



# Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-to-BSN)

## School of Nursing

### The Future of Nursing Is Not Around the Corner. It's Already Here.

Health care is undergoing unprecedented changes, with today's nurses expected to take on greater responsibilities and stronger leadership roles. These new opportunities may be accompanied by anxiety and a fear of not being able to keep up.

Kaplan University's School of Nursing has been anticipating and preparing nurses for these fundamental shifts in our industry since we launched one of the first online RN-to-Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) programs in 2004.

We know the demand for advanced education is more critical than ever—including the standards set forth by the Institute of Medicine in its Future of Nursing report.<sup>1</sup> That's why we're pioneering a progressive approach to nursing education to prepare nurses for what lies ahead. The challenges for nurses and educators are certainly greater. But the rewards could be, too.

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# Prepare for the Day When a BSN Is Just the Starting Point.

More is expected from nurses today than ever before. In fact, the Institute of Medicine is calling for 80% of registered nurses to have a baccalaureate degree by 2020, and for educational institutions to provide a seamless path to even higher levels of education.<sup>1</sup> Tomorrow's nurses are expected to take on even more responsibility in a new model of patient care that incorporates interdisciplinary leadership, advanced communication, and high technology.

If your career goals include advanced practice nursing, executive leadership, nursing informatics, or teaching the next generation of nurses, a BSN is generally required on the path to master's- and doctoral-level education necessary for many of these highly specialized roles. Kaplan University also allows you to satisfy specific core requirements for our Master of Science in Nursing program as part of your BSN curriculum, shortening your path to a graduate degree.

Job prospects may be greater for nurses with advanced degrees. In fact, some positions are only open to those who have a baccalaureate-level education.<sup>2</sup>

## **Graduates could pursue positions in:<sup>3</sup>**

- › Staff leadership
- › Patient care coordination
- › Home care administration
- › Nurse case management
- › Nursing research



# Customize Your Degree to Prepare for the Career You Want.

Kaplan University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing—RN-to-BSN is a degree-completion program designed to help RNs further their education and advance their careers while satisfying the increasingly complex demands of patient care.<sup>3</sup>

The baccalaureate degree in nursing at Kaplan University is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education ([www.ccnaccreditation.org](http://www.ccnaccreditation.org)). We also proudly sponsor a chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International. As a member of this honor society, we are reaffirming our commitment to advancing not only excellence in nursing, but the scholarship, service, and leadership to truly make a difference in the health of people worldwide.

The **Accelerated Master of Science in Nursing option** is available if you enroll in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. If you meet specified criteria and wish to continue on to pursue a Kaplan University Master of Science in Nursing, you may complete up to three graduate-level courses in place of undergraduate open electives. Once accepted to the master's degree program, you may matriculate into a shortened version of the graduate program.

## The curriculum emphasizes:

- › Integrating theoretical and empirical knowledge from multiple domains as a basis for formulating nursing practice decisions
- › Synthesizing core knowledge, core competencies, and professional values in the delivery of nursing care to individuals and groups
- › Incorporating nursing leadership skills as a provider of care, manager of care, and member of the profession
- › Evaluating research for application and utilization in nursing practice
- › Analyzing methods that integrate and evaluate health care technologies in the delivery of nursing care
- › Designing communication and problem-solving strategies for nursing practice in the current, diverse global environment
- › Participating in the improvement of the nursing profession, the health care delivery system, and the formulation of health policy

## Program Detail

- › **Credit Hours:** 180, including 50 to 90 credit hours transferred from your requisite associate's degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing.
- › **Program Length:** You could earn your Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree in as few as 18 months of full-time study. Average completion time based on a full-time schedule. Programs will take longer for part-time students to complete.
- › **Admissions Requirements for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing:**
  - An associate's degree, diploma, or certificate in nursing from an accredited college or university
  - An active, unencumbered RN license in a U.S. state
  - A cumulative GPA of 2.5 out of 4.0 in previous coursework

Visit [catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu](http://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu) for additional eligibility requirements. Program is not available in Tennessee.



# Kaplan University— A Different School of Thought®

## We Stand Behind Our Academic Quality. Try Our Classes Before You Owe Any Tuition.

Kaplan University wants you to make an educated decision about your education. As a new student, the Kaplan Commitment<sup>SM</sup> gives you a chance to experience real classes before deciding if you will stay and pursue your studies. If you withdraw during the introductory period, you will have no financial obligation beyond the application fee.<sup>4</sup>

### Why Kaplan University?

Our programs are designed to offer you the freedom to grow and pursue your goals. We offer:

- › Online classes that allow you to study virtually anytime, anywhere you have an Internet connection.
- › Personal advisors to help you select the courses to meet your goals.
- › Reduced tuition rates for servicemembers, including Guard and Reserve, and veterans.
- › A portfolio development course that could help translate your work and life experiences into college credit.<sup>5</sup>

### Other Programs

In addition to this program, Kaplan University also offers:

- › Master of Science in Nursing
- › Doctor of Nursing Practice

#### Note From the Dean

“As dean and vice president of the Kaplan University School of Nursing, I lead faculty who are committed to educating nurses to deliver health care that is evidence-based, safe, and sensitive to the culture of the patient, family, and community at large. In today’s health care environment, nursing professionals are challenged as never before, but we are also in a better position to make a difference, from the bedside to the boardroom.”



Chandice Y. Covington  
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Dean and Vice President, School of Nursing



#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION—PLEASE READ

For comprehensive consumer and gainful employment information, visit [www.kaplanuniversity.edu/student-consumer-information.aspx](http://www.kaplanuniversity.edu/student-consumer-information.aspx).

1 Source: Institute of Medicine, *The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health*, 2010.

2 Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, *Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2016-17 Edition, Registered Nurses*, [www.bls.gov/ooh/Healthcare/Registered-nurses.htm](http://www.bls.gov/ooh/Healthcare/Registered-nurses.htm).

3 Kaplan University’s programs are designed to prepare graduates to pursue the stated positions, which have varying responsibilities. However, Kaplan University cannot guarantee employment or career advancement. Additional certification or licensing may be required to work in certain fields. Check your state or local licensing agency for more details.

4 Classes count toward a degree if satisfactorily completed. No credits are earned if the student withdraws during the introductory period (3 weeks for undergraduate students), which begins day one of the first term. Students who choose to continue their studies at the University will need to meet specific requirements. Graduate programs not included. Additional terms may apply to international and non-U.S. citizen students. For further information, see [catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu](http://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu) and [www.kaplanuniversity.edu/Kaplan\\_Commitment.pdf](http://www.kaplanuniversity.edu/Kaplan_Commitment.pdf). Application fee waived for campus and learning center students through December 7, 2017.

5 Kaplan University does not guarantee the transferability of credit. See [catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu](http://catalog.kaplanuniversity.edu) for the Prior Learning Assessment Policy.

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