

Nursing Degree

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)

Put compassionate care into practice. Nurses are needed now more than ever.

UND's nursing graduates consistently exceed the national NCLEX pass rate. Your bachelor's degree in nursing will lead to becoming a registered and licensed nurse. Our program emphasizes diverse populations and rural communities — two areas where nurses are in high demand.

Program type: Major

Format: On Campus

Est. time to complete: 4 years

Credit hours: 121

What is a bachelor of Nursing degree?

Application Deadlines

Fall: Aug. 15

Spring: Dec. 15

Summer: May 1

Professional Program Application Deadlines

Fall: Feb. 1

Spring: July 1

Admitted UND students can apply to the BSN program after meeting admission criteria.

If you're an international student, refer to the international application process for deadlines.

UND is a regional leader in Nurse education. The Nursing program is highly-competitive and our graduates are heavily recruited by the nations top health care facilities.

At UND, you'll have access to interactive classrooms, rich clinical experiences and opportunities to participate in research activities. At graduation, you'll be fully prepared to take national board examinations (NCLEX) for registered nurse licensure (RN) and pursue additional graduate education.

UND offers two degree programs that lead to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing:

- **Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN):** For students who come to UND as freshmen or transfer students seeking a bachelor's degree in nursing. Courses are completed on campus with clinical experiences in the Grand Forks region.
- **RN to BSN:** For students who are registered nurses with a diploma or associate degree in nursing and who wish to attain a BSN. Courses are completed online.

Direct Nursing Degree Admission

The nursing BSN program offers early admission to a select group of students with exemplary academic performance during high school. For information regarding direct admission application criteria, please visit the College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines.

UND's Nursing Degree

- Use state-of-the-art learning technology at the Clinical Resource and Simulation Center.
- Ranked #1 Nursing School in North Dakota by Nursing Degree Search out of nine colleges in the state that offer four-year nursing degrees. We're also #1 Top Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program in ND by Nurse.org.
- Experience four weeks of clinicals working with a preceptor to learn the role of the professional nurse.
- Receive academic support and assistance as an American Indian student from our long standing, federally funded RAIN program.
- Participate in the UND chapter of Sigma Theta Tau, a national nursing honor society, the UND Nursing Student Council, or the Nursing Student Association.
- Earn your BSN from a nursing program accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

What can you do with a bachelor of nursing degree?

97% NCLEX First Time Pass Rate for 2023 UND graduates compared to 92% nationwide

- UND College of Nursing & Professional Disciplines

100% Return on tuition investment within five years of graduation

- Third Way

Registered Nurses work directly with patients, doctors, and other health care professionals and provide hands-on care to a patient. You help with many health-related tasks like:

- Recording medical histories and symptoms
- Administering medicine and treatments
- Assisting with minor surgery
- Removing stitches and bandaging wounds
- Measuring a patient's vital signs such as temperature, blood pressure and pulse

Nursing is a degree that offers many choices of work settings and patient populations. BSN graduates are employed in:

- Community based nursing, including:
 - Home health
 - Hospice
 - School nurse
 - Public health nurse
 - Mental health nurse
- Hospital nursing, including:
 - Pediatrics
 - Obstetrics
 - Labor and delivery
 - Intensive care
 - Emergency room
 - Cardiac care
 - Surgery
 - General medical
 - Psychiatric
 - Oncology

Nursing Degree Jobs

Recent UND Nursing graduates hold the following positions, among others:

- Clinical nurse at the Red Lake Indian Health Service in Red Lake, Minn.
- Flex time R.N. at Unity Medical Center in Grafton, N.D., and in the Same-Day Surgery Department at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, N.D.
- Full-time R.N. in Labor & Delivery, Postpartum and Level I NICU at Community General Hospital in Syracuse, N.Y.
- Registered nurse with Merit Care Orthopedics in Fargo, N.D.
- Staff nurse with Hospice of the Red River Valley in Fargo, N.D.
- Full-time R.N. at St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, T.N.

Bachelor of Nursing Degree Courses

Evidence Informed Practice

NURS 326. Evidence-Based Practice. 2 Credits.

The course focuses on evidence-based practice in nursing with the emphasis on the philosophy, models, and application of evidence to practice. Students will apply research findings, clinical expertise, and patient preferences to a clinical problem. Corequisite: Approved Statistics course and *NURS 350*. S.

Health & Illness

NURS 310. Health & Illness I. 2 Credits.

This course introduces the student to the role of the generalist nurse in providing evidence-based interventions for patients in a variety of health care settings across the life span. The student will learn to recognize altered health states and understand interventions that will promote health, prevent disease/injury and restore a state of optimal health for individuals. Clinical reasoning skills will be developed, with a goal of achieving safe, quality outcomes. Prerequisite: Admission to the undergraduate nursing program. Corequisite: *NURS 300*, *NURS 301*, *NURS 304*, *NURS 312*, and *NURS 313*. F,S.

Nursing Pharmacology

NURS 304. Nursing Pharmacology I. 3 Credits.

This is the first in a two part series of courses that reinforces the concepts of pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, and introduces safe medication preparation, administration and documentation. Using a concept-based approach, examples of medications as they relate to major nursing concepts and human body systems across the lifespan will be discussed. This course will include classroom and laboratory experiences. Prerequisite: Admission to the undergraduate nursing program and *PPT 315*. Corequisite: *NURS 300*, *NURS 301*, *NURS 310*, *NURS 312*, and *NURS 313*. F,S.

Patient & Family-Centered Nursing

NURS 331. Patient & Family-Centered Nursing. 3 Credits.

This course focuses on compassionate, patient-centered, evidence-based care that respects patient and family preferences across the lifespan to achieve optimal healthcare outcomes. Prerequisite: *NURS 300*, *NURS 301*, *NURS 304*, *NURS 310*, *NURS 312*, and *NURS 313*. Corequisite: *NURS 330*, *NURS 332*, *NURS 333*, and *NURS 334*. F,S,SS.

Population Based Health

NURS 441. Population Based Health. 3 Credits.

The course emphasizes population-based health and the role of the public health nurse. Concepts and theories related to providing health care to complex systems and aggregates in community, state, nation and world are explored. Concepts of evidence-informed practice and nursing research are explored with the use of population health data. Emphasis is placed on prevention,

promotion and protection of health, utilizing epidemiological data to identify health risks of populations. Social determinants of health, as a basis for population health, are emphasized. Prerequisite: *NURS 403, NURS 404, NURS 406, NURS 420, NURS 430, and NURS 433*. Corequisite: *NURS 450, NURS 442, NURS 443, and NURS 453*. F,S.

Nursing Across the Lifespan Practicum

NURS 403. Nursing Across the Lifespan Practicum. 2 Credits.

This course expands the nursing students' knowledge about the healthcare continuum and patients throughout the lifespan through simulated and/or clinical interaction in diverse settings and specialty areas. Students will learn to integrate conceptual knowledge of altered health states as a basis for providing comprehensive care. Clinical reasoning skills will be applied to achieve safe, quality outcomes for patients in diverse populations with complex health conditions. Prerequisite: *NURS 330, NURS 331, NURS 332, NURS 333, and NURS 334*. Corequisite: *NURS 404, NURS 406, NURS 420, NURS 430, and NURS 433*. F,S.

FAQs

How long does it take to get a BSN degree?

UND's BSN degree typically takes four years to complete.

Can I get my BSN degree online?

UND offers an RN to BSN program tailored for registered nurses who already hold a diploma or an associate's degree in nursing and are looking to earn a BSN. This program is fully accessible online, providing convenience and flexibility for working nurses.

What is a BSN nurse?

A BSN nurse refers to a professional who has earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. This degree represents the completion of an extensive nursing education, equipping nurses for a wide range of roles within the healthcare sector.

How much do BSN nurses make?

Registered nurses, as a role typically pursued by BSN graduates, earn a median annual wage of \$81,220. However, salaries can vary based on factors such as location, experience and specific roles within the healthcare industry.

Are there different types of BSN programs?

Yes, at UND, there are two BSN programs available: a standard BSN program, designed for first-year students or transfer students as well as an RN to BSN program, tailored for registered nurses with a diploma or associate's degree in nursing.

Do BSN programs include clinical experience?

Yes, UND's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program incorporates rich clinical experiences. These experiences are a core component of the program, providing students with hands-on learning opportunities in various healthcare settings. The program is designed to ensure that students gain practical skills and real-world insights, essential for their future roles in nursing.

Explore More Options

Looking to add a double major, pursue graduate work or connect with the nursing department?

- Department of Nursing
- Explore Similar Majors
- Nursing Graduate Degrees

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