Bachelor of Science in Nursing, B.S.N.

Nursing-RN

The nursing-RN program of study requires 32 s.h. of credit. Students must hold a valid Iowa nursing license (RN) and an Associate Degree in Nursing or Diploma in Nursing. They must earn a g.p.a. of at least 2.00 to earn the degree.

The program is designed to offer registered nurses the opportunity to build on their nursing knowledge and experience by earning a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Students take courses that focus on professionalism and patient safety, research, improvement of health systems, leadership, professional engagement, and community and public health.

Students may transfer coursework completed at other colleges and universities to satisfy the prerequisites, general education requirements, and electives for admission to the College of Nursing (see "Admission to the Nursing-RN Program" under Admission [p. ] in this section of the Catalog). Once a student is admitted to the program, the student has the option of completing the required 32 s.h. in three semesters, four semesters, or in five semesters.

The program is delivered online, with limited face-to-face meetings for the community health practicum experience and leadership project. Students must complete a practicum experience in Iowa or an immersion experience in Eswatini, Africa, and may be required to drive up to 100 miles to a regional practicum setting.

The College of Nursing participates as a receiving institution in the Iowa Statewide Articulation Plan for Nursing Education: RN to Baccalaureate.

Honors in Nursing

The College of Nursing Honors Program provides seminars and independent study experience for qualified students. In order to pursue honors studies in nursing, students must maintain a University of Iowa g.p.a. and a nursing major g.p.a. of at least 3.50.

The honors program in nursing enables students to explore subject matter based on individual interests, needs, and goals. It provides opportunities for self-initiative, research experience, scholarly writing, intellectual and personal development, and challenges students to grow and excel. Students who fulfill the requirements of the program graduate with honors in nursing.

Nursing-RN/3+1 Agreements

Agreements with Area Community Colleges in Iowa

The nursing-RN program at the College of Nursing has RN to B.S.N. 3+1 agreements with area community colleges in Iowa for qualifying nursing graduates to seamlessly transfer to the UI College of Nursing to finish their Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree in one year. Under the 3+1 structure, nursing students stay in their three-year program at a community college and then complete the B.S.N. degree in one year (three semesters).

The nursing-RN program at the College of Nursing provides access to baccalaureate education for nurses throughout the state. The 3+1 partnership provides enhanced opportunities for unparalleled leadership experience while allowing students to continue working in their communities as they complete their degree.

See RN to B.S.N. 3+1 on the College of Nursing website for the agreements with multiple higher education institutions around the state of Iowa.

Combined Programs

Nursing-RN/D.N.P.

Students who are interested in earning a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree with an adult gerontology primary care nurse practitioner, health systems, or pediatric nurse practitioner—primary care subprogram may apply to the combined program offered by the College of Nursing. For information about the D.N.P. degree, see the Doctor of Nursing Practice, D.N.P. in the Catalog.

See RN-B.S.N. Plans of Study on the College of Nursing website for semester-by-semester views of required coursework for undergraduate to graduate (U2G) Nursing-RN/ D.N.P. study for fall and spring entry.