

Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Degree Offered

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Nature of the Program

ACCELERATED BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING (ABSN)

The ABSN program is an accelerated program for college graduates who wish to become a registered nurse with a bachelor's degree in nursing. It is designed for full-time study. After 18 months of continuous enrollment, successful students obtain the Bachelor of Science in nursing degree (BSN) and are eligible to take the licensing examination for registered professional nurses (NCLEX-RN). The ABSN program is offered at WVU in Morgantown and Bridgeport.

Admissions for 2025-2026

ABSN ADMISSION

Applicants for the ABSN program on the Morgantown or Bridgeport campus must have a baccalaureate degree from a regionally accredited college or university with an overall grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, an institutional grade point average of 3.0, and prerequisite GPA of at least 3.0.

Applicants with a GPA of below 3.0 may be considered for provisional admission on a case-by-case basis. Consideration for provisional admission may include the number of seats available in the program and the number of hours completed in previous degree programs. Once admitted, students must maintain a program GPA of at least 3.0. Students who do not maintain a program GPA of at least 3.0 will be placed on academic notice for one semester. Students who do not raise their program GPA to at least 3.0 after one semester on academic notice will be dismissed from the School of Nursing.

The following prerequisite courses must be completed with a grade of C- or better prior to enrollment:

Code	Title	Hours
	Chemistry with lab or score of 60 or higher on science portion of TEAS	3-4
	Microbiology	3-4
	Human Anatomy with lab	3-4
	Human Physiology with lab	3-4
	Introductory Psychology or Developmental Psychology Across the Lifespan	3
	Statistics	3
	Human Nutrition (not required, but strongly recommended)	3

Complete applications and Course Equivalency Forms to the ABSN program must be received by July 1 for admission to the program the following spring semester. Transcripts must be received by July 15. Acceptance and placement in the program are dependent upon space available in the program.

There are limited spaces available, and the most qualified applicants are accepted. Application forms are available online after March 1 from the admissions website. Students in the ABSN program must meet the same academic standards as basic (traditional) BSN students and must complete the graduation requirements as specified for second-degree students. Applicants must choose which campus they would like to attend and will be considered for the chosen campus.

Students who have been dismissed from any nursing program (WVU or otherwise) are ineligible for admission to any of the WVU BSN programs; however, students who have received degrees or additional credentialing post-academic dismissal from a nursing program are eligible for admission to the ABSN, RN-BSN, or graduate programs, provided they meet all other admission requirements and based on space available.

Note: Admission criteria are subject to change. Please see the School of Nursing website for the most up-to-date criteria (<http://nursing.hsc.wvu.edu/>).

Major Code: 8630 (Morgantown); 8647 (Bridgeport)

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The Accelerated BSN Curriculum

Students must have earned a previous baccalaureate degree prior to enrollment in the Accelerated BSN program. Students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher, a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in required pre-requisite courses, and an overall GPA of 3.0 or higher in all college level work ever attempted.

Applications with a GPA below 3.0 may be considered for provisional admission on a case-by-case basis. Consideration for provisional admission may include the number of seats available in the program and the number of hours completed in previous degree programs. Once admitted, students must maintain a program GPA or at least 3.0. Students who do not maintain a program GPA of at least 3.0 will be placed on academic notice for one semester. Students who do not raise their program GPA to at least 3.0 after one semester on academic notice will be dismissed from the WVU SON.

Students must maintain a program GPA of 3.0 or higher through completion of degree.

Code	Title	Hours
All courses must be completed with a grade of a C- or better		
NSG 211	Health Assessment & Communication	6
NSG 212	Foundations of Nursing Practice	6
NSG 250	Clinical Nursing Pharmacology	3
NSG 311	Alterations in Adult Health 1	6
NSG 312	Alterations in Adult Health 2	6
NSG 320	Child and Adolescent Health	4
NSG 330	Alterations in Mental Health	4
NSG 350	Evidence Based Practice and Research	3
NSG 360	Ethics and Health Policy	3
NSG 410	Maternal Infant Nursing & Women's Health Care	4
NSG 411	Nursing in Complex Community Systems	7
NSG 412	Leadership in Complex Systems	7
NSG 460	Care of the Critically Ill Patient	4
NSG 486	NCLEX Review	1
Select one of the following		2
NSG 402	Nutrition for Nursing	
NSG 404	Tobacco Treatment	
NSG 435	Cardiology for Nursing	
NSG 478	The Role of the Nurse in the Patient Experience	
NSG 480	Core Concepts in Gerontological Nursing	
NSG 482	Palliative Care Nursing	
NSG 485	Children With Complex Health Needs	
NSG 487	Movies and Mental Health	
Total Hours		66

Suggested Plan of Study for Accelerated BSN

First Semester	Hours
NSG 211	6
NSG 212	6
NSG 250	3
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Second Semester	Hours
NSG 311	6
NSG 330	4
NSG 350	3
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Third Semester	Hours
NSG 312	6
NSG 320	4
NSG 360	3
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	13
Fourth Semester	Hours
NSG 410	4
NSG 411	7

Nursing Elective	2
	13
Fifth Semester	Hours
NSG 412	7
NSG 460	4
NSG 486	1
	12

Total credit hours: 66

Major Learning Outcomes

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN NURSING

CRITICAL THINKING: Employ scholarly inquiry and evidence-based reasoning and creativity in the process of assessment, interpretation, analysis, synthesis, evaluation, and inference as a basis for professional nursing practice.

NURSING INTERVENTIONS: Ensure quality care by applying theory, evidence-based clinical judgment and decision-making, and patient care technology in the delivery of safe and skilled nursing therapeutics with individuals, families, communities, and populations across the health-illness continuum.

PROFESSIONAL ROLE: Demonstrate knowledge, attitudes, professional values, personal qualities and behaviors consistent with the nursing roles of health care designer and coordinator, organization and system leader, and advocate for consumers and the nursing profession.

CARING: Provide empathetic, culturally sensitive, and compassionate care for individuals, families, communities, and populations that upholds moral, legal, and ethical humanistic principles.

COMMUNICATION: Integrate therapeutic, interpersonal, intraprofessional, interprofessional and informatics communication processes in professional nursing practice.