

Nursing



"The skills and hands on training taught to me by the Bethel College nursing program have assisted me in becoming a safe and effective professional, and have given me the knowledge and skill needed to become a Clinical Coordinator after being a nurse for just one short year."

—Marissa Branson, '09,
Clinical Coordinator for the
Kansas Masonic Home,
Wichita

Question

How will I know if this is the right major for me?

Answer

Bethel College's core values – including academic excellence, scholarship and integrity – have shaped the nursing curriculum.

- Rigorous program of study: The nursing program will prepare you with cutting edge knowledge and skills, through one-on-one interactions with faculty and peers in classroom, lab and clinical settings. Each step of the way, faculty will give you the feedback necessary for skill development.
- Integration of faith and learning: You will learn how faith can shape and determine the practice of nursing and affect how you practice the profession of nursing.
- Service: Nursing is by definition a profession of service and Bethel nursing graduates have served around the world. Whether you desire to work in an international setting, an urban center, a rural locale, an academic medical center or your local health-care facility, the value of service and the ultimate focus on the patient will ultimately shape your practice of nursing.

This experience in a learning community will prepare you for a vocational setting where you will face the challenges and realities of a health-care environment with competing priorities and constrained resources. Bethel College's belief that we all must act courageously and justly in such a world means we will teach you to be agents of reconciliation and justice as you gain skills in managing conflict – skills often learned by nurses only as they progress further in their professional lives.

Question

What kind of practical experience will I get?

Answer

Learning will take place in a variety of environments. You will learn to care for the members of our Sim Family™, computerized mannequins that provide a realistic care environment. In this way, you learn and practice skills before working with real live patients.

Each semester, you will augment classroom learning with clinical practicum in local health-care facilities. You will care for patients in a variety of settings, both inpatient and outpatient.

In your final semester, you will follow the schedule of a practicing nurse, working full-time for just over a month under the supervision of a nurse preceptor in a local hospital, preparing you for practice upon graduation.

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Grow.

Question

What can I expect after graduation?

Answer

Current need and demand for nurses outpaces supply. Bethel nursing graduates often have multiple job offers even before graduation. Careers for our nursing graduates have included:

- Camp and school nursing
- Home care and hospice nursing
- Trauma and forensics
- Flight nursing
- Specialties such as critical care, emergency care, orthopedics, chemical dependency and women's and children's health and wellness
- Hospital nursing in pediatrics, obstetrics, psychiatric/mental health units and medical/surgical units
- Nursing in settings such as prisons, homeless shelters and industries
- Nurse anesthetist, nurse practitioner and nurse midwife (with advanced degrees)

Question

Is Bethel's RN-to-BSN program for me?

Answer

If you are already a registered nurse, Bethel's second program of study, RN-to-BSN, is for you. This will build on the program of study that resulted in your becoming a registered nurse, as well as the work experience that further developed your knowledge and skills. In the RN-to-BSN program, Bethel nursing faculty will continually ask you to relate the concepts you are learning to the real world of work. You will gain assessment skills and study the pathophysiology of conditions that affect your patients. You will look in depth at concepts of health and wellness and the unique ways nurses can impact the life of a patient. You will explore the delivery of health-care services, the process of inquiry and using evidence-based practice and the practice of nursing in a community setting, as well as prepare for leadership roles in nursing.



"I know what I need to know because Bethel staff have educated me well, and spent time instilling in me the education I need to not only take care of my patients but also educate my patients. I routinely let my stable patients listen to their heart. You wouldn't believe how many times I have gotten the comment, 'That is so awesome! I always wondered what you were listening to!' It is fun to take the education that I have received and pass it on!"

—Amy Clements, '10,
cardiac critical care nurse,
Salina (Kan.) Regional
Health Center

"Bethel College Nursing program prepared me for my nursing career in so many ways. The different clinical experiences opened my eyes to the variety of opportunities in nursing that are available to me. With the excitement of each new specialty I gained confidence that has helped me in my job and has challenged me to try different areas of nursing. I feel that I was well prepared to enter the nursing field and to continue to grow as I meet the challenges that are presented to me."

—Shana Eaves '09, RN



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