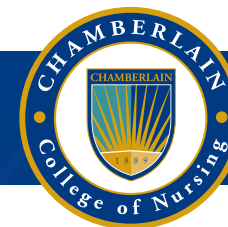


POST-LICENSURE BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (BSN) DEGREE RN TO BSN DEGREE COMPLETION OPTION

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ABOUT THIS DEGREE PROGRAM

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program offers a RN to BSN degree completion option for registered nurses with an associate degree or diploma wishing to complete their BSN degree. This online option allows the registered nurse student to complete the BSN degree in three semesters within an educational format designed for adult learners. Advantages include the convenience of scheduling, a focus on core content readily applicable to professional settings and interaction with peers who share many similar professional experiences and values.

The Chamberlain **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)** degree program prepares graduates to provide safe, comprehensive, professional nursing care across the lifespan to individuals, families, aggregates and communities in global societies. Professional nursing care incorporates evidence-based principles, sciences and critical reasoning and judgment in the development of responses to real or perceived healthcare needs.

The BSN graduate possesses the necessary knowledge and core competencies to meet the challenges of a dynamic and evolving profession in the 21st century. The BSN degree program provides the foundation for graduate study and beginning scholarship, encourages service to the profession and community and supports the concept of lifelong learning.

CORE-DEGREE COURSEWORK

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing | Semesters: 3 Full Time

Minimum credit hours required for graduation: 122* (21 liberal arts and sciences; 24[†] nursing; 77 CCAP**). Each lettered group below represents a graduation requirement with any alternate choice.

Course Area	Minimum Credit Hours
CCAP**	77**
Registered nurses with current, active RN licensure in the U.S. or a jurisdiction that is an associate member of the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) may be awarded up to 77 proficiency credit hours through the Chamberlain College of Nursing Articulation Plan (CCAP). This includes 37 liberal arts and sciences credits and 40 nursing credits.	
English & Communications	3
(a) ENGL-147	3
Mathematics	3
(a) MATH-399***	3
History Elective	3
(a) HIST-405 or HIST-410	3

Course Area	Minimum Credit Hours
Humanities Elective	3
(a) One of: HUMN-303; HUMN-451; LTRE-421; RELI-448	3
Social Science	3
(a) POLI-330	3
Nursing	24[§]
(a) All of: NR-305; NR-351; NR-361; NR-439; NR-441 or NR-443 or NR-435 [†] ; NR-447; NR-451	
Electives[‡]	6[‡]
(a) Any combination of the following elective courses: BUSN-115; COMP-100; ENGL-227; HIT-120; HIT-141; HSM-310; MATH-114***; MGMT-303; NR-390; NR-391; NR-392; NR-441; PSYC-305; PSYC-315; SCI-204; SPCH-275; SOCS-325; SOCS-350; ECON-312	

* 123 for Tennessee residents (21 liberal arts and sciences; 25 nursing; 77 CCAP**).

** See Chamberlain College Articulation Program RN to BSN Option (CCAP-RN) description on page 43 of the Academic Catalog.

*** MATH-114 is a pre-requisite for MATH-399. If MATH-114 has not been fulfilled, it will be added to the individual's plan of study and will become part of the student's graduation requirements.

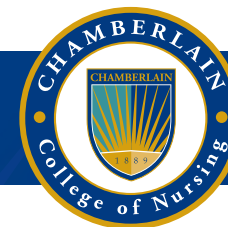
† Students residing in the state of Tennessee must take NR-435 to fulfill this requirement. This course must be taken during the last semester of the program.

§ 25 for students residing in the state of Tennessee.

‡ In order to satisfy graduation requirements, elective courses may be added to the individual's plan of study. Please contact your student service advisor for more information.

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CAREERS IN NURSING

Registered Nurse (RN)

Nurse roles include, but are not limited to*: provider of care, designer/manager/coordinator of care and member of a profession.

Nursing generalist practice includes both direct and indirect patient care, which includes individuals, families, groups, communities and populations. Nursing practice is built on nursing knowledge, theory and research. In addition, nursing practice derives knowledge from a wide array of other fields and professions, adapting and applying this knowledge as appropriate to professional practice.

The fundamental aspects of generalist nursing practice are: direct care of the sick in and across all environments, health promotion and clinical prevention and population based healthcare. A defining feature of professional nursing practice is the focus on health promotion and risk reduction. Advances in science and technology will continue to emerge, which will help to predict future health problems. Nurses will design and implement measures to modify risk factors and promote healthy lifestyles. These same advances in science and technology also have allowed individuals to live longer and often with increasing numbers of chronic illnesses and conditions. With an increasing emphasis on cost savings and cost benefits, nurses will play a leading role in the provision of care.

Roles of the Baccalaureate General Nurse. (2008). *The Essentials of Baccalaureate Education in Professional Nursing Education*, 7-8.

* Some careers may require several years of experience in addition to educational credentials.

Accreditation and State Authorizations & Registrations:

Chamberlain College of Nursing is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission (HLC, www.hlcommission.org). HLC is one of the eight regional agencies that accredit U.S. colleges and universities at the institutional level. The Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree program, the Master of Science in Nursing degree program and the Doctor of Nursing Practice degree program at Chamberlain College of Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE, One Dupont Circle, NW, Suite 530, Washington, DC 20036, 202.887.6791). Accreditation provides assurance to the public and to prospective students that standards of quality have been met. For the most updated accreditation information, visit chamberlain.edu/accreditation.

Unresolved complaints may be reported to the Illinois Board of Higher Education through the online complaint system <http://complaints.ibhe.org/> or by mail to 1 N. Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 333, Springfield, IL 62701-1377. Chamberlain College of Nursing is certified to operate by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia, 101 N. 14th Street, 10th floor, James Monroe Building, Richmond VA 23219, 804.225.2600. Chamberlain College of Nursing is approved to operate by the Virginia Board of Nursing Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, VA 23233-1463, 804.367.4515. Chamberlain College of Nursing is authorized for operation by the THEC, <http://www.tn.gov/thec>.

For the most updated approvals by state information, visit chamberlain.edu/stateapprovals. Program/program option availability varies by state/location. Chamberlain reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. Information is current at the time of publication. Comprehensive consumer information is available at chamberlain.edu/consumerinfo.

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CAREER FOCUSED COURSEWORK

Nursing Courses	Credits
NR-305: RN Health Assessment	4
NR-351: Transitions in Professional Nursing	3
NR-361: RN Information Systems in Healthcare	3
NR-439: RN Evidence-Based Practice	3
NR-441/ NR-443/ NR-435*†: Community Health Nursing – International/ RN Community Health Nursing	4/5*
NR-447: RN Collaborative Healthcare	4
NR-451: RN Capstone Course	3
Optional	
NR-441: Community Health Nursing – International	4

* Students residing in the state of Tennessee must take NR-435 to fulfill this requirement. This course must be taken during the last semester of the program.

† Students pursuing the BSN Concentration in Serving Hispanic Communities will be assigned to the care of Hispanic community members for 25% of their total experiential learning activities in the program of study. For non-clinical courses, course assignments will target Hispanic cultural needs.

KNOWLEDGE & SKILLS

The outcomes for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program graduate are as follows:

1. Provides individualized comprehensive care based on theories and principles of nursing and related disciplines to individuals, families, aggregates and communities, from entry to the healthcare system through long-term planning.
2. Demonstrates leadership and collaboration with consumers and other healthcare providers in providing care and/or delegating responsibilities for health promotion, illness prevention, health restoration, health maintenance and rehabilitative activities.
3. Communicates effectively with patient populations and other healthcare providers in managing the healthcare of individuals, families, aggregates and communities.
4. Integrates clinical judgment in professional decision making and implementation of the nursing process.
5. Demonstrates responsibility for continued personal and professional development through enrollment in graduate education, continuing education degree programs, professional reading and participation in professional organizations and community service.
6. Implements professional nursing standards by practicing within the legal definitions of nursing practice and acts in accordance with the nursing code of ethics and American Nurses Association (ANA) standards of practice.
7. Practices in established professional roles consistent with entry-level BSN graduates to provide cost-effective, quality healthcare to consumers in structured and unstructured settings.
8. Incorporates evidence-based practice in the provision of professional nursing care to individuals, families, aggregates and communities.