

RN-to-Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Elevate yourself to a higher degree

Chatham University's RN-to-Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN) program is delivered fully online with live practice experience requirements designed with working nurses in mind. Earning your BSN will increase your nursing skills while adding tremendous flexibility and mobility to your career. Chatham is well known for preparing nursing professionals for successful careers, and the interactive nature of the courses and practice experiences will provide you with valuable professional networking opportunities. The degree and additional knowledge you gain will enhance your leadership and professionalism skills. The program also provides students a gateway for furthering their education.

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The RN-to-Bachelor of Science in Nursing is a program within Chatham University's **SCHOOL OF HEALTH SCIENCES**. The School of Health Sciences has developed a strong reputation for its sought-after healthcare professionals. From high first-time licensure rates to advanced clinical aptitude, our graduates enter their careers ready to meet the needs of patients and contribute to improving the quality of care their organizations deliver.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Choose to pursue an optional minor (18 credits) in business or psychology.
- You may transfer up to 90 credit hours of college level courses into the program. All requests for transfer credit must be made prior to enrollment. A minimum of 30 credits, including the 26 required core RN-BSN credits, must be completed at Chatham University. Special considerations may be made for second degree students and select students from schools that hold an articulation agreement with Chatham.
- The 26 required core RN-BSN credits are offered through online courses and are delivered in an accelerated, seven-week format designed to help you balance your work, personal life, and professional development.
- Explore areas related to women's health, geriatric care, health policy and finance, as well as scholarship for evidence-based practice. In addition, through the guidance of the practice experience coordinator, you will complete three unique geographically convenient practice experiences to enhance your nursing knowledge and skills.
- New students are admitted to the program six times per year.
- Students may choose to take classes as a full-time or part-time student.
- Chatham's distinctive RN-BSN program is fully accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

SAMPLE COURSES

NUR412 Nursing Communication and Quality Improvement

This course will prepare the student for effective communication and collaboration amongst the inter-professional team with the goal of practicing high quality, safe, patient-centered care. Topics of quality improvement and inter-professional communication will be emphasized.

NUR410 Global Cultural Diversity and Specialty Population Nursing

This course is focused on various cultural and specialty populations. Multiple aspects of culture, vulnerability, and needs of individual populations will be analyzed and discussed. Content includes issues of ethics, social justice, health literacy, and barriers to care.

NUR407 Scholarship for Evidence-Based Practice

This course is designed to enable students to critically review nursing research, choose a relevant clinical issue to examine, explore literature and utilize nursing research in clinical practice. Ethical principles of nursing research, particularly the protection of human subjects and other ethical accountabilities focusing on research utilization and evidence-based practice will be explored.

► chatham.edu/rn-bsn/curriculum.cfm

OUTCOMES

Graduates of Chatham's RN-BSN program are prepared for furthering their education through masters and doctoral study and for advanced positions in practice, case management, quality assurance, and other areas. Here are some of the places where our graduates have held positions:

- UPMC Presbyterian
- Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, UPMC
- University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Health Plan
- UPMC Health Plan, Special Investigations Unit
- Department of Veterans Affairs, Pittsburgh Healthcare System
- Philips Healthcare
- Alameda Hospital Subacute, San Francisco, CA
- Westmoreland Manor, Export, PA
- One World Community Health Center, Omaha, NE
- Allegheny General Hospital
- ConsignMed, Inc.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

- The AfterCollege/AACN Scholarships support students who are seeking a baccalaureate, masters or doctoral degree in nursing. Eight \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded throughout the year. The application deadlines are January 31, April 30, July 31, and October 31.
- A limited number of nursing scholarships may be available. A FAFSA form must be completed and on file to be considered for the scholarship. To fill out the FAFSA, please visit www.fafsa.ed.gov (school code: 003244).

“The RN-BSN program offers students a unique opportunity to enhance their professional knowledge and skills in an online environment while they continue to work full time and live their personal lives. Dedicated faculty and staff offer their skills and talents to the students in support of them reaching their educational goals.”

— **JULIE SLADE, DNP, RN,**
assistant professor of nursing

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Complete the online application
- Submit proof of completion of an RN degree (associate or diploma) with a minimum 2.0 GPA
- Submit a copy of a current unencumbered RN license
- Submit a copy of official transcripts of all completed post-high school education from all schools attended

APPLICATION DEADLINES

There is a rolling admission due to the multiple starting points throughout the academic year. Contact the Office of Admission for more information.

▶ **Apply online at apply.chatham.edu/ccps**
