Nursing is among the most in-demand professions in America. To thoroughly prepare you for practice in a range of health care settings, programs in the University of Bridgeport’s School of Nursing provide you with all of the tools necessary to achieve a fulfilling and successful career.

The curriculum emphasizes traditional liberal arts and sciences knowledge and is designed to expand your skills in critical reasoning and decision-making. You will utilize the latest health care technologies and apply classroom learning through hands-on clinical experience in our state-of-the-art facilities. Our programs offer an in-depth exploration of public and community health, research, nursing management, and professional development.

At UB, your journey into nursing begins with an innovative, evidence-based health care education. Our expert faculty, high-tech facilities, and rigorous program will prepare you to provide leadership in improving health care for a global society.

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Dean of the College of Health Sciences

Build a Strong Foundation for a Future in Nursing
The Right Program for You

Our Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Master of Science in Nursing are valuable degrees that will allow you more opportunities to position yourself for growth and take on leadership roles in this important and expanding profession.

PRE-NURSING (PREPARATORY CURRICULUM)

Our one-year, Pre-Nursing course of study is designed for incoming freshmen. It provides you with the core courses in the humanities, mathematics, and natural and social sciences necessary to prepare you to assume the B.S.N. program in your second year. All Pre-Nursing students must maintain a C+ or better in all math and science courses, maintain a minimum G.P.A. of 3.0, and pass the Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) exam in order to advance to the B.S.N. program.

TRADITIONAL B.S.N.

Designed for second-year students who have completed the Pre-Nursing curriculum or qualified transfer students interested in developing the wide range of skills needed for a career in nursing, the traditional B.S.N. is a full-time, six-semester curriculum. Through a mix of challenging classes and hands-on clinical learning experiences, you will fully prepare for professional practice.

ONLINE R.N. TO B.S.N.

Our online R.N. to B.S.N. program is designed to offer registered nurses an ideal pathway to advancing their educational and career opportunities. The curriculum enhances your existing knowledge and skills through in-depth coursework that will enable you to broaden the scope of your practice. Flexibility is maximized, with seven-week class sessions spanning six times a year, and accepting up to 90 transferable credits from accredited institutions.

M.S.N. IN LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION

Created to provide a dual focus in leadership and education, this 39-credit program provides you with the skills and knowledge necessary for roles that involve clinical leadership and academic nursing. Offered fully online to maximize flexibility, the coursework can be tailored to your career goals in various facets of education and business. Current UB R.N. to B.S.N. students can complete the degree in 30 credits at an accelerated pace, as three M.S.N. courses will be waived based on undergraduate coursework.

BENEFITS OF AN M.S.N.

Skills for an Evolving Job Market

The expanding role of nurses into community health systems requires significant leadership capabilities and an in-depth understanding of how to educate various patient populations in any setting. A Brookings Institution report stated that nurses have enormous potential to act as key intermediaries when they have the education and training specific to performing these functions.

Increased Career Options

An M.S.N. opens the door to a far greater selection of professional opportunities, particularly in emerging leadership positions. Nursing education and many managerial roles require candidates to hold an M.S.N.

Competitive Advantages

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A Bachelor of Science in Nursing is especially valuable now that many employers require it. Whether you are an RN seeking to strengthen your skills or a prospective undergraduate with a desire to be a nurse, the University of Bridgeport has a program for you. We graduate top-quality nurses who are committed to obtaining optimal patient outcomes and providing health care leadership.

ADVANCED FACILITIES
The new, ultramodern Nursing Skills and Simulation Center at UB’s School of Nursing is an ideal controlled environment for you to master professional techniques. It features:
- Ten-bed skills center with videotaping capabilities
- State-of-the-art simulation labs
- Community health room
- Medium– and high-fidelity mannequins
- Lecture theater with SMART® technology
- Debriefing room for reviewing simulation scenarios

R.N. TO B.S.N. ADMISSION PREREQUISITES
- Diploma or associate’s degree earned at a state board of nursing approved program with national nursing accreditation
- Current, unencumbered registered nurse license in your state of residence
- Minimum grade of C in all general education and prerequisite courses
- Current, unencumbered registered nurse license in your state of residence
- Cumulative G.P.A. of 2.5 or higher
- Proof of professional liability insurance

Required Application Materials
- Completed University of Bridgeport application
- Non-refundable application fee of $25
- Official high school transcripts
- SAT or ACT scores
- Two letters of recommendation
- Personal essay
- Supplemental application form

M.S.N. ADMISSIONS PREREQUISITES
- Current, unencumbered registered nurse license in your state of residence
- Cumulative G.P.A. of 3.0 or higher
- B.S.N. degree from an accredited institution

Required Application Materials
- Completed University of Bridgeport application
- Non-refundable application fee of $50
- Official transcripts from all colleges attended
- Two letters of recommendation
- Professional goals statement
- Personal essay

Accelerated Degree Option
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The UB {Mission}

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