Caring by **Nature.**
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Complete Your Credentials With a Professional Degree

Your attention to detail is precise. Your actions are confident. And you can start even the toughest IVs with ease. You’re an accomplished RN. Years of experience have distinguished you as an expert nurse. You know how to provide outstanding care to your patients and offer guidance to people on your team. Take your care to a higher level and expand your opportunities as a leader with your bachelor’s degree in nursing from Bellevue University.

Learn for Real Life

The Bellevue University Bachelor of Science in Nursing will prepare you for a broadened role in healthcare and provide you with the critical performance skills needed for decision-making, leadership, management, and health promotion.

In this online program, you will develop your skills as a professional nurse, learn the fundamentals of effective leadership, and gain a better understanding of the cultural, political, economic, and social issues that influence the delivery of healthcare and patient outcomes.
Program Outcomes

Upon completion of this program you will be able to:

• Promote the principles of professional nursing practice by synthesizing theories and concepts based on social, physical, and life sciences including humanities and liberal arts education.

• Apply leadership concepts and skills to promote safe, quality care across a variety of healthcare settings.

• Translate research findings to incorporate into evidence based nursing practice.

• Incorporate patient care technology to manage information for the delivery of quality patient care.

• Use knowledge of healthcare policy, finance and regulatory systems to provide safe, high quality professional practice.

• Demonstrate inter and intra professional communication and collaborative skills that promote evidence based, patient centered care across the healthcare continuum.

• Apply principles of health promotion, wellness and disease prevention that positively impact individuals, families, groups and communities.

• Integrate professional nursing values, ethical, moral and legal conduct into professional practice.

• Articulate the value of practice excellence, life-long learning and professional engagement that promote personal and professional growth and development.

• Provide patient centered care using evidence based practices that respect the diversity and complexity of patients across the healthcare continuum.

Prove What You Can Do

In the final terms of your program you will complete a real-life project for a healthcare institution of your choice. In this hands-on practicum you will assess a situation, recommend an idea, plan and execute an implementation strategy, and reflect on the outcomes. You will graduate with a proven skillset of assessing, planning, and executing a strategic vision – a great asset to any organization.

Opportunities Come Quickly. Be Ready for Them.

Your BSN will keep you up to date with the rising level of education requirements for nurses. And with a growing national demand for nurses, you’ll have more job mobility and may be eligible for higher paying positions.

Start Now, Save Money

Bellevue University is offering a reduced tuition rate of $250 per credit hour if you start your program in 2017. Plus, you’ll get a head start with a $1500 Professional Nurse Education scholarship!
Today’s Skills for Tomorrow’s Jobs

The Bellevue University BSN is designed to prepare you to take on today’s healthcare challenges. You will build on the strong foundation of your RN degree. You’ll then expand your knowledge, learning from professors who have walked the halls of hospitals and clinics and know firsthand the ins and outs of the healthcare industry. These professors will prepare you with both industry knowledge and performance skills that will help you enhance the quality of your care at the bedside, and advance your career in your organization.

Major Requirements (40 credit hours)

LA 300: Foundations for Professional Success (4 credit hours)
This course prepares students for success in their academic and professional careers. The foundation for learning is established for professional skill development through practical experience with the University’s four essential learning outcomes - communication, problem solving, collaboration, and citizenship. Learner strengths are assessed and analytical, relational, and resilience skills are developed.

BSNU 360: Fundamentals of Professional Nursing (4 credit hours)
This course serves as the foundation for the transition to professional nursing, introducing concepts useful for advancement into a leadership and/or management role in healthcare. Principles of the professional nurse’s role, effective leadership and followership, and promotion of the profession are highlighted in this course. Prerequisite: Admission to program.

BSNU 380: Professional Collaborative Strategies for Nurses (4 credit hours)
This course is essential for the nurse leader/manager, as a member of the healthcare team, identifying the process for group collaboration for the purpose of decision-making. The focus of the course is aimed at development of effective leadership skills and strategies for collaboration and conflict management. Prerequisite: BSNU 360.
BSNU 400: Nursing Leadership (4 credit hours)
This course will explore concepts and strategies that influence decision making, including negotiation strategies and considerations for the implication of professional values, motivation, education, and cultural competence. Prerequisite: BSNU 380.

BSNU 410: Nursing Informatics (4 credit hours)
This course introduces the nurse's role in sending and receiving healthcare information. Emphasis includes methods, tools, resources, and technology systems used in healthcare information exchange and decision-making. Prerequisite: BSNU 400.

BSNU 420: Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice (4 credit hours)
The focus of this course is consumer-ship of healthcare research and the application to evidence-based nursing practice. This course introduces types of research, data collection, analysis of data, and interpretation of data for implementation into practice. Prerequisite: BSNU 410.

BSNU 430: Population-Based Health Promotion (4 credit hours)
This course will provide the professional nurse with a broadened, population approach to wellness and health promotion as well as disease and injury prevention. The course includes examination of evidence-based strategies for health promotion/disease prevention for populations defined by criteria of healthcare disparity. Prerequisite: BSNU 420.

BSNU 440: Healthcare Regulation (4 credit hours)
This course will examine regulation of healthcare through ethics, law, and policy. Emphasis is placed on the implications for healthcare delivery as well as nursing leadership and management. Prerequisite: BSNU 430.

BSNU 470: Quality Healthcare for Professional Nursing (4 credit hours)
The focus of this course is to provide an introductory perspective of the role of a nurse leader or nurse manager in complex healthcare delivery systems and to provide a greater understanding of the role of the professional nurse as a contributor to the transformation of healthcare organizations. This includes a 36 hour practicum experience. Prerequisite: BSNU 440 and meet all practicum requirements.

BSNU 490: Strategic Nursing Leadership (4 credit hours)
This course provides a strategic view of nursing leadership and management issues encountered by professional nurses in roles across the healthcare continuum. Emphasis will include nursing employment trends; recruitment and retention; staffing and delegation; finance/budgeting, and strategic planning. This course requires a 36 hour practicum experience. Prerequisite: BSNU 470 and meet all practicum requirements.

Kirkpatrick Signature Series (9 credit hours, required for all Bellevue University undergraduate students)

LA 400 American Vision and Values (3 credit hours)
This course focuses on the political and philosophical traditions of the Western world, especially as they are found in the American vision and are embedded in the values, traditions, documents, and institutions of the United States. Prerequisite: 60 credit hours.

LA 410 Tradition and Change (3 credit hours)
This course focuses on the creative tensions that can exist between the forces of tradition and change as the country grows and changes socially, culturally, and politically. It considers the manner in which change can renew the political and social vitality of American democracy. Prerequisite: 60 credit hours.

LA 420 Freedom and Responsibility (3 credit hours)
This course examines the theories of moral absolutism and moral relativism, in light of their relationship to citizen freedoms and responsibilities. The course compares several modern economic systems, assessing their impact on citizen freedom and responsibility. It also examines the importance of fulfilling citizens' responsibilities for the wellbeing of society and for the freedoms they enjoy. Prerequisite: 60 credit hours.
From bedside care to bedtime stories, your day is planned out. To fit earning your degree into it, you need a school that understands the demands of a nurse’s busy schedule, both at the bedside or clinic and at home.

With Bellevue University’s online program, you can complete your studies on your time. Our professors know firsthand the challenges and the opportunities that nurses face, and will be there to guide and encourage you every step of the way.

Program Timeline

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I am so grateful that I was able to be a part of the RN to BSN program at BU. The program not only prepared me for higher level jobs in the field I love, it also helped me to change the way I think. All nurses know that critical thinking is an everyday action that we must use to see the big picture with our patients. I am now able to bring my critical thinking to the next level. In this ever changing field some of the most important things are staying humble and keeping an open mind – this will set you apart from the rest and I am so thankful that I took the step to start and complete the program.”

Tamira Burdett,
Bellevue University RN to BSN Graduate

Learn from the Experts

Throughout your program you will learn from respected, experienced professionals in the healthcare field including the program director, Dr. Kimberley Meisinger.

Dr. Meisinger has over 15 years of experience as a professional registered nurse in the acute care setting. She has more than eleven years of experience in nursing education and clinical administration in the areas of quality management, nursing management and corporate education.

Dr. Meisinger earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Nebraska Medical Center, a Master of Science in Nursing from Nebraska Wesleyan University, a Master of Science in Alternative Dispute Resolution from Creighton University, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice, Emphasis in Clinical Systems Administration from Creighton University.

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