

BACHELOR

of science in nursing

RN to BS

You've already taken the first step toward optimizing your nursing career by earning your RN license, but now you're ready to go further. As industry demand for bachelor's degree RNs continues to climb, there has never been a more opportune time to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree.

The Changing Job Market

As job growth in the nursing sector flourishes, your qualification as a bachelor's degree RN will open the door to a proven number of future job opportunities. In today's economic conditions, nursing remains the single most secure occupation, ranking #1 for job growth and employment status on *U.S. News & World Report's* "25 Best Jobs of 2012."¹

In order to serve the aging population, job opportunities in nursing are expected to grow 26% by 2020.² And despite the 2.7 million nurses on the job today, healthcare researchers predict a national shortage of up to 1,000,000 nurses by 2020–2025.³

A Call for More BSNs

In response to the growing demand for nurses, industry standards for nursing credential requirements are in the midst of a historic change. According to the Institute of Medicine (IOM), 80% of registered nurses in the United States will need to hold a bachelor's degree or higher by the year 2020 in order to meet national demand. In order to adjust to the changing needs of the patient population, the IOM report suggests that all nurses will be required to achieve higher levels of education and practice to the full extent of their training.⁴

By pursuing your Bachelor of Science in Nursing today, you can secure your position as a qualified candidate and prepare yourself for future changes in the healthcare job market.

80%



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Online Bachelor of Science Degree

The goal of the program is to provide the highest level of nursing education possible for those seeking to earn their bachelor's degrees.

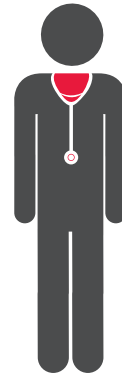
The College Network

The College Network's online program enables you to continue your education and earn college credit at a pace that works best for you. Satisfy your general education and elective requirements using The College Network's online program to prepare for end-of-course college equivalency examinations, including CLEP®, DSST®, and Excelsior College® Examinations. Credit earned this way can be transferred to Indiana State University* or other colleges and universities that accept credit by examination where you will complete your degree requirements.

98.1%

Did you know?

The current employment rate for recent nursing graduates with previous field experience is 98.1%.⁵



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Did you know?

Nursing ranks #1 for job growth and employment status on *U.S. News & World Report's* "25 Best Jobs of 2012."⁶



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