

Small class sizes
 ensure that you'll
 receive personal
 attention from faculty.


 Build your skills in
 UB's state-of-the-art
 Nursing Skills
 and Simulation Center.

99%
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 of UB
 students received
 financial aid.*
*Based on fall 2021 data.

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Fast track your dream of becoming a nurse.

Fast-track into a fulfilling career in nursing – no background in healthcare needed! UB's Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing is designed for students that already have a bachelor's degree in a non-nursing field. Because you've already developed the skillsets that come with holding a bachelor's degree, the ABSN program is the perfect if you're looking to change fields and become an RN! In this program, you'll learn core nursing concepts and participate in hands-on clinical hours that will give you the knowledge and experience you need for a career in nursing.

Achieve your dream of becoming a nurse in UB's ABSN program.

Nurses work on the frontlines of healthcare every day, advocating for patients and their families in some of their most vulnerable moments. They are a critical part of a patient's care team, acting as a liaison between medical doctors and their patients — providing evidence-based, patient-centered care. A degree in Nursing opens doors to rewarding career opportunities in hospitals, schools, community health centers, rehabilitation centers, private clinics, and more. Now, more than ever, we need skilled and dedicated nursing professionals to join the frontlines of the healthcare field.

Earn your ABSN degree in as few as 15 months!

In the accelerated program, you will jumpstart your career in healthcare. As you dive deeper into the key concepts related to nursing, you'll build on the skills you already gained while earning your bachelor's degree. You've worked hard to earn your degree — the ABSN program allows you to begin your nursing career in as little as 15 months.

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Curriculum

Summer Term I - 7 Weeks		
NURS 201	Intro to Professional Nursing	2
NURS 204	Health Assessment	3
HSCI 230	Nutrition I (if needed)	3

Total Credits: 5-8

Summer Term II - 7 Weeks		
NURS 202	Fundamentals of Professional Nursing	4
NURS 208	Pharmacology for the Professional Nurse	3

Total Credits: 7

Fall Semester - 15 Weeks		
NURS 314	The Research Process in Nursing	3
NURS 320	Health Maintenance & Restoration I	6
NURS 323	Essentials of Family Nursing	5
NURS 345	Leadership and Management	3

Total Credits: 17

Spring Semester - 15 Weeks		
NURS 322	Health Maintenance & Restoration II	6
NURS 328	Health Policy & Health Systems	3
NURS 318	Psych/Mental Health Nursing	4
NURS 357	Current Issues & Trends in Nursing	3

Total Credits: 16

Summer Term I & II - 14 Weeks		
NURS 344	Health Promotion II: The Community	5
NURS 358	Transition to Prof. Practice: Sr. Practicum	6

Total Credits: 11

A total of 120 semester hours is required.

Get prepared to sit for the NCLEX exam.

When you complete your ABSN degree, you'll be eligible to take the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX) to become licensed as 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 exam.

Admissions requirements:

- Complete the application for enrollment at www.bridgeport.edu/apply.
- Submit transcripts.
 - Submit proof of high school completion or its equivalent.
 - Submit transcripts from all colleges/universities attended.
- Students must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Submit a personal essay of approximately 500 words.
- Submit two 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.

Please see the [ABSN Admissions Guide](#) for a full list of required materials for new applicants.

Possible workplaces include:

- Acute or urgent care centers
- Correctional facilities
- Hospitals
- Long-term care facilities
- Private clinics
- Schools
- And more!

View all courses offered and read full course descriptions in our course catalog (www.bridgeport.edu/academics/course-catalog).

The University of Bridgeport is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education. The University also is accredited by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education.