



UB

Pathway to Nursing

School of Arts and Sciences and
Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing



Possible Nursing Careers

- Medical-Surgical Nursing
- Perioperative Nursing
- Obstetrical Nursing
- Pediatric Nursing
- Critical Care Nursing
- Community Health Nursing
- Oncology Nursing
- Cardiac Nursing
- Rehabilitation Nursing
- Psychiatric Nursing
- Long-term Care Nursing
- Orthopedic Nursing
- Perinatal Nursing
- School Nursing
- Ambulatory Care Nursing

The “Pathway to Nursing” program sets you on the path to becoming a Registered Nurse. The University of Bridgeport (UB) gives you the foundation required for admission to the Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing (BHSN), and the Pathway provides you with the knowledge and skills needed to pursue a Nursing career in the ever expanding health-care industry.

Pathway to Nursing Overview

Students interested in the “Pathway to Nursing” program will complete coursework recognized by both institutions. During the first two semesters of study in the pre-professional track at UB, students will complete requisite courses for entry into the BHSN’s two-year hospital-based diploma program. Upon successful completion of this first year, BHSN accepts students from the UB pre-professional track who maintain at least a 2.8 GPA (including a C or better in each course) and who meet BHSN program requirements.

The second and third years of study deliver a strong educational foundation in Nursing. The BHSN curriculum comprises 40 credits in Nursing and 30 credits in Biological, Behavioral and Social Sciences. Each student who successfully completes the Nursing program will receive a diploma in Nursing and is eligible to sit for the NCLEX-RN, National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses. BHSN’s NCLEX pass rate consistently exceeds State and National pass rates.

In the final year of study, students will return to UB to complete the Bachelor of Science degree. BHSN credits count toward fulfilling the bachelor’s degree at UB. Completion of the “Pathway to Nursing” program gives students an opportunity to receive a diploma in Nursing from BHSN and a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences from UB. The institutions are working together to prepare future nurses.



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About UB

The University of Bridgeport is an international, doctoral-intensive, comprehensive university, offering award-winning academic programs in a variety of innovative undergraduate and graduate degree programs. Our 50-acre, seaside campus overlooks Long Island Sound on Connecticut’s corporate Gold Coast, and is within easy driving distance of New York City and Boston.

Our student-faculty ratio is 16:1, and our full- and part-time faculty members include Fulbright Scholars, National Science Foundation Fellows, Ford Fellows, National Endowment for the Humanities Fellows, American Council for Learned Societies Scholars and Phi Beta Kappa Scholars. Some 32 percent of our students are members of minorities and students from more than 80 countries live and learn within our community.

Program of Study

The Pathway to Nursing and the Bachelor of Science in Health Science degree program require students to complete 120 credit hours prior to graduation. Students are required to complete 32 credit hours in Biological, Behavioral and Social Sciences in their first year. During their second and third years, students are required to earn 40 credit hours in Nursing from BHSN diploma program as well as 18 credit hours of co-requisites from UB. The last year, students complete 30 credit hours at UB to attain their BS degree.

The first year, pre-professional track at UB combines the UB Core Curriculum Courses which include the Biological, Behavioral and Social Sciences and the BHSN requisite courses required to transfer into the BHSN nursing program.

Requisites for Admission into BHSN: ONLY approved traditional classroom and hybrid courses meet the BHSN requirements. All science course (Chemistry, A & P I, A & P II, Microbiology) must be taken within seven (7) years of program start date. Science courses taken entirely online are NOT acceptable; ONLY approved traditional classroom and hybrid courses meet the BHSN requirements. For non-science courses, traditional classroom, hybrid, CLEP and online courses are acceptable if course syllabus/description meets BHSN requirements.



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Program Core Courses

1st Year University of Bridgeport

- Composition & Rhetoric
- Anatomy & Physiology I
- Anatomy & Physiology II
- Chemistry w/ lab
- Microbiology w/ lab
- Introduction to Psychology
- Principles of Sociology
- College Algebra
- Humanities Elective
- Freshman Seminar

2nd Year Bridgeport Hospital

- Theoretical Foundations of Nursing
- Fundamentals of Nursing Practice
- Fundamentals of Medical Surgical Nursing
- Essentials of Family Centered Nursing
- Beginning Management of Client Care
- Pathophysiology*
- Psychology (Life Span Development)*
- Public Speaking*

* Co-requisite Courses may also be taken at UB

3rd Year Bridgeport Hospital

- Fundamentals of Psychiatric Nursing
- Managing Care of Clients with Changes in Physiological and Psychosocial Integrity
- Advanced Management of Clients with Changes in Physiological and Psychosocial Integrity
- Transition into Practice

* Co-requisite Courses may also be taken at UB

4th Year University of Bridgeport

(Courses to complete B.S. Health Sciences degree)

- Kinesiology
- Fitness Assessment
- Strength and Conditioning



About BHSN

Bridgeport Hospital School of Nursing is an accredited and licensed two-year diploma nursing program established when the hospital opened its doors in 1884, and is the longest-operating nursing school in Connecticut. BHSN provides comprehensive nursing education together with a variety of opportunities for clinical experience. The School's mission is to provide innovative evidence-based healthcare education that facilitates quality health outcomes for individuals, families and the community. BHSN's experienced faculty have earned advanced graduate degrees and maintain specialty certifications that combine with their strong background in teaching and clinical expertise.

Bridgeport Hospital, the parent organization and a teaching institution, supports the education and clinical experience of BHSN nursing students. The Hospital is a member of the Yale New Haven Health System and provides a comprehensive range of patient care services employing the latest technology and care delivery methods to enhance the clinical and service quality of its programs.