

## Nursing

The Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) major is a pre-licensure program that prepares students for the candidate's licensure examination, known as NCLEX-RN®. Students wishing to enroll in the Nursing program must first be accepted into the program through a formal admission process. Refer to the undergraduate catalog for a more detailed description of the Nursing program and its requirements. The Department of Nursing seeks to provide Christ-centered, biblically based, service-focused nursing education, equipping individuals with the skills and abilities required of professional nurses to effectively serve Christ and to assume servant-leadership roles while providing ministry and service to humankind.

### What Type of Work are Related to this Degree?

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- Government research
- Home health care
- Personal services contracting
- Emergency nursing
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- Travel nursing
- Hospice nursing
- Forensic nursing
- Labor and delivery nursing
- Government policy
- Military nursing development
- Missionary nursing
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More information at [ONETonline.org](http://ONETonline.org)

### General Strategies for Success:

- All states regulate nursing by requiring licensure. Investigate individual state requirements if planning to relocate.
- The list of occupations above is not exhaustive. Discovernursing.com provides a more detailed list of nursing specialties.
- Many opportunities outside of traditional nursing exist for RN's who want to work in non-clinical roles. Research the skills, experiences, and degrees necessary to attain these positions.
- Shadow nurses in different settings to learn which ones hold the most appeal.
- Develop patience, the ability to work with both patients and families for long periods of time, and good listening skills. Learn to work effectively with people from different cultures, races, and socioeconomic backgrounds.
- Work or volunteer in healthcare and medical settings during summers and breaks.
- Join relevant professional associations and plan to attend continuing education programs.
- Earn a master's degree to prepare for advanced practice nursing, including: clinical nurse specialist, nurse practitioner, nurse midwife, nurse anesthetist, and administration. Earn a doctoral degree for research or teaching at a university.

### Professional Associations

American Association of Colleges of Nursing  
 American Nurses Association  
 American Association of Nurse Anesthetists  
 American Association of Occupational Health Nurses  
 American Psychiatric Nurses Association