opportunity to receive training in areas such as communication, leadership, and critical thinking—all of which are likely to become more important as nursing care becomes more complex.⁵
- Advancement opportunities are broader for nurses with a bachelor's degree, and some career paths (such as nursing administration and teaching) are generally only open to nurses with a bachelor's or higher-level degree.⁵

GRADUATES COULD PURSUE A CAREER IN:¹

- Staff leadership
- Health care administration
- Home care administration
- Health care organizations
- Community organizations
- Nurse case management
- Prepare for graduate-level study



STRIVE TO REALIZE YOUR TALENT

- The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-to-BSN) is a degree completion program designed to help RNs further their education and advance their careers while satisfying the complex demands of patient care.¹
- Kaplan University's nursing faculty members are selected to guide students through their education. They are credentialed, experienced health care professionals with first-hand knowledge of their subject area.

ACCREDITATION

- Our Bachelor of Science in Nursing program is nationally accredited by the Commission of Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) and approved by the Iowa Board of Nursing.

The curriculum emphasizes:

- General Education: Integrate theoretical and empirical knowledge from the humanities, behavioral and biophysical sciences, and nursing as a basis for formulating nursing practice decisions.
- Professional Roles: Synthesize core knowledge, core competencies, and professional values in the delivery of nursing care to individuals and groups within the three professional nursing roles (provider of care, manager of care, and member of the profession).
- Leadership: Incorporate nursing leadership skills within the three nursing roles.
- Research: Evaluate research for application and utilization in nursing practice.
- Health Care Technology: Analyze methods that integrate and evaluate health care technologies in the delivery of nursing care.
- Values: Incorporate ethical, political, legal, and economic values into professional practice.
- Communication and Problem Solving: Design communication and problem-solving strategies for nursing practice in the current diverse global environment.
- Participation in the Profession: Participate in the improvement of the nursing profession, the health care delivery system, and the formulation of health policy.
- Professional Development Plan: Appraise one's own professional growth toward the achievement of self-initiated goals.

Program Detail

Credit Hours: 180 to 185 quarter credit hours for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (including 50 to 90 quarter credit hours transferred from your requisite associate's degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing.)

Program Length: You could earn your Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in as little as 18 months.³

Admissions Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing:

- An associate's degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing from an accredited college or university
- An active, unencumbered RN license in a U.S. state
- A cumulative GPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 in previous coursework

Please see the Kaplan University Catalog for additional eligibility requirements.



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At Kaplan University, we are committed to your education, your goals—you. And, as part of our pledge to help you succeed, we're announcing a whole new way to try a Kaplan University degree program for yourself with no tuition obligation.

It's simple. You'll attend real classes for real credits. After an introductory period, if you decide we're right for you, and you meet our academic standards and other requirements, you'll continue on. If not, your obligation ends there. There's no tuition cost or other financial obligation, except for the \$45 application fee.⁷

WHY KAPLAN UNIVERSITY?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- Personal Advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- Reduced tuition rates for active-duty service members and veterans.
- Scholarships for eligible Kaplan University students.
- A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.⁸

Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Master of Science in Nursing
- › RN-to-Master of Science in Nursing Option

Note From Dean

"The Kaplan University School of Nursing is a dynamic community of students and faculty who care about making the world a better place through the art and science of nursing. We are committed to offering excellent education to the nurses of today and tomorrow through dynamic degree programs and a community of outstanding faculty."



Sheila Burke
Dean, School of Nursing



IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

¹ Kaplan University's programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue employment in fields related to their subjects of study, such as the positions provided as examples. However, Kaplan University does not guarantee that graduates will be placed in any job, equipped to perform all the tasks noted, or eligible for job advancement opportunities. Additional training or certification may be required. In addition, job titles and responsibilities may vary from organization to organization.

² NCLEX-RN[®] is a registered trademark of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, Inc.

³ Time frame based on average completion time; some students may take longer to complete the program. The number of required credits may vary depending on individual state education requirements, which could affect how long it will take to complete the program.

⁴ While many of Kaplan University's degree programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue continued graduate- or doctorate-level education, the University cannot guarantee that students will be granted admission to any graduate or doctoral programs.

⁵ Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010-2011 Occupational Outlook Handbook, Registered Nurses, on the Internet at www.bls.gov/oco/ocos083.htm. National long-term projections may not reflect local and/or short-term economic or job conditions, and do not guarantee actual job growth.

⁶ Individual is not a graduate of the program advertised. Views and opinions stated herein are the individual's and not necessarily those of Kaplan University. Individual student schedules and experiences may vary.

⁷ Classes will count toward a student's degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period. The introductory period is five weeks, and begins on day one of the student's first academic term. If at any point during the introductory period a student chooses to opt out, he or she will have no other obligation to the University except for the application fee. Only available to new students; continuing students are not eligible.

⁸ Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See University Catalog for Prior Learning Assessment Policy.