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Jump-start your career as a registered nurse

**| Accelerated Bachelor of
Science in Nursing (ABSN)**

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Meet the Program Director



Say 'Hello!' to the Director of the School of Nursing, Dr. Linda Wagner

Dr. Linda Wagner, Director of the School of Nursing, has been in leadership roles at University of Bridgeport since 2015. She started as Associate Dean for the RN-BSN program and then provided program leadership as the Associate Director for BSN when it began in 2017.

Dr. Wagner has over 30 years of experience teaching undergraduate and graduate nursing students. Her clinical background is in child health. Over the years, she has facilitated several community engagement activities, as well as partnerships in the community and local school systems. She has presented her research at the national and international levels on stigma tool development and stigma in Sickle Cell Disease, as well as other studies on transitions and vulnerable populations. Other areas of research include leadership development for nursing students and the outcomes of taking nursing students on global health experiences. She also conducted a qualitative research study on nurses who participate in disaster relief efforts, and her most recent research explores the experiences of parents whose children are transgender.





■ Why an ABSN?

Become a registered nurse and start making a difference in the lives of others

Are you interested in becoming a nurse, but you've already earned your bachelor's degree in another field? Don't worry — a career in nursing is still achievable, and now is the perfect time to join the exciting field of healthcare!

Since you've already developed the skills and knowledge that come from earning a four-year degree, UB's Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN) program could be the perfect fit to help you transition to a career in Nursing. In this program, you'll build on your existing skills while learning the core nursing concepts that will set you up for success as a registered nurse (RN). In UB's School of Nursing, you'll gain hands-on clinical experience that will help you grow your confidence and caretaking skills.

At University of Bridgeport, you can complete your ABSN in **as few as 15 months full-time!** We are here to make your goal of a career in nursing possible — no background in healthcare needed! We'll prepare you to join the frontlines as a dedicated healthcare professional, a role that truly changes lives. Don't wait — find out if UB's ABSN program is the right fit for you!

Achieve your goals of becoming a nurse with our ABSN program

Leverage the skills you've already developed

UB's ABSN program is designed for students who already have a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field. By holding a bachelor's degree, you come prepared with the fundamental skills and knowledge required of a career professional. That means you can focus less on general education requirements and more on gaining critical knowledge and skills involved in nursing and healthcare. Because of your educational background, you can complete the ABSN program in **as few as 15 months full-time!** You worked hard to earn your degree — the ABSN program fast-tracks you to caring for patients in your community in less time than a traditional BSN program.

Become qualified for advanced career opportunities

A bachelor's degree in Nursing will position you as a leader in the field. You'll be equipped with the qualities that healthcare administrators are searching for in their nursing leaders. Earning your ABSN will show potential employers that you are experienced and passionate about advancing your skills and knowledge, and you'll become a highly sought-after job candidate — bringing your passion for patient care to any nursing environment.

Prepare for your NCLEX exam

When you complete your ABSN degree, you'll be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) to become a registered nurse (RN). The NCLEX assesses your knowledge of core nursing concepts and your ability to think critically and problem-solve in the field. At UB, we'll prepare you with the skills and clinical experiences you need for success on the NCLEX.



■ Why University of Bridgeport?

Earn your degree in Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing (ABSN)



Get an evidence-based approach to care

In the School of Nursing, we take a comprehensive, evidence-based approach to nursing science. As you earn your ABSN, you will develop the skills needed to provide high-quality patient-centered care in any setting. Your studies will include clinical practices and patient simulations, where you will gain the patient care skills that will make a difference in the lives of your patients and their families.



Receive hands-on learning opportunities

In our Accelerated BSN program, you'll get the hands-on training you need to emerge as a skilled, compassionate, trusted healthcare professional. You'll work alongside other students in clinical rotations, where you'll apply the concepts you learn in the classroom to real patient-care scenarios. Our experienced faculty will guide you as you practice in our Nursing Skills and Simulation Center, a state-of-the-art skill-building lab. The Center has a ten-bed nursing skills lab where you can record your practice sessions and play them back to review and make corrections if needed. You'll work on mannequins that talk, react, and behave like human patients to build your confidence in your nursing skills before working in a real-patient care setting during your clinicals.



At UB, we put you first

At University of Bridgeport, we take a student-centered approach to learning. Our expert faculty are dedicated to giving you the one-on-one attention you deserve, and we offer a variety of resources on campus, including counseling services, financial aid, our Knight's Pantry, student involvement opportunities, and more. While earning your degree, UB will be with you every step of the way!



A focus on career-readiness

Earning your Nursing degree can lead to a fulfilling career with a high earning potential, and University of Bridgeport will prepare you for success in the field. Our curriculum is tailored to give you the skills and experience to manage real-world patient care issues. You'll be ready for a variety of nursing positions once you graduate.



Curriculum

ABSN Courses

Students must complete 64 credits in general education and 56 credits in nursing, totaling 120 credits. Along with a solid foundation in nursing, graduates of the program will be eligible to sit for the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN® Exam).

For complete curriculum details, please visit [our website](#).

Admission requirements and tuition information updated for the 2023-2024 academic year.

Admission Requirements

At UB, we pride ourselves on providing you with a quality, in-depth nursing education. Our program is rigorous, and our high volume of applicants means you must meet certain criteria to gain acceptance into the program. The requirements are as follows.

General admission requirements

- A conferred BS/BA degree from a fully accredited academic institution
- A “C+” or better in all math and science courses (including but not limited to Anatomy & Physiology I & II, Chemistry, and Algebra)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 from all institutions attended in order to apply to the ABSN program
- Math and science coursework must be completed within seven years prior to applying to the ABSN Program
- ABSN pre-requisites include ENG101, MATH103, MATH203, PSYC103, PSYC205, SOC1101, BIOL113, BIOL114, BIOL106, and CHEM113
- HSCI 230 can be transferred in as a pre-requisite course
- All prerequisites must be completed before the first day of the first semester
- At the time of application, only 3 prerequisites may be outstanding or in progress
- Missing general education courses will be waived (i.e., Fine Arts and a 2nd Humanity)

Required materials

ABSN applicants must submit the following materials:

- Completed University of Bridgeport application
- Official high school transcripts or equivalent
- Transcripts from all colleges or universities previously attended
- 2 completed Recommendation Forms
 - Please review the Recommendation Form for specifics. Each recommendation form must be placed in a sealed envelope with the referrer’s signature across the closure.
- Personal Essay of approximately 500 words
 - The personal essay helps us become acquainted with you as a person and demonstrates your ability to organize and express your thoughts. The essay may include what you know about the nursing profession, your experiences interacting with people, and your views on healthy living. You may also identify your career goals and plans for succeeding in the University of Bridgeport School of Nursing. Additionally, you may attach additional details of circumstances or qualifications not reflected in the application. The candidate should include their name, date, and signature on the statement.

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■ Financial Aid Information

Paying for college doesn't have to be stressful. At University of Bridgeport, there are a variety of financial aid programs available to you, including scholarships, grants, student loans that need to be repaid, and work-study opportunities that provide a regular paycheck. The Office of Student Financial Services is ready to connect with you and guide you toward achieving your dream of a college education.

Check out our [financial aid page](#) to find out how University of Bridgeport can help you pay for your education.

International applicants

Please consult the [International admission requirements page](#), or for specific queries, [contact your admissions officer](#).

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Student Resources and Support

At University of Bridgeport, we are committed to helping our students succeed. That's why we offer resources and support services to help you reach your personal and professional goals!

<h2>Academic Resources</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Academic Advising Center (AAC) • Admissions • Financial Aid • Registrar's Office 	<h2>Academic Supports</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Preparation • The Heckman Center • Wahlstrom Library
<h2>Personal Support Services</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Counseling Services • Health Services • Knight's Pantry • Student Accessibility Services 	<h2>Student Experience</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs and Organizations • Events • Greek Life • Recreation
<h2>Professional Development</h2> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Career Development Services 	



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