

# School of Nursing: Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) College of Health and Human Services

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- UNDERGRADUATE**
- Nursing (B.S.N.)
- GRADUATE**
- Nursing (M.S.N.)
  - Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.)

## About the School

The School of Nursing offers the RN to B.S.N. program for registered nurses who wish to advance their education. This program builds on the knowledge and experiences that RNs already have while providing additional background in health assessment, evidence-based research, community health, leadership and management to meet the Institute of Medicine 2020 goals for professional nursing. Additionally, this program facilitates career growth and mobility.

Taught by experts who practice what they teach, our faculty engage in research and clinical practice, publishing their work in such prestigious journals as Journal of Nursing Education, Nurse Educator, and Computers Informatics and Nursing, and practicing at area hospitals and clinics. They also lend their expertise to national and regional health organizations and advisory boards. Our accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) for the maximum period is further validation of the quality of our curriculum, faculty and resources.

At SU, there are countless opportunities for personal and professional growth, including international study in South Africa, Ecuador and China.

## RN to B.S.N.

This program is designed for individuals currently licensed as RNs who wish to complete a B.S.N. with a major in nursing. To earn a B.S.N., a total of 120 credits must be completed. Upon admission

to the nursing major at Salisbury University, students may receive up to 61 academic transfer credits from their associate's degree program. Students complete additional credits for the B.S.N. according to an individualized plan of study.

## What's Special About SU Nursing?

### Opportunities to build research expertise

Through courses and projects, RN students learn to evaluate research to implement evidence-based practice.

### Career advancement opportunities

The RN to B.S.N. program provides a solid foundation for further study at the doctoral level and enables qualified students to pursue advanced nursing practice certifications.

### Clinical experiences tailored to your interests

Faculty in clinical courses work closely with students to provide professionally relevant experiences in a variety of settings.

### Close working relationships with faculty

With small clinical groups, students receive personal attention and coaching tailored to their interests and career goals.

### Expert faculty who practice what they teach

All classroom teachers also supervise clinical practice so what is taught in the classroom is readily applied and reinforced in a clinical setting bridging the gap between the "textbook" and the "real world."

### An advisor with expertise in working with practicing professionals

From the very beginning of your academic career at SU, all RN students work directly with an experienced faculty advisor to individualize a plan of study to ensure



quick completion of all degree requirements.

### wBlended course delivery format

As a busy professional, SU nursing recognizes your need for flexibility in course delivery. Most nursing courses are offered in a blended format to maximize your learning and minimize your travel time. Clinical experiences, typically during daytime hours, may be completed over an 8-15-week period.

### Excellent clinical facilities.

SU has clinical affiliations at a variety of hospitals and clinics. Our Richard A. Henson Medical Simulation Center provides learning experiences with unpredictable clinical events (birth, caring for critically ill newborns and children) in a safe and learner-friendly environment using life-like human-patient simulators where practice makes perfect. Other simulated events include the use of standardized patients (trained actors) to help students learn how to interact more effectively with individuals with mental health disorders. Working alongside other health professions students, SU nursing students hone skills in communication and teamwork.

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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Career options are endless as professional nursing is projected to have one of the largest number of new jobs according to the Occupational Outlook Handbook. With more employers requiring a B.S.N. for career advancement, now is the ideal time to consider a degree from Salisbury University. There are opportunities for positions in management, teaching, informatics and other advance practice nursing roles. Whether in hospitals, long-term care facilities, health departments, hospice and home care, or occupational health, a degree from Salisbury will help you meet your career goals.

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