

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

122 CREDIT HOURS – EFFECTIVE JULY 2018



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 general education 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 general education and sciences credits and 40 nursing credits.	
English & Communications	3
(a) ENGL-147	3
Mathematics	3
(a) MATH-225***	3
History Elective	3
(a) HIST-405 or HIST-410	3

Course Area	Minimum Credit Hours
Humanities Elective	3
(a) One of: HUMN-303; RELI-448	3
Social Science	3
(a) POLI-330	3
Nursing	24*
(a) All of: NR-305; NR-351; NR-361; NR-439; NR-443, NR-435 [†] or NR-436 [†] ; NR-447; NR-451	
Electives[‡]	6[‡]
(a) Any combination of the following elective courses: BUSN-115; COMP-100; ECON-312; MATH-114; NR-392; NR-393; NR-394; NR-395; PSYC-305; PSYC-315;	

* 25 for students residing in the state of Washington.

** See Chamberlain College Articulation Program RN to BSN Option (CCAP-RN) description in the Academic Catalog.

*** For students who started in May 2016 - March 2018, MATH-399 is the required course. MATH-114 is a pre-requisite for MATH-221 or 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.

† NR-435 is required for students residing in Tennessee enrolled prior to July 2018, students residing in Washington, and students residing in California or Minnesota seeking to obtain a certificate in public health nursing from the CA or MN Board of Nursing. Effective July 2018, students residing in the state of Tennessee must take NR-436 to fulfill this requirement. This course must be taken during the last semester of the program. If a non-Washington resident takes NR-443 and later moves to Washington, they will be required to complete NR-435 before graduating.

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

NOTE: The General Education coursework grading scale applies to courses with the "N" suffix designator (i.e., MATH-114N).

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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.

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-443/ NR-435**/ NR-436*†: Community Health Nursing – International/ RN Community Health Nursing	4/5*
NR-447: RN Collaborative Healthcare	4
NR-451: RN Capstone Course	3

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† 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.

Accreditation and State Authorizations & Registrations:

Chamberlain University is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (www.hlcommission.org), a regional accreditation agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education. The baccalaureate degree in nursing program, master's degree in nursing program, and Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Chamberlain University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, 655 K Street NW, Suite 750, Washington DC 20001, 202.887.6791. For the most updated accreditation information, visit www.chamberlain.edu/accreditation.

Chamberlain University is approved to operate by the Virginia Board of Nursing Perimeter Center, 9960 Mayland Drive, Suite 300, Henrico, VA 23233-1463, 804.367.4515. Unresolved complaints may be reported to the Illinois Board of Higher Education through the online complaint system <http://complaints.ihbe.org/> or by mail to 1 N. Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 333, Springfield, IL 62701-1377. For the most updated approvals by state information, visit chamberlain.edu/stateapprovals.

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